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Introduction

Dear All,

The January/February edition of the magazine has been produced early due to the Christmas holidays. This will give you all advance notice of the carol singing which is to take place on December the 18th. Please join this group as I am sure residents will appreciate hearing the carol singers around the village. See details on page 5.

On behalf of the residents of Withington I would like to extend thanks to the village hall committee and helpers for reinstating the facility in such a short time. I am sure that we were all shocked at the unnecessary vandalism of the venue but thank you to everyone who helped with the clean-up campaign.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Margaret

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St. Peter's Church News

Three Discussions for the New Year

The first Sunday in each month is a fairly informal service, and the sermon takes the shape of a discussion with everyone having a chance to join in. Perhaps you'd like to join in with us.

The theme for the first Sundays in the New Year is - Faith Hope and Love.

9.30 3 January - Hope

What gives you any hope for the New Year?

"When I consider life, 'tis all a cheat;

Yet fooled with hope, men favour the deceit,

Trust on, think tomorrow will repay:

Tomorrow's falser than the former day"

9.30 7 February - Faith

Can anyone with any intelligence still believe in God in 2016?

"The Sea of Faith

Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore

Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled.

But now I only hear

Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,

Retreating, on the breath

Of the night-wind"

9.30 6 March - Love

Does love give meaning to your life?

"In everyone there sleeps

A sense of life lived according to love.

To some it means the difference they could make

By loving others; but across most it sweeps

As all they might have done had they been loved"

Ken Hopkins

Withington Church organ appeal update

The 'Sponsor an organ pipe' appeal has now reached a total of £3,273 including gift aid. The Moonfleet Ensemble concert raised £290 of that total and was a great success, thank you to all the musicians involved for putting on, free of charge, such a memorable evening.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to the Organ appeal. Sponsor forms are available in the church or from Marcia Hopkins 850933.

St. Peter's Church News

Withington Carol Singing



A group of us are going carol singing around Withington on **Friday December 18th.**

If you would like to join us we are meeting **outside the Village Shop** at **4.30pm** aiming to end up at the **Cross Keys** around **6.30pm.**

A route will be planned nearer the time so that anyone can join in as and when they can. This and further information will be on posters in the Shop and Post Office later.



Reminder: Christmas at St Peter's, Withington

Crib Service – a beautiful service where children will have an active part.....
.....3pm Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass.....11.30pm Christmas Eve

Muheza Coffee Morning

Friday 15th January 10.30



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.

The coffee morning will be at Ruth & Kevin's house, where there is opportunity to chat with friends over coffee and cake, whilst helping this good cause by your donation. There will also be a Bring & Buy table.

Money raised in excess of our contribution for the nurse training will be added to our Benefice Lent Charity.

Ruth Hewison (01432 850074)

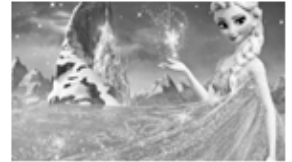
St. Peter's Church News



Next Messy Church Thursday 11th February

In the Village Hall 3.30 – 5.

(Un) FROZEN



Lots of crafts, activities and fun will be going on, and we will be thinking about help, trust, love and unselfishness.

Hoping to see all our old friends there, and new-comers up to top juniors with their adults are welcome too! We share a meal together after the activities.

You can see some photos of previous Messy Church activities on the website www.bartestreecross.org on the St Peter's Withington "About" page.

We love the adults to take part alongside the children in activities to give them encouragement and help. So adults, be prepared!

