

PASTORAL LETTER – September 2024

Polyphenols

As an ex-teacher September always seems a much better start of the year than January. The shops have been reminding children of the return to school all summer. New shoes have been fitted, restocked pencil cases have been purchased, oversized school uniform (with some growing room) is ready to be worn. Teachers have schemes or work and plans that will enable their pupils to develop their knowledge over the coming academic year. After the relaxation and rest of the holidays they're ready to hit the ground running.

What a change from the summer ... On our family holidays we listen to a mix of music (we take it in turns to choose) radio programmes (Desert Island Discs, Just a Minute), podcasts (The events of D-Day, Breton culture, The French Revolution, Joan of Arc)*. In episodes of 'Just one Thing' by the recently deceased Dr Michael Mosley we were introduced to polyphenols and gut biomes and learnt ways in which, by making small changes to our diets and routines, we can significantly positively impact our health. Eating beetroot or whole grains, consuming crushed flax, drinking green tea, skipping, reading poetry, standing on one leg – we discussed which we might try – there was no clear consensus. Many suggestions will fall by the wayside but two or three are already becoming adapted into our household.

Our ambitious piles of books we devoured. We swapped books. I like to read three books simultaneously: a church book (be that theology or Christian living), a book about nature or travel and a novel. Changing the book throughout the day – trying to take them slowly savouring their insights.

The 'church' books I read were all excellent 'How to Eat Bread'+ encourages people to read the bible and reminded me that there are different ways of engaging with the text. Sarah Bessey is a winsome author and beautifully communicates the gospel through stories of her own life and experiences. 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry - how to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world' * was a provoking read. Hurry is seductive; often unquestioned and yet it stifles the more important aspects of living and being human. It challenges the reader to develop four practices for an unhurried life:

Silence and Solitude;
Sabbath;
Simplicity;
Slowing.

Like Michael Mosley's medical advice small changes can have a significant impact. My wife, who has also read the book, and I are yet to have a conversation about the adjustments we can make to enhance our spiritual lives. We might not have a teacher with a scheme of work and lesson plans to direct us but there is lots of wisdom in the wider church from which we can learn, be inspired and encouraged.

What are you reading? What are you listening to?
Are they helping you become more fully alive?

What small changes could you make to enhance your spiritual life?
If you like to talk through some ideas but don't know where to start then do get in touch with me via the church office 01386 841927.

This month may you read something inspiring
may you listen to truth
and may you be surprised by learning

* We have been holidaying in central and northern France - last year when in Scandinavia its was predominantly Viking based.

+ How to Eat Bread by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes, Jesus Feminist by Sarah Bessey, Miracles by Sarah Bessey, The Ruthless Elimination Hurry by John Comer.

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Coming Up in September 2024

Our next meeting is on **Monday 9th September** in the Village Hall at 7.15pm. Our speaker is Jay Bartholomew. She is Head of Manufacturing at Auto-Sleepers motorhomes here in Willersey and will be speaking about her role in the company. Guests on the door (£4) are very welcome.

We also continue to donate to the Caring Hands Charity and donations of food, toiletries and other useful items would be very welcome please to Sandra Spensley in Willow Road or at our September meeting.

*Crockery Hire is available. Queries to Mal Jelfs please
Tel: 858351*

The Women's Institute - A few facts that may not be new to members but others may find interesting.

It was founded in Stoney Creek Ontario in Canada in 1897 based on the British concept of Women's Guilds established in the Church of Scotland from 1887. It spread quickly in Canada and by 1905 there were 130 branches in Ontario alone.

It eventually made its way to the UK and the first WI meeting was in Llanfairpwll on Anglesey in Wales in 1915. Although exclusively members are women, that first meeting had two male members Colonel Richard Stapleton-Cotton and his dog Tinker.

The Colonel was an influential local man much involved in establishing that first meeting.

The WI unofficial anthem 'Jerusalem' was performed at the opening of the 1924 National AGM at Queens Hall London and has been associated with the WI ever since.



Recent Village Sightings

Recent Village Sightings seeks to record and celebrate our village wildlife in all its forms. Not least because the more we all see and learn the more likely we are to care and nurture what is fragile and special. So once again a big thank you to the many people who continue so share news of their wildlife encounters.

