

## PASTORAL LETTER – June 2024

### Gardens

This month we are opening the Vicarage garden (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) as part of a fund raising weekend for Campden Home Nursing. It always comes with a bit of stress, and we rush to make it look presentable not that we are in any way an exemplar of horticultural good practice or garden design. It's a good stimulus to do some wedding, pruning and general care.

The garden is a curiosity given its location. We are also a curiosity because we do not garden intensively rather, we manage the wild. It's a privilege of having space so that we can leave bits untended. We intentionally leave nettles and deadwood. We've added a large compost heap, a hedgehog house, various bird boxes and bug hotels. The garden is managed in the hope that we can increase the biodiversity of both the flora and fauna.

We have planted more than 15 fruit trees. A variety of species which not only offer fantastic blossom but provide a variety of fruits. We planted a mulberry and a medlar the kind of oddity that Vicarage gardens ought to contain.

We dug out an old pond some years ago. In the first year we thought the pond plants had all died but now they are doing well. We occasionally get blooms of pond weed that seems to choke everything else but despite these hic-ups the pond life thrives; newts have returned.

The vegetable patch suffers from lack of care. Its always painful to return after the summer holiday and see its neglected state so this year we're using part of it as a plant hospital and place to grow low maintenance flowers.

For some years I have been letting the grass grow throughout the summer. Cutting in the late summer and early autumn and then at the end of winter before the spring surge of growth. We have been rewarded by three types of native orchid appearing. Last year we planted a mix of meadow seed on the site of our old chicken coop. Dense foliage has sprung up and we are looking forward to seeing what flowers burst into bloom later in the season.

We do this as an expression of our faith. The first commandment in scripture is to tend and care for the earth (Genesis 2: 15).

A teenager held a party in their parents' home. The party got out of hand and caused thousands of pounds of damage to the family home that had been lovingly created by the parents. What does God think of our treatment of the natural world? Does humanity sometimes act thoughtlessly, putting themselves and their personal enjoyment above the care of the home they were given?

This month may you enjoy the beauty of creation,  
may you treasure and nurture your local environment,  
may you tread gently as you journey through life

Every blessing

Revd Craig

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### *The Welcome Café*

**Every Thursday, 2pm to 4:30pm**

**in Saint Peter's Church**

**offering**

**freshly brewed coffee**

**and pots of tea , with homemade cakes**

**and savouries.**





## Report for June 2024

At the end of April ten members attended the Annual Campden Group meeting at King George's Hall Mickleton as it was their WI's turn to be the party hostess this year. Their theme was a 1940's night with a 1940's afternoon tea. Seated with a ration book menu we were surrounded by memorabilia, Land Army Girls and Vera Lynn look-a-likes. The entertainment was provided by 4 Play with sketches, songs and poems. WI Secretaries gave their reports for the past year and Pam gave a great off- the- cuff report. What a trouper! Although, sadly, there are now only three WI groups in the Campden Group, it was so nice to be with Mickleton and Ebrington WI members for an entertaining evening.

In mid May we had two events: a simple social evening with a chance for a get together and catch up quickly followed a couple of days later by a farm visit to Gorsehill Abbey Farm. Local to us, just off Collin Lane, Jenny and her husband Nick run their organic dairy farm producing rich creamy whole milk and a wonderful selection of flavours of organic ice cream and milk shakes. Jenny and Nick kindly gave us a detailed guided tour of the farm with us all hugely appreciating their commitment to the welfare of their animals and the environment and to educating others about their farm.

Their young calves with their beautiful eyes captured the hearts of our members along with, we have to admit, the thought of buying some yummy ice cream. So finally we headed to the shop to indulge ourselves. Which flavour are you choosing? Cappuccino?

Oh, go on then. Our grateful thanks go to Jenny and Nick for showing us around and giving us an insight into life running an organic dairy farm.

