

## **VICAR'S LETTER – February 2026** **'Rich meaning and new discoveries'**

Have you ever visited a desert-like wilderness? As I look out on the cool, sometimes rain-lashed village in which I live, I find it hard to imagine what it would be like, though the heat sounds attractive! I've been thinking about wilderness because the season of Lent remembers the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness of Judea before the start of his public ministry.

You might never experience life in a desert, but you'll know that we sometimes speak of another kind of wilderness – those times in life when events happen leaving us asking 'where next?' It could be illness, redundancy, relationship breakdown, bereavement. Or it could be a more general questioning of our purpose in times of transition. The common factor is the uncertainty of not knowing.

But wilderness can also be good, life-giving even. For Jesus, I imagine it as a place where he could put aside distractions, ask hard questions about the future, listen to the still small divine voice, be strengthened to resist temptation. He certainly emerged with a clear sense of purpose and priorities.

I wonder if we all could do with a bit of wilderness in our lives, the opportunity to ditch the distractions, and find time to ask the questions we're often too busy to face. Who knows what creative ideas, what renewed sense of purpose, might emerge for us?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day marked by solemnity and penitence, falling 46 days before Easter Sunday in the Western Christian calendar, and is followed by 40 days (excluding Sundays) of reflection and self-denial, mirroring Jesus' time in the wilderness.

Lent provides us with a time to explore the things that might bring life, even when it seems that much is uncertain, or even falling apart. As we move through the Lenten season, let us make time to pause and reflect, to deepen our appreciation of God's goodness as we look towards Easter.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, when traditionally pancakes were made to use up leftover eggs, milk, and butter before the time of fasting. So, make sure you enjoy your pancakes with whatever is your favourite topping - sugar, syrup or lemon perhaps - and may Lent truly be for you a time of rich meaning and new discoveries.

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## **Nature Box - The Owl, the Fox and the Stoat** **Absolutely everyone has a nature story.**

It was early one morning that the barn owl flew alongside the car, close enough for us to make eye contact. It was probably only for a moment, but in my memory this savoured wildlife encounter seemed much longer. Although the owl encounter was a happy accident, the meeting with the fox was more of a hoped for sighting of wildlife of some description whilst out walking. The dog fox had clearly seen me approaching for some time. Unbeknown to me it was quietly sunning itself quite high up in a tree. But when it decided that I was perhaps a little too close for comfort it hopped down, glanced once more in my direction before calmly trotting off and out of sight.

And what about the stoat? Once again a touch of serendipity, as the unscripted chance meeting occurred whilst out cycling on a really quiet back lane, when the stoat ran across the road with three kits following. She was clearly moving them to another den for safety as stoats often do.

No one is an absolute beginner when it comes to such brushes with nature. It is hard not to think that everyone has at some point enjoyed such an experience. But just as the sportsman or sportswoman often quote 'The more I practice the luckier I get' the same is true of wildlife encounters. It doesn't even have to be a special effort sometimes. Perhaps a walk to the shops or a stroll with the dog or just weeding in the garden can offer such happenchance opportunities. But certainly being attuned to the natural world around us – just looking and listening – can make all the difference.

And do we always need to know what we are witnessing or be able to name the bird, mammal or insect we are seeing? Not knowing but still wondering and savouring the moment remains a powerful experience that might live long in the memory and enriching our lives.

Bob Topp

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## **WI Report for February**

We are now well into 2026 but first a few comments about how we ended 2025....

The lead up to Christmas for our WI here in Willersey was a busy one. We held a Coffee Morning as a fund raiser, gave a fabulous Christmas luncheon party for the "Young At Heart " over 55s, and enjoyed our own members' Christmas Party. A lot is written and said about good teamwork, particularly when journalists write and talk about sports. But it is not said so much about a group of ladies in WI. However, that is exactly what we had over the final months of 2025. Members worked extremely hard together to make the Coffee Morning a success and raised £575 which will go to Sue Ryder and Cobalt charities. In addition a large team of members worked hard to serve a slap-up traditional turkey lunch at our "Young at Heart " over 55s party. A massive pat on the back to all concerned. With Blockley Blokes Choir singing carols it was just the thing to get everyone in the mood for Christmas.

