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Introduction

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to comment upon my first edition of the Withington Parish Magazine, I have appreciated your feedback and thank you for the kind comments with regard to the first publication.

The January/February edition has been produced early to avoid delays in printing over the Christmas holidays and at the time of writing Christmas lights adorn the shops and houses and all thoughts are about the festive season. Let us remember that it is the season of goodwill to all mankind and to extend this thought not just for Christmas but for the next twelve months and beyond.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and good luck, health and happiness for 2015.

Best wishes,

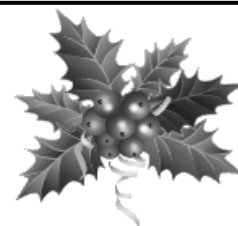
Margaret Thompson,
Editor



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St. Peter's Church News



Christmas at St Peter's, Withington

We would love to see you at our services..... Please come!

Carols by Candlelight.....7pm Friday 19th December
 Crib Service – a beautiful service where children will have an active part.....3pm Christmas Eve
 Midnight Mass.....11.30pm Christmas Eve

St. Peter's Church, Withington, Herefordshire



Fundraising Programme for Charities and Church 2015

We aim to raise money for **various Charities** as well as for St Peter's Church, which needs money for both routine maintenance **and to update its facilities**. We have begun our plan for the year, but are hoping to include theatre and music groups in addition.

Muheza Coffee Morning.....	Thurs 15 January
Whist.....	Thurs 29 January
Quiz Night.....	Sat 28 February
Lent Lunch.....	Wed 4 March
Whist.....	Thurs 26 March
Whist.....	Thurs 28 May
Strawberry Tea.....	Sun 26 July
Whist.....	Thurs 30 July
Ride & Stride (sponsored cycling or walking).....	Sat 12 September
Whist.....	Thurs 24 September
Macmillan Coffee Morning.....	Fri 25 September
Harvest Lunch after the Festival Service.....	Sun 18 October
Whist.....	Thurs 26 November



MESSY CHURCH

**Next one....Thursday 12th FebruarySt Valentine
3.30 – 5.30**

For children from toddlers up to top Primary age, accompanied by their adults.

Come and have a fun time....with lots to do! We enjoy crafts, play, stories, and singing, with a different theme each time.

We hold it in the **Village Hall** because we need the amenities. We do lots of activities, and we all **share a meal** together at the end! It is organised by helpers from St Peter's Church, Withington.

We welcome our old friends back again on 4th December, and would love to see some new faces too!

Our dates and themes for the next 2 terms are as follows:

12 th February	St Valentine
15 th March	Messy Mothering Sunday ... (Held in the Church)
14 th May	Jesus & his Friends
2 nd July	Messy Church Summer Outing

By the time you receive this magazine, we will have held our **December Messy Church** theme: "Light of the World"

There will probably be pictures and craft work displayed in church, and photos on the church website at:

www.bartestreecross.org

under St Peter's, Withington.



Remember the Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve.....the children will build up a crib scene with figures prepared at December's Messy Church.

St. Peter's Church News

Bartestree Cross Churches Service Rota January/February 2015

	Dormington	Lugwardine	Westhide	Weston Beggard	Withington
Sunday 4 th January	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 11 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 Family Communion		8.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th	11.00 Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		3.30 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion
Sunday 25 th		9.30 am Morning Prayer	4.30 pm Evensong		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st February	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 Family Communion		8.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th	11.00 am Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		3.30 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion
Wednesda y 18 th					7.00 pm Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd		9.30 am Morning Prayer	4.30 pm Evensong		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st March	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer

Midweek Communion 10.00 am Wednesdays at the Vicarage, Lugwardine.

St. Peter's Church News

Muheza Coffee Morning - Thurs 15th January

Every year we raise money through a coffee morning to support a nurse through training in Muheza, Tanzania. The other churches in Bartestree Cross Benefice also contribute, and we give the total amount needed for a nurse in poverty to train for the required 3 or sometimes 4 years necessary to qualify.

Ruth Hewison (01432 850074)

In aid of St Peter's Church, Withington



Withington Village Hall

Sat 28th February 7.30 start

QUIZ NIGHT

- Get a team together for a fantastic fun evening.
- Up to 6 per team.
- Teams can be pre-booked or made up on the night.
- Family teams welcome – under 16s £3

**Tickets £6 each – to include
ploughman's supper
Bring Your Own Drinks**

Contact Ruth/Kevin on 850074 or Margaret on 850448
to enter your team, or just come & make up a team on the night

Village Hall

Chairman: Kevin Hewison. 850074. Secretary: Steve Caine 851857. Booking Secretary: Kathy Fields. 851001

Youth Club: Adult & Parent volunteer helpers still needed.

