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St. Peter's Church News

Fundraising Programme for Charities and Church 2016

We welcome everybody to join these events. They are good social gatherings as well as fund raisers!

We aim to raise money for various Charities as well as for St Peter's Church, which needs money for both routine maintenance and to update its facilities. Venues vary, and include the Church, the Village Hall and individuals' homes. Look for posters nearer the event dates.

Ride & Stride (sponsored cycling or walking)	Sat 10 th September
Organ Recital on newly repaired organ (Church).....	Sat 24 th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning (VH).....	Fri 30 th September (<i>date change</i>)
Harvest Service followed by refreshments (Church).....	Sun 23 rd October
<u>Moonfleet</u> Ensemble & Guest Players Concert (Church).....	Sat 29 th October
WW1 & the Herefordshire Regiment + supper (VH).....	Sat 19 th November
Quiz Night (VH).....	Fri 25 th November

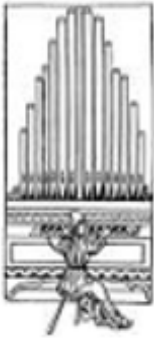
The summer Pop Up Café@ St Peter's has been absolutely great! A big thank you to the organisers and helpers.

More information from Ruth/Kevin 01432 850074, Margaret 01432 850448

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

St. Peter's Church News

Withington Church Organ Restoration.



Work has now started on the cleaning and restoration of the organ. At the time of writing the organ is almost a shell as most of the 'workings' have been taken away to David Gallichan's workshop. However last week was a different matter when the pews and chancel were covered with various parts of the organ, including masses of organ pipes of all sizes.

The 'Pop up Cafe' in the church, which will happen until at least September, has been a success and the cakes absolutely delicious. We are very grateful to Jane Sheehan from the Moka Bar in Hereford who is supplying us with a cake every week. **The cafe is 'open' from 9 to 12 every Thursday morning.** Why not come and join us.



The Inaugural Organ Recital, will be held at 7.30 on the 24th September following the Priesting of our Curate in the morning at 10 am in Hereford Cathedral.

The organist for the recital will be **Liam Cartwright, Director of Music at All Saints High Wycombe.** Cost £8 including refreshments. Organ sponsors will get free entry for one person.

We would like to set up a **"Bring a book - Take a book"** facility in the church. We have had offers of donations of books in good condition to get it started. However we need a medium size bookcase to put the books in! If you happen to have one you don't need or see one in a charity shop anywhere please would you let me know. **Marcia 850933**
marciahopkins34@gmail.com

On October 29 at 7pm there will be a performance in the church by **The Moonfleet Ensemble**, a local baroque group consisting of four musicians playing, Violin, Cello, Keyboards, flute and recorders.

We are absolutely delighted that **Clare Gardiner and Robert Fox** have agreed to join us as soloists. Clare, currently playing with Opera North, was helped to buy her viola by Withington's Byworth Trust and her brother Robert, a professional French Horn player, has strong musical and family connections with Withington. **Tickets £10 with refreshments.**

St. Peter's Church News



**WE ARE
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Come for Coffee and Cake

**At Withington Village Hall
Friday 30th September
10.30 – 12.00**

Join us there – everyone is welcome!

**Join the Ride and Stride this year
to help fund repairs badly needed in many of
Herefordshire's churches**



**This national event takes place on Saturday, September 10th 2016.
Cycle, walk, or go by car, between the churches in your area.**

**Half of the sponsorship you raise goes to the
Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, half to the church of your choice.**

To find out more go to www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride,
To participate call your local organiser:

Kevin Hewison (850074) or Judith (Westhild 850117)



Next Messy ChurchThursday 13th October

In the Village Hall 3.30 – 5.15pm

**Lots of activities, games and crafts as usual. New friends welcome!
Children up to top juniors with their adults.**

Our last session, in July, was Olympics preparation! We started with parachute games, followed by a bible story about Jesus and his team, then there were various craft activities – gold medal decorated biscuits, paper plate Frisbees, Olympic torches, laurel crowns and an Olympic Rings wall frieze. We finished as usual with a shared meal for all.

St. Peter's Church News

Wanted!



A medium sized bookcase in reasonably good condition for a "Bring a book - Take a Book" facility in withington Church. If you have one surplus to requirements or see one in a Charity Shop, please would you let me know.

marcia 850933

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Large Water Butts needed in the church graveyard!

