

**MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.**

The next dates are **Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Please put bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

[www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1432588/1b-monday.pdf](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1432588/1b-monday.pdf)

If you have a green bin for garden and food waste it can go out every week.

**WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Office is situated at the south western corner of the Village Hall and is 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](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

**WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL**

To hire the hall please telephone Bill & Annie Payne 01386 858368, or email [willerseychall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseychall@btinternet.com) Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434.

**METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE** – Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE** For queries telephone 01452 426973

The Mobile Library's next visit is on Thursday 1st February 2018

near the Bell Inn from 13:50 to 15:50.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/17800/mobile-library-dates-nov-17-mar-18.pdf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/17800/mobile-library-dates-nov-17-mar-18.pdf)

The **MOBILE POST OFFICE** visits on Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45/14:45.

**Only for Lloyds customers, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway Mon/Fri 13:30 to 15:15 and Wed 9:30 to 11:45. **Not with Lloyds? – use Budgens Post Office.****

**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 09:30-13:30 hrs 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 48 49 50 or 03457 48 49 50

National Bus Traveline 0871 2002233

Hedgehog 01386 841466 N. N. Cresswell 01386 48655

Johnsons 01564 797000

Marchants of Cheltenham 01242 257714

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 834444

Thames Water – Our Water Supplier – 0800 980 8800

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

Amongst other things, February brings with it St Valentine's Day. This is a day when we *should* reflect on love and on what love is, giving thanks for the human love that we receive from, and share with, the one closest to us. Cards, of varying degrees of tastefulness, help us to convey the love that we feel!

But, what is love? I think the world has become increasingly befuddled by love. We confuse it with liking or enjoying something very much. And, let's be honest, we confuse it with sex and even lust. Love, though, is something deeper, greater and more wonderful than all of those things.

For Christians, it is impossible to think about love without thinking about God – the author and creator of love. In particular, we think about God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. To know what *real* love is like, we look to the cross where Christ was crucified and there we discover the characteristics of genuine love. This love is, first and foremost, enduring – it lasts through good times and bad. It is forgiving. It is selfless. St Paul describes real love like this,

“Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always “me first”, doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 (The Message)

This is what God's love for us looks like and somehow, in the brokenness of our humanity, this is the sort of love that we should try to emulate in *all* of our relationships. It's not easy and it requires constant work and dedication – I speak from experience!

Because of where Easter falls this year, St Valentine's Day is also the beginning of the season of Lent – Ash Wednesday. This is a time when Christians prepare themselves for the great celebration of Easter and the eternal hope that comes with Christ's resurrection life and light. Before Easter, of course, comes the pain and desolation of Good Friday and Christ's once-for-all death on the cross. We'll think more about that next month.

For now, though, I'd like to encourage us – and I very much include myself in this – during Lent, not just to ‘give something up’ but, instead, to think about love and about how in our dealings with others we can live out that Godly love that St Paul was writing about.

Imagine what our lives, our relationships, our communities and our world would be like if we all committed ourselves to that...

With love, Scott

**The Reverend Scott Watts, Team Vicar,**

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## The Rev Dr Anthony Harvey

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1930 – January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Alison, my father's neighbour rang me on 8<sup>th</sup> January to tell me the sad news that my father had had a severe stroke and that she and Brian, Sue Burdett and Mr and Mrs Kelly were looking after him. This immediately brought home to me and my sisters the amazing sense of love, friendship, caring and community that exists in Willersey where so many people have helped and looked out for my father with such kindness.

When my mother had Alzheimer's so many people very kindly helped my father look after her or, if she got lost walking around the village, would bring her back home. My father would talk so enthusiastically to us about the many people he loved and admired in the village. He was deeply committed to both the Church and the Willersey community.

He did all he could to support the local shop as he knew the crucial role that it played in supporting the community spirit and the independence of those without a car and believed that if it were lost this would seriously harm the village. He loved going down to the shop first thing in the morning with his basket and saying good morning to those he met.

My father was a New Testament scholar/lecturer at Oxford University, and throughout his life wrote many books on theology; the best known of these was a large commentary on the whole of the New Testament "A Companion to the New Testament" which later earned him his doctorate. He wrote under the name A.E Harvey. He was Canon/Sub-dean of Westminster Abbey from 1982 to 1999.

