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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June issue of the Withington News.

Recently I received an e-mail from a reader suggesting that perhaps a monthly entry in the Withington News as to what events were available at the village hall from day to day, would be a good idea. Some people could well be interested and not know what is available. I feel that this is an excellent idea.

Thankfully, Steve Cain and Kathy Fields have been kind enough to give me a list of events (see later in the magazine) that take place each day. My goodness, the hall is well used!

You may have noticed that the Withington News is not quite as large as it used to be. The reason for this is twofold:

1. There are fewer written items being received from you the readers, and
2. The number of people advertising has fallen dramatically (understandably because of the present financial situation nationwide).

Hopefully this is a temporary glitch and that as the months pass, things will improve. If they don't, then I shall have to approach the Parish Council and ask for the financial help they offered me a few months ago. It has always been my policy that the Withington News should be available free of charge for everyone and this has been successful for over 33 years. Let's hope it will continue. However, should you wish to make a donation, then please do so either in cash or by cheque (made out to Withington News).

Happy reading. / Bryan Davies Editor

News from Westhide

Well, the runner bean plants may be out there but matters remain uncertain on the weather front. A deep Atlantic low passing overhead last night took temperatures close to freezing and with talk of a wintry mix in the forecasts we aren't out of the woods yet. Nonetheless, the ever optimistic cuckoo has arrived – April 28th.

The postponed "Spring" churchyard maintenance was held in late April in clement conditions. Thanks to all who took part, things are now looking very trim. For the rest of the year there is a mowing rota, but don't let this stop anyone who feels the need to muck in – there is always something to be done around the churchyard. Inside, the Church is all clean and tidy too, although an unexplained odour in the vestry, of likely animal origin, continues to give the Churchwardens cause for concern.

Fundraising events are planned for the Bartestree Cross group on Saturday July 6 and October 12 – more details elsewhere. This year the Ride and Stride is on Saturday September 14 – Judith has the forms so get your bike/walking shoes out. The Herefordshire Festival of Churches will also be that weekend. Before that, our annual concert is planned for Saturday September 7 – more details soon.

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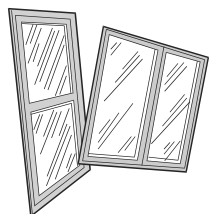
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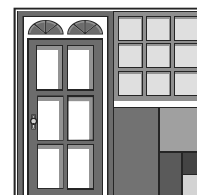
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I don't know about you, but I have certainly been, in the past, in the position of not knowing how I was going to buy groceries for my children at the end of the month. It is a horrible position to be in.

That is why we have set up a collection box in Withington Church (which is open every day) so that those of us who are fortunate enough to be able, may donate items to those who are presently in real difficulties.

Perhaps you could, when you next visit the supermarket, put an extra couple of items in your basket to donate to those less fortunate than yourselves.

Any non-perishable items are welcome, all tinned foods, long life milk and soft drinks, essential toiletries, tea and coffee etc.

If preferred, you can give cash or a cheque. That money is used to buy perishable items. Cheques payable to Hereford Diocese Social Aid
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All goods collected in the box are taken by Ken and me roughly every two weeks to Hereford Food Bank Unit 5, 32 Aubrey Street Hereford where it is gratefully received for distribution. Should you be in the vicinity do call in and see the how hard they are working.

Marcia Hopkins 850933

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The Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal Trust

As many of you will know the Canal trust is working hard to restore the C18th to C19th canal that runs from Hereford to Gloucester passing through Withington on its way. One of the many questions posed during restoration work on the canal in Withington was where did the ashlar (large square blocks of hewn stone) come from. Many local Withington houses, including Lock Cottage at Withington Lock, parts of the Church and local boundary walls are constructed from this same stone. As we live in a C17 'Quarry Cottage' in Duke street, I was especially interested in the answer to this question. As Nigel Jefferies from the Trust describes below, with some online detective work, we managed to find sites of not one but three local quarries where Withington Stone (lower old red sandstone) was extracted to build most of the houses centered around the Church, Green and War Memorial. The quarries identified were sited between Veldo Lane and Duke Street, near Lock Cottage off the Bromyard Road and The Coppice at the rear of the Village Hall. Should anyone have any further information about any of these quarries both Nigel and I would be very interested to hear it.