Finally, our own Christmas Party was held this year in the village hall with food prepared by caterer Susie Harris. The hall was suitably decorated and we enjoyed a festive and chatty evening with a chance to celebrate another well organised end to our year.

Our first meeting of January 2026 was an interesting and informative talk by Emily Janes from the Cobalt charity. They work in partnership with the NHS and carry out 160,000 scans a year. Their focus is on cancer and dementia diagnosis as well as education and research and are dependent on support from donations and fund raising. Willersey WI have supported them for a long time, for example purchasing Cobalt recycled cards. Thank you to Jackie J who organises this for us.

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*Reminder: Next WI meeting February 9<sup>th</sup>*

*David Dunbar will give a talk on Willersey's Historic Houses.  
Non-members welcome, £5 on the door*

If you would like to contribute to 'Caring Hands' with a food donation please contact Sandra Spensley , 6 Willow Road, Willersey

And if you would like to hire crockery or other items please contact Mal Jelfs on [maljels@icloud.com](mailto:maljels@icloud.com)  
Rosemary M

### **All Age Worship Carol service** **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Our Church was decorated with trees and flowers and the crib set beneath the altar. It was a festive setting for the annual Carol Service. Every year the singing of well known carols and readings of the Christmas Story never seems to lose its appeal.

A poem was read by Finlay A passage from Laurie Lee was read by Nick and both added to the Christmas theme. It was a very happy and joyful service and a big thank you to those who contributed and to all those who came along.

### **Praise and Prayer Meetings**

The next meetings in St Peter's Church are on February 8th and March 8th. Also, it has been agreed that we will meet at the earlier time of 4pm.



## **Paths Around Willersey Scheme**

**January 2026**

Hello from the PAWS Group, following the Festive Break. The work of the Group has continued over this period.

Gloucestershire County Highways recently constructed a new path and crossing point on the B4632. It is far better than the previous arrangement and the finish is very good for wheelchair users.



The previous crossing point was dangerously close to the blind bend and has been moved further away. The PAWS Group has concerns however that the new crossing point is still too close to the bend, and that there is still significant danger, from vehicles coming around the blind bend, for people crossing the road. Indeed I was recently using the crossing point when a vehicle, which I did not hear, came around the bend quickly. The driver braked sharply and came to a halt not too far from where I was in the middle of the road. We have received complaints from several people who have experienced similar near misses. The PAWS Group contacted Gloucestershire County Highways and the Parish Council reporting this. We believe that the crossing point should be located another thirty metres or so further away from the blind bend; to give extra time for traffic and pedestrians to see each other. Electric vehicles are virtually silent which adds to the danger.

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Gloucestershire County Highways has the final decision in regard to alterations as it is responsible for this stretch of path. It has responded and it appears that at this stage no alterations are planned. We will be continuing to petition for change. If you are using the crossing please take great care!

If you have any views or have experienced any similar incidents it is important that you contact Gloucestershire County Highways, The Parish Council, and/or The PAWS Group and report it. The email addresses are listed below. If you contact the PAWS Group we can gauge Public concern, monitor actions, and also if you agree, forward your complaint to the relevant authorities.

Issues can be reported at:

**Gloucestershire County Highways:**

<https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

**Willersey Parish Council:** [clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org)  
(or telephone 01386 853635).

**PAWS Group:** [willerseypaws@gmail.com](mailto:willerseypaws@gmail.com)

Donald: Chairperson P.A.W.S. Group

Contact email: [willerseypaws@gmail.com](mailto:willerseypaws@gmail.com)

### **THE MARCH 2026 NEWS**

**Copy for the March News must be received by  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 unless otherwise  
notified. Please send in any items of interest,  
thanks or notice of forthcoming events.**

Newsletter completion will start early the next day.

Email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com) or phone  
Alan 01386 858601 or Bill 01386 858628, Thank you.

The Church and Village News is published on the  
Internet at.

[www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm](http://www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm)

## **Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens February 2026**



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 our website.

