PUBLIC NOTICES FEBRUARY 2016

TUESDAY KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

February dates will be Tuesday 9th & Tuesday 23rd

Please put bins out by 7.00am. Waste Hotline 01285 623123. www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/

WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is situated at the south western corner of the Village Hall, open for enquiries and advice on Monday each week from 9.30am-12noon (except Bank Holidays). At all times recorded messages can be left on the phone 01386 853635, or e-mail willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

To hire hall please telephone **LUCY JORDAN 01386 854886 after 6pm or** leave a message, or email <u>willerseyhall@btinternet.com</u> otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434. Hall Caretaker – Bill Payne 01386 858368.

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE – Tel: Penny Ingles 853306.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library next visits are on Thursday 4th February 2016 & Thursdays 3rd March & 31st March Near the Bell Inn at **1350-1550.** Please use the library. A good selection of books etc is available. For queries 01452 425048

COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the CVN Help Centre: 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09.30-13.30hrs Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

Transport charges are 50p a mile (Minimum charge £3.00

TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950	or	034	57 48	49 50
National Bus Traveline	0871 2002233				
Hedgehog	01386 841466				
N. N. Cresswell	01386 48655				
Johnsons	01564 797000				
Marchants of Cheltenham	01242 257714				
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Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are now available on the County Council's Web site at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bustimetables

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111. Gas Emergency - 0800 111 999 Floodline - 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage - 08007 834444

Thames Water - Water Supply - 0845 9200888

Police – Telephone 101. Emergency 999. ☐ www.qloucestershire.police.uk

Dear Friends

By the time you read this you will know, or at least many of you will know, that I am moving on from these parishes after Easter and that my last service here will be Sunday 3rd April. It has been a great privilege to be your parish priest for four and a half years and a year and a quarter respectively. It has been wonderful to get to know you, to worship with you and to share in your joys and sorrows over that time. Moving on is always difficult because you come to love people in a very special way. I am going to the parish of Addington, St Mary the blessed Virgin in the diocese of Southwark. My decision to apply for another post was two- fold: having seen these parishes through pastoral reorganization, so that from my original four I lost Long Marston and gained Willersey, Weston and Aston and having been through the first year of this new dispensation, it is clear that these parishes need someone new who will take them through the next phase of their life together and secondly I wanted to do another incumbency before I have to hang up my cassock!

However, I have not gone yet and I am certainly not planning to wind down. We are approaching the season of Lent which is always a good time to do a reassessment of our lives. Of course there are the traditional Lenten disciplines and the question "what are you giving up for Lent?" and I suspect that if we're honest, it's quite simply a good excuse to reinstate that diet that didn't quite happen after Christmas! But why might we give something up? How will that help us? For Christians to take away from our lives for a short while something that we enjoy fills us with increased thankfulness to God for all the wonderful things we have in this life. Secondly it reminds us of Jesus who fasted in the wilderness for forty days before he embarked on his active ministry. It was a time of reflection in which, through the temptations to be a quick fix miracle worker, to be a superman style messiah and to exert power, he came to discern the character of the ministry he was to exercise, a ministry that was humble and healing. So to abstain from something during Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on our priorities and the way in which we live out our Christian Faith. This Lent we are going to be meeting in groups to look at some of the psalms, wonderful writings from the Hebrew Scriptures that cover the gamut of human emotions. So if you might be interested keep your eyes peeled for details of these groups.

Finally a word about Messy Church which is happening on Saturday 19th March at Weston sub Edge Village Hall and is a wonderful opportunity to spend a fun morning doing craft activities including baking. It is the day before Palm Sunday so we shall be looking at the Easter Story and centring our activities around that... and really importantly we shall end, as usual, with lunch together. There are many stories of Jesus that involve his presence at meals. Whenever we eat together we are reminded that Jesus invites us to sit and eat with him and be his friends.

So in these last months may we journey together joyfully and thoughtfully.

With my love and blessings,

Debbie

The Vicarage, Honeybourne. 01386 830302

Christmas Christingle

We had a very happy Christingle on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full and there were lots of good comments within the service. We raised £204 for the Children's Society. Thank you to the helpers in preparing the oranges for this service.

Our January Family Service theme was "The Generosity of God" and included three parables to illustrate this. Firstly, the wedding in Cannaan, then the Feeding of the five thousand and then the Leaven Bread. There was also some maths involved working out how many wine bottles it would have taken to fill the wine carriers Jesus provided for the wine. If you remember Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding reception when the wine ran out. Frankie ably read our lesson and Pat also did a reading. Jane helped with the prayers and thanks also to our mathematician Ken. (By the way it was 909 bottles.)