St Peter's will be running a **Lent Study Group**. (Details provided by St P's) There is a **Lent Retreat** taking place at our **Methodist church on 24<sup>th</sup> February**, led by Revd Ian Mead. Notice on the Community Room notice board.

Another yearly milestone is the Women's World Day of Prayer – (soon we expect it to be called The World Day of prayer) – which is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Methodist Church this year. Look for the posters.

Penny Ingles 853306

### WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

On 6<sup>th</sup> December our members enjoyed the annual Christmas Lunch at Charingworth Manor. We enjoyed a splendid meal served in the Orangery, which has lovely views over the Cotswolds, and all went home with a present.

Our 2018 season started on 3<sup>rd</sup> January with members day. Pat and Roger Benham entertained us with music from the 50's and 60's. All the songs brought back many memories and we all remembered the words. They ended with some war time songs which had us all singing along – White Cliffs of Dover, Lilli Marlene, Hang out your Washing etc. etc. A very enjoyable afternoon.

On 31<sup>st</sup> January Peter Petrie will talk on "It's a Sinister World" and 14<sup>th</sup> February David Chatterley's talk is entitled "The History of the Teddy Bear".

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## WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe in yourself and others*

[www.willerseyschool.org.uk](http://www.willerseyschool.org.uk)

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### DIARY

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Mar

### EVENTS

Floorball matches (TBC)

Wildlife Quiz (Team to be selected from Yrs5 and 6)

HALF TERM

Floorball matches (TBC)

World Book Day

The New Year has started at a fast pace and there are lots of new and exciting things to look forward to, alongside the usual curriculum activities.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

We have enjoyed a number of united services over Christmas with St Peter's including Christmas Day with Canon Harvey and his family, which, especially in retrospect, was a lovely occasion. Our service on 31 December was in our church with considerable input from St Peter's. Special thank you to Doreen!

We now have some **'useful pamphlets' for the people in Willersey who are Carers, those suffering illnesses and we who are just getting old!!!** There is a lot of help out there. The pamphlets come from Signpost in Broadway, which is there to 'signpost' you to the help organisations you need. Don't forget too, that Signpost has a Relate Counsellor for 4 hours every week on Tuesdays. This involves all sorts of counselling ie, children, single people and individuals who are part of a family. In other words help in a situation which means relating to others. There is a CAB Counsellor there every month as well as Age UK.

These pamphlets will be available to you to browse on a Friday morning along with our lovely coffee, and we have very superb biscuits! Please do come and support our Coffee, Chat & Craft Fridays. Knitting, crochet, sewing, etc. all going on, to make goods which are badly needed by those who have nothing!

**13<sup>th</sup> February is Shrove Tuesday! Pancakes** will be available at our church on that day run by the United Churches and all profits will go to Christian Aid.

**Unfortunately** we are unable to run Lent Lunches this year. After discussions between both Churches we realise we cannot provide the workforce. Instead see below.

**Lent starts 14<sup>th</sup> February with Ash Wednesday Service, Aston Sub-Edge, 7.30 pm.** For the rest of the weeks of Lent the Methodist Church will be open from 9 – 12 on a Friday to enable people who might like to come and sit quietly in church, and there will be a prayer board for you to leave personal prayers. (Paper and pen will be provided) So you could spend the whole of Friday mornings with us and browse the leaflets as above, think quietly, enjoy coffee and we're going to get some books together so that you can sit and read or borrow one for a week or so; also, of course, craft as above. St Peter's will hold their Wednesday Service as usual and the church will be open every day - there is a prayer board there too.

He was always passionately concerned about community, asylum seekers, refugees, all those who are marginalised, and justice. He was the theologian on the Church's influential report into inner-city poverty in the mid 80s called "Faith in the City".

In 1998 he was instrumental in the installation of ten statues of modern martyrs (including Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King and Oscar Romero) above the West Door of Westminster Abbey. Recently the issues close to his heart were justice for the memory of Bishop George Bell, ACES the society for children in El Salvador and above all Willersey; the village, the church and his vicar.

The prayers of those in the village, and our vicar the Rev. Scott Watts taking morning prayer with him (so sensitively) helped to make his death at the end so beautiful and peaceful. Hospitality was just one of our father's many gifts, and as he breathed his last there was not only a great sense of Confirmation that his work on earth was done, but a vividness that he has gone on ahead of us to that "house of many mansions" to help prepare a place for us all.

