

VICAR'S LETTER – April 2026 'The Miracle of new Beginnings'



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else" - C.S. Lewis

We're in the Easter Season, the clocks have changed and spring is well and truly in the air despite all the rain!

The great need of our world is hope, hope in a different reality, hope that things can change for the better, hope that all will be well.

The great gift of Easter is Hope. Easter is not a memorial of a one-off event that happened over two thousand years ago. Easter is a celebration of opportunity constantly offered to us in the Risen Christ.

As Easter people, we celebrate the gift of New Life, and we are offered the choice of transformation! It's not only on Easter Day we rejoice in it, because in every hour of every day it is always offered to us. The gift of renewal, now and forever.

Easter is the opportunity of choice; To journey in our aloneness, or to choose this day, this moment, to choose life in Jesus and the light, hope, faith, joy and transformation that brings!

"Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; He came into this world to make dead people live" - Lee Strobel

May we celebrate Christ with us this Easter, and every moment of every day!

An Easter Prayer:

This Easter as we celebrate the gift of New Life, we give thanks for the new Life we're given in the Resurrected Christ.

We give thanks for His transformative Love that renews His people in our churches and communities.

We hold before God all those across our world who long for the opportunity of new Life.

We remember those who are oppressed, enslaved in circumstances beyond their control, living in war zones, facing terrorism, drought and famine, or victimised for their faith, their culture their ethnicity and their gender.

We remember those in displacement camps, refugee camps, those living on the streets; those with no healthcare, no security.

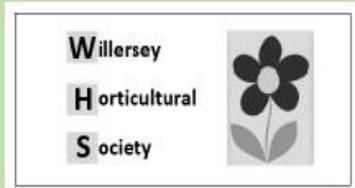
And we pray that our faith and belief in the reality of our Easter story will impact on the lives of those who suffer in our world, that they too may have hope and courage to believe that there is a different reality.

We pray for the global church that we may have the courage and integrity to truly live as Easter people. **Amen.**

May you know joy, gladness and peace this Easter time.

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August Bank Holiday
Monday 31st August 2026

THE 18th WILLERSEY HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The launch of this year's Show Schedule will take place on **Sunday 19th April** at the **Farmers Market** Please turn up and collect your copy and see what Classes we have for this year's Show.

We are very happy, and grateful, to confirm that **AUTO-SLEEPERS** will again be the primary Show Sponsors for 2026.

You now have over four months to practice your baking skills, nurture those seeds into life, get out and about with your camera and tackle a range of art and handicraft challenges. In addition, as we did last year, we will have some specific Classes for children to enter.

Good luck everybody and let's hope for some great growing conditions this Summer to make this year's show the best yet !!



Daffodils in Top Green planted by WHS in 2025



WI Report for March

Our March meeting began with the news that unfortunately our speaker for the evening was unable to attend due to transport difficulties, but undeterred, we began in our usual way with a rendition of Jerusalem spurred on by Penny Burch.

Following the handing out of birthday flowers, Maggie and her team had organised a special raffle where everyone wins a prize. We were all wondering how that could be and signed up to await the result. Everyone was handed a little brown bag of goodies and when everyone had one they were opened and carefully unwrapped. A china cup, saucer and plate were inside or some food goodies. The china items were made especially for WI some years ago and purchased by our WI. A real antique of course, now worth a fortune I dare say! A beautiful hamper was quite by chance won by yours truly which was quite a surprise. Thank you for that ladies. I am eating a Duchy Originals butter shortbread biscuit from the hamper with a coffee as I write this. Delicious, a real treat.

Another intriguing item was then mentioned. As you know we are part of Gloucestershire WI and they are organising a competition open to all members in the county. This is the Decorated Bra Challenge. Yes, you read that correctly. The challenge is to decorate a bra in any creative and artistic way you choose; with embroidery, paint, lace, tassels, flowers and greenery.