Due to the lack of Adult volunteer helpers we now can only meet every fortnight. If you can help please get in touch. Call Kate on 07825135594

Every 2nd Friday. 6.30-7.30pm for ages 8-10rs. 6.30-8.00 for ages 11-17rs.

Jan: 2nd 16th 30th Feb: 13th 27th

After setting up the youth club 3 years ago Steve has now decided to step down and hand over the running of the club to parents of the children that attend. With the gap he is leaving we will need help to bolster the parental cover required. Please consider giving up 90mins of your time every fortnight or even once a month and help maintain this worthwhile community asset for the youngsters of our village. If you can help, please give Kate a call.

Hall Regular Activities:

Monday: 5.30 - 7.30pm – Brownies

7.00 - 10pm – Gateway Bridge Club (Alternate Mondays)

Tuesday: 6.30 – 8.30pm – Dog/Puppy Training

8.15 - Yoga Class

Wednesday: 6.30-9.30pm – Slimming World

7.30 – 9.30pm (every 3rd Wednesday in month) – Gardening Club

Thursday: 10.00 -11.30am – Little Notes Music Club

7.30 – 9.30pm – Village Hall Whist Drive (1st Thursday in the month)

7.30 – 10pm - British Legion Whist Drive (2nd Thursday in the month)

7.00 – 10pm – Church Hall Whist Drive (Last Thursday every other month)

7.00- 9.00pm – Lugg Valley Archery Club

Friday: 6.30 - 8pm – Youth Club (Every Fortnight)

Recent 210 Club Winners:

October 2014

£20. #178 Jean Hunt

£10. # Mr/Mrs Scrivens

£10. #173 Ruth Hewison

£10. #59 Carol Bendle

November 2014

£20. #85 S Hinton

£10. #152 S Caine

£10. #44 Lydia Soutar

£10. #104 Mr&Mrs Rawlinson

Village Hall



With Steve Caine shortly stepping down from the Hall Committee and Youth Club Rota, both are in need of new volunteers to come forward:

Hall Committee: Volunteer Committee members required.

The hall relies upon volunteers to help run the committee. We meet every 3 months for about an hour to decide upon maintenance, hiring's, fund raising and spending. In order to maintain our charity status we need new members now to come on board. If you can spare some time for this worthwhile community asset please get in touch. Please contact Kevin on **850074** if you are interested in helping.



Youth Club: Adult & Parent volunteer helpers required NOW .

The club is no longer funded to support paid youth workers, so it is solely reliant on adult volunteers coming forward to help. We need more help NOW. If the club cannot get more helpers there is a good chance that the club may have to fold. The current small team of helpers are being stretched so please consider giving up 90mins of your time on a Friday night to help give something worthwhile to the youngsters of our village. It doesn't need to be every week. The more helpers we have the rota can be spread evenly. It would be really nice if some more of the parents of those children who attend can come forward to offer assistance.

The youth club meets every Friday. 6.30-7.30pm for ages 8-10rs. 6.30-8.00 for ages 11-17rs. Admission is £1 per family (allowing for larger family groups). Activities include a range of sporting games, team building exercises and social skills learning. Children from the club help run a tuck shop which seems to be very popular. If you can offer your time to help or have skills to share then please get in touch. Call Kate on **07825135594**

Press Release - Bill Wiggin MP



House of Commons

London

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Press Release

Bill Wiggin

Member for North Herefordshire

10th November 2014

Bill Wiggin MP calls for Herefordshire roaming

Bill Wiggin MP is pushing for a better mobile signal for his entire constituency.

Following his meeting last month with the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State at the Department for Culture Media and Sport, about Fownhope, Mr Wiggin met with the Secretary of State again.

Bill Wiggin MP said: "I am fighting to improve the mobile reception for every single one of my constituents in North Herefordshire.

Herefordshire has patchy reception. This situation is unacceptable and I am determined that it should not be allowed to continue.

Following my meeting with the Secretary of State about the proposed Fownhope mast, I sought a second meeting to discuss reception in the rest of my constituency.

If people holidaying in the UK can access a better mobile signal when their phone roams, why can't we do the same for those who live here too?

I am pleased to reveal the Secretary of State agrees with me and has now announced a consultation to make roaming a reality.

I would urge all my constituents who have problems with their mobile signal to take part in the consultation.