Dear Friends

Christmas is over for another year and it's time to start thinking about Lent. Lent begins 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays). The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, ashes being an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The time of 40 days is significant, because it commemorates the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert and the 40 years the Israelites spent roaming in the desert prior to entering the Holy Land. Since Sundays are a time of celebration, representing the resurrection in Christianity, they are not included in the 40 days, great news for those of us who have given up yummy things like chocolate or biscuits. Lent Ends the day before Easter Sunday, also known as Holy Saturday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the last week of Lent and commemorates the day Jesus entered Jerusalem to people laying palms at his feet. Two important things occur during Lent - **fasting** and **prayer or study**. It used to be that fasting was the giving up of food but today many Christians give up other things that give them pleasure—food, alcohol, playing on computer games. Fasting is used to remind Christians of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and being tempted by Satan. As well as giving something up Christians try to be more disciplined in their prayer life and in studying the Christian faith. People may try to set aside a certain time each day to pray, read or study or to make an extra effort to go to church or to take the opportunity to attend a study group like the one that we will be holding on Wednesday evenings in Withington village Hall. All this is to enable us to prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter when we come together to marvel once again at the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ conquered death.

Best wishes

Jane

St. Peter's Church News

Bartestree Cross Churches Service Rota Dec 2015/Jan 2016					
	Dormington	Lugwardine	Westhide	Weston Beggard	Withington
Sunday 3 rd January	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 am Family Communion		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th	11.00 am Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		3.30 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th		9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st					10.00 am Group Service to celebrate Candlemas
Sunday 7 th February	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10 th	7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Communion				
Sunday 14 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 am Family Communion		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st	11.00 am Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		3.30 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th		9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th March	11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Service		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Midweek Communion. 10.00 am Wednesdays at The Vicarage followed by coffee and a chat					

Contact Details: Revd.Paul Roberts, telephone 01432 850484

St. Peter's Church News

Group service to celebrate CANDLEMAS



**Sunday 31st January
10.00
St Peter's, Withington**

*Once again our benefice choir
will be in action.*

*Rehearsals for this service will be at
6.00 pm Thursdays from 7th January
(venue to be decided)*

Ash Wednesday

10th February

7.00 pm

**Group Service
St. Peter's, Dormington**

Lent Course



Wednesdays

7.30 pm

**Withington Village Hall
17th February for 5 weeks**

Elizabeth Byworth Charity

ELIZABETH BYWORTH CHARITY

The NEXT MEETING of the Trustees will take place in

Early Spring 2016

If you are under 25 and live in Withington, Westhide or Eau Withington and would like some assistance with purchasing books, equipment etc. to help you with your studies please contact me at the address below.

ALSO funding is available to help with the costs for Educational visits, uniforms and protective clothing.

APPLICATIONS should be made in writing stating age and approximate cost of items required and sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, Margaret Soutar,
3 Duke Street, Withington. HR1 3QD

Withington Primary School



WITHINGTON Primary School

Do you have a child due to start Reception in 2016, why not come and have a look round our wonderful village school.

Ofsted 2014 –

"Teaching is good, and increasingly outstanding."

"Behaviour is good and pupils have positive attitudes to learning."

"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent."

"Leadership and management of the Early Years Foundation Stage are outstanding."

.....
All children in June 2015 leaving Withington Primary made expected progress from KS1 to KS2

40% made better than expected progress in writing and maths, whilst 60% made better than expected progress in reading.

.....
We now offer breakfast club from 8.00am every morning.

Places are available for children aged 3 – 11.

Please contact us for further information about the school and to arrange a visit.

Email: admin@withington.hereford.sch.uk

Telephone: 01432 850289

Group Neighbourhood Plan



Withington Group Neighbourhood Plan.

Your Village, Your Plan, Your Future

It has been a frustrating time working on the neighborhood plan and sorry for the lack of communication around the status to the plan. We have had a number of discussions with the Neighborhood planning team at Herefordshire council as to how do we move forward. This was because of major changes in the plans around the housing allocation in March 2015. We are now clear on the position due to these changes. We are now moving to creating some initial policies and other documents for review with the planning team at Herefordshire Council. These are due to be submitted and returned to us by the New Year. We will then update the Facebook and Web site with further information as we get feedback from the planning team at Herefordshire Council. It is not too late to get involved in the continued development of the plan and help shape the future of the areas of Withington, Preston Wynne and Westhide. Because of the changes described above and because we are getting nearer having the Neighbourhood Plan in draft form (at last!), we do need more support from community members, that means YOU..., to drive the plan forwards to its final stages. Our parishes comprise in excess of 1500 individuals. Our team comprises four voluntary people....please join us and make the process yours too. We are doing our best in very trying and, in some cases, difficult circumstances to secure the future our community says it wants, whilst operating within certain external constraints such as local and national council and government initiatives and requirements. Let's do this together, it's never too late to join in.

