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The deadline for the July issue is noon on Sunday, 15th. June

Dear Readers,

THE WITHINGTON NEWS

Welcome to the June edition of the Withington News.

Due to the recent financial constraints on most business people, many who have advertised in the past have discontinued their support. This means that it has been necessary to seek the support of the Parish Council to help with the cost of printing (for which I am most grateful). The Withington Group Parish Council has supported us in the past and for many years kept us supplied with paper (when we used to print it ourselves), so local council support is nothing new.

I HAVE MONEY TO GIVE AWAY!

Honestly, I have money (or rather, the Byworth Trust has money) to give to young people under the age of 25yrs., for Educational Purposes, yet despite advertising, hardly any one is applying for it. Students can claim hundreds of pound each year for genuine educational purposes such as school trips, uniforms, tools, books etc. whether at primary, secondary, sixth form or university level, or for tools etc. if serving an apprenticeship!

Go on, give me a ring on 850672 so that we can chat about it!

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I'm sure this event is well worth a visit and a good day out for the family.

Bryan Davies / Editor



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Dear Friends

As I write this the sun is shining and, hopefully, summer has arrived. I was glad of the good weather last week when a group of us spent time with the community at the Abbey on the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. The journey involved three trains, two ferries and a bus but it was all worthwhile to spend a week in such beautiful surroundings with Christians of all denominations from around the world. The Iona Community is perhaps not as you would imagine as there are no monks or nuns wearing habits. It is made up of Christians lay and ordained, men and women, young and old and of many nationalities. They welcome guests through the summer months to become part of their community, to join in their daily routine for six days at a time.

Having been twice before there was an element of picking up where I left off but for some of our group it was a completely new experience. There is something very peaceful about being on a tiny island so far from home where there is no Wifi, no phone signal and no TV – something I'm sure we all long for at times.

I know how lucky I am to be able to enjoy such an experience and that for many it would be beyond reach but living where we do it isn't impossible to find such opportunities; perhaps by taking a walk in Queenswood or on The Malverns; or for the less mobile taking a seat by the river.

Life now is lived at such a fast pace, we are available every hour of every day, and so we need to work hard at carving out time just to 'be', to recharge our batteries and to enjoy this beautiful world that God has created for us to live in.

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Baptism

Dylan Meredith on 23rd February at St Peter's, Withington

Weddings

Wayne Sheppard and Laura Roberts on 15th March at St Peter's, Withington

Christopher Linton and Deborah Lait on 10th May at St Peter's, Withington

Congratulations and best wishes to all the families involved

Funerals

Lily Banks on 20th December at Hereford Crematorium followed by the interment of ashes in St Peter's Churchyard, Withington

Philip Hook on 2nd January at St Peter's, Withington

Barry Stamp on 24th January at St Peter's, Withington

Netta Scandrett on 10th February at St Paul's, Tupsley followed by interment in St Peter's churchyard, Withington

Garth Downes was remembered at a memorial service on 14th March in St Bartholomew's Church, Westhide following a private burial

Benjamin Hopkins on 7th April at Hereford Crematorium

Interment of Ashes

Lilian Craddock on 1st February at St Peter's, Withington

Our love and prayers are with all these families at this time



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St Peter's Church Withington

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Thank you to everyone who is supporting the food collection in the church. It is good to see new faces visiting the church bringing tins and packets of food, toiletries and other essential items for those finding themselves in the position of not being able to cope financially in these difficult times.

The church is open from 10am to 4pm every day and the collection box is positioned to the left of the entrance. Please keep the items coming they are much appreciated. All items donated are taken to the main collection point, every 2 or 3 weeks, in Aubrey Street Hereford.

Withington Church reordering

As many of you will know a small group of parishioners with Jane our Rector are in the early stages of updating your church. Plans include the installation of a lavatory and kitchen to create a community friendly, useable space. Anyone attending family baptisms, funerals or weddings will know how embarrassing it is currently to be arrive at the church only to discover that there are no facilities available. A draft plan is currently on display in the church.

A community consultation meeting will be held in the church within the next few weeks. Watch out for the posters and fliers. We urgently need your ideas, suggestions and support if your church is to continue to be viable.

Meanwhile if you would like to know more or think you might like to be involved in the project, whether an attendee of the church or not, please contact: Marcia Hopkins 850933 or Kevin Hewison 850074

Top this for a speeding ticket...

Two British traffic patrol officers from North Berwick, east of Edinburgh, were involved in an unusual incident, while checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great North Road.