Jodie and Tia helped with the collection so thank you also to them The February service is on the 21st, and we would love to see you. Coffee – Family Service February 21st Jane and Chris Gooding

"Welcome to Willersey" Booklet

This booklet has been updated. If you know of someone who has recently moved to Willersey and has not received a copy, then do contact Mrs Judy Munt on 853305 to get a copy of the "Welcome to Willersey" booklet to give to them.

MARCH CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the March 2016 News must be received by Wednesday 17th February unless otherwise notified. Please send any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Email them to willerseynews@gmail.com, drop them into Willersey Stores or phone 858628. Newsletter creation will start early on the morning of Thursday 18th February.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet about two weeks after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at. www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

The stirring story of "Suffragette" centres on Maud. At the start of the film she is a wife, a mother, and a diligent, uncomplaining worker at a Bethnal Green laundry. Her days are nasty, brutish and long with a male boss who menaces his female employees, partly to keep to them in line and partly for his own amusement. Maud's life is changed when she is secretly recruited to join the U.K.'s growing suffragette movement. Galvanized by the outlaw fugitive Emmeline Pankhurst, Maud becomes an activist for the cause alongside women from all walks of life. When increasingly aggressive police action forces her and her fellow suffragettes underground, they engage in a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse with the authorities, who are shocked as the women's civil disobedience escalates and sparks debate across the nation.

The film will be shown in Weston sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 25th February. Doors will open at 7.30 p.m. and the film begins at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £4.00 at the door. For more information contact Chris Rossington or David White on 01386 849316 or find details on the village website, www.westonsubedge.com.

The Seagrave Arms offers a pre-cinema dinner from 6.00 p.m. for £15.00 per person. Booking is essential. Please phone 01386 840192.

Youth Club

Weston sub-Edge Youth Club meets on the **first and third Thursdays** of each month between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. Members enjoy a wide range of activities and Sue Stanier, our leader, has an exciting programme planned. **New members between 10 and 18 years both from the village and from the surrounding area are always welcome.** Join the Club and make new friends. Subscriptions are £1.00 per meeting and drinks and sweets are on sale. For more information, contact Chris Rossington on 01386 849316 or Sue on 07555 649056.

The programme for February is:

Thursday 4th February: Pancakes and Chinese New Year

Thursday 18th February: Film night

A TIMELY REMINDER

At the bottom of the church yard the parish council have designated some land to be used for the Garden of Remembrance. Here parishioners can plant trees in remembrance of a family member. It will also be possible to underplant with bulbs/plants. Because this piece of ground runs into the wilds of the Cotswold Hills the intention is for native/wild species only.

Up until the second half of March is an optimum time for planting (bare root) trees. Although pot grown can be planted at other times. For further information and advice please contact Chris Gooding 853718

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council needs more members to join the council. If you are interested then do call the clerk or visit the council office on a Monday morning and find out more of what is involved. Being a parish councillor is not difficult! Currently the Parish Council needs 3 new councillors to take the stress off those councillors who are under pressure to do the job they are doing so well. You would be part of an enthusiastic team and make a really valuable contribution to the village.

TREE OF LIGHT

The Jubilee Tree of lights raised a total of £270 with 53 names of loved ones appearing in the Book of Remembrance which Peter Taylor kindly displayed in his show room window. Next to the book was a light which remained lit throughout the Christmas period The money raised was used to replace the old bulbs with the longer lasting LED bulbs, which will (hopefully!) last longer. The PC is most grateful to Sue and Lou at the Bell for their kindness in supplying the electricity and to Gillian Beale who took the time to write out all the names so beautifully.

Christmas Carols

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions to Action for Children as a result of singing in The Bell, in the Village Hall and around the Jubilee Tree. The sum of £248.03 has been sent to the charity after the cost of the band was deducted. Thank also to Eileen Wickson for heating the mince pies and to Nev Jelfs for providing the sound system. Peter Burch

The **Campden Voluntary Help Group** sorts out transport to and from Campden surgery for people who have no means of getting there. We have a few people in Willersey who we transport but only one driver. It would be splendid to have one or two more people to help out. There are no regular commitments and bookings are entirely at the drivers convenience.