The 2 water tanks there at present, which have been used for many many years as a supply of water for grave flowers are so rusty that the water comes out orange!

We would like to replace them with large plastic water butts with secure lids for safety, and a tap near the base.

We wonder if anyone has an unwanted butt of this type they could give us.

Phone Kevin Hewison, Churchwarden 014532 850074



Special Services

Our curate, Revd Paul Roberts will be ordained priest in Hereford Cathedral at 10.30am on Saturday **24th September**. On **Sunday 25th** he will celebrate Holy Communion for the first time at 11.00am at Lugwardine. This will be followed by a Parish Lunch at Bartestree Village Hall (please sign one of the sheets in any of our churches or speak to Jane or Paul if you would like lunch).

On **21st October** at 2pm is the Withington School's Harvest Service in Withington Church. Our fifth Sunday gathered service on **30st October** will be at Dormington Church and will celebrate the festival of All Saints.

For details of other services in the Bartestree Cross Group please visit our website:
<http://www.bartestreecross.org/regular-worship/>

Advance Notice – 19th November 2016 7.30pm – First World War evening at Withington Village Hall featuring a talk on the Herefordshire Regiment by Col. Andy Taylor and specialists on hand to identify any family military objects/pictures/medals. Find out more about your ancestor's time in the military. Supper included. Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To reserve tickets telephone 01432 850484.

St Peter's Church News

Dear Friends

How time flies! It seems difficult to believe that I have been living among you for over a year now. In one sense it seems like only yesterday that Rosie, Jack and I were unpacking boxes at The Beeches in Withington. However it speaks volumes of the hospitable nature of the Bartestree Cross parishes that it feels like we have been here for much longer! It has been wonderful to be your curate for this last twelve months.

The fact that there has not been a curate training in the group has, in many ways, been a great advantage to me. I've had no previous curate to live up to ("We did *love* the last curate" one hears in other parishes or "The last curate was very good at..."). But also it has provided a blank canvas for Jane and I to establish new ways of working and to set up new schemes and projects.

On September 24th I will be ordained a priest at Hereford Cathedral (10.30am – it would be lovely to see you there!) and at 11am the following day I will celebrate Holy Communion for the first time, at Lugwardine Church. (Again it would be great to see you there and for the party afterwards!). This practice of ordaining twice does seem to raise some confused eyebrows however. Surely I was "done" last July?

This is one of the great joys of the threefold orders of ministry in the Church of England – ordinations to Deacon, Priest and Bishop. A deacon holds a very special place within the church: a place very suited to a curate only recently moved to a new parish. For the deacon, forms a bridge between the people and the church; it is the deacon's role to serve church and people; to visit the sick and to search out those in need. This ministry is not left behind when someone is ordained a priest, but the priestly duties are added to it.

We are all called to be deacons in some way – to be bridge builders, to seek out those in need. The headlines in our newspapers show that the world is in need of this type of ministry more than ever.

Please pray for all those to be ordained priest this September. I have cherished being a deacon among you all this last year. I am very excited about my new role as a priest that I will take up from September, but I will not be leaving behind that call to serve and to seek.

With every blessing,

Paul

	Withington	<u>Westhide</u>
September		
Sunday 4 th	4.00pm Refresh	
Sunday 11 th	9.30am Holy Communion by Extension	11.00am Family Communion
Sunday 18 th	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 25 th	11.00 Group Communion at Lugwardine (see below)	
October		
Sunday 2 nd	4.00pm Refresh	
Sunday 9 th	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion
Sunday 16 th	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Harvest Festival
Sunday 30 th	10.00 Group Service for All Saints at Dormington	

Obituary

Brian Reader

On Monday 11 July Withington Church was packed for Brian's Memorial Service. The size and variety of the congregation clearly indicated the high esteem and affection Brian was held in.

Moving tributes were paid by Andy Taylor, Adrian Reader (Brian's Grandson) and Revd Jane Davies, all well illustrated Brian's love of his family, his faith, his passion for music, his sense of fun, his love of gadgets and his practical ability and commitment.

Brian was born in Wallsend, Tyneside in 1934; he left home at aged 16 to take up a Government sponsored engineering apprenticeship. In 1957 he was called up for National Service and joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME); he signed up for a full career and retired as a Warrant Officer Class One, Artificer Sergeant Major. Brian and Rita were married in 1959 and postings followed to Germany, Malaya and UK where their children Susan, Phillip, Lesley and Colin were born.