Marcia Hopkins 850933

Map of quarry sites: English Heritage Strategic Stone Study

Copies of: Withington Wharf, Canal Walk No. 2 available at the village Post Office and Store.

An Elusive Quarry

The majority of buildings Stephen Ballard constructed along the line of the canal are built of brick. By the middle years of the nineteenth century, brick had become the ubiquitous building material. Indicative of their use, was that in 1784 in order to raise revenue to fight the war against revolutionary France, Pitt the Younger had imposed a tax on bricks. Bricks are inexpensive and easy to lay. Where suitable clay is available they can be made in the locality and can be made to requirements; Ballard has used bull-nosed bricks for window sills. If they could not be made locally, they could easily be transported by barge along the canal.

Several authors have commented on the aesthetic pleasure of bricks; one believes it arises from their warm colour and the neatness of their courses¹, another has noted their soft, tomato tones². Many Italian villages and cities, for example Siena, exhibit the pleasing appearance of bricks.

Beside Withington Lock on the minor road from Withington Church to the A465 to Bromyard, Ballard built the lock house from ashlar and I have often wondered why he did so and where the stone originated?

The lock house was similar to Lock Cottage at Oxenhall, consisting of a symmetrical facade of three bays. The middle bay had a door surmounted by a blind window on the first floor and the single bays on each side, a window at ground and first floor levels. The building stands on a cellar accessed from an arched door in the western gable end of the property. In common with Ballard's other buildings, on the first floor the ceiling is plastered to the underside of the ridge, which reveals the roof trusses and the purlins have ogee shaping on their ends. At some stage alterations have been made; the central door has been blocked-up, an entrance porch with a flat roof built in front of the ground floor window of the right-hand bay and a large wing has been built on the east side. However, it is still possible to see the original part of the building.

Researching the Withington Wharf Canal Walk leaflet has revealed the answer to my question, which lies approximately 400 metres along the road to the south towards Withington Church, at Stone House. This house which was obviously built before the canal, is also of ashlar, as are a number of other early buildings, including the church. It is my belief the owner of Stone House insisted Ballard built lock house from ashlar, due to its proximity to his property. In an 1858 Herefordshire Trade Directory the owner is listed as Henry Apperley, but the canal was completed to Withington in 1844. In the 1841 Census Stone House is not actually named, but it appears that Henry's father William H. Apperley aged 61, was head of the household. Stone House is now a Grade II listed building.

I have been told the stone was obtained locally from a quarry in Duke Street, although the quarry has been filled in. I visited Hereford Record Office to establish the exact location in Duke Street, which in the nineteenth century was called Duck Street, but despite examining maps and other documents, I have found no evidence. I also consulted the 1851 census which systematically records the vocation of the people listed, in the expectation that it would reveal a number of quarry men and stone masons; one mason, a journeyman

mason, a mason's apprentice and a mason's labourer are recorded but no quarry men. The web site of the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club lists the site of a number of quarries in Herefordshire, including those at Shucknall and Bartestree, but no quarry is recorded at Withington. However Marcia Hopkins a member of the Trust who lives in the village, drew my attention to the website of English Heritage and the Strategic Stone Study, which identifies three quarry sites in the village. Through another member of the Trust, I contacted retired geologist Dr Paul Olver, who has written the introductory chapter about the geology of Herefordshire in the recently published revised edition of the Buildings of England by Pevsner & Brooks. Following a site visit in early April, 2013, he believes that the site shown west of the church and south of Duke Street, on the Strategic Stone Study, (SO563435) to be the site of the quarry.

Sources

¹ British Architects and Craftsmen by Sacheverell SITWELL

² John Soane – An Accidental Romantic by Gillian DARLEY, ISBN 0-300-08695-4

The Hereford & Gloucester Canal by David BICK, ISBN 0 90502040 9

Nigel C. Jefferies 08/1

If readers wish to join the Canal Trust, they can write c/o Six, Castle Street, HEREFORD, HR 1 2NL.