The choice is yours. So our ladies will present theirs at our meeting in May and one will go forth to the county competition to choose a winner. Gloucestershire WI are planning a large display at the Royal Three Counties Show from 12th to 14th June as part of their campaign to highlight women's health over the years, especially breast cancer.

After all the excitement we carried on chatting and enjoying the delicious cakes and biscuits with our coffees and teas. Now the burning question is who is going to model that bra? I think Shakespeare's famous line comes in here from 'The Winter's Tale' - "Exit stage left,".....but not in this case pursued by a bear, just swiftly.

Anne Nixon



WILLERSEY W I
Coming up in April

*Reminder: Next WI meeting is on April 13th
Katy Bull will give a talk entitled. "Hear Hear - How to make
sense of what is going on in Parliament.
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 Anne Nixon

All Age Worship Sunday 15th March

What A happy service to celebrate Mothering Sunday. It was good to see you there. Carolyn led us in worship. Our hymns started with "The beauty of the Earth" and Ken read the lesson from Luke. This was the story of Jesus in the Temple. Carolynne followed with her talk saying she had lost one of her children and understood how Mary, Jesus' mother must have felt and because she had been chosen by God there was extra responsibility. But like all mothers she followed Jesus through his life even standing at the foot of the cross, thus showing all the virtues that mothers do. Findlay read a poem going through the stages of a mother and child relationship. Thank You Findlay. A piece was read about growing up and honouring our mother. The service finished with "He's got the whole world in his hands" and then Findlay, his brothers and sister gave out poses to all mums in the congregation. Some were taken to a few moms unable to come to this service.

Our next all age service is on Sunday the 19th of April at 11:00am in St Peters.



Paths Around Willersey Scheme
April 2026

The PAWS Group is currently in communication with Willersey Parish Council concerning the length of path that runs in front of the Long House. In our opinion the path was unsuitable for use by wheelchair users and pedestrians pushing prams and pushchairs; especially in winter and wet conditions. It was cleared of overgrowing turf last year by volunteers and members of the PAWS Group. This clearance revealed that tarmac path hidden underneath the turf was unfortunately in a very poor state and appears to have suffered degradation. It also revealed that the end of the path closest to the Petrol Station was only partially covered with tarmac. The 'original path' currently appears to be a line of rocks a few inches wide. At some time in the past tarmac has been laid. As with numerous locations around the village where residential homes border village green, planting at the edge of the green has occurred.



Original Route Prior to Clearance



Tarmac Path revealed following Clearance.

The recent and necessary laying of new gas pipes appears to have had a detrimental effect on the state of the path. Winter rain has turned the end of the path closest to the Petrol Station in to a muddy mess.



The PAWS Group is exploring this issue and has submitted a request to the Parish Council to act jointly to develop and improve the Path; so that it will be suitable for all users.

The PAWS Group is petitioning Gloucestershire County Highways in regard to: The danger at the new crossing point on the B4632 and an offer from the Group, to maintain

the verges of the Path on the B4632, from the Willersey Sign to the County Boundary. Further updates will occur when any news is available. Any Issues that you might have can be reported at:

Willersey Parish Council:

clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk

(or telephone 01386 853635).

Gloucestershire County Highways:

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

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

Contact email: willersepaws@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



Thank you to all who planted the daffodil bulbs in the village. What a lovely Spring feel they have brought to the village, and it really does seem as if the worst of the wet and grey weather is maybe on its way out.

We had a very full agenda at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 16th March. Here are some of the " highlights".

An Update from our County and District Councils- Discussions continue with Highways at County Council level regarding the buildouts, and we will be being resurfaced in Willersey in the coming months.

The Parish Council:-Had feedback from this month's visit from Severn Trent, organised by Folly View, focusing on the impact of the new proposed developments. I do not think any of us saw a magic wand being waved but hopefully Severn Trent had a better understanding of the implications of further development. Thank you to all those who report issues to Severn Trent. Do please continue to do so and copy in our parish Clerk.