A Nixon



## COMING UP IN JUNE 2024

There will not be a Monday meeting in June. Tini has invited members to a tour of her garden at her house, the Manor, in Willersey on Sunday 9th June. Donations to the Red Cross would be appreciated.

The main June meeting is an afternoon outing on the Heritage Steam Railway from Broadway to Cheltenham Racecourse and back on **Wednesday 12th June** at 1.30pm. Parking is available opposite the station. Final numbers to Mal Jelfs with payment by the end of May. Further details will be given via email to members.

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



## **Saint Peter's Patronal Festival** **Special Service, 10:00 Sunday 30 June**

*'Teas in Church'*

*Saturday 29 June, 1pm to 4:00pm*



*Flowers for Saint Peter all weekend*

*Featuring floral displays by our Flower Group*

*Children's Summer Crafts*

*St Peter's themed display of figures*



# Scarecrow Trail 17th-26th June 2024



Mid summer is almost here to herald the annual just for fun Willersey Scarecrow Trail.

This year's theme is - 'The Great Outdoors'



There are loads of ideas to choose from here. Perhaps around the range of sports on offer, trekking or cycling, maybe more extreme sports, gardening, outdoor hobbies, wildlife spotting pursuits, explorers and travellers now or down the ages or perhaps DIY or the world of paid work that involves being outside.

It's not a competition but an interest trail for all of us to enjoy as we take a leg stretch around the village.

Please display scarecrows from the 17th June for 10 days until Wednesday 26th June.

So we can complete a trail map please cut out and 'post' by Wednesday 12th June the information slip below in the plastic envelope outside one of the following addresses:

19 Collin Close (Bob & Maggie)

The Village Hall noticeboard

2 Nash Road (Peter & Sandy) OR

email scarecrow details to bob.topp@btinternet.com

Trail maps can be collected from the same plastic envelopes beginning on **Monday 17th June.**

*Bob Topp*



Please email or 'post' in one of the 3 Scarecrow Trail envelopes by Wednesday 12th June. Thank you.

Name.....

Address.....

Scarecrow Title.....



## King Charles III Cup Hill Race

### Sunday 19th May

The race starts at the jubilee tree and competitors race to Saintbury Church and back. As well as 32 runners there were 20 plus adults and children, some accompanied by dogs who walked the course.

Category winners were Lilly Heron, Toby Lowther, Chloe Seabright, Harry Shaylor, Becky Horne, Rachel Barker, Nick Shayler and Nigel Foxall.

The winner of the King Charles III Cup was Harry Shaylor who completed the course in 11 minutes and 32 seconds. Winner of the Willersey School Trophy was Lilly Heron. A big thank you to all those who took part, both runners and walkers. Thanks also go to organisers Nigel Foxall and Sandy Foxall, and helpers Alison and Brian Lawrence.

*Phil Bennett*

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## Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). **Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks may be published on the website.**

<https://www.cotswoldsaoib.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

### **Shipton under Wychwood via Milton under Wychwood & Bruern Abbey**

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Moderate 3hr 6.5ml**

A circular walk from Shipton Under Wychwood to Milton Under Wychwood then back via Foxholes Nature Reserve and Bruern Wood. Please bring a drink/snack.

*Start:* 9.30am Dog Kennel Lane off A361, south end of village near cricket club OX7 6DG.OS Map ref: SP 275 174. W3W: mistress.atlas.fruitcake

#### **Walk with a Watery Theme – and a rare Bloom! – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Easy 2.5hr 5ml**

With a fountain, a water mill streams to cross and a watering hole to enjoy at the end this walk has everything including a member of Everyone's Evenlode team who will give us interesting snippets about wildlife. The big star will be the rare meadow clary which should be in flower.

The camp site at Banbury Hill Farm has an excellent café, open to all, The Old Shed. The walk is mostly on field tracks and through woodland with a tiny bit of road walking.

*Start:* 10.00am Banbury Hill Farm OX7 3JH. OS Map ref: SP 364 209.