One of the officers (who are not named) used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300mph. The machine then stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

The radar had in fact locked on to a NATO Tornado fighter jet over the North Sea, which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over the Borders district.

Back at police headquarters the chief constable fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison office.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style. "Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Tornado had automatically locked on to your 'hostile radar equipment' and sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, the Sidewinder air-to-ground missiles aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also locked on to the target. Fortunately the Dutch pilot flying the Tornado responded to the missile status alert intelligently and was able to override the automatic protection system before the missile was launched."



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Withington Church

modernise - or not - your decision

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Withington church has been around since the 13th century and a church stood here probably before that. The church was last renovated in 1858 at a cost of £800. It is built of Withington Stone quarried from two local sites just yards from the church.

The organ was installed in 1899 at a cost of £336. The ring of 6 bells, reported to be some of the best, were rehung in 1939 in a new iron frame.

The clock was installed in the tower in 1884 and is accessed by steep, narrow, stone, medieval spiral stairs.

The spire, above the 13th century tower, can be seen for miles around a true landmark for Withington. It was renovated in 2006.

The lychgate which was re-roofed last year, dates probably from the 16th century and is unusual in that it has both wide and narrow entrances.

That is just a small part of Withington Church's history. We should be justly proud of having such a lovely historic building in the middle of our village.

What is the church used for now?

There are weekly services of worship, special services for festivals like Easter and Christmas, school services, marriages, baptisms, funerals and bell ringing. Baptisms and weddings are increasingly popular and often the church is full - as is the case for funerals. The successful 'messy church' currently has to be held in the village hall.

The facts:

The Parochial Church Council consists of 11 members. I hope they don't mind me saying that with the exception of the Rector, they range in age from 60 to 80. Between them they work tirelessly to keep the church alive by giving generously of their own money by covenanted giving, by raising money through regular fund raising events throughout the year and by spending their time repairing and patching up the ancient fabric. We are grateful to a handful of local residents who covenant money, open and close the church, provide and arrange flowers, wind the clock, do work in the churchyard and ring the bells.

What is the money raised used for?

By far the biggest outgoing is the 'Parish Share' paid yearly to the Diocese. The amount for our church varies annually between £11,500 and £13,500. It will be raised further next year. The parish share is a sum of money paid yearly by every parish into the Diocesan Common Fund. The money helps towards the costs of keeping clergy in parishes by paying their wages, housing costs and training.

Jane Davies our rector is responsible for the 5 churches in the Bartestree Group of Parishes: Withington, Westhide, Preston Wynne, Dormington and Lugwardine.

In addition to the parish share are maintenance and cleaning costs, electricity bills, insurance, organ maintenance, communion wine and candles etc, etc.

So why do we need to modernise/reorder our church ?

First and foremost there is no mains water supply to the church All water used for any purpose i.e. refreshments, flower arranging, cleaning, washing hands, has to be carried into the church in large containers. All waste water has to be carried out.

There can be no lavatory so the congregation at any service has to cross their legs and go without. No fun for visitors who have travelled a long way to attend weddings or funerals.

The heating is basic and ineffective, so in the winter the church is freezing with water running down the walls causing damage to the ancient fabric, the floor tiles and the organ. Only one third of the organ is in working order, to restore it would need many thousands of pounds. The plaster work is in urgent need of attention and the whole interior, including the roof needs re-decoration.

The absence of water, lavatory and kitchen facilities means the church is severely restricted and disabled in developing or moving forward without which it is entirely possible that Withington church will not survive into another decade.

A healthy church:

- has an outward looking focus
- faces the cost of change and growth
- operates as a community

A place that can provide:

- an open accepting community that welcomes all
- a community meeting place
- a learning space for small groups, discussion, debate, training
- a place of nourishment for body and soul
- a place for creativity, artistic display, music, books.

We need to know your vision for the future of your local church. Perhaps you wouldn't mind if it closes, if so we still need to know. All funding bids for this project have to be based on what you, the local community, want if they are to be successful.

No support - no church.

I am not suggesting for one moment that this article applies to any of our readers. On the other hand, there may be a grain of truth here!

IF MY BODY WERE A CAR

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is just a little dull...