Anthony Harvey's funeral will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter's Church Willersey. Everyone is welcome to come to refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

### **Carol Singing Christmas Eve**

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported this traditional start to Christmas, the singing was hearty, the mince pies tasty and the mulled wine more-ish. Our thanks go to the Band who came and played without charge, to those who made mince pies and for Willersey Footlights who donated the mulled wine all of which helped us raise £203.70 for Action for Children. Thank you all for your donations and support.

## Weston Rural Cinema: February

After all the recent television programmes about Queen Victoria's later life our February film is "Victoria and Abdul", the extraordinary true story of an unexpected friendship in the last years of Victoria's remarkable reign. When Abdul Karim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself.

As she questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle all attempt to destroy. With the deepening of the friendship, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, learns to enjoy curry and to speak and write Hindustani with her munshi.

The film will be shown in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 on 01386 849316 or find details on the village website, [www.westonsubedge.com](http://www.westonsubedge.com).

The Village Bar will be open from 4.00 p.m. for a pre-cinema supper. For more details contact [becci.white@btinternet.com](mailto:becci.white@btinternet.com) or drop into the bar one weekend and collect a menu.

### **Youth Club**

Dwindling numbers have meant the demise of the Weston-sub-Edge Youth Club in its current form. Members of the Parish Council regret having had to make the decision and thank Sue Stanier for all her hard work over the last few years.

**We wish all our members, past and present, every happiness and success now and for the future.**

### The New Inn

Jess and Cliff have taken over the management of The New Inn. New website, New Facebook page and a New menu which we can't wait to share with everyone. With good food, good drinks and good company, we and our team look forward to welcoming you, your families and your dogs.

## Village Hall

In the autumn of 2016 the Hall Management Committee commissioned a structural survey to be carried out on the hall prior to planning a number of hall improvements. The survey highlighted that we had some major problems with the hall, including problems with the steel cladding on the roof with fascias and guttering that also need replacing. The survey also highlighted problems with the external cedar wood cladding, the large main hall windows plus a number of other problems. In view of this much needed remedial work the hall committee has since carried out our full review of what work needs to be done and what work we would like to do to ensure the hall continues to be a thriving community centre for village activities.

The Hall committee has successfully applied for planning permission to knock down the old wooden sheds at the back of the hall and build a more permanent storage room. This room will house tables, chairs and a new stackable staging system which will replace the existing stage which will be removed, this will give the hall a more flexible arrangement with the option of different size stages for any occasion.

The roof needs to be completely stripped off and new insulation, boarding and roof cladding fitted together with new fascia and guttering, we also plan to replace the large main hall windows and re-clad the outside of the Hall with a more modern style alternative. We also need to make our entrances more wheelchair friendly, with better ramps and handrails this will be enhanced by relaying the patio area with new paving and walling.

As you can see this is a very ambitious project for our Hall Committee to take on and subject to us obtaining sufficient grant funding we plan to carry out this work in 2019. We already have the promise of a large sum of money towards this project by way of the governments S106 developers contribution scheme but we still need to make grant applications to make up the shortfall. Our next step is to get an accurate cost of the refurbishment work and to make the all important grant applications, once we have this information we propose to hold a Presentation Evening in the Hall to get every ones approval and hopefully your support in making this project a reality.

In the meantime we have a couple of changes to our hall committee which sees Bill and Annie Payne taking over as our lettings secretaries (858368) and Lucy Jordan taking over as Treasurer (854886)

Neville Jelfs Hall Chairman.

**LOCAL WALKS WITH THE  
COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS**

February January 2018



**Celebrating Women in the North Cotswolds – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Strenuous**

Continuing the series of walks about Cotswold women this one features the life of Joanna Southcott who lived for a time in Blockley. Free parking is available in Chipping Campden (apart from the Market Square). Lunch available in Blockley. 7 hours: 11 miles.

*Start:* 9:30 am Chipping Campden, The Market Hall. OS Map ref SP 151 391.

**A Circumnavigation of Oxenton Hill - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Moderate**

A moderate walk around Oxenton Hill visiting four attractive villages. Views over the Severn Vale to Tewkesbury, Malvern and beyond. Bring refreshments. 3.5 hours: 7 miles.

*Start:* 9:30 am Gotherington Village Hall. OS Map ref SO 961 296.