#### **An Evening in the Eastern Cotswolds – Wednesday 19th June – Easy 2hr 3.5ml**

What could be more wonderful than an evening in Classic Cotswold country in June? The highlight of this walk is the downward section across field paths with fabulous views.

The Chequers in Churchill serves good food. If you wish to eat there please book independently. Phone 01608 644717

*Start:* 6.00pm Churchill, some spaces at the village hall & roadside parking near the church OX7 6NJ. OS Map ref: SP 283 242.

#### **Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr**

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

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

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

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## CROQUET FOR ALL (North Cotswold U3A)



The Croquet season is on and ready to go! If you'd like to join in then come along to the Methodist Church Garden at 2.30 pm on the second and third Tuesdays at 2pm when you'll be made very welcome! Our excellent groundsmen have meticulously manicured the Croquet Court during the spring. A big thank you to Vic and Chris!

Enquiries to Richard Ingles 853306

## It Happened in June!

### These Historical Events all happened in June

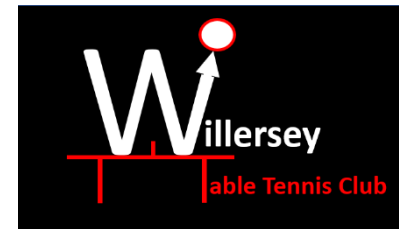
- 1) In June 1487, in which county did the final battle of the “War of the Roses” take place?
- 2) Who was the author of “Gone with the Wind”, first published in June 1936?
- 3) In June of which year did “The Orient Express” commence operations?
- 4) George Orwell published his novel “1984” in the June of which year?
- 5) In June 1862 who concluded his “Shenandoah Valley Campaign” in the American Civil War?
- 6) The first Boat Race held on the Thames between Oxford and Cambridge took place in June of which year? a)1829, b) 1849, c) 1869.
- 7) Who led the International Olympic Committee that founded the modern Olympic Games in June 1894 at an international congress in Paris?
- 8) In June 1837 the British naval officer and explorer James Clark Ross successfully led the first expedition to reach where?
- 9) Which technique for rescuing choking victims was first published in the journal “Emergency Medicine” in June 1974?
- 10) CNN began broadcasting in June 1980. What do the initials stand for?
- 11) Born on the 1st June 1926, this American actress and model found fame after changing her name to what?
- 12) Whose circus started their first tour of the United States in June 1835?
- 13) Which former Egyptian President was jailed for life in June 2012 for his role in the killing of demonstrators during the 2011 revolution?
- 14) Which author whose works include “Jude the Obscure” was born in June 1840?

- 15) The Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII, married Wallace Simpson in June of which year?
- 16) In June 1215 Zhongdu was captured by Ghengis Khan and the Mongols. What is the city known as now?
- 17) Who was the actor best known for playing the lead role in the TV series “The Adventures of Robin Hood”, he died in June 1985?
- 18) Suzi Quatro was born in June 1950, what was the title of her first UK No.1?
- 19) In June 1783 which brothers first publicly demonstrated their hot air balloon?
- 20) Which “Suffragette” in June 1913 was fatally injured by King George V’s horse at the Epsom Derby

Please see page 15 for the answers

Mike R

## FIRST SEASON IN STRATFORD LEAGUE



A successful first season playing in the Stratford-upon-Avon Table Tennis League from the Team of four – Rob Pitt, Ian Cooper, Jared Maguire and Mark Bridgeman. Overall the Team played 22 matches, won 12, drew 1 and lost 9 and finished up in 4<sup>th</sup> position in Division 2.

If you’d like to play in the League next season or just fancy coming along for a social game, we play in the Village Hall every Wednesday evening on three tables from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. All abilities and standards very welcome. Please check out our website <https://willersey.ttclubs.co.uk> or contact Mark Bridgeman on 07976-111906 or email [bridgeman757@btinternet.com](mailto:bridgeman757@btinternet.com).