Please phone me for more information Jenny Sporton (01386 841 520)

Notes from Your Parish Council January 2016

DOG MESS

Following several complaints from residents about dog mess in the village, the leader of Cotswold District Council Councillor Lynden Stowe, has pledged CDC support to the PC for its fight against the increasing slovenly attitude of a few irresponsible dog owners, who will not pick up their dogs faeces whilst walking their dogs.

These individuals are reminded that it is not only against the law to leave your dog's faeces but not doing so spreads diseases. Dog waste does not make good fertilizer, it is toxic to grass verges, causing burns and unsightly discolouration.

A single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million faecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans also:

- Whipworms
- Roundworms
- Tapeworms
- Parvo
- Corona
- Giardiasis
- Salmonellosis

- Cryptosporidiosis
- Campylobacteriosis
- Toxocariasis

Toxocariasis is a condition which can cause blindness. Spread when roundworm parasites spread through contact with infected faeces. Children are more likely to come into contact with Roundworm parasites most commonly found in dogs and cats. Usually young children are most commonly at risk due to playing or walking in affected areas. However, cases have been reported in people of all ages. Toxocariasis is a serious infection, which in some cases causes lasting sight damage or at worse blindness.

The PC is grateful for Councillor Stowe's support and there will now be the introduction of regular County Council Dog Warden patrols around the village and prosecutions will follow as and when the culprits are identified.

The PC also need the support of the responsible dog owners and residents. Anyone can report those owners who fail to pick up after their dogs to the clerk on 853635 or write out a statement saying where and when the offence was committed and who failed to pick up, and post it in the PC post box or email it to willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com Lynden Stowe stated it is the aim of CDC to prosecute all-offenders.

It is a <u>VERY</u> simple job to pick up after a dog and put the faeces in a plastic bag, then put it into one of the 5 the bins which are provided around the village for this use, or take it home and flush it down the lavatory. Some of those challenged have said they didn't pick up after their dogs because it was "too much work".

<u>PLEASE</u> don't let this appalling attitude and disgusting anti-social practice prevail in Willersey, we can all take action to stop this.

INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX

At the meeting Lynden Stowe also announced that there will be increase in the near future.

Willersey Church of England Primary School PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR (PSA)

Our PSA helps parents and carers by offering friendly, non-judgmental advice and support. Our PSA is Mrs Tracey Baker. You are welcome to contact her at on 01608 650521 (she is based at St David's School in Moreton) or her mobile number is 07514 032097. She visits the school from time to time. Please telephone her to make an appointment if you would like to see her.

Touch Tennis Anyone

This is a new tennis game for adults, played on a small court with small rackets and sponge balls. It is great fun. I'm happy to book some regular hall time if there is enough interest in playing. You don't have to be good or even never played for 30 years. Please call me to register interest. I'm a coach so you might even get free tips!!

Ken Spensley 07887 823800

ST PETER'S CHURCH CLEANING

Week end	<u>ding</u>
Fohruary	6 th

February 6th Julia and Colin Burrows February 13th Jean Smith and Gillian Beale

February 20th Rachael Barker and Elaine Bridger

February 27th Sandra and Ken Spensley

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Weeks ending

February 6th & 13th Ann Tomblin & Janet Parker

February 20th & 27th Pat and Sally Heming

Please note that the hoover is now situated in the cupboard to the left of the sink.

LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS February 2016

Isbourne Way 2 (Winchcombe to Toddington) – Tuesday 9th February - Moderate

This is the second in a series of five circular walks which will incorporate the whole of the new Isbourne Way, from the source of the Isbourne River to its confluence with the Avon near Evesham. Lunch is available from The Pheasant at Toddington. 4.5 hours: 8.5 miles.

Start: 10:00am Winchcombe, Back Lane Car Park (Pay and Display £1 per day). OS Map ref SP 024 285.

A Six Year Celebration - Saturday 20th February - Moderate

This is a figure-of-eight walk; 7 miles in the morning; pub lunch available in Alderton, and 4 miles in the afternoon. It takes in 2 of the Cotswolds outlying hills, Oxenton and Dumbleton. 7 hours: 11 miles.

Start: 9:30am Gardeners' Arms Public House in Alderton). OS Map ref SO 999 334.

The North Cotswold Edge from Ilmington – Thursday 25th February - Easy Starting in the North Cotswold village of Ilmington, we visit Darlingscott before turning west and passing Foxcote House. We then ascend one of the most northerly Cotswold Hills, before returning to Ilmington. Muddy paths likely. Pub in Ilmington, but bring packed lunch. Please park considerately in the village. 3.5 hours: 7 miles.