- Revisited the future of the path on the Top Green by the Long House. A mixture of preserving the Greens, best use of materials and needs of the users, all need to be balanced and discussed.
- Reviewed planning applications- no further news of the planning application for Terrafy or the potential Willow Green extension. A group has been formed on Willow Green- led by Peter Cottle, one of our Parish

Councillors, to determine the response to the proposed development.

- Considered the Licensing application for a potential new shop at the garage, we voted to not object to the selling of alcohol but we did object to the long hours suggested.

Discussed two proposals from residents. One was to establish a biodiversity project at the Quarry on Buckle Street and the other, a proposed addition of use to the field

- behind Pool Orchard, currently used as a Forest school for Willersey Primary School. The proposal would have wanted to see it also become a Memorial Garden, in addition to its current function.

The meeting had good discussions on both proposals. The PC concluded that it felt unsafe to allow people to enter the Quarry, but we have allowed the proposal for a drone to photograph the nature there.

In terms of the Pool Orchard site, the PC wished it to remain as a Forest School and we will work with the school to ensure the site is maintained.

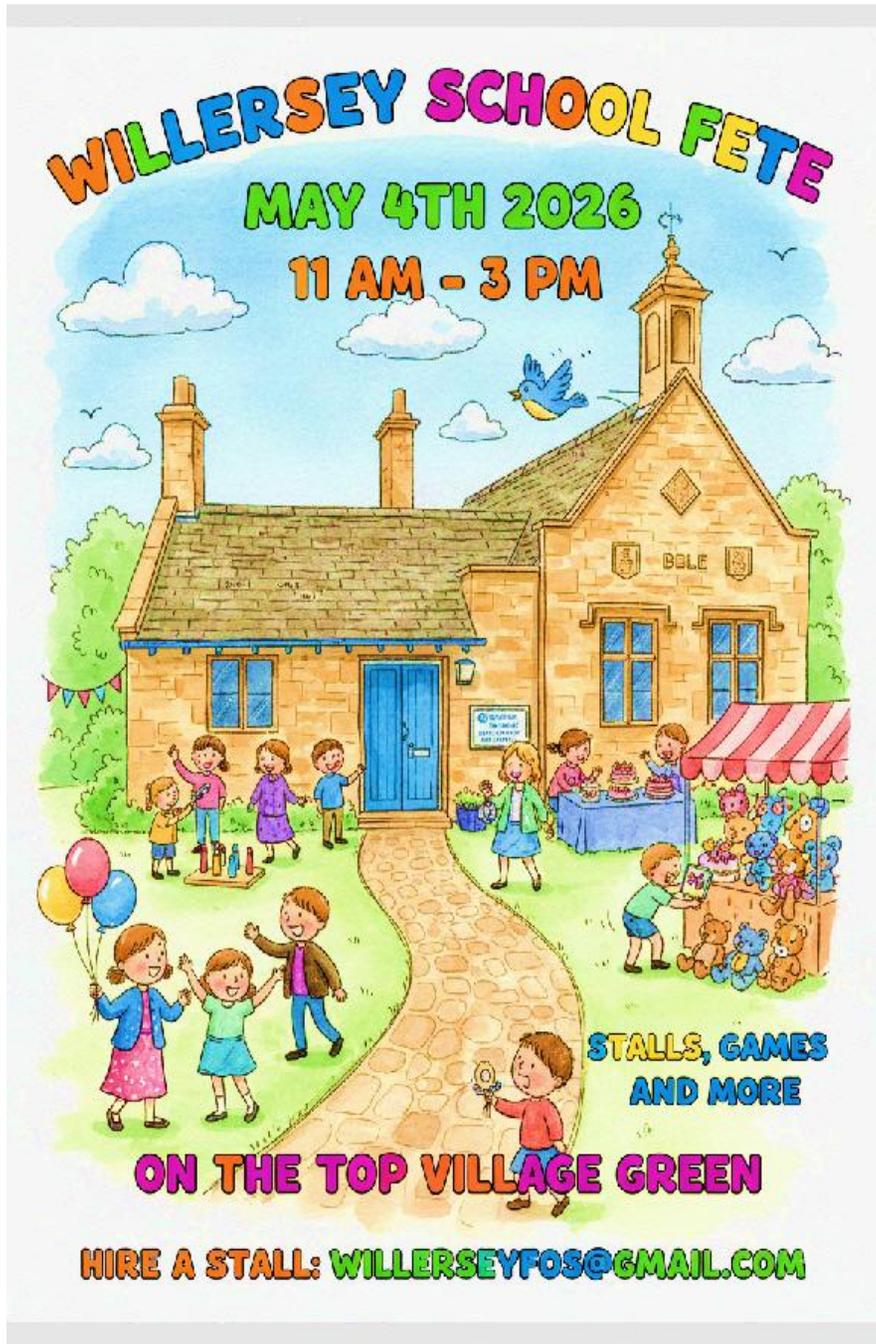
- Acknowledged that a new Community speed camera is to be installed on Broadway Road and reviewed proposed new signage in the village