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## AVON CHORAL SOCIETY

### Shakespeare in Song!! – Saturday June 15th

A group of Stratford Choral Society singers will give a concert on **Saturday 15th June** of Shakespeare words, sonnets and songs set to music by George Shearing, William Walton and some present-day composers. These songs have a jazzy feel, are new settings to familiar words or have a modern twist on unusual texts. So, it will be a special fun summer evening. Do join us!

**Tickets £10 for this concert at 7.30pm** in St Andrews Church, Church Lane, Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9HQ available from [www.stratfordchoral.org.uk](http://www.stratfordchoral.org.uk), Choir members or on the door on the night if seats available.

**Further Information:** Carol Jackson on 01386 841440.

Following Weston Sub Edge Fete

### *Rocking Weston*

**6:00pm, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Live at the Bowling Green,  
at the Weston Village Bar



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– the powerful, entertaining '80's band



In Aid of Weston  
Baptist Church



## Saint Peter's Church Services June 2024



**This month:** Saint Peter's Tower will ring our bells on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. We will remember them.

<b>Sunday 2 June</b>	<b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b>	<b>4:30pm Evensong</b> <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
<b>Sunday 9 June</b>	<b>9:30 am Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 16 June</b>	<b>11.00 am All Age Worship</b>
<b>Sunday 23 June</b>	<b>10:00 am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 30 June</b>	<b>10.00 am Saint Peter's Patronal Festival Service of Holy Communion</b>

**Mid-week Holy Communion (BCP):** at Saint Peter's, every Wednesday at 11:00 am. **Your Church is open for you every day.**

### Refreshments for the month of June

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine and Richard Sutcliffe
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Karen and Mike Barnard
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rachael & Poppy Barker
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gillian Beale
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Service

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### Church Cleaning for June

Week ending

June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Sandy Barnes and Elizabeth Milne-James

June 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Annie Payne and Sue Clark

### Brass Cleaning

For the month of June

Mal Jelfs and Jackie Jordan

Please collect the key from either The Bell Inn or Gillian Beale at Florizel, Lower Green.

Cleaning materials are in the tall cupboard in the vestry and also in the cupboard to the left of the sink in the South transept.

Thanks again to all the helpers keeping St Peter's Church looking well looked after and cared for

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## All Age Service Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

All Age Worship in May celebrated Pentecost. This is said to be the beginning of the Christian Church after the apostles received the Holy Spirit and went about speaking in many tongues with crowds following them and listening.

Mark took the service this month and in his talk he explained various traditions throughout the Church. In Italy they scatter rose petals. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, they hold all night vigils. Pentecost is from the Greek word meaning 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter.

The Readings were from St John's gospel - Jesus' promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit. The hymns during the service were all tied in with the theme. Thank you to the readers of lessons and prayers and all the helpers in the Service.

Our All Age Service in June will celebrate Fathers and is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00 a.m. and it would be lovely to see you there.

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## THE WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH (as it was)

Apologies for not having a letter in the village magazine for the last two months. I think it's time to say that our merry band of heroes are now out of the winter 'blues'.

While talking of change. We are no longer part of the Methodist Church. We pay our 'dues' to them but we are a free church gathering, and we're very happy to be so. We enjoy using a set service (provided by the United Reform Church) which does not dictate a sermon word by word, but ideas on the readings from the lectionary. The discussions are lively and because our group is small, we're not inhibited by our numbers. We all have our say! A lot of people will be saying 'what's she on about' but, we are free to take the service according to the people who have gathered. We have a hymn which is chosen by the group, accompanied by a recording on Penny B's mobile and we all take part in the 'service sheet'. No-one is 'expected' to contribute but everyone is welcome to.

We have the readings and then we have our discussion. That's instead of a sermon. It's become quite interesting as people have got used to airing their opinions! And on that note I'll say that we miss Glennys Emmott who always has an appropriate comment to make. She's in Worcester Hospital after having a fall at the end of our coffee morning a few weeks back. We look forward to her return and recovery.