When Brian left the Army he worked in Saudi Arabia for 12 years while Rita and the family settled in Malvern. After this Brian and Rita ran a successful Farm House B&B in Devon before moving to Bartestree in 2007. They soon became key members of the community with Brian being Secretary of the Bartestree Branch of The Royal British Legion, a member of Probus in Hereford and a member of the Hereford Organists' Society. Brian became organist at Withington Church and regularly played the organ at the other churches in the Benefice. He was also churchwarden there between 2012 and 2015: he made a quite an impression in those three years!

Brian was good company and always wanted to do his best; he will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Rita and the family.

Elizabeth Byworth Charity

The next meeting to consider applications is the 14th September.

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. Funding is also 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 Gardening Club



Withington Gardeners Visit to Hereford Cathedral

30 members attended a conducted garden tour given by Dr Evans and Mrs Evans in July. They not only gave us a behind the hidden walls tour of the garden but also some history about the cathedral which was very interesting.

The gardens were amazing pallet of colours leading down to the mighty River Wye.

And of course no evening would be complete without the tasty chocolate- lemon sponges washed down with a lovely cup of tea in the music room.

Coming up in August/September/October/November

Wednesday 17th August = Garden Visit – The Brooks, Pontrilas HR2 0BL 7pm at gardens or 6pm at the Village Hall for car sharing - Gardens 2.5 acres

Wednesday 21st September - Demonstration on Willow Weaving and making Dragonflies by Elaine Shears – 7.30pm at Withington Village Hall

Wednesday 19th October - Choice Plants of the Season – Talk by Paul Green (also he will be bringing lots of plants to purchase) 7.30pm Withington V H

Wednesday 16th November – Flowers on the Queen's Barge – by Brenda Crump - 7.30pm WVH

Hope you can join us on any of the above – new members always welcomed.

Diane Barber

Secretary

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Withington Village Hall

Chairman: Kevin Hewison Tel: 850074

Booking Secretary: Kathy Fields Tel: 851001

Treasurer: Paula Highley Tel: 851570

Withington Village Hall

200 Club July

1st 25 Bruce/Deidre Stephenson

2nd 133 Paul Bainbridge

3rd 163 Lucy Moran

4th 168 Dave Reeves

Damage to Withington Fields Pavilion

Over the weekend of 16/17 July the wooden pavilion was severely damaged. The roof was separated from the walls and the walls themselves were also damaged. The Parish Council have had the whole structure removed from the site for safety reasons.

Should this be repaired, replaced or not returned? Please give your views to the Parish Council.

Thank you.

Kevin Hewison

Have Your Say

Brian Reader

I would like to thank our friends in the five parishes for all their love, prayers and support over this very difficult period. Brian and I have been married for almost 58 happy years and have lived in many places in that time. We have four fine children with their spouses and five grandsons. All of our life has been filled with Brian's music which has brought me much joy.

Thank you all for coming to the service at Withington on Monday. Jane was wonderful as were all who helped on the day.

*Thank you.
Rita*

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For more information please speak to our Careline team on 01432 384100.

WANTED ~

*A BOOKCASE and a
WATER BUTT for the Church please
See details on page 6.
Thank you.*

Memories by Bryan Davies

CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE WAR

I feel that I was fortunate in that I was born in a fishing village on the west coast of Wales, a village where each summer thousands of visitors, mainly from the Midlands and south Wales flock to enjoy its sailing, fishing, warm waters, sunshine and beaches.

When I say I was fortunate, I mean that living as I did on the coast, my childhood was spent either swimming, sailing, fishing, playing on the beach or exploring the numerous hill paths that led from the village over the cliff top (Pen y Graig) which mercifully sheltered the village from some of the rather severe winter storms one can experience on the coast.

The other advantage of growing up where I did was that I grew up speaking a language other than English. Every conversation in my house was always in Welsh even when neighbours called, as we didn't know anyone who spoke English. I still find Welsh a source of great joy and sometimes a great comfort to me in my advancing years even though I have lived and worked in England since the age of 20+. Even today I still find my head buried in my Welsh dictionary looking for that certain word which sometimes eludes me when in conversation with my friends at home.