The PC will meet again at 7pm on April 20th 2026 - you are most welcome to attend. Jane Rintoul

- ▶ *For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be done first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, or a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life.*
- ▶ *This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is a journey, not a destination.*
- ▶ *So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time...and remember that time waits for no one.*
- ▶ *So, stop waiting until you lose ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until winter, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink.... there is no better time than right now to be happy.*
- ▶ *Work like you don't need money, Love like you've never been hurt,*
- ▶ *And dance like no one's watching. Alfred D. Souza.*

The atoms inside your body are billions of years old, older than Earth itself, and you are simply their newest arrangement. Every breath you take contains particles forged in ancient stars. The carbon in your cells was created in stellar furnaces long before our Sun was born. The oxygen you inhale was shaped in cosmic explosions that lit up the early universe. Your body is a temporary gathering of matter that has travelled for ages. Science tells us atoms are incredibly durable. They do not wear out. They combine. They separate. The iron in your blood may have flowed through a dinosaur. Matter recycles endlessly, shifting forms across time without losing its identity.

There is something deeply humbling about that truth. We spend so much energy defining what is mine and what is yours. Yet at the most fundamental level, ownership fades. The atoms that make up your hand today will one day drift back into soil, air, or water, ready to become something else. A tree. A bird. Another human being. This does not make you insignificant. It makes you extraordinary. You are the current expression of a story billions of years in the making. Every cell is part of a cosmic chain that stretches back to the first stars. You are not separate from the universe. You are part of the universe, temporarily shaped into a human life. You are both ancient and brand new at the same time. Mehran Nour **10**



Saint Peter's Church Services, April 2026

Good Friday 3 April	11:00am Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday 5 April	9:00 am Easter Morning Service
Sunday 12 April	9:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	4:00 pm Prayer & Praise
Sunday 19 April	11.00 am <i>All Age Worship</i>
Sunday 26 April	10:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 3 May	10:00 am 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

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Cleaning Rota for Saint Peter's

Church cleaning for week ending

April 4th)

April 11th) Ann Embury/Gillian Beale

April 18th)

April 25th) Julia and Colin Burrows

Brass cleaning for April

Gillian Beale

Refreshments for April

April 5th Easter Sandra and Ken Spensley

with Carolynne

April 12th Karen and Mike

April 19th All Age Worship Team

April 26th Adine and Liz

May 3rd Rachael Barker

The Key to the vestry and cleaning materials can be picked up from "The Bell Inn" or from Gillian 01386852958 at Florizel.

Thank you again for giving your time to keep our Church clean, tidy and welcoming to visitors and villagers alike.