Our coffee mornings are open to anyone who would like to come along. Fridays around 10.30am. We 'jointly' try to support the Ukraine who have been having problems with neighbours for a long time now and need our help. We join with Bourton on the Water Legion to contribute our knitted blankets, and anything else that would be helpful to the people who are so battered.

The croquet group which meets at the back of the church is commencing the season and invites anyone who is interested to join in. The second and fourth Tuesday in the month starting at 2.30pm, and if you want to know more contact Richard on 01386853306 or anyone you know in the group. Do come and join us!

*Penny Ingles 853306, Collin Close, Willersey.*

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## Saint Peter's Mowing Rota

18 May to 2 June	Mark Taylor & Rob McN-W
3 to 16 June	Ben Ingles & Harry Nobes
17 to 30 June	Tolleys & Jordans
1 to 14 July	Jamie Tolley & Will Palmer



*If you'd like to join the Rota for some really worthwhile exercise in a beautiful environment, email Lisa at:*

[lisamarcham22@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarcham22@gmail.com)

## St. Peter's Flower Arranging Group

St Peter's flower arrangers meet on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm in the Church. The next major flower display will be for the Patronal Festival on the 29<sup>th</sup> June (Saint Peter's Day). Refreshments will be served in Church from 1pm to 4pm. Children can come along and enjoy creating Summer themed artwork in the Crafty Church Corner.

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## It Happened in June! - Answers

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| 1) Nottinghamshire           | 11) Marilyn Monroe       |
| 2) Margaret Mitchell         | 12) P. T. Barnum         |
| 3) 1883                      | 13) Hosni Mubarak        |
| 4) 1949                      | 14) Thomas Hardy         |
| 5) General Stonewall Jackson | 15) 1937                 |
| 6) 1829                      | 16) Beijing              |
| 7) Pierre de Coubertin       | 17) Richard Greene       |
| 8) North Magnetic Pole       | 18) Can the Can          |
| 9) The Heimlich Maneuver     | 19) Montgolfier Brothers |
| 10) Cable News Network       | 20) Emily Davidson       |

Quiz on page 9/10

## WILLERSEY FARMERS' MARKETS

Thank you for continuing to support the Farmers' Market. It is lovely to hear so many positive comments about the market and also the "vibe" it brings to the village. Please do keep coming - if you don't the traders will not come back. There will be some months when not all traders will be able to attend but we hope to introduce new stalls over the months. Any ideas for new traders- let me know. Please also support the refreshments in the Village Hall - monies from their sales and the pitch revenue go back into Village Hall funds.

The market is the third Sunday of the month- here are the dates:

June 16 <sup>th</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	

Any comments/ suggestions for the market.

Please email: [willerseymarket@gmail.com](mailto:willerseymarket@gmail.com)

*Jane Rintoul*

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## August Bank Holiday Monday

*It is customary for village organizations and residents to place stalls and displays on the green to coincide with the Horticultural Show in the village hall. Please could anyone be planning on using the green contact the Parish Clerk.*

*Kevin O'Donoghue*

*email: [clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk)*





## Recent Village Sightings

They're back: the first swifts were spotted over Main Street on the 7th May, exactly the same date as last year, and hopefully by now egg laying will be well underway. House martins have arrived and occupying the seemingly last nest site in the village. Village swallows also seem to be in short supply, although Gorsehill Abbey Farm has returning swallows which you can check out as you buy their delicious milk. Other milk suppliers are available! But a report of a pair of barn owls quartering a nearby field and an early morning calling male cuckoo really is pleasing news to share.

Plenty of nest box action is being observed with blue tits and great tits busy feeding nestlings, and house sparrows also occupying a terrace box. Of course, not all nest boxes will be used every year, and not all eggs hatch and not all nestlings survive to fledge, but that's all part of nature's story. There are plenty of newly fledged blackbird youngsters, wrens and young robins too, minus that red breast at this early stage. One theory being that without their red breast they are less likely to be harassed by mature robins that are very territorial. Recently fledged noisy wing fluttering starlings are now being seen begging parents for an easy meal.