But, that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skip and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

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Sunday 8 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 Family Communion		8.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th	11.00 Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion		6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Service
Sunday 22 nd		9.30 am Morning Prayer	4.30 pm Evensong	6.00 pm Patronal Songs of Praise	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th St Peter		10.00 United Service			
Sunday 6 th July	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 13 th		9.30 am Family Service	11.00 Family Communion		8.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th	11.00 Family Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion 12.30 pm Baptism		6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Service
Sunday 27 th		9.30 am Morning Prayer	4.30 pm Evensong		9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 3 rd August	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer 12.30 pm Baptism

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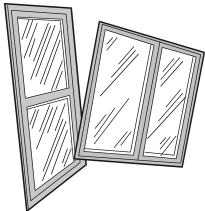
The trustees of the above charity will meet again in JUNE. Young persons (under the age of 25 yrs.), students and school children who live in Withington, Westhide, Whitestone, Nunnington, or Eau Withington, or whose parents reside in these areas, are invited to apply for grants for educational purposes such as courses, books, equipment, uniforms etc.

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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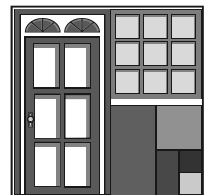
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Hello Everyone,

Just trying to remember if the Easter weekend weather was ok, cousin Barbara made her Annual visit then, she used to be described by her cousin-in-law Merv as Nanook of the North and normally she finds it much warmer down here than on the north east coast where she lives, but yes she did need an **PAMpered Pooches**

electric blanket put on this year! The cuckoo must have found it either a bit wet or a bit chilly too as he seems to have been about a fortnight late this year. John (Ford) reports hearing him whilst in the hopyard on May 2nd, haven't heard of anyone hearing him earlier. On another topic entirely - talk about the power of the press! If you recall we whinged on about the road potholes in one issue and then.....they were filled in.....and then – wait for it.... a marvellous new road surface was put down in just three days, Actually we don't *really* think it was our influence in case you're wondering, but it really is a pleasure to drive round the village now.

Church Services;

June 8th t.b.c

June 22nd H.C. 9.30 a.m

Date for your diary: SUMMER FETE HELD JOINTLY WITH FELTON SATURDAY JULY 12TH AT FELTON HOUSE HOME OF BRIAN ROBY

Whist drive for Church funds BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY 31ST AT BURLEY GATE HALL

The Easter workshop was lovely, not so many children this year perhaps because Easter was late and some families were already away but those that came had a great time. Thanks to all who helped with this very special morning.

HALL NEWS

BINGO These are held every third Tuesday in the month eyes down at 8 pm in the Hall. New players are warmly invited as numbers are depleting and there are always cracking prizes so there is a great chance of winning but the flip side is that it soon may not be worth holding these. Just come along if you're free on that Tuesday, if you've never played it is fun, honest! And it is all in a good cause for Hall funds.

Finally Darren (Ford) reports that cricket has begun it's Summer season with our local team, Cross Keys beating Ledbury in an away match on 6th May. Congratulations chaps, their next match is against Pencombe on 13th May and thus far Pencombe has always been victorious – will keep you posted. Once our own cricket pitch has been prepared hopefully there will be a rounders match or two on the field so look out for the board on the corner.

All for now, see you next month
Love, Hilary and Tricia

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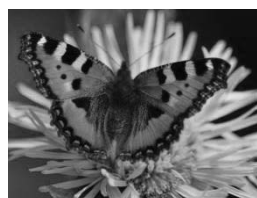
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SUNDAYS

1st. & 8th. Kay Davies

15th. & 22nd. Ruth Hewison

29th. Lyn Dodds



News from Westhide

Thank you to those who took part in the annual church spring-clean in early May. The churchyard had been mowed and strimmed (or is that mown and strum) and now looks much tidier. Sheila and Judy did most of the cleaning inside the church, and now that the chancel has been redecorated it all looks much fresher and brighter. With the pulpit now moved into the side, the elegance of the archway into the chancel can be appreciated. These improvements to the interior of the church are thanks to the dogged perseverance of the PCC, and especially to Robin, over the past few years. Do come and admire.

On July 6th Westhide will be hosting a village garden party, in aid of church funds. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon, with some unusual prizes including a glider flight, and will be drawn during the party. If you are able to offer any help with organising the event, or can provide food, drink or expertise of any sort please contact Debbie, Clare, Sheila or Judy. Please support the event. As well as being a chance to catch up with your neighbours, there will be various games and activities for the more competitive among us. All ages welcome.

Looking further ahead, other dates for the diary include the H Art exhibition from 6th to 14th September and the annual concert on Friday 12th September.

Clare

Withington Garden Club

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the difference in the weather this Spring compared to last year and has spent plenty of time gardening and enjoying their garden.



By the time you read this we will have hopefully had a successful Plant Auction at our May meeting.