Comments as always can be given via the Facebook page. [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/WithingtonGroupNeighbourhoodPlan)

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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

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

Withington Village Hall

Chairman: Kevin Hewison Tel: 850074

Booking Secretary: Kathy Fields Tel: 851001

Treasurer: Paula Highley Tel: 851570

An update of goings on at the hall

Earlier in November I wondered what I would write for this edition of the Withington Parish Magazine. At that stage I had no idea of what would become the 'party booking that went horribly wrong'. This party was on Saturday 14th November and in the early hours of Sunday morning the police and an ambulance were called. Some arrests were made and this became a major investigation for the police.

The damage to the hall was extensive; all floors were covered in mud and water, particularly in the toilets; vegetable oil was also on the floor of the kitchen and had spread in to other rooms. There were bottles, cans and other rubbish in places where no rubbish should be!! In the gents toilet the toilet pan was smashed together with the cistern lid and there was a cracked urinal. The upstairs disabled loo had a bent disabled arm, water heater off the wall....a window in the Hewison Lounge was smashed, all fire extinguishers were empty

Some parents turned up on the Sunday morning and set about cleaning the hall floor and filling some black bin bags with rubbish – thank you.

By Tuesday we had a 'clean up' plan in place, and a team of Industrial Cleaners cleaned all the floors, walls, doors and toilet areas, including the main hall and all carpeted areas over three days.

Now we could get repairs done so that the hall could function – which was achieved by Saturday evening 21st November; so we were basically completely closed for a week. We were supported very much by local companies without whose help we could not have got things done so quickly. I would like to mention and thank;

Nick Preece Builders (and dad, Slim)

Vernon Davies, Electrician.

Mark Harris, Plumber

Millennium Glass

TPG Disabled Aids

Herefordshire Fire Alarms

Herefordshire Fire Protection Services

There are still tasks needing to be done, like sanding and resealing the main hall floor. So it may well be several months before all necessary work has been completed. Please bear with us as it may affect hall users at some stage, but we would hope, as always, to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Many thanks for all your support and help over this troubled time.

Kevin Hewison

Village Hall Chairman

Memories By Bryan Davies

WARTIME MEMORIES / Hitler's Cupboard

Because my brother spent practically the whole of the war in the R.A.F., stationed in Rabat in North Africa, my mother and I spent the wartime years on our own. Rationing at that time meant we had very little variety in what we ate each day. Some items of food such as Spam and dried egg powder I remember well. What little butter there was available for the two of us my mother would mix with margarine (of which there was a greater supply) to make a passable spread for our bread. Eventually we finished up by making our own butter. The fresh milk was delivered in churns by horse and cart, with the farmer using a special metal jug to measure out our two pints of milk, and then pouring it into our jugs. Once indoors, my mother would then empty the milk into large open dishes which she kept in the front room (the best room in the house and usually only used at Christmas) where it was left for a couple of days for the cream to settle on the surface. This we then scooped off into a metallic container which when three quarters full would be handed to me to make the butter. This I did by shaking the sealed tin for quite a long time until I could feel the contents solidify inside. It was then emptied into a dish, mixed with a little salt and there it was, and extra lump of butter for the week.

Another source of butter supply, a huge secret as it was unlawful at the time, was a clandestine visit once a month to a small farm in the country a couple of miles from where we lived. We would trek along a narrow lane, often quite muddy, which led us through a narrow valley (cwm in Welsh) emerging directly outside the farmhouse gate. Once through this we would knock on the door which was always opened by a little old lady who once having recognised us, would leave the door ajar and us standing on the doorstep. She would then shuffle back into the farmhouse only to reappear shortly clutching a small package, well wrapped in paper. This was then handed over as was the money. Not a word was said, other than a brief 'thank you' followed by our departure.

