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The deadline for the June issue is noon on Thursday, 15th. May

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the May issue of the Withington News.

How swiftly spring has arrived, clothing the hedgerows in a beautiful green and the trees bursting with new life. The spring flowers are glorious except for that harbinger of spring, the daffodil, now with duty done, retreating with bowed, brown head to its summer haunt.

The sun is glorious and takes the sting out of the rather chilly winds that have blown over Easter. What a wonderfully refreshing time of the year this is, so fresh and clean after the dowdy, wet, long winter. So good to see new life blooming all around. I just wish the grass didn't grow so enthusiastically!! (There's always a moan isn't there?)

The birds are once more flocking to the garden with wood pigeons, collared doves, blackbirds, reed buntings, goldfinches all becoming daily visitors.

A reminder to those of you who have children either at school, university, college or serving an apprenticeship of any kind, so long as they are under the age of 25yrs and live in the village or their parents dwell here, financial help is available from the Byworth Trust for these purposes, whether you wish to claim for books, course materials, tools, educational visits etc.

If in doubt, give me, Bryan Davies, a ring on 01432 850672

Bryan Davies / Editor

Church Bellringing at Withington

Regular weekly ringing practices will resume after Easter Week, and to accommodate our ringers' other commitments, will now be held on **Tuesday mornings at 10.30 – 12 00**. Starting 29th April.



- If you are already a ringer, and are interested, please come along.
- If you are not, but would like to learn, you are also welcome – come and see what's involved!

Kevin (01432 850074)

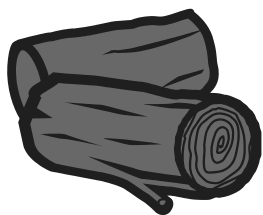
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Yesteryear continued..... **RUBBISH**

Today when I survey the psychedelic varieties of waste disposal containers which seem to appear overnight in some local authority areas, plastic containers of all colours, shapes and sizes, (which I am convinced if left out for too long a time, multiply of their own accord), I thank heavens for Herefordshire Council's green bins and black bags policy which I think is second to none. My daughter who lives in the north east of England has regularly to place outside each week about four containers of different colours and sizes the contents of which are meticulously sorted to abide by the strict council regulations.

When I see some of the methods used by various councils, I can't help but think of waste disposal in my own village when I was a boy. We then called it 'rubbish' as that was precisely what it was.

The rubbish was placed outside the house in a metal bin which had a handle each side and a metal lid and was collected once a week by Will and his horse and cart.

Our name for him was "Will Rwbish" or in English, "Will the Rubbish" a name which the locals thought up as it described him perfectly as Will looked very like his rubbish. Just as the coal miners coming up from the pit at the end of a shift are covered in black coal dust, so Will would by the end of the day be covered from head to toe in various items of rubbish from ashes & feathers, to bits of paper, jam etc. He knew this as he would pretend to frighten us when he saw us.

The cart was a conventional farm cart, but with raised sides and the horse was a lovely old black and white carthorse with huge, white, long-haired feet. You could always tell that Will had collected your rubbish if you were anywhere within a couple of hundred yards of the bin as the lid was dropped on to the road with a great clatter and left there. Sometimes clouds of dust could be seen rising from the cart enveloping both Will and the horse. Most people had coal fires then, the ashes of which, when cooled, were tipped into the bin – hence the name 'dustbin'.

Rumour had it that before my time, the previous horse, on coming down the steep hill into the village, was spooked by something or someone and bolted, jumping the railings above the beach, the horse, (cart and all), plunging to its death on the beach below. When Will's cart was full, disposal of the rubbish was simple. He took the horse and cart to the far end of the lowest of the three terraces, reversed the cart to the cliff edge, then tipped the lot over on to the rocks below where the incoming tide and waves dispersed it. Of course this does not happen today as the local

council has now a very sensible scheme in place. As children we would sometimes play on the village end of the beach where Will disposed of his rubbish. We would then scramble for about 500 yards over the large barnacle encrusted rocks and rock pools (at low tide) to a cave just below the cliff where every week Will's rubbish was avalanched into the sea. You could smell the area from hundreds of yards away, but this didn't worry us as children. I recollect that we didn't stay too long in the area as the stench was overpowering on some days. The cave did however become our den for many years and despite the danger of being trapped in the cave by the incoming tide, we became vary skilled at timing our departure; well most of us did. There was always the exception of course. Anyone caught in the cave by the incoming tide or deteriorating weather conditions, had to make a quick decision whether to get wet by jumping into the sea and swimming around to the beach, or spend another few hours in the cave until the tide receded again. This could be rather uncomfortable as the stench, though unnoticed by us when playing there for a short period of time, would become unbearable if one was confined to the area for any length of time. There was also the unpleasant task of informing parents as to why their child / children would be a few hours before returning home.