You can respond by email to: partialnotspots@culture.gsi.gov.uk; in writing to: Partial Not-Spots Consultation, Telecoms team, DCMS, 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ, or online at the following address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tackling-partial-not-spots-in-mobile-phone-coverage>."

Mobile users in many parts of the UK regularly suffer from a poor signal leaving them unable to make calls or send texts.

These areas – so called 'partial not-spots' – have coverage from some but not all of the 4 mobile networks (EE, O2, Three and Vodafone). Depending on the network consumers are on, they therefore may have no coverage.

Press Release - Bill Wiggin MP

The Culture Secretary is determined to improve coverage from all 4 networks in these areas and has therefore launched a consultation on the various legislative proposals that can help achieve this.

Sajid Javid said: "I'm determined to ensure the UK has world-class mobile phone coverage as investment in infrastructure will help drive this government's long-term economic plan.

It can't be right that in a fifth of the UK, people cannot use their phones to make a call. The government isn't prepared to let that situation continue.

We've been talking to the mobile companies about the problem and they are working with us to find a solution.

This consultation will complement the work industry is doing and allow the government to hear from the wider telecoms sector, businesses and the public.

Businesses have been clear about the importance of mobile phones and improved coverage will help deliver jobs and economic security."

..... End of Press Release

Further notice: The country's four network operators; EE, O2, Three and Vodafone want to build new masts that would increase their voice and text coverage to 89% of the UK.

The Places where only one or two networks are available are known as partial 'notspots'. Rural areas are most likely to be affected by lack of, or poor signal. Hereford is one of those.

Options the Government would like the network operators to consider include national roaming which would allow people to hop from one network to another. This is being fiercely resisted by the operators.

If you have no or poor mobile signal please reply ASAP to Bill Wiggins request for information so that he can campaign on our behalf to get a useable mobile phone signal for both residents and businesses.

Announcements

**Mention your Birthdays or
Anniversaries Here**

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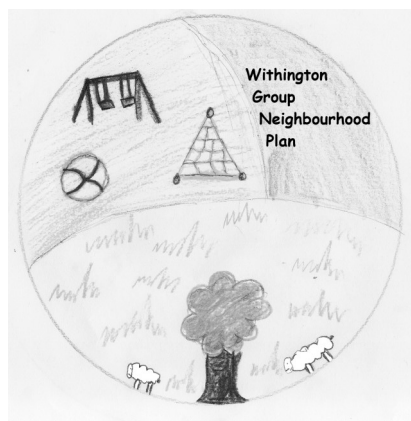
HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO EVERYONE IN

WITHINGTON GROUP PARISH

Happy 11th Birthday to
Megan Thompson
for the 24th January 2015.

Neighbourhood Plan



Withington Group Neighbourhood Plan.

Your Village, Your Plan, Your Future

At the November Parish Council meeting an update was given as to the status of the Withington Group Neighbourhood plan. The small steering group have been working on the plan to develop the plan and arrangements are been made to give you an update on the 10th January 2015 in Withington village Hall.

At this event you will see the results of the questionnaires sent out earlier this year and out thoughts on the answers we have seen. How this will develop into the next stage of the development of the Neighbourhood plan.

To recap the Neighbourhood plan will help us as a community:

- decide where development should happen in the neighbourhood
- decide what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood and many other areas such as renewable projects.

We will also be adding the results on to the web page and these should be available at the start of January 2015 should you be unable to attend the open day. Comments as always can be given via the Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/WithingtonGroupNeighbourhoodPlan>

Should you want to get further involved, please contact one of the following people.

Sue Patmore - email: susanpatmore1950@btinternet.com or 851710,

Jonathan Beech – Withington email: jonathandbeech@hotmail.co.uk or 07425 158191

Helen Jones – Preston Wynne email: helenjones007@yahoo.co.uk or 820322

Ralph Barber – Westhide email: ralph.barber@btinternet.com or 853086

Your Village, Your Plan, Your Future

Withington Group Parish Council

Withington Group Parish Council update.

Your Withington Councillors are:

Chair: Mr Paul Bainbridge

Cllr Alison Bainbridge

Cllr Kevin Hewison

Cllr Rachael Leake

Cllr Tom Nellist

Cllr Rob Soutar

Cllr Jonathan Beech

We still have two vacancies for Councillors in Withington.

Your Westhide Councillors are:

Cllr Ralph Barber – Vice Chairman

Cllr Steve Scotcher

Cllr James Callow

Your Preston Wynne Councillors are:

Cllr Simon Dent

Cllr Helen Jones

We have one vacancy for a Preston Wynne Councillor.