It is delightful to hear of another brown hare, and

snuffling hedgehogs going about their noisy courtship being recorded from a variety of gardens across the village. A shared picture of an eyed hawk moth with a 5cm wingspan and bat sightings illustrating what else is on the move. It's amazing what goes on after dark! And as the weather warms, we are starting to hear about other butterflies joining orange tip, holly blue and brimstone that were some of the earliest on the wing in spring. Large and small whites, and further hatches of tortoiseshell and peacocks will soon be decorating our gardens.

News about recent Willersey sightings from Lynne, Siriol, Lena, Sue, Richard, *Brenda, Mike, John, Sandra, Nigel, Jim, Sarah, Gi & Pete, Sandy, Mike & Shirley, Helen, David, Mary, Mike, Jill & Dave, Derek, Ann, Flic, Julia & John and Robert & Helen.* Thank you all.

*If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box, please email Bob Topp at [bob.topp@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.topp@btinternet.com)*

## Broadway Library

Now also open on Fridays



### Opening Times:

Monday 9.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 9.30 - 4.30pm

**Friday open 9.30 - 4.30pm**

Saturday open 9.30 - 1pm.

Tele. 01386 822722



At Willersey Wednesday club in June, we are ending our first half of the year with a talk on June 12th on the secrets of Morris Dancing - a somewhat ancient village tradition. Then on Wednesday June 26th we have our summer outing to the Severn Valley Railway. There are a couple of seats still available so if you are interested in joining us, then give us a call on 07527398429, and leave a message.

After June 36th we take our summer break, reconvening on Wednesday, September 11th.

Remember, everyone over 55 is welcome to come along and find out what we are all about - no expectations. We meet every other Wednesday afternoon at the Willersey Village Hall. The meeting starts promptly at 2.30pm so we suggest you might plan to arrive by 2.20pm. After the presentation and meeting, we have a variety of teas/coffee, sandwiches, cakes and - a good chance to meet others in the community and just socialise. Anyone from the villages local to Willersey and Broadway is welcome to come along and join us. See you there.

For more information you can email the Chairman - Terry on; [triffik@yahoo.com](mailto:triffik@yahoo.com) or call/text him on 07527 398429

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### **THE JULY VILLAGE NEWS**

**Copy for the July News must be received by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest, thanks or notice of forthcoming events.**

Newsletter completion will start early the next day.

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

The Church and Village News is published on the Internet at.  
[www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm](http://www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm)



## **Ringling out for Peace**

The 6th of June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944, Operation Overlord saw over 5,000 ships and landing craft set down more than 130,000 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe.

As part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, we are once again encouraging ringers to Ring Out for Peace on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (or at a suitable time that day).

**The Saintbury church will be rung at 3.00pm and St Peter's Willersey will ring at 6.30pm.**

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### **WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL TREASURER WANTED**

Our village hall committee is made up of representatives of all village organisations, so this is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and get involved in village life. Our Treasurer Tracey is returning to full time employment, so we are looking for someone to take her place. Tracey will give full training to a new treasurer and remain on hand to ensure a smooth handover over. If you would like to become part of a very friendly Village Hall Committee and take on this important role please email [nevillejelfs@gmail.com](mailto:nevillejelfs@gmail.com).

Neville Jelfs    Chairman    **07980-870309**

## Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

A small group of us met at *Number 8* in Pershore to view paintings and artwork created by local artists, and to enjoy refreshments. From the theatre coffee shop we made our way to Pershore Abbey for a guided tour. We learnt a lot of interesting facts regarding its history.

In medieval times the Abbey was much larger. There is a link with Westminster Abbey with the choir being entitled to wear the same red colour robes as Westminster. A basket of plums is paid as a peppercorn rent to Westminster Abbey annually.