Also on the same stony beach, but nearer the village itself, the village sewage was channelled into a large chamber encased in local stone and measuring some fifty feet by thirty and about ten feet high. This was sealed and totally enclosed, but its top surface made a good playing area for children, the girls using it as a house and the boys would pretend it was a fort or a ship at sea.

Leading from this large tank (for that is what it was), was a pipe, encased in concrete and which led hundreds of yards out to the open sea. The concrete casing was smooth and lovely to run on. Even at low tide one couldn't reach the open end as it was well out to sea – thank goodness!

During the war, they decided to camouflage this tank by covering its top with stones of various sizes to make it look like a pebble beach from above, **in case the Germans bombed it!** I can't believe for one minute that the Germans would want to waste a bomb on such a harmless installation, but that was the thinking at the time. I can't recall any of my friends of that time suffering any catastrophic ailment as a result of playing where we did. Clearly, our parents had no idea of some of the places where we played. **ED.**

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HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT WITHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring has sprung and a lot has happened at Withington Primary this term, including a very successful visit from OFSTED. Check out our report at

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/116748>

Sports Relief

The children of Withington supported this wonderful charity by wearing sports clothes for the day. We also ran our mile around the lovely Withington countryside, you may have spotted us. It was a very muddy, but fun experience.

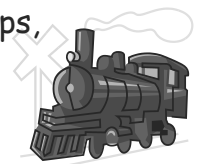
Healthy Eating

Children in KS1 and KS2 have been learning all about healthy diets and creating some wonderful treats with help from Lou Foti (www.eatyourveg.co.uk). They planned healthy lunch boxes and a balanced meal for Hagrid!



Transport Adventures

The children in the Foundation Class have learnt all about different modes of transport this term. They have been on some amazing adventures to Shobdon airfield, where they tried out helicopters. Last Friday they travelled to Cardiff Bay via train and aquabus, whilst there they spotted a Tardis and a Triceratops, everyday is an adventure in Foundation Class!



Mad Hatters Tea Party

The children have also taken part in an amazing Mad Hatters Tea party organised by our fab PTA. The hall was transformed into Alice's wonderland and all the children dressed up as characters from the book. The white rabbit even made an appearance bringing Easter treats for all the children!

It has been an amazing spring term, we are all very proud of our school and its achievements. A BIG THANKYOU to our fantastic children and parents.



Withington Primary

OFSTED visited Withington Primary during the Spring term, below are some of the fantastic comments the inspector made.

For the full report visit

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/116748>

Withington Primary School has been judged in a recent Ofsted inspection to be a good school in all aspects of its work. This is a journey of continuous improvement for the school given that it was placed in Special Measures in 2011 and judged to be Satisfactory in 2012. Ofsted recognised that 'the leadership team and governing body have made rapid improvements to all aspects of the school' and the hard work of the dedicated staff means that 'teaching is good and increasingly outstanding.' Subsequently, 'pupils' books and work in lessons show that pupils are making good and, for some, outstanding progress'.

Ofsted saw that the 'outstanding progress' of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage, because of outstanding leadership and management of provision there, serves as an excellent platform for Key Stage 1 where results from national phonics (letters and sounds) screening show pupils well above average which 'sets the foundation for the pupils' love of reading seen across the whole school.'

Importantly, 'Progress rapidly accelerates in Key Stage 2' with achievement in reading, writing and mathematics judged to be good. For pupils in Year 6 'a higher proportion than in previous years is on track to achieve the higher Levels 5 and 6 in national assessment tests.' Effective monitoring systems mean that the progress of pupils is checked carefully and the 'well trained' and 'highly skilled' learning support assistants provide 'high quality' support for any pupil in need with some observed 'outstanding progress'.