If you are over 18 and would like to help to make a difference to your community, we meet every other month for two hours, would you like to consider becoming a parish councillor? If so, please contact the Clerk (details below) and she will tell you more about it.

To be put in contact with any of the above Councillors, please contact the clerk first at:-

Mrs Sophie Glover

WGPC Clerk, The Orchard, Ridgehill, Hereford HR2 8AG

01432 270499 or wGPCclerk@hotmail.co.uk

The Withington Group Parish Council held their last meeting on Thursday 13th November 2014.

Eight councillors were present, along with a prospective new councillor for Preston Wynne and the lengthsman.

Neighbourhood Plan; your questionnaires have now been analysed and amongst other things, they show that more than 80% of respondents want developments of no more than 10 homes. A further public update event on the Neighbourhood Plan will happen at Withington Village Hall on 10th January.

Withington Group Parish Council

Lengthsman;

Our new Lengthsman has started and you may well see him clearing out ditches and drains around the village, although the PC agreed that much of his time in the coming months will need to be spent in Preston Wynne trying help to prevent the flooding that they have suffered from in the last winters .

Precept Setting: Following a discussion on the parish accounts, the PC resolved to raise the precept by less than 10% to £17,000

Dates for future meetings; any member of the public can come to a Parish Council meeting, and there is a space early on every agenda for members of the public to ask a question or to raise a matter for the Council's consideration. If you have some thing to say, then do come to a meeting, they are in Withington Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on 15th January 2015.

Mrs Sophie Glover

WGPC Clerk, The Orchard, Ridgehill, Hereford HR2 8AG

01432 270499 or wgpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Gardening Club

We have had a very enjoyable year with diverse talks and lovely garden visits. After a convivial Christmas meal to round off 2014 we now look forward to a new growing season.

If you aren't quite ready to step outside to do some gardening then our January meeting - on Wednesday 21st - should be right up your street as we have Tom Price telling us all about 'Growing Orchids'.

In February we will hear from Leila Jackson - whose talk we enjoyed so much last year we have invited her back. Leila is joint owner of T3 nursery at Stoke Prior which grows wonderful perennials, specializing in salvias and abutilons. She will be inspiring us to go forth and multiply with her talk on 'Propagation' on Wednesday 18th February.

Looking ahead into March we will be learning all about Fuchsias. The new programme for 2015/16 is just being finalised and will be ready into the New Year. If you are interested please come along for an evening before deciding whether you would like to join us. Meetings are at Withington Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Memories by Bryan Davies

Yesteryear continued....

My Auntie Hannah

About twenty miles south of my home village, on the outskirts of the town of Cardigan, lived one of my favourite relatives – my auntie Hannah, my father's only sister and one of the loveliest people in the whole world (that's the boy in me speaking). Having lost a son in the war, a bomber pilot in the R.A.F., she was also widowed quite early in life.

Occasionally, when I was a young boy, I would stay with my auntie who lived in a lovely new house called, "Ty Newydd" (New House). It was a house that had quite a lot of ground, enough for my aunt to keep some chickens, ducks etc. of which she was very proud, always showing off her beautiful, brown eggs.

At the bottom of the slightly sloping front lawn was a fairly large, ornamental pond on which the ducks would enjoy themselves.

On one occasion when I stayed there I was joined by my cousin Tom who was also staying for a while. One day while playing by the pond and watching the ducks sailing back and fore so gracefully, we wondered why the chickens didn't also swim there. The discussion arose as to whether the chickens could actually swim.

We decided that the only way to find out was to catch one and throw it into the pond. We were quite puzzled when the first one just sank and disappeared. Thinking that perhaps it had suffered an accident, we gathered some more of our aunt's lovely chickens and in total threw five of them into the water, shouting encouragement for them to swim back to where we were standing. We were quite stunned when we found that none of the chickens made it back to where we stood.

We pulled the floating, sodden birds out of the water and laid them out neatly on the water's edge, their saturated, feathered corpses looking as if they were queuing at the entrance to Valhalla or whatever a heaven for departed birds is called.

The next and rather urgent task was to decide how to tell our aunt that five of her precious egg layers would lay no more, a task delayed by the onset of dusk, closely followed by sun-down and darkness, a task deferred until the following dreaded day when we would have to find a way of breaking the news without upsetting our aunt or incurring her wrath.

Memories by Bryan Davies

The following day dawned bright and sunny and a quick glimpse from my bedroom window which overlooked the front lawn and the pond confirmed that nothing had changed. A sense of dread coursed through my body with the thought of what was to come.