I rarely spoke English until the evacuees came during the war in 1939-40. I even sat my 11+ in Welsh. When at grammar school I found that English came much easier to me than Welsh, but only in reading and writing. The spoken word was always in Welsh unless someone was present who did not understand the language.

My home village has, since 1874, held an annual regatta, The Cardigan Bay Regatta, in August every year. This annual event lasts for three days and includes sailing, swimming, rowing, plus events such as sand castle building, crabbing and making model boats (for the children) etc. During this time the sea front is invaded, not just by people watching the regatta, but by scores of stallholders trying to sell their wares such as candyfloss, fruit, sweets, balloons, toffee-apples, hot dogs and so on. People pour on to the old stone pier to view the events which continue well into the third day when the prizes are given out by the regatta President for that year.

From an early age my playground has been the sea, the beaches, fishing and climbing the cliff-top paths. I can't think of anywhere better to have experienced the early years of one's life.

Like all villages and towns located on Britain's coastline, New Quay is tidal. This means that twice a day the tide comes in and goes out again. This can be advantageous or even sometimes, quite the opposite, depending on who you are and what you're doing. I sometimes envy the Mediterranean sea-side towns for their lack of proper tides with usually only about twelve inches of difference between high and low tide. At home, when the tide was in we would swim, fish or sail. At low tide it was an opportunity to play cricket or football on the beach depending on the time of year, so we had the best of both worlds.

Also, in the summer, we would climb the cliff-top paths where the gorse in dazzling yellow bloom would secrete its sweet scent to the constant humming of honey bees, with the sun high in an azure blue sky and where, even to this day, the linnet still sings. The variety of wild flowers was staggering and often we would lie on our backs in the green tufted grasses and gaze at seabirds of all descriptions wheeling and diving above our heads. Hundreds of feet below, the village with its tiny fishing boats bobbing like discarded corks in the water, would bask in the heat of the summer's day and we in our youth would take it all for granted, not realizing then what precious and wonderful days these were and how soon they would pass.

Should one return today to my village they would find that little has changed. Perhaps there is a little less Welsh spoken and many of the houses are now holiday homes which in a way is a shame as empty properties suck the life blood out of a place. In my youth most of the houses, if not all, were permanently occupied. However, that's life!

To be continued...

Westhide

News from Westhide.

A very successful Westhide Garden Party was held on Sunday 31 July at Upper House, by kind permission of Steve and Clare Scotcher. There was a full programme of traditional events catering for all ages, from 2 to over 80. The event raised £325 for Church funds – well done all, and we had a good time!

In September we have a full programme of activities:

H.Art is once again being held in the Church, from the 10th to the 17th September. There will be several exhibitors alongside Robin.

Silent Auction. This proved very popular last year and a repeat is being planned, running again through the H.Art week in the Church. If you are able to pledge any items/activities for the Auction, do let us know. Last year, we were able to auction a wide range of donated lots, ranging from a load of apple logs to a glider flight from Shobdon.

Concert in the Church, Saturday 17 September. A varied programme of musical entertainment will feature the local Pax Singers – do come along and enjoy the music and attendant refreshments.

The Great Ride and Stride, on Saturday 10 September 10am to 6 pm. Of course this is open to all, and funds raised do help the Church. The more the merrier – on foot, cycle or horseback.

Lastly, advance notice for the Harvest Festival: Sunday, 23 October, 11 am followed by the renowned Harvest Lunch. All welcome.

Wishing you all a continuing warm and pleasant summer,

Judith

School House

Preston Wynne

Preston Wynne News

Hello Everyone,

We do hope you have had a great Summer, making the most of that lovely warmth while it lasted. Never satisfied are we! We grumble about it being too wet, too cold, too dry too hot, too everything really, but I suppose in this moderate and usually temperate climate we don't get it too *anything* for very long....? It has to be said though at the moment it is quite dry for the gardens and crops but probably by the time this gets to you it will be *too wet by half!* Talking of crops and gardens one local hop farmer was thoroughly incensed by an article in the Daily Mail last week which was on about bindweed and the fact that some climbers followed the sun around climbing clockwise while others travelled anticlockwise, now this article stated that beans grew clockwise whilst printing alongside a picture of a bean clearly growing anticlockwise, honestly! But what got to John (our authority on hops) was that they said that hops grew anticlockwise – wrong! Ok this may seem all a bit trivial but if the press are going to state facts on any subject they should really get them straight. There's a joke there somewhere, but you work it out!