Start: 10:00 am Ilmington War Memorial. OS Map ref SP 210 433.

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

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

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds. For more information please see www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements because of extreme weather conditions.

Update on Willersey's Glebe Land.

Glebe Land involved: At the meeting on 10 July 2015, the Diocesan Secretary and the Planning Director of the Diocese's 'promoter', Gladman, told the Churchwardens and Lord Dear, Vice-Chairman of the St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC,) that the intention was to build on all of Willersey's glebe land. Since then, Diocesan staff and clergy, none of whom were present, have repeatedly denied this intention, denied that it was said and stated that the Diocese had no intention of ever building on any of our glebe land, apart from the land next to the Business Park, known as 'Terrify'. At the public meeting on 6 October 2015, Bishop Rachel restated this commitment and Diocesan staff issued a document reinforcing it, consisting of a map and a copy of the PCC's own image of the glebe land, circling only Terrify in red, on both, to indicate that this was the only land involved.

The Diocese's Notice in May 2015 indicated only an intention to sell "land to the north of Willersey", with no map or other details, whatsoever. In December, the PCC obtained, from the Diocese, copies of the maps of the land the Diocese had intended to sell for development when it issued its Notice in May 2015. These maps reveal that the land intended for sale for development was <u>all</u> of Lower Marbrook, i.e. all of Terrify as well as all of the other fields bordered by the Business Park, the Stratford Road, Oaklands Farm and the disused railway line; an intended area for development of over four times the size of Terrify.

The PCC has obtained confirmation that the Diocese has not transferred the ownership of any of Willersey's glebe land to its subsidiary, asset-disposal company (the dubiously-named, "Good and Faithful Servant"). The PCC is seeking assurance that the area of Lower Marbrook, outside of Terrify, will be removed from consideration for sale for development, in line with every assurance given by the Diocese since July, last year. At the same time, the PCC continues to remind the Bishop that her commitment to parishioners that she would not allow Willersey to be "over-housed" means that no development should be allowed on Terrify, given that the developments already planned will swamp overloaded local amenities and services and change the essential character of the village.

The Willersey Website has recorded as many as 12,000 'hits' per month and this matter has received coverage in national and local press, with a major article in Cotswold Life in December 2015. The PCC remains hopeful that the Bishop and Diocese will recognise how damaging the continued pursuit of this proposed development would be to the Church's Mission and reputation, not just in Willersey but regionally and nationally.

The Bishop announced that she intended to initiate a review into the Diocese's poor communication and mishandling of its intention to sell Willersey's glebe land for development. This review has now been launched, however, this would appear to be premature, given that the drip feed of damaging revelations does not yet appear to have ended.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

On 25th November we were entertained by the children from the primary school who sang a selection of Christmas songs. We also heard "Silent Night" beautifully played on the clarinet.

On 9th December, 46 of our members went to Charringworth Manor Hotel for our annual Christmas Lunch which was served in the Orangery and we were able to look out at the wonderful view whilst enjoying a beautifully served meal..

On the 3rd February Paddy O'Brien will talk on Butterflies and Moths.

On 17th February the talk will be *Humorous Poetry* with an interlude for handbell ringing.

South Worcestershire GP Services Extended Hours Appointment Service

If you would like to be seen by a GP for a routine appointment out of our normal surgery hours at the Clinical Contact Centre located next to Minor Injuries Unit at Evesham Community Hospital, telephone us on 01386 853651 during normal Practice hours and speak to one of the receptionists who will be able to check availability. Appointments will be available on

Monday 6.30 - 9.00pm, Friday 6.30 - 9.00pm, Saturday 9.00 - 1pm. These hours will be extended in time

You can find more information about this service at www.swgpservices.nhs.uk

Appointments online

You can now use the internet to book your next GP appointment. It's quick and easy to use and can be particularly useful during those times when the practice is closed or telephone lines are busy. You can view, book or cancel appointments online at any time day or night.

The appointment system has been carefully designed for ease of use and can be used by most internet browsers. You will be able to view a range of available appointments and choose the most convenient time for you.

If you would like to register for this service, please complete the consent form available from the Surgery Reception along with photographic I.D

Broadway Embroidery Group

Our December meeting involved everyone doing their own sewing.