Our next two meetings are garden visits. In June we are going to Grantsfield, near Kimbolton – where we will see herbaceous borders, kitchen garden, orchard and fantastic views. Everyone is welcome to join us – just pay at the garden (£3.50 entry £1.50 refreshments). If you don't want to go on your own please join us at Withington Village Hall at 6.30pm for car sharing.

Our July visit will be to Church Cottage, Hentland near Ross-on-Wye. This is a garden of a garden designer and keen plantswoman and the garden is packed with unusual varieties and interesting plant combinations and design ideas to inspire.

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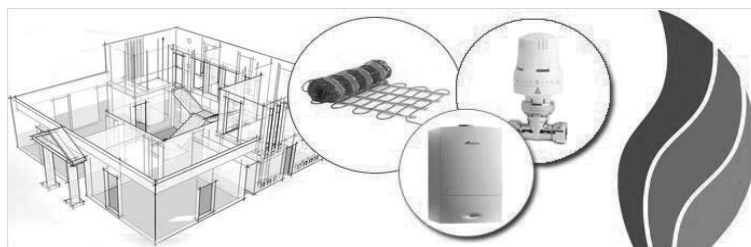
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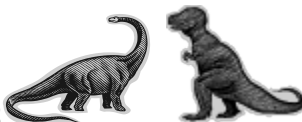
HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT WITHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This half term has been very short, but jammed packed!! The Year 2's and Year 6's have been working very hard in their SAT'S and the children have been on some exciting adventures.



Hogwarts Magical Adventure

Children in Year 1- 6 had an amazing trip to the Harry Potter studios in Watford; this was the fab finish to their topic on magic. It was a long day, but everyone had an amazing time. This wonderful opportunity was partly funded by our PTA who do a marvelous job.



The National Welsh Showcaves

The children in Reception have been learning all about dinosaurs this term. They have hunted for them around school, painted a range of dinosaurs and even had their own mini excavation looking for bones! As our fab finish we went to the Showcaves to learn more about the dinosaurs that roamed our Earth.

Busy PTA

Withington PTA do an amazing job and are always looking for new members. This term they will be holding a family Funday on Saturday 28th June, keep your eyes peeled for more details around the village. Other events planned for this term are a family quiz night and 80s night.

Pond Project

This term will also see us begin our pond project! We are going to rebuild our school pond and create a wonderful habitat for local wildlife. A tree surgeon has already visited school to help us clear away some of the larger tress, the children enjoyed watching him at work!



It has been a very busy few weeks for children and staff, not long til the summer holidays, where has the year gone!

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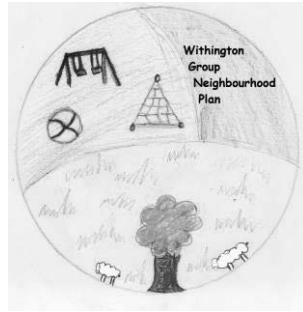
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Withington Group Neighbourhood Plan.

Your Village, Your Plan, Your Future

All the open days have now finished. But if you missed them you still have an opportunity to give your opinion by logging on to Facebook and adding your views to the <https://www.facebook.com/WithingtonGroupNeighbourhoodPlan> page.

So what is happening next ?

A house to house questionnaire, developed from the feedback obtained at the open days, will be delivered to all the houses in the group parish in June. Following their return the draft plan will be created. We are working to have a draft version available for your review in September.

As always should you have further input or can help delivery/collect the questionnaire please contact one of the people below. Thank you.

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Everyone is welcome to these events – Please come!

Garden Party & Auction.....Sunday 8th June
Songs from the Shows - HMTC.....Friday 18th July
Whist Drive.....Thursday 31st July
Churches Festival (*incorporating Ride & Stride*)...13th September
Whist Drive.....Thursday 25th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning.....Friday 26th September
Harvest Services.....Sunday 12th October
Films & Food.....Sat 11th October TBA
Quiz Night.....Sat November TBA
Whist Drive.....Thursday 27th November
Christingle Service.....Sunday ? December
Carol Service.....TBA December

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



MESSY CHURCH

**Next one....Thursday 5th June.....All Things Bright & Beautiful
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 5th June, and would love to see some new faces too!

Our dates and themes for the next year are as follows:

5 th June	All Things Bright & Beautiful
13 th August	The Seaside
9 th October	St Francis
4 th December	Christingle (including a short Christingle service)
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

Coming Up.....

Garden Party and Auction 8th June
Songs from the Shows presented by HMTC 18th July

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