<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk> W3W What three Words

**Naunton Notgrove Circular – Tuesday 3rd February – Moderate 3hr 6 miles**

From the village we use sections of the Gloucestershire, Windrush and Diamond Way. We will cross the disused railway line as well as passing Notgrove village and the medieval village of Aylworth. Bring a snack/drink.

Start: 10.00am Black Horse Inn, Naunton, GL54 3AD.

Please park considerably near to the pub.

Refreshments available there after the walk.

OS Map ref: SP 119 235. W3W: darkest.grounding.scouting

**CNL60 – Splendid Snowdrops – Saturday 14th February – Moderate 1 to 1.5hr 2 miles**

A Valentine's Day walk along a section of the Windrush valley. Here the snowdrops flourish, just waiting to be admired. Arrive early for a coffee and perhaps even lunch afterwards.

Start: 11.00am The Fox at Barrington, Great Barrington, Burford, OX18 4TB. OS Map ref: SP 204 131.

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

EASY – Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level);

MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. We

welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

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

### **Christingle Service**

Thank you to all that came to this service. Many of you say this is the start of your Christmas and there is something magical when the lights are turned off and you see the children's faces in the candlelight as they sing "Away in a Manger". Thank you to those who prepare our christingles and to Mark for guiding us through the service. Thank you to the readers taking part in the service. There is always a lot of preparation but it is a lovely service to come to.

### **All Age Worship**

Our January service theme was "Direction" following on from the visit of the Wise Men receiving directions from following the star. Carolynne took the service and talked of the Wise men and how for many years they had studied the heavens and then taking on this journey of who knew where, but that is how life goes. The star was leading them to the place of the birth of the Son of God. Thank you to Ian for reading the lesson "The story of Abraham and his faith". Let us all move in the right direction. The reading was a poem called Creation by James Weldon Johnson and there was a prayer written by a 9 year old boy covering problems and life at this time. At the end of the service the congregation were asked to take a folded star home with them and place it in a little water where it would open out and reveal a message. Our next service is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 11:00.

### **Woodman Don't Cut that Tree**

You will remember at the Christmas Tree Festival we were telling you about the Yew Tree in the churchyard and there was a mystery Christmas present which you kindly bought a raffle ticket for. Well thanks to you, £84 was raised towards the £250 we need to carry out remedial work on the yew tree to make it a more manageable size. We hope to have another fund raiser in February to March time so please watch this space. Thank you for your support.

## **General Knowledge Quiz**

- 1) Who had a 1960's hit with the song "Save The Last Dance for Me"?
- 2) What is the capital of Nigeria?
- 3) Which country is known as the Land of White Elephant?
- 4) How many days does the Moon take to orbit the Earth?
- 5) What is the name of the very small Japanese tree grown in a pot?
- 6) What is the longest snake in the world?
- 7) Which famous musical featured the song "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two"?
- 8) On a roulette wheel, what colour is zero?
- 9) What does DVD stand for?
- 10) Which brothers flew the first powered aircraft?
- 11) What is Tiger Woods real first name?
- 12) Which railway station was the first one in London?
- 13) What leader is an anagram of "stream"?
- 14) During which year did the Lockerbie disaster occur?
- 15) What is the smallest ocean in the world?
- 16) Who had a 1990's hit with "Bump N' Grind"?
- 17) Who invented the first electric light?
- 18) Which tennis player won two women's Grand Slam Tournaments in one year five different times?
- 19) Which planet is closest to the sun?
- 20) What colour eyes are most common amongst humans?



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## Willersey Footlights

### Christmas Eve Carols

What a great turn out and what a result !!

Not only was it an enjoyable festive occasion but you generously donated a record **£688.23** to **Action for Children** (we made it up to **£700.00**)



We couldn't be so generous without the Parish Council's support (cost of band and mulled wine) and the numerous suppliers of mince pies. So, a big, big thank you to them and of course to the attendees.

### Footlights 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show – March 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

Tickets available on line

<http://willerseyfootlights40th.eventbrite.com/>, at the Garage or Alan Gittings on: 01386 8601/07734363670

### The Bell Inn.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Quiz and Raffle, a grand total of £785.00 was raised for Campden Home Nursing. Many thanks to those who brought raffle prizes and purchased tickets, a fantastic result. Sue, Lou, Phil & Neville.