Recent weeks has seen the confirmation that two pairs of barn owls nesting close to the village have successfully produced young this summer. For many years little owls have been seen just a short stroll from the village, so it is particularly pleasing to report that there have once again been sightings of this diminutive owl maintaining that Willersey connection.

What are sometimes described as 'mixed flocks of convenience' have been reported by several people with blue, great and long tailed tits doing the rounds together. Woodpecker activity shared too with both green and great spotted woodpeckers recorded. Tree creepers are not often seen in the parish, so especially good to hear of one seen busily scampering up a tree trunk to feed.

Although prevalent in some urban settings across the country ring-necked parakeets are not a common sight here but the occasional probable escapee is noticed sometimes with one recently spotted.

Other highlights include a young cuckoo now having left

its host nest before making an unaided maiden journey to Africa. More peregrine sightings over the village plus young kestrels and dramatic footage of a female sparrowhawk making short work of a wood pigeon on a front lawn. Although less in number garden hedgehog sightings are still being shared. And hidden from view for most of us news of moths such as the yellow underwing and the buff ermine; and the cinnabar, hairy yellow sycamore and elephant hawkmoth caterpillars recorded with their amazing appearance to match their colourful names.

Contributions and sightings in recent weeks from Glennys, John, Sue, Ian, Richard, Tony & Holly, Lena, Siriol & Steve, Meg & Don, Mary, Sandy & Mike, Pete, Robert & Helen, Shirley & Mike, Tom, Tini, David, Robin, Andrea, Heather and Sarah. *Bob Topp*

If you want to fly give up everything that weighs you down

THE OCTOBER VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the October News must be received by Tuesday 17th September 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

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**



The Welcome Café

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

Offering freshly brewed coffee and pots of tea, with homemade cakes and savouries.

We hope to see you soon.

The Welcome Cafe team

Are you a baker? We welcome donations of cakes and savouries. Please phone Sally on 07944474345 if you would like to contribute. Also we are always looking for volunteers to wash up if you could spare a couple of hours on a Thursday.

Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

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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.cotswoldsaoib.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

Naunton, Notgrove and Cold Aston – Tuesday 3rd September – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml

A circular walk starting in Naunton and heading south to Aylworth, Notgrove and back via Cold Aston. A wonderful scenic and mixed walk. Join us at the Black Horse for refreshments after. Bring coffee/snack.

Start: 9.30am Naunton, by the Black Horse Inn, GL54 3AD. OS Map ref: SP 119 235.

W3W: darkest.grounding.scouting

A Tale of Two Churches – Thursday 5th September - Moderate 4hr 7ml

A walk from Chipping Campden's War Memorial going first to St James Church and then to St Nicholas at Saintbury. We will return to Chipping Campden using the same route. There are several moderate but long inclines which are rewarded with views across three counties to the Malverns. We will be stopping for 20-30 minutes at Saintbury for lunch and to allow time to explore the church. Please bring drinks/snacks and a packed lunch.

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

W3W: desktops.childcare.claims

Sherborne & Barringtons – Vistas and Brooks – Friday 20th September - Moderate 5.5hr 10ml

A walk with meadows, tracks and stone villages which sees the Windrush river and Sherborne brook. If you like gentle farmland, views and open spaces, this a walk for you. A beautiful area with some broad tracks and far-reaching views. Please bring a packed lunch.

The Sherborne Estate actively encourages wildlife, and we hope to have a chance to look at the water quality in the two water courses we cross. There is a National Trust honesty box for parking donations, so please remember some cash.

Start: 10.00am. Watermeadow car park, Northfield Barn, Sherborne, GL54 3DL.

OS Map ref: SP 175 154. W3W: outdoors.releases.warthog

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 28th May to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr

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

Start: 2.00pm on Tuesdays and 10:00am on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town. OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. 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.