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 see [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.

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**Soup Kitchen**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018

In Willersey Village Hall

12 o'clock to 2:30pm £6

Bowl of soup & bread, Dessert, Tea or Coffee

**Raffle**

All to raise funds to help Mackenzie attend the

2019 Scout Jamboree



**Willersey Women's Institute**

What a lovely start to our New Year, 7 new members and 1 guest making 31 in attendance plus Gracie Merleens hearing dog.

The Senior Citizens Lunch on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> was a big success with Mary and her team serving up a wonderful Christmas menu accompanied

by Roger serenading us with some lovely tunes on his organ, what a star! Well done to all WI members and friends for their hard work and a big thank you to Darren and Lizzie Barnes for supplying the fruit and vegetables. We have had lovely responses from our guests.

11<sup>th</sup> December was our turn, 24 of us set off in very seasonal snow and ice to the Pheasant at Toddington for our Christmas meal. We started off with "Jerusalem" accompanied by seasonal jingle bells much to the delight of the young farmers who gave us a round of applause from the adjoining bar. We had a lovely evening with good food, wine and company, plus our usual rummage in Santa's sack for a present, we all headed home feeling very Christmassy.

At our January meeting we had a vote for which resolution to support at National Level, which resulted with 15 votes to 'stop female genital mutilation' and 11 for 'mental health issues'. Our annual subs for 2018 would be £41.00

Jackie will continue collecting old Christmas cards and stamps for the Cobalt unit plus her monthly penny pots and card sale.

The Annual Group meeting is being hosted by Chipping Campden at Weston Subedge Village Hall on April 18<sup>th</sup> with a supper and speaker Francis Benton talking about pearls. Sue our roving WI reporter continues to keep an excellent record of our monthly speakers, events and trips with photo's always on show at our meetings in our WI journal, keep up the good work Sue.

Birthday Flowers were given to Pam M, Gi and Sandra V. Maggie introduced our Speaker Gill O'Donague who gave us a wonderful account of her experience when dancing at the Moulin Rouge in Paris from the age 16 oolala! She trained to be a ballerina but grew a little too tall, however her good friend at the Moulin Rouge talked her into joining her in Paris, years later Gill danced in Rio De Janeiro and many shows in the West End. We had a super display of Gill's photo's, programmes and DVD, which showed us what fabulous costumes and makeup were worn. It was obvious that lots of hard work and long hours went into her dancing, but what wonderful memories she has to pass onto her grandchildren. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Our meeting ended with lovely refreshments served by Mary, Anne T and Angie.

Next meeting Monday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm, guests welcome (£4.00), speaker Adrian James, on "Tempted to Travel". Competition, 'a favourite destination' on any media.

Tea hostesses, Jackie, Cathy, Sue and Gill - Raffle Penny

Birthday Flowers Elizabeth MJ Table Flowers Anne C.

**Food Heroes - Village Recipe Book**

The WI is compiling a book of recipes: those favourite childhood ones; the bomb proof type you cook for friends; maybe foods that remind you of a special person or occasion.

We have been sampling some at our Monday meetings and this week we were spiced up by Pete Bond's chilli jam and comforted by Judy Munt's Tiffin recipe. So please, if you have one you would like to share get in touch with Mal 858351 or Maggie's email -

# WHATEVER THE WHEEL THE RESULT IS THE

**SAME!** Lovely hand spun wool! WILLERSEY SPINNERS meet on the second Tuesday in the month at the Willersey Community Room (next door to the Methodist Church). We start at 7 pm. WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO SPIN? How to make fine thread, arty (chunky) thread, from Sheep/Alpaca/ even dog hair mediums!? We will also look at other ways of using the wool. We are all members of the local Guilds of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers. There are even spare wheels! So you don't have to 'find your own'. Contact us at:-

Penny 01386 853306 or [ingles7pp@btinternet.com](mailto:ingles7pp@btinternet.com); Jane 01789 763325; Shosh 01386 832073 [shoshannagolds@gmail.com](mailto:shoshannagolds@gmail.com)



**A New Organ for Saint Peter's** There was an entertaining evening of music at St Peter's on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov to dedicate our Parish's new Church organ. Richard Stephens of St James, Chipping Campden performed a brilliant Toccata & Fugue followed by a first rendition of Willersey's own, new hymn. The purchase and installation of the organ has been financed in part, by a £10,000 loan which now needs to be repaid. So, please support our fundraising

The proposed site is infill development, surrounded by existing and new housing, along with the disused railway. Views into the site are very limited and there is a low influence on the AONB. The site is of medium/low landscape sensitivity. As can be seen from the site plan below, our site is low density at 22 dwellings per hectare and has been landscape led in its design.