The report revealed that because of positive role models by adults, 'in turn, pupils are well mannered and highly supportive of each other. They talk to adults with confidence.' The report went on to say that Parents were 'highly positive' about the school because their children enjoy learning and, so, attendance is good. As one pupil stated, 'I always come to school. If I take a day off, I might miss something that was really fun.'





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Dear Friends

Last month our primary school at Withington was inspected by Ofsted and came out with a glowing report. 'Good with outstanding features' I think is the correct terminology. I want to say a huge WELL DONE to the head of learning, Susie Bishop, and her staff and to the children for such a wonderful achievement. A big WELL DONE too to the governors and Leadership Team from Aylestone Business and Enterprise College with which Withington is federated.

The full report can be found on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk but the summary statement says

This is a good school.!

- The leadership team and governing body have made rapid improvements to all aspects of the school.
- Pupils make good progress, particularly in the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Attainment in both English and mathematics is rising. The proportions of pupils making and exceeding expected progress are above national averages.
- Teaching is good, and increasingly outstanding.
- Behaviour is good and pupils have positive attitudes to learning.
- Pupils' safety is good and the school makes sure that everyone is safe. Pupils stated that they feel very safe in school.
- The federation provides good leadership and management. Leaders and managers at all levels monitor how well teachers are doing and the progress of their pupils.
- Attendance has risen steadily and is above average.
- The leadership team and governing body have developed links with a wide range of local and wider community groups to provide further learning opportunities for pupils.
- Parents are very positive about the school. All say that they would recommend it.
- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent.

A special pat on the back to the pupils whose behaviour, enthusiasm and skills greatly impressed the inspector.

We are so lucky to still have a village school when in many communities they have been closed. We are even luckier to have such a good school, something that we knew already but which is great to have officially confirmed, and we can look forward to many years of seeing our children educated here in our own community.

Jane

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who worked very hard to make our churches look so beautiful for Easter Day by cleaning and arranging flowers.

Jane

Friday, 2nd May 2014, time 7.25 pm (doors open 7.00 pm)

St Peter's church, Hereford have invited Graham Kendrick , well known hymn writer and Philippa Hanna to Hereford on Friday May 2nd 2014 to perform their 'Story Tellers Tale' which is going on tour around the country this year.

Further information, please contact: Don Langford, Outreach facilitator for St Peter's, donald@donaldlangford.wanadoo.co.uk 01432 264284

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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		6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Service
Sunday 25 th Rogation		9.30 am Holy Communion	4.30 pm Evensong		9.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday 29 th Ascension	7.00 pm Holy Communion				
Sunday 1 st June	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		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

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

May: 9th, 23rd. June: 6th, 20th. July: 4th, 18th.

Regular Activities:

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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 (Now Every Fortnight)

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PRESTON WYNNE NEWS MAY 2014

Hello Everyone,

Marvellous April sunshine as we write, so hope this continues through the Easter weekend! By the time you read this the Good Friday workshop will have come and gone, do hope it's as successful as the Easter Egg Hunt organised by my (Hilary's) daughter's sister-in-law in Marden on the first Monday of the school holidays. It started off as an activity for her own two littlies and some friends and ended up with 66 children coming along! Wowsers! The families brought along picnics for lunch and of course the weather was just brilliant, so what was not to enjoy! Will report on the Workshop next "News".

CHURCH NEWS

May 11th Family Service 3.00 p.m
25th H.C. 9.30 a.m

HALL NEWS

Strictly Come Dancing Evening

Well done Simon and Janet for organising this. Those who missed it missed a real treat, the live music and the vocalist who came from Church Stretton were superb. If you didn't want to dance it was a real pleasure just to sit (drink) and listen to these professionals, the fact that you could also watch and admire those who *did* dance was an added bonus.

W.I News

The April meeting was attended by members from a few other invited institutes. Members were encouraged to bring along cakes to be judged by Christine Fletcher so that she could let us know the good and bad points when entering competitions or simply to find out why the cherries always sink to the bottom etc. Christine brought along samples of her own which she had deliberately made imperfect, assuring the assembled company that her husband would still scoff the lot...