In our front room, a small cupboard in the sideboard was set aside to keep emergency supplies of food just in case there was an invasion – a real threat at that time. Should all food supplies dry up, then we would have a couple of weeks' supply of food to face that emergency. This we named "Hitler's Cupboard". It eventually became so full that we had to discontinue putting a little food aside each week. Of course the invasion never came!

Items which were not available were things such as sweets, ice cream, oranges, bananas etc. I shall never forget the first bananas I had after the end of the war. I was so disappointed because I had envisaged bananas as being far larger in size than they actually were. The first orange I had saw me standing in a queue for over an hour as they handed us all a single orange per child in the Memorial Hall. Initially I was refused one as the man told me I was too old to get one and that they were for the children. I told him I was the same age as the others, just a little taller. Eventually he relented and I had my orange. The first ice cream came in the shape of a wafer (which I don't see these days). Two wafer biscuits with the ice cream spread out evenly between them.

Our butcher called once a week, usually at around 4p.m. on a Saturday afternoon. I often felt that our house was way down the list of calls he had to make, especially in the summertime. He would knock on our back door while his horse (and cart) crossed the road to the hedge opposite where it proceeded to help itself to the fine, fresh grass, flowers etc. The meat was kept in a special cupboard in the cart and my mother would cross the road to see what was available.

Memories By Bryan Davies

If it was a hot summer's day, the butcher, on opening the cupboard door had to fight off the flies which were trying desperately to escape, almost closely followed by the meat. It didn't smell too good either, especially since the horse had stopped at practically every pub it passed on route to our house. Winter time it wasn't too bad.

Most items bought during the war were rationed and each individual was given a ration book which contained coupons for various items of clothes, food etc. Once the coupons had been used, then there were no more available. There was a strict limitation on the amount you could buy each week especially food. Any furniture purchased bore the 'utility' mark, a circle like a cake would look with a section missing, which meant it was sub-standard. Corona pop was also delivered to the door, my mother buying a case of four each week. I clearly remember the flavours she purchased, Dandelion and Burdock (forgive the spelling) and Ginger Beer for herself and a couple of bottles of other flavours for me.

We were all issued with gas masks which we carried with us in a brown rectangular cardboard box to which was attached a piece of thick string whereby one could sling it over one's shoulder for convenience. These had to be carried at all times when leaving the house, even to school. They were made of rubber with a clear plastic area to see through and would fit over your face with straps which went over your head to keep it in place. At school we were all designated a house, not far from the school, to which we would run in the event of an air raid. The owner was under strict instruction that the front door be left on the latch so that we could open the door and throw ourselves inside should conditions dictate. I remember well my house was in a road called Francis Street, a fine well - kept house with lovely carpets. (We had no carpets at home). We were even made to practise the event once or twice. Again, there was that serious threat of a gas attack which thankfully never came.

The Ministry of Information would show the occasional film (black and white) in the Memorial Hall. Two I remember well were, 'Kill or be Killed', the story of a sniper during the war and the other was about a missing bomber 'F for Freddie'. There were others the names of which elude me.

At the end of the war, those captured by the Germans were released and brought home. There would always be a huge crowd on the local square to welcome them. Sometimes their own families found difficulty in recognising them as they had changed so much, usually through loss of weight or some illness. All others who returned after years away, my brother included, would be welcomed in a similar fashion, with a concert in their honour at the Memorial Hall. Sitting in a line on the hall stage, they were all given a gift and a sum of money and loudly applauded by the packed house.

Long gone now are those days. They weren't entirely bad, limited though we were in many ways. They taught us all a lesson in discipline and how to survive on a daily basis with the barest of supplies. For those families who lost someone, then of course it was very sad and the war changed their lives for ever. However, we (my mother and I) survived those punishing years and my brother returned safely from North Africa, even though we had difficulty in recognising him when he arrived home. Those who did survive will always be thankful to those who died to ensure our freedom.

Bryan Davies

Nature

Would You like to be a Tree Warden?