Further information can be found on our website at: [www.newlandhomes.co.uk/land/765-willersey-mland-765](http://www.newlandhomes.co.uk/land/765-willersey-mland-765)

Or you can contact us with any comments at:  
Newland Homes Ltd, Brighthouse Court, Barnett Way, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3RT T: 01452 623000  
Email: [feedback@newlandhomes.co.uk](mailto:feedback@newlandhomes.co.uk)

## Proposed New Houses and Bungalows at Willersey

### Public Consultation

Newland Homes are pleased to be providing information for residents following our Outline Planning Application being submitted. The site, as shown below, is located to the north of our existing development site accessed off Collin Lane, through the existing development site. The site is well located for access to the village and local services.



Area shown in grey above shows extent of proposed development

The site covers an area of approximately 1.8 hectares. Our indicative layout has been landscape led for up to 40 dwellings, this will provide a mix of detached and terraced houses and includes 16 bungalows. The design of the homes will be influenced by the character of Willersey and the houses within the conservation area.

### Highway Safety

As part of the approval for the existing development, new highway works and traffic calming measures have been agreed. This will be a new footpath and crossing point which will provide a pedestrian link to the existing footpath to the east of Collin Close, providing a safe link to Main Street. Collin Lane will also be narrowed in 2 places to the east of the site, this will reduce traffic speeds along Collin Lane.

## New Medical Centre in Broadway Open Day Event

The GPs of Barn Close Surgery would like to invite you to an Open Day event being run by the practice at the Lifford Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 from 11am until 7pm.

The practice plans to relocate to new modern purpose-built healthcare premises, offering significantly improved facilities for the benefit of both patients and staff.

We would very much appreciate the views of our patients and the local community. At the open day you will be able to view the design proposals for the new building. On hand to answer your questions will be representatives of the practice and our design and development team.

The event is being run throughout the day and we very much look forward to seeing you and receiving your comments.

### The MARCH 2018 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the March 2018 News must be received by Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events.

Email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com), drop them into Willersey Stores or phone 858628. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

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

*Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com) or leave them at the Village Stores.*

**For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or [www.willersey.org](http://www.willersey.org).**



## BELL RINGING AND BEER



Now let's be clear from the off that there is no compulsion to consume beer to be a bell ringer. Although a little modest refreshment for some of the ringers after a Thursday practice night is not uncommon.

However, now I have got your attention, you might be interested to know that in the early years of bell ringing it was something of a macho sport for young men who would imbibe quite heavily **before** ringing and then 'topple' into the church service. If you look carefully at lots of churches - including St Peter's -you can see where the entrance from the ringing chamber into the church has been bricked up to keep the rowdy ringers out of the service. Nowadays ringers are far more well behaved.

Before the turn of the 18th century St Peter's had only three bells, but in 1712 three more were added to give the six that we have today. The smallest bell weighs 4cwt, with the tenor being the largest bell at just over 11cwt - the approximate weight of an original mini.

But ringing does not require huge strength - it's about controlling the bell you are ringing with technique. Being able to count is all the maths needed and you can become a very good ringer knowing nothing about music. A few weeks of tuition enables new ringers to join in with the band on a Sunday morning and become part of a three hundred year old village tradition.

Pete Kavanagh, Beccie Williams - our latest ringing recruit, or Bob Topp would be happy to chat further - with or without a beer.

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. The last family service of 2017 was a carol service and we were joined by the Methodist Church. Richard Ingles read the first lesson and a prayer later on in the service. Frankie Wood read the poem "Little Donkey" and George M read a lesson. The poem "Christmas" was read by Ed Foster and the final reading was by Penny Ingles. The collection was taken by younger members of the congregation. Bridget Wade from Chipping Campden took the service and the refreshments were served by members of St Peters and the Methodist Church.