### Saint Peter's Church Services, February 2026

#### ***Evensong, Tuesday 3 February at 4:00pm***

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| Sunday<br>1 February                          | 10:00 am<br>Morning Prayer   |
| Sunday<br>8 February                          | 9:00 am<br>Holy Communion (BCP)<br><hr/> 4:00 pm<br>Prayer & Praise                              |
| Sunday<br>15 February                         | 11:00 am<br><i>All Age Worship</i>   |
| Ash Wednesday<br>18 February                  | 7.00 pm<br>Service of Holy Communion with Ashing for<br>Ash Wednesday at Saint Peter's, Pebworth |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent<br>22 February | 10:00 am<br>Morning Prayer   |

**Weekly Wednesday Holy Communion (BCP) 11:00 am,**

**Saint Peter's Welcome Café -  
every Thursday, 2 to 4:30pm**

***Your Church is open for you every day 12***

**Cleaning Rota for Saint Peter's**  
**Church cleaning for week ending**

February 7<sup>th</sup> )  
February 14<sup>th</sup> ) Flick and Lisa Marcham  
February 21<sup>st</sup> )  
February 28<sup>th</sup> ) Sandy Barnes and Elizabeth Milne-  
James

**Brass cleaning for February**  
Jenny Bond and Caroline Hardman

**Refreshments for February**

February 1<sup>st</sup> Sandra and Ken Spensley  
February 8<sup>th</sup> Rachael Barker  
February 15<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship Team  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> Sally and Malcolm MacLean

Any enquiries to Gillian 01386852958. Thank You everyone.

Thank you to anyone who bought a ticket for our Christmas surprise parcel. We raised £87 towards Yew Tree Maintenance and following on from that on Saturday February the 28<sup>th</sup> we are holding a soup kitchen from 12:00 at St Peter's and you will have the chance to see the model village of Willersey made a few years ago by members of the WRV's. Don't miss this event.

**Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group**

Our usual meeting date being New Year's Day we delayed our get together until the 8<sup>th</sup> January at Wayside for coffee and a chat.

Our next meeting is titled "Memories". The idea is to create a picture of any memory that could be depicted in fabric and stitches. A holiday scene a special landmark, a seasonal view all could be starting points for

this subject. The completed work could be made into say a picture, a book cover or a key ring holder. Size is a matter of choice. It will be interesting to see the variety of work that evolves from memories.

Our Next Meeting is on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> February at Honeybourne Village Hall 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM Refreshments available from the Community Café within the hall. For any enquiries, please feel free to phone Gillian on 0138 6852958

You're Welcome to visit us on a Thursday morning and see work in progress. There is a range of experience and ability within the group. We help each other when needed. We are friendly!!



**RECENT VILLAGE SIGHTINGS**



Let's begin with a big shout out for the many reports received recently from Roberta, Jo, Robin, Donald, Sandy, Nigel, Cathy, Sarah, Heather, Robert, Helen, Pete, Gi, Sue, Louise, Richard, Shirley, Sue, Mike, Siriol and Steve.

Our recent varied and unpredictable weather has seen a few unusual reports. The brimstone butterfly is one of the earliest on the wing each spring, but to see one in December is most unusual. Hedgehogs of course hibernate but the mild December weather saw several reports of hedgehogs briefly roused from their slumbers. The white pheasant that has been seen in

many gardens for a number of weeks is something of rarity; and the muntjac deer that turned up in another Willersey garden is not an everyday occurrence either.

Although it is well understood that our wildlife is under pressure from habitat loss and climate change the varied reports received are most heartening. So in no particular order let's celebrate the village sighting of jays, a little owl, a brief garden visit of a pied wagtail, elegant collared doves which are usually seen in pairs, strings of long tailed tits doing the rounds, a large flock of starlings, blackcaps, green and greater spotted woodpeckers that are doing well locally, green finch, that do seem to be less in evidence currently, several red kites and hunting sparrowhawks, a grey wagtail, and colder weather of late seeing redpolls, a brambling and a woodcock. Some really encouraging reasons to be feeling positive.