The Olympics Quiz

- 1) The ancient Olympic Games started in the 8th century BC at the sanctuary of Zeus, which was where in Greece?
- 2) The modern Olympics were started by Pierre de Coubertin. What title did he hold?
- 3) The first modern Olympics were held in which year?
- 4) Which body is responsible for selecting the host city for each Olympic Games?
- 5) How many nations competed at the first modern Olympics? a) 8, b) 14, c) 20
- 6) What are the 5 colours of rings on the Olympic Flag?
- 7) Why were the Olympic ring colours chosen?
- 8) What does the Olympic motto “Citius, Altius, Fortius” mean?
- 9) By tradition, which nation is last to enter the stadium during the opening ceremony?
- 10) What is the only Olympic sport where men and women compete equally in every event?
- 11) How many Olympic gold medals did Michael Phelps win in his career? a) 16, b) 18, c) 20.
- 12) Who was Spain’s flag bearer for the 2016 games?
- 13) Lauren Jackson who was 6ft 5in carried the flag for Australia at London 2012. In which sport did she compete?
- 14) Katie Taylor represented Ireland at London 2012 and went on to win a gold medal in what sport?
- 15) Which much debated female South African athlete carried their flag at the 2012 opening ceremony?
- 16) Which 6 times Olympic champion carried the flag for Team GB at the 2012 opening ceremony?
- 17) Natalie du Toit became only the third amputee to contest the Summer Olympics when she represented which country in 2008?
- 18) In 2008 the Ethiopian flagbearer was Mirtus Yifter, a long distance runner. What was his nickname?
- 19) Who was the rowing, multi gold medalist who carried the flag for Team GB at the 2000 Olympics?
- 20) Who won a 5000m silver medal at the 2000 Olympics when she represented Ireland?

Mike R

Please see page 15 for the answers

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A Venture into Local History – The 4 Shires Stone

Strictly now only 3 shires, it marked the point at which Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire boundaries met before 1931.

The concept of land areas called Shires or Counties existed from Medieval times, but the administration of these areas had more to do with ownership of land and much of this was with ecclesiastical bodies.

In 1888 an Act of Parliament brought administration in line with the County structure, but it retained pockets of land ownership anomalies and hence places like Blockley, Evenlode and Shipston were still part of Worcestershire (courtesy of Worcestershire’s Monastic history). In 1931 a further Act of Parliament rationalized the situation, and these areas were merged into the surrounding Gloucestershire and in the case of Shipston, Warwickshire.

The stone dates from the 18th C and can be found on the A44 between Moreton -in-Marsh and Chipping Norton at the turn to the Great Wolford.

Willersey Footlights

A well-attended and successful meeting on the 20th August committed the Society to its’ 24th production on the 11th and 12th of October. The show theme will be ‘**Books**’ and will be the usual mix of humorous sketches and music.

There will be only 90 tickets each night so don’t delay when the tickets go on sale on the 9th of September, see the advertisement (page 19) for purchase details.

If you are not already involved and couldn’t make the meeting but would like to be, then you are ever welcome, just email willerseyfootlights@gmail.com and we will get you aboard.

As ABBA and others have said:

“Here we Go Again”

See you there!!

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Village Garden



Help!

If anyone has a free hour on Saturday September 28th from 2pm please come and help get the

garden ready for Autumn, cutting back, tidying etc.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped so far this year, after a slow start due to the weather things picked up - shame the WI couldn't hold its Berries and Bubbles in the garden. It has been lovely to see people in the garden especially when a Christening was held, they made much use of the outdoor space and garden, it was like something out of "Darling Buds Of May". Thanks must go to Sandra, Ken and helpers for their work on the rockery, which finished off the garden. Derek and a mate cut back the hedge and took away all the rubbish, fantastic effort thank you so much.

I have to thank The Horticulture Society for their wonderful kind donation this provided two planters by the notice board and plant exchange. The area is now bright and welcoming I had a couple of people mention the plant exchange which they hadn't noticed before!

Thanks to the family of Josie Jordan for donating a huge plant which looks stunning against the grey of the hall - she would have loved it.

I look forward to meeting you all in the garden, I've met people I didn't know existed.

Everyone welcome just to sit and watch the wildlife- loved watching a little Blackcap that set up home in the bird box earlier on, so much more all around. Please pick the abundant apples, pull that weed anything else that needs attention, I don't always have time to keep on top of everything so I would be very grateful.

Blooming marvellous.