The evening was great with members learning much and then sampling the many and diverse offerings, it was also made special since the evening was in memory of Gwen Watkins who died last year and it was lovely that Gwen's cousin Mr Charlton and his wife Margaret were able to come along for the meeting.

All for now, see you next month

Love, Hilary and Tricia

P.S. Gosh, almost forgot. GREAT NEWS POTHOLES FILLED!

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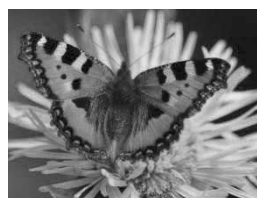
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18th. & 25th. – Joyce Brown

1st. June – Kay Davies



St Peter's Church, Withington – Special Services & Fund Raising 2014

Everyone is welcome to these events – Please come!

Whist Drive.....	Thursday 29 th May
Garden Party & Auction.....	Sunday 8 th June
Songs from the Shows - HMTC.....	Friday 18 th July
Whist Drive.....	Thursday 31 st July
Churches Festival (<i>incorporating Ride & Stride</i>)....	13 th September
Whist Drive.....	Thursday 25 th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning.....	Friday 26 th September
Harvest Services.....	TBA October
Films & Food.....	Sat 11 th October TBA
Quiz Night.....	Sat November TBA
Whist Drive.....	Thursday 27 th November
Christingle Service.....	Sunday ? December
Carol Service.....	TBA December

St. Peter's Church, Withington, Herefordshire



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



MESSY MOTHERING SUNDAY

We had a GREAT time! We planted pansies in pots, made flower posies and cards, and thank you decorations. There were delicious cake refreshments afterwards.



THE ELIZABETH BYWORTH CHARITY

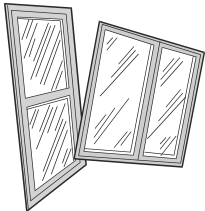
The trustees of the above charity will meet again in JUNE. Young persons (under the age of 25 yrs.), students and school children who live in Withington, Westhide, Whitestone, Nunnington, or Eau Withington, or whose parents reside in these areas, are invited to apply for grants for educational purposes 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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The pulpit project is well under way, with the pulpit now moved and reassembled in its new position. More work within the chancel will now follow, and should be completed within the next few weeks. It is hoped that most of the building work and redecoration will be finished by May 3rd, when the annual church 'spring clean' is planned. All offers of help for this major village effort will be gratefully received. Helpers are needed for work in the churchyard as well as in the church interior, and as usual there will be a 'wish list' of jobs pinned up in the church porch. There is usually soup and refreshments for the workforce.

Another date for the diary is Sunday July 6th when Westhide will hold a garden party in aid of the church. There will be activities for all ages including skittles, tennis and croquet, so keep the date free. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Looking further ahead, an exhibition for H.Art will again be held in the church. This exhibition will be hosted from 6th to 14th September. In the same week the annual Westhide concert will also be held in the church, on Friday 12th September.

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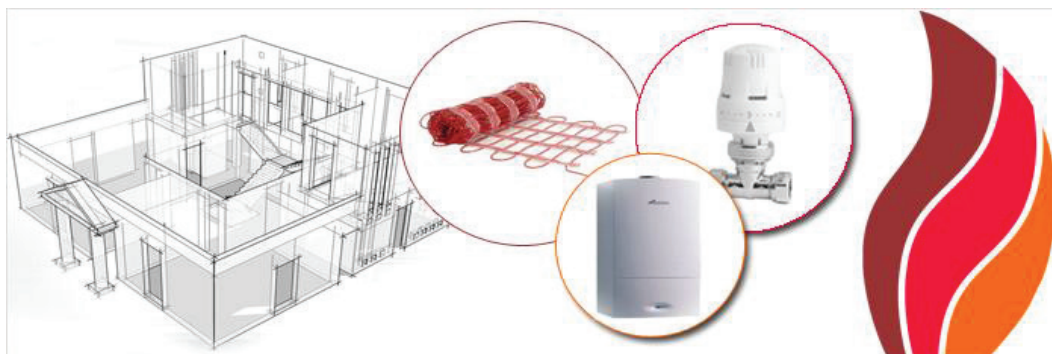
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