Many regular contributors have been commenting upon the lack of blackbirds and goldfinches in gardens during the autumn, but the colder weather seems to have reminded them of our garden bounty. Local sightings of 16 kestrel have been shared since the turn of the year. Their trademark hovering or perched on a telegraph pole or similar often being the best places to spot them. Thanks for kestrel sightings and please keep them coming.

Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup> is galloping towards us so note to self about ordering those flowers; but it is also the start of National Bird Box Week. A good time to pop up that bird box you might have thought about erecting. Small bird boxes with 25cm or 28cm entrance

holes for tits facing north or north/west at about 5/6ft high often work best.

Finally, the numbers from the Willersey Garden Bird Watch Survey are currently being crunched and will be shared in the next edition.

Please forward wildlife news to  
[bob.topp@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.topp@btinternet.com).

Thank you.

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Currently and sadly the Nisa shop in Bibsworth Avenue, Broadway is due to close in February as the tenancy is being ended by the owner.

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## General Knowledge Quiz Answers

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| 1) The Drifters           | 2) Abuja              |
| 3) Thailand               | 4) 27 Days            |
| 5) The Bonsai Tree        | 6) The Python         |
| 7) Oliver                 | 8) Green              |
| 9) Digital Versatile Disc | 10) Wright Brothers   |
| 11) Eldrick               | 12) Euston            |
| 13) Master                | 14) 1988              |
| 15) The Arctic Ocean      | 16) R. Kelly          |
| 17) Humphry Davy          | 18) Chris Evert Lloyd |
| 19) Mercury               | 20) Brown             |

The Quiz is on **page 10**.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Both our last meeting of 2025 and the first of 2026, saw the Parish Council focusing on proposed planning applications for development; flooding; highways and village upkeep. The planning applications for Folly View and Terrify continue to be appraised by CDC. Thames water, Severn Trent and National Landscapes have all expressed concerns regarding Folly View and Severn Trent is doing further investigative work. Highways has also objected to the Terrify application. There is no current update on any proposed development adjacent to Willow Green.

The heavy rains over the last few weeks have caused flooding again. We would ask that people continue to report flooding to our clerk, who will direct you on who else to contact. We are feeding all these issues to the Cotswold District Council who are handling the planning applications.

Roads continue to be an issue and speeders worry many in the village. The speed camera in Collin Lane does not seem to be as efficient as we would like, the PC will be exploring the positioning and improved signage. The PC voted to install a new camera in Broadway Road, learning from the lessons learnt from the Collin Lane camera. Speeders are now receiving letters from the police and Peter Cottle, our lead councillor on this subject, has been proactive in identifying persistent speeders in marked company vehicles and making contact with the companies.

There has been concern in the village regarding the positioning of the crossing points on the new path on the Broadway Road. The concerns have been raised with Highways by the Parish Council, who feel that the crossing points are safe, but the Council are supportive of PaWS in taking these concerns forward.

Works around the village will continue including in the recreation ground, in Pool Orchard and the Greens which have seen some tidying recently.

The PC will meet again at 7pm on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2026- you are most welcome to attend.

Jane Rintoul



# Honeybourne Village Hall

## Feb Film Night

**Saturday ❤️ 14<sup>th</sup> Feb ❤️**  
**Doors open 7pm**  
**Tickets £5.00 pp**  
**Refreshments and Raffle on the night**  
**Tickets available on the door or online at**  
[www.honeybournevillagehall.org](http://www.honeybournevillagehall.org)

The Ballad of Wallis Island follows Charles (Tim Key), an eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island and dreams of getting his favourite musicians, McGwyer Mortimer (Tom Basden & Carey Mulligan), back together. His fantasy turns into reality when the bandmates and former lovers accept his invitation to play a private show at his home on Wallis Island. Old tensions resurface as Charles tries desperately to salvage his dream gig.