Since 2018 Robin Farnworth has trained over 700 local people on how to use a Defibrillator and perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The next CPR & Defibrillator courses held at Signpost will be

Wednesday April 15th 2pm

Wednesday May 13th 7pm

Wednesday June 17th 2pm

The course lasts between one and half and two hours and is free to attend. However, donations to the Vale of Evesham Community First Responders are welcome.

For more information or to book a space please call in and see us in Broadway. Signpost is open every Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 1pm. You can also email info@signpost.info OR Telephone us on 01386 859029 and leave a voicemail.

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Recent Village Sightings



For many Spring is their favourite season with new flowers coming into bloom and variety of lush greens seemingly everywhere.

But perhaps reports of mating frogs and produced spawn, or sightings of male newts waiting to ambush arriving females at the pond edge signifies wildlife spring-time more than many other events just now. Although recent news of the first chiffchaffs heard and the varied and resounding sound of song thrushes, living up to their name, run them a close second.

Shared news of less common sightings in our gardens has been something of a feature of late. Some of the most recent observations have included a resplendent moorhen in one garden, two roe deer in another and elsewhere a partridge, although not in a pear tree it seems. In yet another garden the home owners are witnessing, with a ringside seat, the building of a sizeable rookery with seven nests under construction at the time of writing, and adults seemingly aided by some of last year's maturing youngsters.

Reports too of nest boxes being given the once over by prospecting great and blue tits. Nest building by these species tends to begin towards the end of March, so something to look out for if you've invested in a "des res" nest box. News of any other nest box activity would be much appreciated.

More hedgehogs will be on the move now to feed up after hibernation and ranging quite some distance on the lookout for a mate. Although we may be tucked up in bed when they visit our

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gardens, their 3/4 cm long chipolata 'calling cards' black or dark brown and often glittery with beetle remains betray their presence. Once again news of hedgehog activity would be of interest. And if you want to give them a helping hand in their travels, as a number of residents have already done, consider putting a CD sized hole in any solid fence panels between gardens if neighbours are content to be part of what has become known as 'Hedgehog Highways'.

Thanks this month to Ashley, Tania, Tom, Siriol, Sarah, Pete & Gi, Sue, Mike & Shirley, Lena, James, David and Helen W,

Please forward wildlife news to
bob.topp@btinternet.com.

Willersey History Society

Robin Woolven will be giving a talk on the "The Cotswold Connections of George and Algernon Gissing" at **7.00pm** on **Monday 30 March** in **Willersey Village Hall**. The entrance fee is **£3.00**.

New event: Peter Busby, Project Officer of Cotswold Archaeology, will be giving a talk on the **Roman Swords** recently discovered in Willersey at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 14 May** at **Willersey Village Hall**. The swords were featured in a recent episode of the TV programme Digging for Britain. The talk will be a joint event with Broadway Museum. The entrance fee is **£3.00**.

If you would like to get more involved with the society, please contact Jane, Hazel, Mike or David, or email the society at willerseyhistory@gmail.com.



Nature Box **Springtime in the dark**

There is an old French country adage: 'When you can tread on nine daisies with one boot, spring has arrived'.

The mainly mild start to the year has seen plenty of daytime spring activity in recent weeks with song thrushes belting out their beautifully changing repertoire, green woodpeckers drumming to mark out territory, corvids cooperatively nest building, and for those lucky enough to have a garden pond or peering into the village pond or storm water runoff ponds at Willow Green, perhaps seeing frog spawn heralding the start of new life. Not forgetting the imminent arrival of swallows, all the way from South Africa.

But what about the night-time in spring; and do night-time creatures have an image problem? Fluttering moths and bats, screeching foxes and hooting owls can be off-putting for some. All of these creatures along with badgers, rabbits, hares, deer, wood mice and hedgehogs often involved in 'grunty foreplay', to name check but a few, are living alongside us but rarely seen happenchance. But if we could only borrow a night scope to look across our local fields surprising sights would be revealed with many of these creatures quietly going about their nocturnal business in spring.