After breakfast Tom and I decided we would adopt the coward's way out and say nothing until our aunt found things out for herself. A little later in the morning a short, heart-breaking cry from the direction of the front lawn indicated that our aunt had discovered the sodden corpses of her beloved chickens. Tom and I dashed to the scene where auntie Hannah stood stooping, covering her face with her hands as she looked at the line of dead birds. We both played innocent, looking on in pretended horror, sympathising with our aunt and asking what had happened. Was it a fox? Had the chickens tried to join the ducks in the water? Had they tried to swim and failed? Had a jealous neighbour thrown them into the pond or (believe it or not), had they committed suicide? (Children can be quite devious). The look on aunt Hanna's face showed quite clearly that these answers were not acceptable.

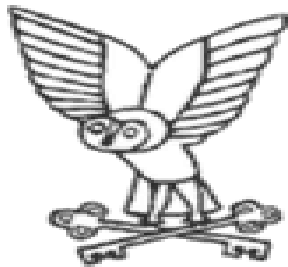
At coffee time all three of us sat around the kitchen table, Tom and I doing our best to convey our innocence by adopting various expressions on our now ashen faces and wriggling in extreme discomfort and unhappiness at the thought of the lies and the ghastly trick we were playing on our favourite aunt. For a moment the word, "Police" was mentioned, effectively turning my whole body into a quivering jelly. Ultimately auntie Hannah decided that this had to remain an unsolved mystery with Tom and I wholeheartedly agreeing and nodding our heads most vigorously.

Did aunt Hannah know? Of course she did, but not a flicker of annoyance crossed her face. Never once did her features belie the fact that she knew jolly well who the culprits were. Our presence at the coffee table in the kitchen that morning with Tom and I squirming in discomfort and with guilt writ large on our faces, was clear evidence of our involvement.

The chickens were replaced and the subject never mentioned again even though I would visit my aunt once or twice each year.

My lovely aunt and her beautiful brown chickens have now long gone, but the guilt still lies deep within. Today on the rare occasion when I drive past the house, guilt and shame surface within me like a rising tide, tempered only by the love and care I still feel for such a loving, caring, tactful and forgiving person whom I am still proud to call my Auntie Hannah.

Bryan



WITHINGTON

Primary School

NEWS FROM WITHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to wish the local community and all our wonderful families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The autumn term at Withington Primary has been jammed packed with lots of exciting experiences, opportunities and learning.

AUTUMN TERM

The autumn term was very busy at Withington Primary, it included;

- Trip to the pantomime at Hereford Courtyard

- Foundation class nativity

- School Christingle

- Roald Dahl Day

- Children attending a range of enrichment days at Aylestone Business and Enterprise College.

The spring term is looking to be just as busy, with some exciting trips planned, we can't wait!

What is happening this year at Withington.....

After school clubs in spring include ;

- Netball

- Cross County Running

- Glee Club

- LEGO Club

- Dance club

TWITTER

Remember you can follow us on Twitter @Withington_hfds and FACEBOOK to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Withington Primary School.



Local History

THE HEREFORD EARTHQUAKE OF 17th DECEMBER 1896.

The principal earthquake occurred at 5.32 a.m. on 17th December and was preceded by at least nine minor shocks, the first of which was felt at about 11.30 p.m. on 16th December. The first earthquake was followed by two others on the same day and by a third and final one on 19th July 1897.

The most important damage occurred in the city of Hereford, where at least 218 chimneys had to be repaired or rebuilt. The Cathedral was slightly damaged:

- the finial of a pinnacle of the Lady Chapel collapsed
- a fragment of stone fell from one of the arches in the south transept and
- the three pinnacles of the western front were fractured.



Several churches suffered to a similar extent and all seven chimney stacks at the Midland Railway Station shattered.

Withington, Dormington, Dinedor, Fownhope and a few other villages with-in the radius of the effects of the earthquake suffered damage on a similar scale.

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Earthquakes shake the ground surface and can cause buildings to collapse , trigger landslides and tsunami.

Earthquakes occur mainly as a result of plate tectonics (where blocks of the Earth move about on the Earth's surface). These 'plates' move past each other along a fault line and smaller earthquakes, called foreshocks, may precede the main earthquake (aftershocks may occur after the main earthquake).

Earthquakes are mainly confined to specific areas of the Earth known as seismic zones, which coincide mainly with ocean trenches, mid-ocean ridges, and mountain ranges. The point of origin of an earthquake is called the focus. The epicentre is the point on the Earth's surface directly above the focus.