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But no response I got
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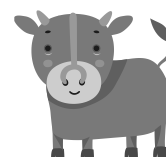
A DEA (Drugs Enforcement Agency) officer stopped at a ranch in Texas and talked with an old rancher. He told the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs." The rancher said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there," as he pointed out the location.

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A short time later, the old rancher heard loud screams, looked up and saw the DEA officer running for his life, being chased by the rancher's big Santa Gertrudis bull.

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Youth Club: Adult & Parent volunteer helpers desperately wanted NOW.

The club cannot run without adult helpers. At the moment there is a very small team just about keeping it together. Unless more helpers come forward there is a strong possibility the club will no longer be able to function in its current format. We may have to reduce from weekly to fortnightly. So your help is desperately needed NOW!

The youth club meets every Friday. 6.30-7.30pm for ages 8-10rs. 6.30-8.00 for ages 11-17rs. Call Steve on 851857 or Gemma on 850936

New Hall Website:

The hall now has a new website. In it you can see a full list of all regular activities and contact numbers should you wish to join in. www.withingtonvillagehall.org

210 Club:

There has been a slight delay in setting up this year's 210 club draw. As soon as we are ready, the April and May draws will take place with the winners being published in the next WN.

New Windows & Doors:

The hall has been fortunate over the past 2 years to replace three sets of patio doors. With careful management of the hall funds and with continued hiring's and fund raising events we have been able to manage these improvements, so a *big thank you* goes out to all those who have contributed in some way to help achieve this. We don't stop there as our next improvements planned will be for the front doors.

Daily Events at Withington Village Hall

Monday:

10 -12am - Widemarsh Children's Centre

5.30 - 7.30pm – Brownies

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

Tuesday:

6.30 – 8.30pm – Dog/Puppy Training

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)

Friday:

9.30-11.30 – Arts & Crafts for Babies & Toddlers

6.30 - 8pm – Youth Club

Sunday:

11.00-12.00am – Belly Dancing Classes

The Elizabeth Byworth Charity

The trustees of the above charity will meet again in **June**. Young persons (under the age of 25 years), students and school children who live in Withington, Westhide, Whitestone, Nunnington and Eau Withington, or whose parents reside in these areas, are invited to apply for grants for educational purposes.

Those who wish to apply for grants for educational visits, please ensure that the visit takes place **AFTER** the above DATE.

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A short service of Holy Communion has been taking place for the last eighteen months on the first Wednesday of each month. It has been decided that this shall now happen weekly to give people more opportunity to attend and to prevent confusion over which day the service is being held. So from June onwards it will take place every Wednesday at 10.00 am in Lugwardine Church, everyone is welcome.

Messy Church Programme 2013/14

Date

Theme

4th July

St Peter

10th October

Joseph and his coat

5th December

St Nicholas

6th February

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3rd April

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Sunday 16 th	11.00 am Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Service
Sunday 23 rd		9.30 am Morning Prayer	4.30 pm Evening Prayer	6.00 pm Patronal Songs of Praise	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th		10.00 United Service			
Sunday 7 th July	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 14 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 am Family Communion		8.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st	11.00 am Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Service
Sunday 28 th		9.30 am Morning Prayer	4.30 pm Evening Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 4 th August	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer

Dear Friends,

I have now been here eighteen months and over that time I have met many of you either in church or out and about in the community. It is sometimes a struggle to put names to faces and so, if I ask you for the umpteenth time to remind me what your name is, please be patient.

It also occurred to me the other day that I have only been able to having fleeting conversations with many of you and not had much opportunity to get to know you. I think that one of the best ways to remedy that is to meet people in their own homes and so, over the summer months I would love people to get in touch and invite me for a coffee and chat (but, no cake and biscuits as I am a diabetic).

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SUNDAYS

2nd. June, Marcia Hopkins

9th. June, Joyce Brown

16th. June, Joyce Brown

23rd. & 30th. June, Kay Davies



Withington Garden Club

For our next meeting we will be out and about on a garden visit. Wednesday June 19th sees us on the road to the 'most romantic garden in England' (voted as such by Gardeners World magazine readers) Moors Meadow near Bromyard. It is a 7acre organic hillside garden with herbaceous, shrubberies, grass garden, fernery, meadow pools and a kitchen garden. Absolutely delightful.