My sincere thanks, **Jackie**



Saint Peter's Church Services September 2024



Summer Evensong: Tuesday 3 September at 4:30pm

Sunday 1 September	10:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8 September	9:00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 15 September	11.00 am All Age Worship Harvest Festival 
Sunday 22 September	10:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29 September	No service at Saint Peter's Willersey/ 10:00 am Holy Communion at Saint Peter's, Dorsington

ML Modern language TL Traditional Language

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

Welcome Café, in Saint Peter's, every **Thursday afternoon** at 2pm

Your Church is open for you every day.

WILLERSEY METHODIST GROUP

Refreshments for the month of September

September 1 st	Gillian Beale
September 8 th	Linda and David Dunbar
September 15 th	All Age Worship Team
September 22 nd	Deborah and Mark Taylor
September 29 th	Benefice Service at Dorsington
October 6 th	Sandra and Ken Spensley

Church Cleaning for September

Week ending

September 7th and 14th Ann Embury and Gillian Beale

September 21st and 28th Lisa and Flick Marcham

Brass Cleaning for September - Ann Tomblin and Janet Parker

Thank you again to all the volunteers who keep the Church looking so well cared for.

A key for the vestry can be collected from either The Bell Inn or Gillian Beale at Florizel, Lower Green 01386 852958.

Please let me know if cleaning materials are running low.

Flower Arrangers

The flower arrangers will be decorating the Church again with a Harvest Theme as St Peter's celebrates Harvest Festival on Sunday September the 15th

Autumn Clean

Summer is rushing by and autumn will soon be here. The big autumn clean at St Peter's Church is on Saturday October the 12th. 10:00 o'clock will be the start time but feel free to come along throughout the morning.

A soup lunch followed by fruit and hot drinks is served at the end of the morning. Dusters, mops and Hoovers are provided but you may prefer to bring your own.

Come and join the band of cleaners the more the merrier

September 2024...and heading for autumn!! Actually at the moment we're still enjoying the summer holidays which seem late! And wasn't the 'summer' late in coming? That is temperature-wise!

I had a 'blast from my past' this week. The Broadway help centre 'Signpost' which I was very much involved in (until my stroke'), got in touch and I have included their information in this magazine (subject to the editor). We started the group 25 years ago now and it doesn't seem at all possible that it can be that long! I hope you'll find their information interesting and – for me – it's satisfying that it is obviously still needed and used.

It's the run up to the village 'Show' if that's what you would call it - (I know because the table tops have been requested!) By the time this magazine gets printed we shall be in the midst of it all. I hope the weather is good this year. If it's cold or wet it really does literally put a damper on it. The 'show' vehicles tractors, cars etc will be being polished up; fruit and vegetables are being tutted over – at least in our house. However, it'll be a good day to see everyone. I intend entering as many classes as I can!

We've got a holiday booked for the autumn and people think we're mad, but you cannot rely on summer to be warm and sunny, nor can you rely on snow at Christmas for your cards!! This is England! The weather rules itself! We're actually going to Yorkshire! And I've never been there.

Our member, Glennys, is up and about and joining in. We're really pleased! I'm sure all her friends in the village will be happy about it too! And she's just celebrated her 90th birthday! She's already watching with 'an evil eye' as the croquet players go round; how long before she'll be joining in?! Well done Glennys! (We also have another member approaching 90 but mumm's the word!) Jeannette (our member now living in Cornwall) has had to move homes (unfortunately!) but is being looked after very well and beginning to settle in.

Penny Ingles

The Olympics Quiz Answers

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| 1) Olympia | 11) b) |
| 2) Baron | 12) Rafael Nadal |
| 3) 1896 | 13) Basketball |
| 4) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) | 14) Boxing |
| 5) b) | 15) Caster Semenya |
| 6) Blue, Yellow, Black, Red and Green | 16) Sir Chris Hoy |
| 7) Includes at least one colour of every nations flag. | 17) South Africa |
| 8) Faster, Higher, Stronger. | 18) Yifter the Shifter |
| 9) The Host Nation. | 19) Matthew Pinsent |
| 10) Equestrian | 20) Sonia O'Sullivan |

The Quiz is on page 9

Exercise Classes in Willersey

My classes will re-start on week beginning 2nd September.