On Pages 14 and 15 are an advertisement by Newland Homes about their Outline Planning Application for 40 extra dwellings on a site near to their existing approved 50 dwellings in Collin Lane. You can see more detail and also comment to Cotswold District Council at the following website <https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/centralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=OZKNCRFIK7000> If you do not have internet access then you can telephone 01285 623000 take option 5, and arrange to view and comment on the Working File at Cotswold District Council's offices in Cirencester.



## Willersey Footlights



All those associated with Willersey Footlights would like to show our appreciation for the splendid support we received for our recent seasonal offering 'A Christmas Cracker'. We are delighted to be able to report that as a result we have been able to make a donation of £500 from our proceeds to Campden Home Nursing Trust.

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What a happy service we had at the Church with the Family Service. Our theme was the journey of Life and we looked at how we travel throughout our lives and what part God plays in the path of things. "What's in the Bag" appeared with maps, torches, stars, a sat nav and milestones. All these things are needed to guide us and show us the way. We had 30 adults and 4 children at the service. Thanks go to Caleb and Grace for the collection, to our prayer readers, Pat, Ken & Justine, and to Doreen for playing the piano for us. Scott did a marvellous job of taking us on our journey through life. There were nay good comments after the service and lovely refreshments served by Rachael and Justine. See you all at our next Family Service at 11:00am on February 18<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's.





**January Notes from Your Parish Council**  
**Happy New Year to all our residents**

**TREE OF LIGHT**

This year the Tree of Light remembered 43 loved ones, and raised (including donations) £235. Huge thanks go to Gillian Beale for writing all the names in the book, Peter Taylor for displaying the book all over Christmas, Willersey Stores for hosting the forms and Sue and Lou who in spite of one or two glitches (so sorry!!) gave the supply of electric for the lights. Thank you all for lighting up our Christmas .

**DOG POO AGAIN!**

We know the Parish Council keeps on about this, but it is a real problem. Those irresponsible dog owners who don't "pick up the poo" have made the village a skating rink again.

**IT'S VILE, DON'T LEAVE IT, BAG IT, AND PICK IT UP!  
ANY BIN WILL DO!!**

In an effort to try and keep the village clear of dog mess WPC has purchased bags that will be put on the side of the dog poo bins in the village, the locations of the bins are:

1. Warner's Farm entrance on the Broadway Road
2. The Churchyard
3. The top of Blind Lane
4. At the top of Collin Lane at the junction of Hays Close
5. Outside the industrial estate

**BUT - ANY BIN WILL DO!!**

**REPORTING ISSUES**

Any resident can report a highway repair or incident to Highways, it doesn't have to be parish council only. Go to

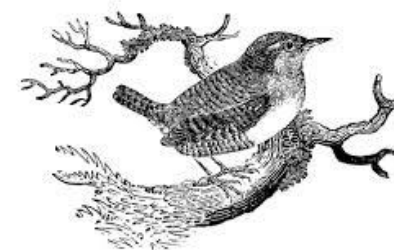
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/roads/report-it/> and report anything highway related.

You can also report owners of dogs who don't pick up after their dogs, go to dog fouling on Cotswold District Council site :

[https://forms.cotswold.gov.uk/eforms/ufsmain?formid=ORG\\_REPORT\\_FO RM&C PRM RTYPE=DOGFOU&C PRM\\_ORG=CDC&C PRM\\_UI D\\_ACCESSKEY=3c774fab929cc2fc&ebz=1\\_1516368123191&ebd=0&ebz=1\\_1516368123191](https://forms.cotswold.gov.uk/eforms/ufsmain?formid=ORG_REPORT_FO RM&C PRM RTYPE=DOGFOU&C PRM_ORG=CDC&C PRM_UI D_ACCESSKEY=3c774fab929cc2fc&ebz=1_1516368123191&ebd=0&ebz=1_1516368123191)

**Nature Box**

Wren



The wren, that tiny russet bird with a stubby tail and pulsating song, is our second smallest bird weighing in at just 10 grams; and perhaps somewhat surprisingly, also the most common breeding bird in the UK.

There was a time when a Boxing Day tradition would see gangs of boys in fancy dress and masks involved in the gruesome practice of hunting and killing this tiny bird. It's not as if life in the winter wasn't hard enough for the tiny wren, with them needing to huddle together for warmth to survive really cold nights. One nest box used as a roost recorded 63 wrens snuggled up together. In really cold winters we can see wren numbers plummet, but recovering quickly in milder years.