Church News

Services; Sept 11th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 25th 9.30 a.m. **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
Oct 9th 3.00 p.m. **SONGS OF PRAISE**
 23rd 9.30 a.m. Family Service

A date for your diary – Sunday November 13th at 3.00 p.m **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

There will be a HARVEST LUNCH this year on Sunday 2nd October 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Please book early for this as we need numbers for catering purposes (by phoning Tricia on 820650).

Many thanks to Andrew and Patsy Marson for organising a Summer concert in our Church, two professional flautist friends of theirs treated us to a programme of lovely flute music which was followed by delicious canapes and bubbly. A very successful and enjoyable occasion raising around £700 for church funds. Thanks also to all those who supported the Fete which was held in the Hall this year raising about £400 for each of the churches of Felton and Preston Wynne.

Finally, congratulations to Dave Davis on the arrival of a new grandchild, Emma now has a beautiful baby daughter. Great news!

That's about it for now, but here's a sobering thought – next time we write it will be for November/December – yoicks! Best make the most of now eh?

Love Hilary and Tricia x

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Gruffalo trail launch party

17 September

10am-4pm

“Oh help! Oh no! It’s a gruffalo”! Venture into the woods to celebrate the launch of the new gruffalo trail at Queenswood! An exciting day with lots of activities including meet the Gruffalo, craft and music workshops, storytelling, face painting, WildPlay in the woods and much, much more!

Venue: Queenswood Country Park, Hope Under Dinmore, Herefordshire, HR6 0PY

Cost: Free entry but some activities will have a small charge

No booking required

More information will be available on the Queenswood and Bodenham Lake website nearer the time - visit www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org

Saving our bumblebees

Thurs 27 October

6.45pm-10pm

Talk by Prof David Goulson, founder of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, author of numerous publications and popular books including *A Sting in the Tale* and *A Buzz in the Meadow* and currently Professor of Biology (Evolution, Behaviour and Environment) at the University of Sussex.

Bumblebees are amongst the most clever and remarkable of insects and the talk will outline some of their fascinating behaviours, including how they use their smelly feet to avoid empty flowers. Prof Goulson will also discuss the various causes of bee declines, including the controversy over the effects of neonicotinoids pesticides, and go on to consider the many ways we can all pitch in and help these vital insects, from planting bee-friendly flowers in our gardens and parks to taking part in nationwide citizen science surveys.

Doors open at 6.45pm and Orchard Origins will run a bar throughout the evening, serving local ciders and apple juice, with all profits invested in wildlife conservation and the sustainable management of traditional orchards in Herefordshire.

The talk will start at 7:45pm until 8.50pm, followed by an opportunity to pose questions at the end of the talk.

Venue: Hereford Sixth Form College’s Performing Arts Centre, Folly Lane, Hereford HR1 1LU

Cost: £10 .50

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshiewt.org or call 01432 356872

This is a fundraising event with all profits going to support the work of the Wildlife Trust.

Contact Names and Telephone Numbers

Byworth Trust Clerk	Margaret Soutar	850448
Cross Keys	Chris Corbin	820616
Gateway Bridge Club	Adrian Lunt	359463
Music Tots	Gemma Griffiths	07890 1780 99

Police

Community Support	Dean Wall/Elena Ekanite	101
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St. Peters Church

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Church Warden	Kevin Hewison	850074

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Bell Ringing	Kevin Hewison	850074

Village Hall

Chairman	Kevin Hewison	850074
Booking Secretary	Kathy Fields	851001

WG Parish Council

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Whitestone Chapel

Ian Porter	01981 540388
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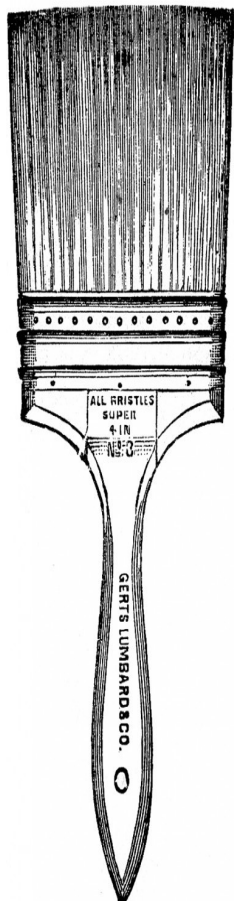
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