(Please see my advert at the front of this magazine for details.)

New members are welcome!

"K e e e p Moving" !

Gill



WILLERSEY FARMERS' MARKETS

Thank you for continuing to support the Farmers' Market. After another good turn out in July, our footfall was down in August- although the wasps came out in force.



Thank you for giving the traders such a warm Willersey welcome - they all say what a friendly occasion it is. Any ideas for new traders or general feedback - let me know- or come and speak to the Hi Viz team at the market. This market is for you and your ideas matter. Please do keep coming - if you don't -the traders won't!

Please also support the refreshments in the Village Hall - monies from their sales and the pitch revenue go back into Village Hall funds.

The market is the third Sunday of the month open from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm - reminder of the dates:

- September 15th
- October 20th
- November 17th
- December 15th

Jane Rintoul 07867537745 or Rintouljane88@gmail.com



Nature Box - The Invaders are Coming - Part 2

Yes, this tabloid heading is clearly dramatising and misleading, but it does focus on a key aspect of wildlife: constant change.

Whilst some newcomers arrival has not caused too much concern, and in some cases like avocets, egrets and ospreys, has been pretty much universally welcomed. There are other changes to wildlife generally where the jury is definitely still out and with hard questions to be faced.

How the ring-necked parakeet came to be established in the UK has a variety of glamorous stories attached to it. Did some escape from the film set during the making of the African Queen or were birds released by Jimmy Hendricks or others in the 1960s? But whatever the origins of their release, a small number of birds have now established sizeable colonies in London and elsewhere.

Whilst seen as a welcome exotic addition by some, for others they are a threatening invading presence at the bird table, at the expense of traditional garden birds and denying nesting space to what many would see as native woodpeckers and nuthatches in particular. Although they thrive in warmer urban settings climate change may see them spreading across the country. Elsewhere in the world they are seen as a serious pest for crops, so what then?

Human interference often has unconsidered consequences. Introduced cane toads in Australia to manage beetles in their sugar cane crop are now out of control. Myxomatosis deliberately introduced here to control rabbit numbers decimated buzzard numbers and has taken decades for recovery. Grey squirrels were introduced from north America as an ornamental addition to some stately homes with the native red squirrel becoming all but wiped out bar a few special sites. The Herculean efforts to rid

Anglesey of greys to support reds is again threatened with the grey squirrels seeming ability to invade even an island with just one road bridge.

Island communities are particularly vulnerable to introduced species. Hedgehogs on North Uist and stoats on the Orkneys are prime examples, where the eggs and young of other species have as a consequence experienced high levels of predation. Their removal and then continuing to protect native wildlife from such invasive non-native species is an ongoing challenge and often at great cost.

This of course is not new. There is a long list of human involvement in the arrival of new species such as rabbits, probably by the Romans, the Normans introduced roe deer and The Duke of Bedford muntjac deer; with the huge numbers of deer across the country, without any natural predators, now having a dramatic affect upon woodland trees and ground nesting birds.

Some newcomers, often arriving unaided, cause even more concern. Asian hornets, that decimate honey bee colonies are threatening to gain a foothold in Britain; processionary caterpillars significantly damaging oak trees; and box moths whose caterpillars are devastating box hedges country wide. For some of these invasive species it is too late to stop their presence; for others vast sums of government money and cooperation between countries - wildlife often has no respect for borders - are already being spent.

In many of these circumstances there are for some people important ethical issues. Is it right to cull one species for another. Who decides and upon what basis? Or should we just accept this now as the new normal? What is clear is that it's a complex and ever changing picture as we seek to manage issues such as climate change, agricultural security and safeguarding and re-balancing our ecosystems.