As an embroidery group we were particularly interested in the design on the altar cloth and the beautifully worked kneelers in grey and red threads.

Outside we observed the platform constructed high up for the peregrine falcons to perch. They have successfully hatched eggs again this year and with cameras set up, viewing progress of the birds is possible.

With our tour complete we went our separate ways with some deciding to enjoy lunch out before returning home.

### Next Month

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Honeybourne Village Hall, 9:00am to 12:00pm

### Project

Design a Victorian Birthday Card and work in embroidery threads.

### Childswickham Quilters Exhibition

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024  
at Lifford Hall, Lower Green Broadway, WR12 7BU.

10.00 am to 4.00pm

Display of Quilts and Craft Stalls, Quilting Supplies  
The Patchwork Basket, Quilters Corner-The English Quilter

Demonstrations and Raffle - Tombola  
Light Refreshments Admission £ 2.00 p

### Nature Box - Hedgehogs



The head of girls' PE was seriously cross. However, all other attempts to free the hedgehog from the hockey net had failed. My use of the scissors really had been a last resort.

On another occasion my attention was drawn to two male hedgehogs vying over a female in the back garden. Their ensuing scuffle then enabled another male to appear on the scene to try his luck. Hedgehog courtship is truly a noisy affair and can last for hours.

Such close encounters have made these little 'guys' a particular favourite, but they continue to be in serious trouble.

If we want to help stem this decline allowing movement between gardens, putting out water and suitable food such as specially prepared hedgehog food or calciworms - *not meal worms as these cause brittle bones* - and trying to leave an undisturbed corner of the garden with old dead wood and leaf litter can really help. To find out more look on line at [hedgehogstreet.org](http://hedgehogstreet.org)

Having said all of that hedgehogs when introduced to a new environment can have unintended consequences. They were introduced by European colonists to New Zealand to help them feel more at home, but they have gone on to cause great loss of native fauna. It's a similar story in the Scottish Isle of Uist where introduced hedgehogs have been responsible for a dramatic impact on ground nesting birds. So New Zealand and Uist are just two places where

ill-considered introduction of hedgehogs has resulted in the need for expensive schemes to control or totally remove our charming friend to protect other wildlife.

Nature is complicated. But here, right now, hedgehogs need a helping hand if generations to come are to enjoy their snuffling presence in the countryside and our gardens.

*Bob Topp*



## Village Garden

Thank you so much to everyone who turned up with tools in hand for our last garden venture, it was brilliant to see both old and new volunteers. Thanks also to everyone who does their bit at other times, it's been known to find volunteers in the bushes! Can we go again? What about - Saturday 29th June 2pm. We need to get things ship shape for the WI Summer Do, Strawberries & Bubbles in the garden, that's posh.

My thanks  
*Jackie.*

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*“Gardens are not made by singing ‘Oh, how beautiful,’ and sitting in the shade.” - Rudyard Kipling’.*

## PUBLIC NOTICES June 2024

### MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The dates for the bins are **10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123. [https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC\\_Calendars/Mon\\_2.pdf](https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf)  
**Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for a late collection. (Food waste every week.)**

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

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL To hire the hall please telephone **Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com) or see <https://www.willerseyhall.co.uk/>**  
METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The MOBILE POST OFFICE Visits Willersey on **Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 14:45.** There is a **Post Office and cash machine in Broadway Co-Op.**

BROADWAY SURGERY is in Station Road WR12 7DE  
Telephones 01386 853651 and 01386 858136.

NEAREST LIBRARY The nearest library is in Broadway.

Open Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9:30am – 4:30pm. Saturday 9:30 – 1pm 01905 822722

COTSWOLD FRIENDS Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments ring the Cotswold Friends Help Centre: transport section 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09:30-15:30 Monday to Friday. .

### SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

National Bus Traveline 0871 2002233

Hedgehog 01386 841849

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

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

Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham 01451 820369 for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at [www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/](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 & 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999

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

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

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