Completed Christmas trees on the display table were very much admired by members. From one simple tree design it was amazing to see how different the finished trees looked. We ended our meeting with our usual festive lunch. Everyone sat down to enjoy hot soup, rolls, mince pies and sweets.

It was decided that with our busy lives and the uncertainty of the January weather our next meeting would be in February.

February Meeting - Thursday 4th 10:00am – 1:00pm Methodist Hall Broadway

Project to be a needle case. Members to bring a variety of threads in chosen colours plus a tapestry needle.

Canvas, lining material and felt will be provided.

Any queries or more information needed please ring either Penny Ingles 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale 01386 852958

Please pop in and see what we are doing – you will be very welcome.

Willersey Women's Institute

Apologies for no report in the December issue. Missed the bus there! The Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch was a success with a lovely meal organized by Penny and Alison. Together with a great band of helpers. £135 was raised with the raffle for Acorns Children's Hospice; well done and thank you everyone. Our own W.I. party went well too, with festive buffet, drinks and a secret Santa's sack! The atmosphere was lovely. We had a brief meeting during the revelries, then had our entertainment with Anne Blagdon, a wonderful belly dancer. Needless to say "audience participation" was popular, and we were quite good!

January Meeting

We welcomed new members Carol Taylor and Jenny Fleming, then sang a rousing Jerusalem! Val is still in hospital, but hopefully will soon be home. Charities chosen for our recycled Christmas cards and stamps were Cobalt Unit and Kidney Research. Judy is kindly organising this. Five birthday flowers were given out – thank you Jackie!

Our speaker was the wonderful Bill Payne. His talk on "Herbs around the Globe" during his years working at Lighthorne Herbs in Warwick was very interesting and as we would expect funny and entertaining. Well done and thank you Bill! Gill won the tiebreaker in the herb competition which was compiled by Gi and Mary won the main raffle.

Next meeting – 8th February at 7:15 (open) Speaker – Jennie Bond "History of Willersey".

Tea hostesses – Ann Carnie and Pam MacMillan.

Raffle – Ann Tomblin Birthday Flowers – Sandra Vale

Table Flowers – Mary

Welcome and vote of thanks Mal and Maggie Competition – Willersey House Names

SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH for February 2016

N.B. Holy Communion using BCP Prayer Book service is celebrated every Wednesday at 11am. Do come along and join us for the service and/or coffee and a chat 11.30-12.00 noon.

	Reader	Sidesman.
February 7 th	Rob Heming	Ken Spensley
-	2Cor ch 3 v 12- ch	4 v 2
9:30am	Holy Communion	BCP
Coffee	Ken & Sandra Spe	ensley

February 10th Benefice Service 7:30pm

February 14th John Busbridge Alison Dear

Eucharist Deut ch 26 v 1-11 & Romans ch10 v 8b-13

9:30am

Coffee Alison & Geoff Dear

February 21^s Family Service

11am

February 28th Ken Spensley John Busbridge Eucharist Isaiah ch 55 v 1-9 & 1 Cor ch 10 v 1-13

9:30am

Coffee Sylvia Schembri & Jean Bickerstaff

March 6th Rob Heming Pat Heming

2 Cor ch1 v 3-7

9:30am Holy Communion BCP

Coffee Rachel Barker & Gillian Beale

Please check for changes to the lessons on the weekly sheet

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for February 2016

SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 10.30am, unless stated

6 th February Mr Alan Cooper
14th February Mr Stafford Mortimer
21st February Revd Christine Kettlety
28th February Revd Stanley Weary

Coffee served every Friday in the Community Room 10.00 to 11.30.

Munch Bunch

The lunch for February will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 12.30

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Forthcoming events

All in the Methodist Community Room

Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day – 9th February

We will be making Pancakes in the kitchen. David (Ingles) is in charge! Please come and support us from 12.30 onwards.

Donations for Home & Overseas Missions.

Lent Lunches

11th February for the next six Thursdays until Easter.

All we ask is a donation of £5.00 and all profits will go to Christian Aid. Soup, bread (+gluten free), piece of fruit and tea or coffee will be available from 12.30 onwards.

Reassurance

Both Home & Overseas Missions and Christian Aid, are all long term charities and have a good record for making sure the money goes to those in need.

COFFEE, CRAFT AND CHAT every Friday from 10 am until 11.30 am.

Come and help to make Comfort Blankets and Quilts. We now have three blankets finished and a quilt well on the way. Please join us! You'll be very welcome. Even if you don't knit or sew you can come and chat.