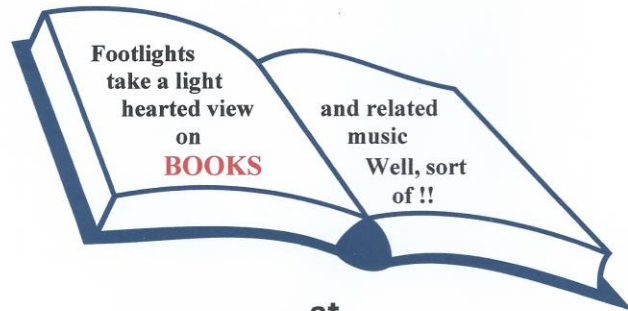


WILLERSEY FOOTLIGHTS



PRESENT

'BOOKS'



at
Willersey Village Hall

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October
At 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (available from Sept. 9th)-
Adults £10, Children (U 16) £6 from:

Online:
Go to willersey.org/footlights

The Garage
01386 85233

Pay Bar (Cash or Card)

Raffle

Proceeds to Charity

Remembering our wonderful friend Jean Smith

Jean embraced life with joy, generosity and love. A diminutive lady she had the biggest heart. Up for any challenge, she hosted many coffee mornings for charity, was an active member of the W.I., Wednesday Club and Footlights. A committed Christian, until unable, due to mobility problems, she was a regular church goer. Her knowledge of history, especially the Tudors was quite remarkable.

Jean loved her garden and could name every plant and flower, even the naughty ones. She was in our 'gang' and delighted us with her many stories, especially her memories of being on the farm during her time as an evacuee in the war. Jumping over the barn door to escape a flock of geese and being taken to the local school in a horse and cart, quite an experience for a city girl.

Jean will be remembered with love by all her many friends in Willersey and we are so glad she was our friend.

Pat and Roger Batham

CROQUET FOR ALL (North Cotswold U3A)



The Croquet season is ongoing and if you'd like to join in then come along to the Methodist Church Garden at 2.30 pm on the second and third Tuesdays at 2pm when you'll be made very welcome!

Our excellent groundsmen have meticulously manicured the Croquet Court during the spring. A big thank you to Vic and Chris! Enquiries please to Richard Ingles 853306

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to the local community
1999 2024

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To celebrate Signpost Broadway's
25th Anniversary year

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE 
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There are 3 age groups: Up to 7 years, 8-12 years
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Entries can be dropped off at either the Signpost
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Entries must be submitted by Thursday
31st October 2024.

Please include your name, age and contact
telephone number on the back.

Signpost, 4 Russell Square, Broadway WR12 7AP
Opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 1pm
Reg. Charity 1082114

Bereavement Drop-In Café

Signpost Broadway will be launching a weekly
Bereavement Drop-in Café every Monday from
October 7th.

The session will take place in the Jubilee Room behind
the URC Church and run from 10-11.30am,

Tea and Coffee will be available for a fee of £2.

The Bereavement Café is a Drop in there is no need to
book, please just come along where a friendly welcome
awaits you.

The URC is located at 77 High Street Broadway WR12 7AL

For further information please contact Signpost

Tel 01386 859029

Email info@signpost.info

Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

Our August meeting was very much members doing their own projects. Elaine who will be leading our next meeting on Goldwork showed us some ideas she had already designed. On offer was a large and varied selection of gold beads and threads for us to choose from.

We meet again on Thursday September the 5th at Honeybourne Village Hall between 9:30 and 12:30 PM.

Any queries please phone Gillian on 013 86852958

All Age Service August 18th

When we hear stories from the Bible and if there is a number in that story have you ever wondered at the significance of that number? The number three crops up quite often such as the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

There are many more examples. Why not try and find them in your bible?

As you have probably guessed our theme this month was numbers. There are many examples such as seven and twelve. They are all there to find.

Carolynne took our service this month complete with a quiz on numbers to test our knowledge. The Bible readings by Sally and Gillian illustrated the theme. In our prayers we thought about children either starting school or moving up to "Big School".

This is an important time in their lives. We also thought about the situation in parts of the world that the leaders may find solutions and peace.

This service is a meaningful service but with a lighter side so please come and join us for the September service on the 15th. It is Harvest Festival so come and enjoy singing the Harvest Hymns and then stop for a chat and a piece of cake afterwards.

PUBLIC NOTICES September 2024

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The dates for the bins are **2nd, 16th and 30th September 2024.** Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am.

The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

<https://community.cotswold.gov.uk/s/waste-collection-enquiry>

Here is the waste collection calendar. <http://willersey.org/dispmon2.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. & Fri. 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