Herefordshire is in the process of establishing a Tree Warden Network (HTWN) linked to the National Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme. Parish Councils and Town Wards can appoint a tree warden for their area and HTWN can offer support and training. HTWN is also affiliated to Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and the Herefordshire Tree Forum, which bring together statutory bodies and other local organisations and experts concerned with tree care policy.

Would YOU like to be a Tree Warden? You'd be offered on-going training on the welfare of trees, how to spot diseases, recognise & protect notable veterans and plant for the next generation. Tree Wardens also encourage an appreciation of trees and involve others in local tree events. Trees are increasingly valued not just for their timeless beauty and timber but also for their contribution to our wellbeing, flood prevention, air quality, biodiversity and as a source of renewable, sustainable energy.

If you think this might be for you and want to know more, contact Richie Cotterill 01544 231236 / 07777 661252 or email kingtontrees@live.co.uk or go to the following website: www.h-trees.net/htwn/html

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Events

The Return of the Polecats – talk by Elizabeth Croose

Thurs 7 January 7.30pm

The present status of this scarce and attractive mammal. Ross-on-Wye branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. Venue: Christ Church Hall, Edde Cross Street. Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7BZ. Cost: £1.50 members, £2.50 non members. No booking required

Birds in a Herefordshire Garden – talk by Dr Michael Colquhoun

Thurs 4 February 7.30pm

Garden bird life seen through the lens of a skilled local photographer. Ross-on-Wye branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. Venue: Christ Church Hall, Edde Cross Street. Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7BZ. Cost: £1.50 members, £2.50 non members. No booking required

Pruning Young Fruit Trees Workshop

Sat 13 February

10am-4pm

On this one day practical workshop you will discover the pruning essentials required to nurture your young fruit trees. By the end of the day you will understand why and how we prune fruit trees which will give you the confidence to manage your own trees. Venue: Houghton Court, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 3HZ. Cost: £50 HWT members, £60 non members. Booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872

Butterflies of Herefordshire – talk by Martyn Davies

Tues 23 February

7.30pm

Kington branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. Venue: Kington Primary School, Mill Street. Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3AL. Cost: Free but donations welcome. No booking required

Withington Playing Fields

The collection of litter and bin emptying has up to now been done by volunteers as part of the fields initial development.

The Parish Council are now seeking to pay someone to carry out a weekly litter pick and bin bag collection around the field. Depending on the time of year the amount of work will vary, but it normally takes no longer than 45mins in the Summer months.

The Parish Council are offering to pay £10 for each weekly collection and the money will be paid monthly into your bank account.

If anyone aged 16+ is interested, please get in touch. Contact Steve on 851857



Volunteers wanted for Hospice Chapel Flowers

Every year different parishes in the county take on responsibility for the flowers at the chapel in the Hospice for two weeks. In 2016 we have been allocated the fortnight from 15th February. Do you enjoy arranging flowers and feel able to take on one of these weeks? Would you like to know more about what is required? Contact Jane 850244

Withington Village Hall 210 Club

Withington Village Hall 210 club

The Village Hall 210 Club winners for November are as follows:-

1st prize - ticket 130 - J Powell £20

2nd prize - ticket 116 - Geoff Studerus £10

3rd prize - ticket 99 - Mr/Mrs Glazzard £10

4th prize - ticket 158 - Steve Coney £10

The main December draw will be done after the magazine has gone to press.

Winners will be notified direct.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Tickets for the year 2016/2017 will be on sale in March 2016 and cost £7.

There is a draw every month; the main draw being in December when the prizes are £100, £50 & £35, for the other months there is one prize of £20 and 3 x £10.

Preston Wynne

Hello Everyone,

We do hope that you have a wonderful Christmas, or if this edition doesn't come out in time hope that you had one, in any event we wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

As we write at the end of November Christmas preparations are well underway and we are looking forward to the Christmas Lunch at the Hall in December and the Christmas Services. This year due to Felton Church being out of action due to remedial work being carried out we are to have a Service on Christmas Day here in Preston Wynne, this will be at 9.00 a.m. Fingers are crossed that the weather is kind and the Church is accessible otherwise we shall have the Service in the Hall, either way we are looking forward to it and will report back in the next edition, Sorry that it will all be a bit "old Hat" by then, and we will be all Christmased out but hey ho! (No, that was definitely NOT a "Ho ho!")