However, just sitting quietly soaking up the dark sky in our own garden, perhaps with another layer on, and waiting for nature to come to us can often be quite

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revealing as well as perhaps contemplative. When the heightened vocal dusk chorus of birds comes to an end and as the light fades bats can often be seen seeking out moths and other flying insects for perhaps five minutes or so before moving on. But regardless of possible wildlife just soaking up the sounds of the wind rustling through trees or just complete silence in the gathering darkness with our senses heightened can be magical. Netflix doesn't have a monopoly on powerful experiences.

That said, I for one will be looking out for an upcoming 5 part programme on BBC 1 and iPlayer around Easter time where David Attenborough explores the hidden wildlife in our back gardens.
Bob Topp

THE MAY 2026 NEWS

Copy for the May News must be received by Friday 17th April 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 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



**TUESDAYS
(TERM TIME ONLY)**

BROADWAY BABY & TODDLER GROUP

10.00 - 11.30am

£2 DONATION

Broadway Youth and
Community Centre. Lime
Tree Avenue. WR12 7BD

coordinator.valeofevesham@nct.org.uk

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WILLERSEY FARMERS' MARKET REMAINING DATES FOR 2026

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. **9:30 to 1:00pm**

Email: Willerseymarket@gmail.com

BREAKING NEWS

Live music at your next Farmers' Market.

Sunday 19th April

Busker Max Stockin at 11 o'clock

Advertising in the Willersey Church and Village News

Whatever your needs in terms of reaching the local populace remember we deliver over 650 copies to all households in Willersey, Saintbury and adjacent parts of Broadway. We only seek to cover our printing costs which makes our prices very competitive – why not try us.

Contact Alan Gittings at agittings@talk21.com or 01386 858601 /07734363670

Willersey Farmers' Market Meet your traders

Question and Answer

Name ? **Martyn Wilson**

Business Name ?

Merry May Honey

When did you start your
 business ? Ten years ago

Where are you based?.

Wickhamford .

I have my own beehives

What products do you
 sell? Honey , lip balms , soap ,
 candles

What is your best selling product
 at WFM ? Cotswold Honey

What do you like most about WFM ? The friendly vibe between the
 stall holders and customers. Also the lovely setting on the village
 green.

Where were you born ? Stow-on-the Wold

What's your favourite sport ? Football. I'm a massive Swindon Town
 fan and spend my Saturdays up and down the motorways following
 them home and away.

What's your favourite TV programme ? I don't really watch TV

What's your favourite takeaway ? Indian (lamb bhuna)

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go ?

The Faroe Islands

Red wine or white wine ? White wine

Bitter , lager or cider ? Borderline's IPA

Favourite season of the year ? Spring

What would you say is your greatest achievement ?

1. Winning the 3 legged race at infant school. 2. Putting up with Myles
 Salmon's sarcasm every month !

What was your nickname at school ? Mart

Well ! We never would have guessed that ! I've visited over 100
 professional football grounds throughout England , Scotland and
 Europe.



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NB. Martyn also runs Beekeeping Experiences where participants can learn the challenges of keeping bees. A number of Willersey residents have taken part with two of them quoted as saying “ Martyn’s beekeeping experience is fascinating and skilfully delivered. A real treat for all ages “.

WILLERSEY WHISPERS

From Willersey Farmers’ Market’s Roving Reporter

Come on , who doesn’t like a bit of gossip ?

So , Myles of Cotswold Pudding and Pie fame told me that he has a customer every month at WFM who always buys three rabbit pies. Really ? Who eats that much rabbit ? The investigative juices kicked in. I had to meet this person. Locals told me that he is a pillar of Willersey society , a village stalwart respected by all who know him. But why so much rabbit ?

A meeting was arranged and as I waited in anticipation I wondered if eating so much rabbit had changed him. Would he hop into the room ? The door opened , thankfully no hopping although , worryingly , his nose frequently twitched.