Spring time sees male wrens building several nests and then encouraging the female to choose one to which she then adds the nest lining. Quite often males set up home with more than one female in the nests they build; with the male not helping to raise the chicks in either nest. Given that as many as 8 or 9 chicks may fledge successfully in just one nest this is some single parent operation.

If you would like to share interesting wildlife sightings in and around the village, comment or contribute to Nature Box please contact the nature box editor Bob Topp and send items to: [willerseynaturebox@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynaturebox@gmail.com)

## Services at ST. PETER'S CHURCH February 2018

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

### **Sidesman, Readers and Coffee rota for February 2018**

| Date                                                                                 | Sidesman               | Reader           | Refreshments                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b><br><b>before Lent</b> | Geoff Dear             | Geoff Dear       | 9.30 am BCP<br>Adine Keatley &<br>Liz Webb                |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Sunday next</b><br><b>before Lent</b>          | John Busbridge         | John Busbridge   | 9.30 am Eucharist<br>Sandra Spensley &<br>Sylvia Schembri |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b>                              | Benefice Service       |                  | 7.30pm at<br>Weston sub Edge                              |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Lent 1</b>                                     | Bel & Bill<br>Jabelman | F.A.S.T.<br>team | 11.00 am F.A.S.T. team<br>Family Service                  |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Lent 2</b>                                     | Geoff Dear             | Alison<br>Dear   | 9.30 am Eucharist<br>Alison Dear & Liz Webb               |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>Lent 3</b>                                         | Tim Prestage           | Tim<br>Prestage  | 9.30 am BCP<br>Peter & Penny Burch                        |

If you need to swap please contact someone to take your place.

BCP Holy Communion CW Eucharist

All services start at 9:30am unless otherwise noted.

**Please check for changes/additions on the weekly sheet.**

| Date                                       | St Peter's Lessons                                |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b>             | Proverbs ch 8 v 1, 22-31 & Colossians 1 v 15-20   |
| <b>February 11<sup>th</sup></b>            | 2 Kings ch 2 v 1-12 & 2 Corinthians ch 4 v3-6     |
| <b>Feb 14<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup></b> | To be advised                                     |
| <b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b>            | Genesis ch 17 v 1-7, 15-16 & Romans ch 4 v 13-end |
| <b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>                | Exodus ch 2 v 1-17 & 1 Corinthians ch 1 v 18 - 25 |

### **Week Ending**

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The cleaning cupboard is in the vestry. A key is in the Bell Inn or

from Mrs Gillian Beale 852958 **10**

### **St Peter's Church Cleaning**

Sandy Barnes / Elizabeth Milne-James

Rachael Barker

### **St Peter's Brass Cleaning**

Gillian Beale

Jennie and Peter Bond

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for February 2018

Our services all start at 10:30 am

|                  |          |                               |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | February | Revd Ros Murphy               |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | February | Bidford-on-Avon Mission Group |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | February | Revd Ian Mead                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | February | Revd. Israel Selvanayagam     |

### **Munch Bunch**

The next Munch Bunch lunch will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12:30

They are usually on the third Wednesday of any month. Please contact David on 853400 if you are unable to attend or you are not a regular.

St Peter's Christingle service on Christmas Eve was taken by Scott. It started with the lighting of the Advent wreath. George M helped us out by reading a lesson and Adine read the second lesson. The meaning of Christingle was explained with the help of the children and Scott. This part of the service is so magical with the Christingles all lit and the lights low as we sing "Away in a Manger". The Christingle hymn was sung to the tune of Morning has Broken. The special Children's Society prayer was read with a special mention of Judy Munt who had organised this service for many years. We ended with "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and everyone was wished a Happy Christmas. Forward now to 2018: our Family Service is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:00am and there is still room in the pews for you. Best Wishes for the New Year from the F.A.S.T. team.

### **Broadway Embroidery Group**

Our first meeting of the New Year was a 'sit and sew'. Our decorated tree with angels and stars at the Tree Festival had been much admired and members shared ideas for decorating a tree for Christmas 2018.

Rose showed us next month's project – a needlecase worked on canvas.

Next month's meeting will be on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> 10am – 1pm.

Members will need to bring their usual sewing kit with a variety of embroidery threads in blues or a colour of their choice.

For more information please ring Penny 853306 or Gillian 852958. New members welcome. Come and see what we do at Broadway Methodist Church Hall.