**Suitable only for persons 12 years and over.**

## WILLERSEY FARMERS' MARKET DATES FOR 2026

February 15th  
March 15th  
April 19th  
May 17th  
June 21st  
July 19th  
August 16th  
September 20th  
October 18th  
November 15th  
December to Be Confirmed

Remember - always 3rd Sunday of the month  
by our duckpond.  
We hope to see you there.

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## WILLERSEY FARMERS' MARKET

WFM goes from strength to strength.

The first ever WFM took place in April 2024. Who knew then whether it would be a success or not? But a success it has undoubtedly been. Despite profit never being the main motivation, every month the market contributes financially to village hall funds and so, indirectly, benefits the village. Socially it's a big success with so many villagers and folk from neighbouring villages enjoying cups of tea and coffee in the village hall on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Buy your fruit and veg, meat, beers and plants and then meet your friends in the village hall for a cuppa or go for a Full English in The Bell. WFM is not a big market but it has been said by people who know about these things, that we have a wider, more interesting range of local food and drink than some larger Cotswold markets. Pies, cheese, cakes, locally brewed beers, hot homemade sauces, Indian curries, chocolate, honey, freshly baked bread and pastries, dog treats and a great choice of plants are all available at the WFM in addition to your meat, fruit and veg.

Recent developments have included a Lifestyle market to run alongside the food and drink. Local Crafters have been keen to exhibit at WFM and we are regularly over-subscribed. Live music sometimes adds to the fun and puts a smile on customers faces.

So starting in January, here in the Village News, we're going to introduce you to the individual stall holders. You've bought their produce, now you can learn more about them as personalities and about their businesses.

Where better to be on a sunny Sunday morning than with friends all having a great time on Willersey Village Green at Willersey Farmers Market?

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## Willersey Farmers' Market Meet your traders

### Question & Answer

NAME **Myles Salmon**

BUSINESS

Cotswold Pudding and Pie Co.

WHEN DID YOU START

YOUR BUSINESS? 2005

WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Winchcombe

WHAT DO YOU SELL?

British cheese, pies and deli products

WHAT IS YOUR BEST SELLING PRODUCT AT

WFM Cheese

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WFM?

Great atmosphere and lovely staff

WHERE WERE YOU BORN. Sheffield

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT. Cricket

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE FILM OR TV PROGRAMME.

Pink Panther

IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE

WOULD YOU GO. France ( I love the French food vans )

RED WINE OR WHITE WINE. Both if they're good quality.

BITTER, LAGER OR CIDER. Bitter

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON OF THE YEAR.

Spring

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT.

Being father of the captain of Dumbleton Cricket Cub when they won the National Village Cricket Cup at Lords.

WELL ! WE NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT !

I lost my ferret in the school dining room at Stowe School.



## Dani's Sweet Treats

I'm **Dani** from Dani's 'Sweet Treats'. I'm a small business based in Willersey.

I create Sweet & Chocolate bouquets for all special occasions.

Please check out my page for my Valentines bouquets

Please scan the QR code to take you to Facebook

## Christmas Tree Festival

The Church looked beautifully decorated for the popular tree festival. A total of 24 trees were on display interspersed with floral arrangements.

Opening at noon, soup proved very popular to the early visitors and Allison was kept busy filling mugs with steaming hot soup. Along with savoury cheese scones and sausage rolls the sweet treats were very tempting. Thank you to all the cooks who provided such a lovely variety.