I began probing and was shocked when he told me that, every month , he divides each of the three pies into thirds so actually eats rabbit pie nine times every month !

Then the obvious question - Why ? Why so much rabbit ? I had not expected his answer - “ because I grew up believing that eating rabbit increases brain power !” Well, I hadn’t seen that one coming. This had to be investigated. Intense Googling turned up surprises :-

Albert Einstein , renowned physicist, was partial to a rabbit pie but , interestingly , never ate it with gravy because it clogged up his bushy moustache.

Sir Isaac Newton , mathematician , astronomer , and best known for his theory on Gravitation , was in fact just sitting down to a lunch of rabbit stew beneath the tree in his garden when the infamous apple fell on his head. Poor old Sir Isaac , slightly concussed and a bit peckish , never got to finish his stew that day but , on the plus side , his theory on Gravity was born and pudding was sorted.

So there we have it , there are definite indications that intelligent people eat rabbit. Our village luminary was right all along. Who knew ?

Myles will be back at WFM with his pies , and all his stall holder mates at the next market on Sunday 19th April.

More revelations next month.....

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Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens April 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 are published on our website.

<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk>

W3W What three Words

CNL60 - Alderton around Dumbleton Hill – Tuesday 7th April – Moderate 3hr 5.5ml From the historic Gardeners Arms in Alderton, we walk around Dumbleton Hil, mostly through farmland, enjoying views to Bredon Hill & the Malverns. Refreshments & meals are available after the walk. Start: 9.30am The Gardeners Arms, Alderton, Tewkesbury. OS Map ref: SO 999 333 W3W: lied.profile.revealing

Walking the Ways 1 (of 5) – Tuesday 14th April – Moderate 4.5hr to 5.5 8.5ml The first of five circular walks during 2026, exploring Wardens’ and Windrush Ways, which run between Winchcombe and Bourton on the Water, & the landscape and villages they pass through. Bring a snack/drink & lunch. Start: 10.00am Winchcombe Back Lane car park, Winchcombe. Pay & display (£1 all day) OS Map ref: SP 023 284. W3W: statue.harps.supposes

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.

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Being a Good "Willersey Wag": 🐾

A Guide for Local Dog Owners

Willersey is a special place to live and walk. To keep our village friendly for farmers, residents, and our four-legged friends, here are a few reminders for our daily strolls.

Respect Our Working Landscape We are surrounded by active farms. Whether you're heading toward Saintbury or walking the fields near the industrial estate, remember:

Livestock is Everywhere: Even if you can't see them, sheep or cattle may be just over the brow of a hill.

Keep your dog on a lead around livestock.

The Law & Farm Animals: Please remember that "sheep worrying" is a serious offense. Even a dog "just playing" can cause a ewe to abort her lamb or cause a flock to stampede through fences.

Cotswold Stone Walls: Please discourage dogs from jumping over or scrambling up our historic stone walls. They are easily damaged and expensive to repair!

Meeting Other Dogs Willersey is a social village, but not every dog is a social butterfly.

The "Lead" Rule: If you see another walker with their dog on a lead, please put yours on a lead too. *

Give Space: A dog on a lead might be nervous, elderly, or in training. Don't let your dog "charge" over to say hello.

The Village Green: Our green is the heart of the village. Ensure your dog is under close control here so everyone—from kids playing to visitors—feels safe.

Keep Willersey Beautiful We are proud of our "Best Kept Village" reputation.

Bag it and Bin it: Please pick up after your dog every time, even on the quietest bridleways. •

Stick to the Paths: In the growing season, please keep dogs to the marked Public Rights of Way to avoid trampling crops or disturbing ground-nesting birds.

Close the Gates: Always leave gates as you found them to ensure no adventurous sheep end up wandering down Main Street!

PUBLIC NOTICES April 2026

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The dates for the bins are **13th & 27th April 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

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 on 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 **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

It's 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/ 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 – 0800 783 4444

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

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