The destructiveness of an earthquake depends on the size, the depth (shallow ones are more destructive) and the location. Earthquake size can be stated in terms of the damage caused (the intensity) or the amount of ground motion and the energy released by the earthquake (the Richter scale).

Westhide

The smell of collected cider apples has stopped wafting over the village for another year.
Now we have the wood smoke smell from all the stoves - the seasons are a changing.

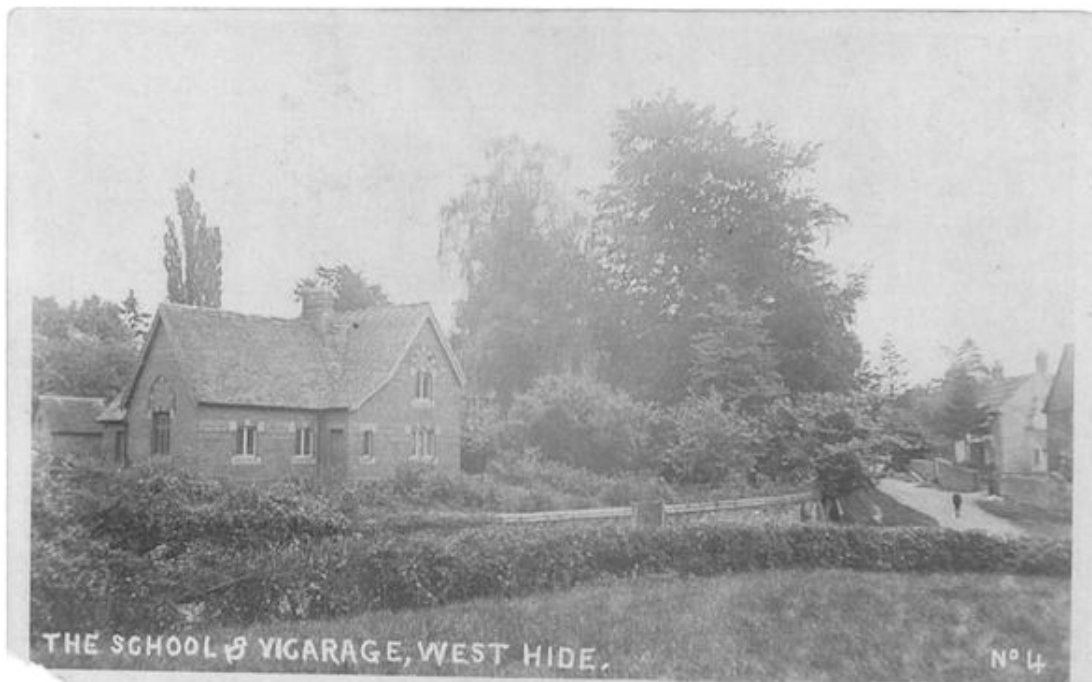
We were all saddened to hear of the death of Mary Callow - she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Jim and family.

A gathering at Brick House enjoyed the bonfire and fireworks in November - lots of bangs and bright lights. Plenty of time to chat and catch up with the news whilst partaking of soup, gingerbread and the odd glass of wine. Hope the good folks of Withington were able to see a few of the rockets.

St Bartholomew's will be hosting the Westhide Carol Service on the 22nd December - all are very welcome - followed by mulled wine, mince pies etc. We are also looking forward to the village carol singing on Christmas Eve - I wonder what the weather will be like this year?

Christmas Service will be at 10.30am on Christmas Day.

A Happy New Year to One and All.



Westhide Circa 1914

Preston Wynne

Hello everyone

Firstly thanks to Pat for typing this and emailing it to the Editor. My ancient computer has finally given up the ghost so I shall finally be dragging myself kicking and screaming into the 21st century very soon.

It seems bizarre at the time of writing this at the end of November but we hope you will have had a Happy Christmas and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES;

Sunday January 11 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday January 25 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

Sunday February 8 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday February 22 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

100 Club Results – these were drawn at the Harvest Supper and are as follows;

£50.00 No.86 – Debbie Barber

£25.00 No.26 - Margaret Simcock

£12.50 No.27 – Rachael Evans

PS Subscriptions for the coming year are due in January 2015

Forthcoming Events in aid of the Church

Whist Drives are held at Burley Gate Village Hall on Monday 26 January and Monday 23 February starting at 7.45 p.m.

Burn's Night Supper – Saturday 24 January 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall at Preston Wynne. Tickets £10 adults £2 children. Please make a note in your diaries and come along to support us. Ring Tricia on 820650 to reserve a place.

HALL NEWS

The Christmas Bazaar held on 16 November 2014 raised nearly £300. The hall committee would like to thank everyone who supported us in this event.