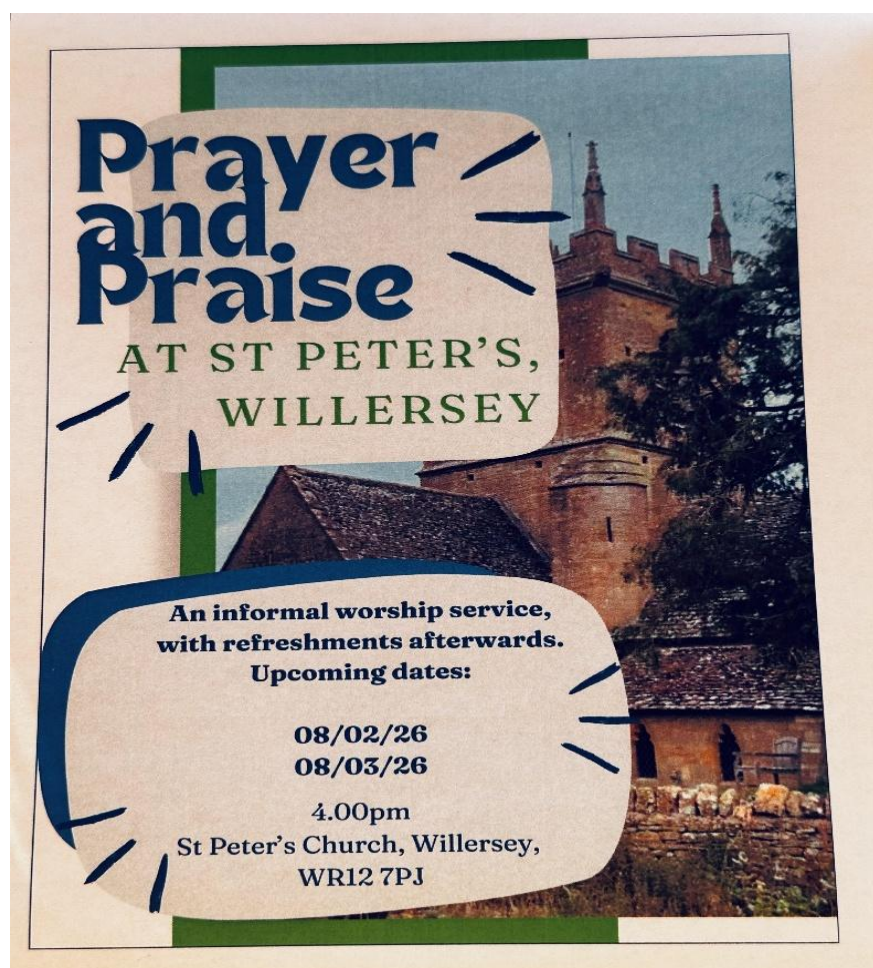
The Craft store raised £129 for caring hands and again thanks go to all the crafters and to Sandra and Christine supervising the stall. Setting up and clearing away often goes unnoticed but it is these jobs that are so important to enable events to run smoothly. Thank you to the wearers of the marigolds and the many other behind the scene helpers. You know who you are.

Donations raised over £100 towards Church funds.



Thank you to everyone who came and supported this festive event. Oh and to the organisations who decorated their trees so imaginatively and the Flower Rangers who created beautiful arrangements amongst the trees

There is to be a talk on the Roman cavalry swords found in Willersey on March 2023 by metal detectorist at St Andrew's Church URC, Montpellier Street Cheltenham GL50 1SP on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 between 7 and 9:00. It is free to attend but donations are welcome. This has been a well kept secret so go and find out about this find, apparently Roman in origin.



## **PUBLIC NOTICES February 2026**

### **MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.**

The dates for the bins are **2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am.

The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

[https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC\\_Calendars/Mon\\_2.pdf](https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf)

**Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for a late collection. (Food waste every week.)**

**PARISH COUNCIL** The office is on the corner of the Village Hall. Open every Monday from 10.00am to noon. Outside these hours, please contact the clerk on 01386 853635 or email [clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk)

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The **MOBILE POST OFFICE**

Visits Willersey on **Fridays at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 14:45.**

There is a **Post Office inside** and a **cash machine outside Broadway Co-Op.**

**BROADWAY SURGERY** is in Station Road WR12 7DE

Telephone numbers are 01386 853651 and 01386 858136.

**NEAREST LIBRARY** Leamington Road, 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.

### **TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 or 03457 48 49 50

National Bus Traveline 0871 2002233

Hedgehog 01386 841849

N. N. Cresswell to Evesham 01386 48655 for route R4

Diamond Bus to Stratford-upon-Avon 01527 813120 for route 1

Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham 01451 820369 for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at [www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/](http://www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/) and

on the Willersey website at [www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus](http://www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus)

### **Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police**

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999

Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 83444

Thames Water – 0800 980 8800 British Telecom - 0330 1234 150

Police – Telephone 101 (999) [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

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