Church Services

January 24th Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m

February 14th Family Service at 3.00 p.m

“ 28th Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m

A BIG BREAKFAST is planned for Sunday 10th January in the Hall from 10.00 am onwards. Come along and enjoy a full English to set you up for the day whilst supporting our Church.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER Book early for this popular event!

Saturday 30th January in the Hall at 7.30

The Autumn 100 Club Draw took place at the Pub night held on the 31st October, lucky winners were:

1st £50 No. 71 Ken Ball

2nd £25 92 Sarah Davies

3rd £12.50 83 Flynn Hawkins

The final draw for 2015 will take place at the Christmas lunch, please don't forget that subs will be due for 2016. This Club is a really helpful source of funding for the Church as well as providing a really good chance of winning a cash prize (see above) much better odds than the lottery! Please contact Tricia on 820650 to renew your sub or to join up.

Preston Wynne

Hall News

A COFFEE MORNING IN THE HALL SATURDAY 20TH FEB 10.A.M - NOON

Please drop in and support this event for Hall funds.

The Christmas Bazaar was well attended and the varied and attractive stalls provided a good chance of getting into that Christmas spirit. Thank you everyone who came along and supported this lovely event, it was great to see our Margaret back in good form helping out on the cake stall too.

Finally, since we last wrote Pat and Mike Simpkin have suffered two sad losses very close together, firstly that of Mike's brother, and then shortly afterwards Pat lost her father. Those of you who placed items in the veg section of the Preston Wynne Autumn Show which Pat organises may well have had them judged by Pat's Dad who was an amazing gardener. These two gentlemen will be sadly missed, our thoughts are with you.

That's about it for now,

Love Hilary and Tricia

Westhide

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 22nd December at 6.30pm. This will be a family-friendly candlelit service. We will be decorating the church on Saturday 19th...again a family-friendly affairand all very welcome. If you cannot spare the time to help with decorating but have some festive foliage, please bring it to the church on Saturday morning or leave it in the porch the day before. On Christmas Day there will be a morning service at 10.30 am.

On Christmas Eve there will be the usual Westhide carol singing. Details have yet to be finalised, but the singing usually starts at Rob Meredith's farm at the Kymin, with the group gradually winding its way through the village as the evening progresses. Please contact the church wardens if you would like more details. The carol singing is in aid of church funds.

The parish council are considering starting a neighbourhood watch. If you are interested in supporting this, please contact Jim Callow.

2015 has had its mix of happy and sad events in the village. There was a beautiful summer wedding, and there have been family celebrations and happy village gatherings, but there has also been illness and sadness in the village. Let's hope that 2016 brings improved health to some and a happy new year to us all.

KIDDIE'S

RIDDLES

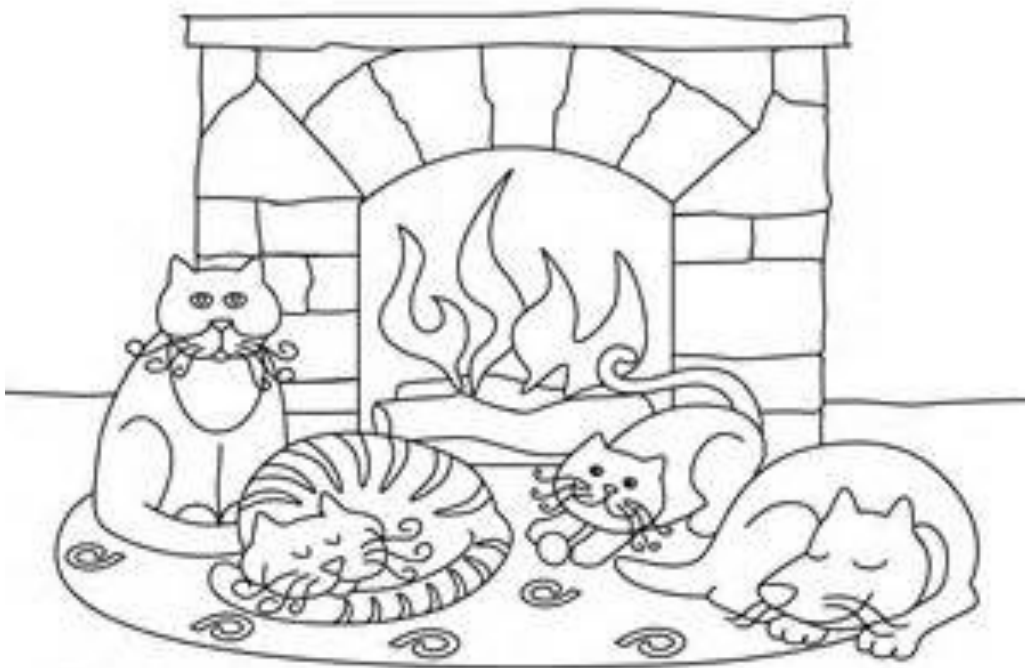
1. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?