Bingo in the hall every third Tuesday in the month. The next two will be on Tuesday 20 January and Tuesday 17 February 2015, eyes down at 8.00 p.m.

Valentine's Supper on Saturday 14 February 2015 At 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial hall. Tickets £10 adults and £2 children. This includes a three course meal with entertainment. Please make a note in your diaries to come along and support us. Ring Tricia on 820650 to reserve a place.

Pub Nights in the hall the last Saturday in the month starting usually at 7.30 p.m. Please look out for the board on the corner as a reminder.

That's about it for now,

Best wishes

Hilary and Tricia

Counting Puzzle

How Many?



How many Christmas trees?

How many snowflakes?

How many hats?

How many sprigs of holly?

How many presents?

What else can you see?



A profile of:

REVEREND PREBENDARY JANE DAVIES

RECTOR, BARTESTREE CROSS GROUP OF PARISHES

**LUGWARDINE WITH BARTESTREE,
WITHINGTON WITH WESTHIDE,
WESTON BEGGARD AND DORMINGTON**

Jane was born and grew up, the daughter of a farmer, just a stone's throw from here in Fownhope. She attended Ross Grammar School and Hereford Technical college where she did an ONC in Business Studies.

She had a career in bookkeeping and accountancy before training for ordination, gaining a Masters Degree in Theology from Leeds University. She was ordained in Hereford Cathedral in 1996 and began a four year curacy in the South Wye Team Ministry which covers St Martin's in Hereford and several rural parishes including Holme Lacy, Little Dewchurch and Bullinghope.



From 2000 – 2012 Jane was vicar of the Frome Valley Group of Churches which comprised eight parishes and churches near Bromyard. She took up her post as rector of the Bartestree Cross Group of Churches in January 2012, a job she is enjoying immensely.

Jane feels that rural and semi-rural ministry is where she is meant to be. She has a particular interest in rural issues (such as lack of transport and housing), in supporting families and children, in school work, visiting the sick and housebound and in making our churches warm, welcoming places. She says 'the joy of country ministry is that you have far more opportunity to build relationships with people, to become part of the community, than you do if you minister in the city'.

As for leisure time, she enjoys spending time with her husband Andrew and her three children and five grandchildren who all live locally. She would like to say that she goes to the gym every day and runs the occasional marathon - but it wouldn't be true! Her pastimes are more sedentary - reading, tinkering on the piano (very badly), singing and shopping.

Have Your Say

Your Letters, Views and Comments.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for continuing with the magazine. It is a wonderful way to know what is going on in and around Withington and if you had not taken it on the village would have lost a valuable friend. But I do miss Brian's little stories. Perhaps stories from others in and around this area, as there must be some very interesting people with wonderful stories about past adventures or happenings. My grandchildren loved the new kiddies corner. Thank you again. Nicole

Thanks Margaret; I'm really impressed.

My greatest fear was that no one would take it on as it was such a huge part of my life for so many years. Keep up the good work.

Best wishes,

Bryan

Send your details to withingtonmagazine@gmail.com

Recipes

Pancakes with Chocolate Sauce

For the pancakes:

85g/3oz self-raising flour

1 egg

300ml/½ pint milk

drizzle oil

For the chocolate sauce:

55g/2oz caster sugar

splash hot water

30g/1¼oz cocoa powder



To make the pancakes, whisk the flour, egg and milk in a bowl to make a batter.

Heat the oil in a pancake pan and ladle the mixture in. Allow the mixture to coat the pan and fry the pancake for 1-2 minutes on each side or until golden.

For the sauce, whisk the sugar, water and cocoa together in a small pan over a gentle heat. Add extra water depending on how thick you require the sauce.

To serve, transfer the pancakes to a serving plate and drizzle the chocolate sauce over.

Nature

RSPB's 10 steps to a wildlife friendly garden

Continued From Issue 1

Step 6: Feed garden birds. Put out a variety of food all year and you'll give the birds in your garden a boost, helping them survive hard times. Buy good quality feeders and keep them clean to prevent the spread of disease. Ideal foods are: sunflower hearts, seed mixes, suet pellets, porridge oats and apples. Birds need water too, so leave fresh water in a shallow dish.

Step 7: Build a wildlife shelter. A well-planted and cared-for garden offers lots of places for nature to feed, shelter and breed. But to a bird, bat or hedgehog looking for a place to raise its young, an artificial home can be a valuable alternative to a natural shelter. You can build shelters or you can buy a variety of wildlife boxes (visit www.rspbshop.co.uk for suggestions) and then put them out at any time of year.