All those wishing to go please would you meet at Withington Village Hall at 6.30pm for car sharing. Visitors are welcome to join us. The entry to the garden costs £5 and refreshments are extra.

If you can't make the June visit perhaps you would like to come and hear a talk on Roses by Roger Davies. This will be at Withington Village Hall on July 17th at 7.30pm. Only £2 for visitors.

In August we will be having our Fun Flower Show and Barbeque at Ralph and Debbie Barber's in Westhide. Members will receive details at our next meeting - but get your cameras out before then to be ready for a photo depicting 'Weather'. There seems to be plenty of it around this year!

Enjoy your garden whatever the weather

News from Preston Wynne

Hello Everyone,

Did you enjoy our Summer then? – that would be the Sunday and Monday of the first Bank Holiday weekend in May if you can remember that far back, a marvellous couple of days to treasure. Let's hope that by the time this goes to press Summer will have returned and you will wonder what on earth we are being sarcy about! Nevertheless the Spring flowers have bloomed and because of the cold weather seem to be lasting longer than usual, yes it's an ill wind alright..... and the cuckoo bless him has put in an appearance so all is well. We don't have an exact date for the first hearing here in Preston Wynne but he has arrived! Talking about extremes of temperature which we have had in May they must have been quite moderate compared to that experienced by Josh Hargest on his return from New Zealand. Josh went on a three week trip with Walford College and had a great time in that fabulous country, and it was HOT!

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Church News

Services: Sunday 9th June at 8.00 a.m H.C.

23rd 9.30 a.m Family Service

The Church 100 Club was drawn at Pub Night on 27th April, Results:

1st No. 74 Ken Ball £50 2nd No. 71 Judith Ball £25

3rd No. 9 Sue Rudd £12.50

Congratulations to the lucky winners!

If there are any members reading this whose subs are still due rest assured your number did go into the draw but we would much appreciate payment ASAP, thank you.

The Church A.G.M. was held in the Hall on Thursday 8th May, Mrs. Jenni Maund took the Chair as the vicar was not well, we hope Heather has made a speedy recovery.

The **CHURCH FETE** will be held on Saturday 22nd June at 2.30 p.m on the Cricket field or in the Hall if wet. Offers of help in any capacity towards this event which is a joint fund raiser with Felton would be much appreciated. Talking of help if there is any reader out there who feels they could spend a little time and effort towards helping with the cleaning and or flower arranging in the Church, or help towards maintaining the Churchyard please phone Tricia on 820650.

HALL NEWS

PUB NIGHT JUNE 29TH BARBECUE AND FUN!

All for now

Love Hilary and Tricia

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and St Ethelbert the King in
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Unreserved seating

Medals may be worn
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ORGANISATIONS, VENUES, CONTACT NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall Committee	Kevin Hewison	850074
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Some changes have been made which are not yet shown on this list. Please ring me on 850672 if you wish to add or change someone.

Ed.

Yesteryear continued...

The Englishman who became a Welshman

Let me take you back to the early years of the second World War. I was probably about seven years old. It's a cold, dark Friday night. My mother and I are sitting close to the kitchen fire trying to keep ourselves warm. (The only source of heat in the house). My brother is in North Africa with the RAF; my father long since dead, so it was just the two of us.

I was agog with excitement and desperate to hear that knock on the front door which would indicate that someone would be standing there with an evacuee for us to take into our home as it was the night that the evacuees were due to arrive from Liverpool and I was desperate to have a friend to come and live with me.

As the time passed it became evident no such knock would come. So the time came for me to climb the wooden hill to bed a very disappointed little boy.

The following morning, after a hasty breakfast, I rushed down to the sea front guessing that the new arrivals would be around and so it proved to be. There must have been about twenty of them. One particular lad took my notice more than the others, mainly because he was quite small and younger than the rest of them. It turned out that his name was Owen.