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2. Mary's father has 5 daughters - Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughters name?

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3. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?



FunFamily

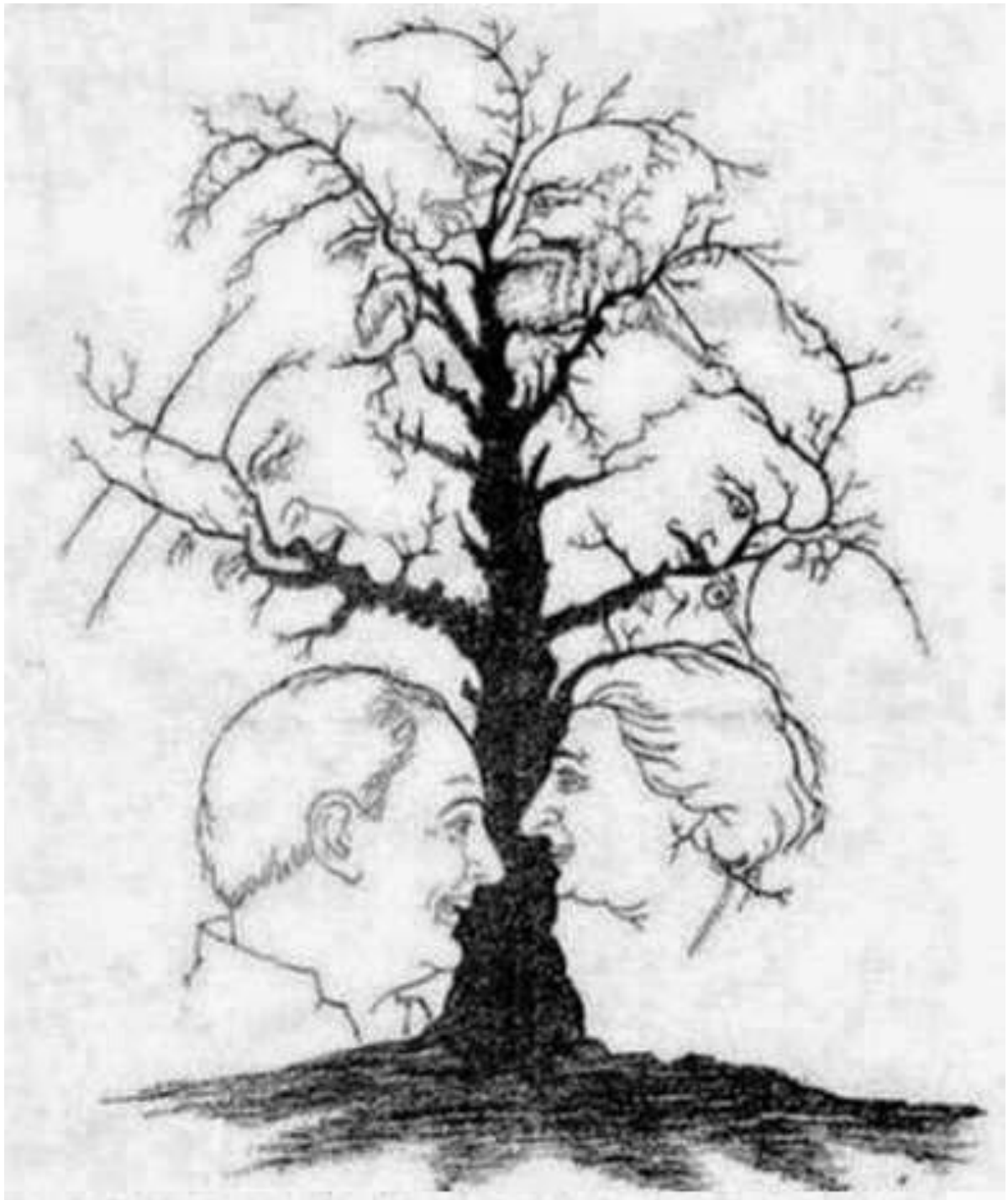
Answers to Riddles above : 1. Nothing 2. Mary 3. The letter 'M'