Step 8: Create nature corridors Your garden is part of a bigger home for wildlife. Hedges and shrubby borders, and gaps beneath fences and gates, link gardens together, creating nature highways and corridors. This allows all sorts of creatures, such as hedgehogs and toads, to move between your garden and those of your neighbours and raises the quality of the whole street for wildlife. Helps all garden wildlife

Step 9: Be green when you garden. Here are three tips for gardening in an environmentally friendly way:

- Avoid using peat. The peat you find in garden centres has been taken from some of Europe's most valuable places for wildlife. By using peat-free alternatives, you help protect these precious places from destruction.
- Avoid pesticides. If you have an insect pest in your garden, consider using a natural method to deal with it, rather than pesticides. Chemical pesticides can harm the plants and animals that benefit your garden. You'll find more detailed information at rspb.org.uk/homes
- Get a water butt. Captured rainwater is much better for watering your garden and topping up your pond than tap water.

Step 10: Tell us what you have done. Share how you're giving nature a home and encourage others to do the same.

- Sign in at rspb.org.uk/homes,
- Upload your photos on Facebook or Instagram
- tweet us using #homesfornature



KIDDIE'S

I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him run faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish.

There are more than 1,000 species of banana. We only eat one of them!

...

Bruce Forsyth is four months older than sliced bread!

...

Every Christmas Day, 400,000 Britons go out to a shop to buy batteries!

I called a Psychic once. She asked who was on the line, so I hung up!

Q. What did the mayonnaise say when someone opened the fridge door.

A. Close the door I am dressing!



How many Santa's can you find hiding in the magazine?

CORNER

Make A Paper Plate Santa

You will need:

Small paper plate
Large paper plate
Sheet of black card
Scraps of orange, brown and coloured card
Round black stickers (or use white and colour with a felt pen)
Glue

Instructions:

Glue the two plates together to make your basic snowman. Use the round stickers as pebbles for the eyes, mouth and buttons.

From the scraps of card cut two twig arms, a carrot nose and a scarf. Glue these to your snowman. Add a black hat and hang your snowman on the wall for all to enjoy.



What four countries/places feature on your Christmas dinner plate?

- T - R - - -
- - H - - A
- G - E - - E
- B - U - - E - S

Clues:

- A big chicken!
- Be careful, it can break!!
- Not very healthy
- Sprouts



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Poetry Corner

Snow In The Suburbs

Every branch big with it,
Bent every twig with it;
Every fork like a white web-foot;
Every street and pavement mute:
Some flakes have lost their way, and grope back upward
when
Meeting those meandering down they turn and descend
again.
The palings are glued together like a wall,
And there is no waft of wind with the fleecy fall.
A sparrow enters the tree,
Whereon immediately
A snow-lump thrice his own slight size
Descends on him and showers his head and eye
And overturns him,
And near inurns him,
And lights on a nether twig, when its brush
Starts off a volley of other lodging lumps with a rush.
The steps are a blanched slope,
Up which, with feeble hope,
A black cat comes, wide-eyed and thin;
And we take him in.

Thomas Hardy, 1840-1928



Only Joking!

Jack strode into 'John's Stable' looking to buy a horse. "Listen here" said John, "I've got just the horse you are looking for, the only thing is, he was trained by an interesting fellow. He doesn't go and stop the usual way. The way to get him to stop is to scream heyhey the way to get him to go is to scream Thank God.

Jim nodded his head, "fine with me, can I take him for a test run?"

Jim was having the time of his life *this horse sure could run* he thought to himself. Jim was speeding down the dirt road when he suddenly saw a cliff up ahead "stop!" screamed Jim, but the horse kept on going. No matter how much he tried he could not remember the words to get it to stop. "yoyo" screamed Jim but the horse just kept on speeding ahead. It was 5 feet from the cliff when Jim suddenly remembered. "heyhey!" Jim screamed. The horse skidded to a halt just 1 inch from the cliff.

Jim could not believe his good fortune, he looked up to the sky, raise his hands in the air, breathed a deep sigh of relief and said with conviction "Thank God."

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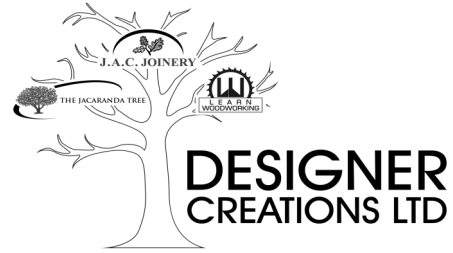
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