My mother later told me that when he arrived at the village Memorial Hall, he was so small that someone picked him up and sat him on a table in case he was trodden on. She also said that Mrs Rees who took him home to her already large family, carried him home that night wrapped in her apron.

As the days passed and the weeks turned into months and the months into years, Owen joined in with everything the local lads did. He became one of us and although small of stature, he was big of heart and grew to be a fine young man. He joined in the fishing, sailing, swimming, cliff-climbing, cricket, football and all the other things we as boys did. He even learnt the language we all spoke – Welsh. Recently someone described him to me as the Englishman who became a Welshman.

In the summer, my home village grew (and still does) in population from its winter figure of 1000, to 7000 plus as visitors pour in from all parts of the U.K. for their summer holidays. This meant that there was always a choice of girl friends for the local lads and some of these relationships became permanent ones.

One summer Owen met a fine young girl who came regularly on holiday from Wrexham. Many of the boys liked her, but we could tell that Owen was smitten and later in life they married and had a family. Owen never did return to his native Liverpool!

Owen qualified as an officer in the Merchant Navy (as many of the local lads did) and went to sea. He later gave this up and went to work in a bank in the Wirral where he spent the rest of his life.

I personally lost touch with Owen even though we were good friends, but I heard that he had not been well of late,

It was not until last month (April) that I received news of Owen, quite by accident. One of the local lads now living in San Francisco, sent a letter to his many friends at home myself included, about a totally unrelated matter, and I spotted Owen's e-mail address in the address list, so I contacted Owen's wife. She told me that 18 years ago, Owen suffered a massive stroke. For 16 years she cared for him at home, but in the last two years she had to admit him into a care home where he was being well looked after.

Within two days of my contacting her, she e-mailed me again to tell me that Owen had died quite suddenly and that now his suffering was over.

How strange is that? Within two weeks of my contacting him again, after fifty years of absence Owen passed away. It makes one think that perhaps he waited for some kind of communication, except I know that's not true. I failed to make the funeral, but friends who went, told me that the music that greeted them on the way into the church was that of Welsh male voice choirs singing Welsh hymns.

This little English lad, brought up in Wales, who later returned to live in England, had truly become a Welshman. "Rest in peace Owen."

St Peter's Church, Withington – Special Services & Fund Raising 2013

St. Peter's Church, Withington, Herefordshire

Everyone is welcome to these events – Please come!

Group Benefice - Vicar's Strawberry Tea Party.....Sat 6th July
Garden Party & Auction.....Sunday 21st July
Whist Drive.....Thursday 25th July
Churches Festival (*incorporating Ride & Stride*)...w/end 14/15 September
Whist Drive.....Thursday 26th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning.....Friday 27th September
Car Boot.....Saturday 28th September
Harvest Service.....Sun 6th October
Film, Food, & Fizz – Benefice Event.....Sat 12th October
TBA.....November
Whist Drive.....Thursday 28th November
Christingle Service.....Sunday ? December
Carol Service.....TBA December



For extra information, phone Kevin/Ruth on 850074, Bob/ Gwen on 850840, Margaret on 850448

History Exhibition in Church 14th – 15th September

Following the successful exhibitions we have staged in the church in previous years, we are hoping to use the subject of leisure time in the past for our display on this occasion.

We are thinking about including artefacts, news cuttings, photos etc , which will include :

Children's toys and games,
Traditional women's pastimes including sewing, knitting, rug-making, quilting etc
Traditional men's hobbies; cars or other machinery, photography, carpentry, etc
Gardening – old photos, equipment, clubs
Sport – equipment, photos, clubs
Music – old radios, gramophones, records etc
Village special occasions – fetes, dances etc

If you have anything of interest to loan for the exhibition, please let Ruth or Laureen know. (The earlier we know what's available, the easier to plan the exhibition, though we will not collect things up till close to the time.)

Ruth on 850074, Laureen on 850650

Ruth Hewison

Messy Church

We will have held our first Messy Church session by the time this magazine comes out. It's a great fun time with all sorts of activities for children up to the end of Primary age, with their adult too. Held in the **Village Hall** after school twice a term. Watch out for the next one in July!

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