CORNER



It's a puzzle !

Can you find ten faces in the tree?



Gardening Club

WITHINGTON GARDENERS CLUB REPORT - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Unfortunately, November meeting had to be changed at very short notice from Withington Village Hall to Bartestree.

Yvonne Berry gave a very interesting demonstration using flowers from the supermarket and as you can see what excellent arrangements she made of them.

From 'Old Tin Bucket' – 'Trug Basket' – 'Lantern' and a surprisingly a 'Old Drainage Pipe'

Throughout her demonstration gave us a very interesting insight to where the above items had been acquired from.

It was a lovely evening enjoyed by everyone

Up and coming events 2015-16

Wednesday 16th December Xmas Meal at Walwyn Arms 7.30pm prompt (ring Kathy Fields if you would like to join us asap)

Happy New Year

Wednesday 20th January – 7.30pm - Talk – Herbs – The Scented Garden by Gail Plant

Wednesday 17th February – 7.30pm – Demonstration Pressed Flowers - Yvonne Mort

Meetings 3rd Wednesday in the month at Withington Village Hall 7.30pm

Any enquiries contact Debbie Barber (01432 853086) or Diane Barber (01432 850371)



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Your Letters, Views and Comments.

A message from Brian Reader:

Thank you for Remembering

It was very fitting that Jane, with her Fownhope connections, should take the Remembrance Service this year. The Bartestree and District Branch of the Royal British Legion has become a Sub Branch of Fownhope and District which incorporates Woolhope, Mordiford, Holme Lacey and other parishes. The joint Remembrance Parade this year was held at St Peter's Lugwardine.

This year is the centenary of the dreadful campaign in Gallipoli and the tragic loss of so many of the County's young men at Suvla Bay and other fronts. Since then, many more names have been added to our lists,- from Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa, The Falklands, almost every corner of the globe. We may not be in the middle of another World War, but the World is certainly 'at war'. We should not mourn our loss, but accept that their sacrifice helped us to achieve what we have. Thank you for Remembering.

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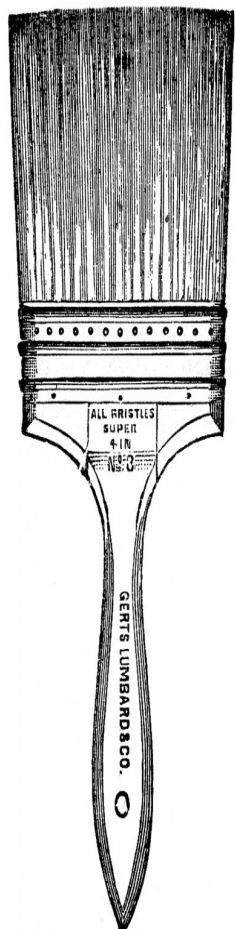
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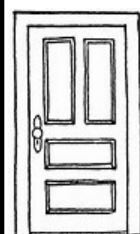
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