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September and October 2017

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Editorial

Dear All,

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and that Autumn beckons. However, the only consolation for the impending darker evenings is that we have to enjoy the wonderful spectrum of autumnal colours first; we really are most fortunate in living in such a beautiful county.

Halloween and Bonfire night celebrations will be taking place soon and please be careful regarding fancy dress clothes and their tendency to ignite very fast when exposed to flames. Please see the recommendations on page 18; ***Stop, Drop and Roll*** if clothing is alight..

If anyone would like to include seasonal greetings to friends and families in the next two editions (November/December or January/February) please contact me for details.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. Best wishes, *Margaret*

Deadline for the November/December magazine - 7th October 2017

Services in Withington and Westhide September and October 2017

Date	Withington	<u>Westhide</u>
Sunday 3rd September	4pm Refresh (Tea from 3.30)	
Sunday 10th September	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion
Sunday 17th September	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 24th September	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
Sunday 1st October	4pm Refresh (Tea from 3.30)	
Sunday 8th October	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Family Communion
Friday 13th October		6.30pm Family Harvest
Sunday 15th October	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 22nd October	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th October	Group service at <u>Lugwardine</u> 10am —Young People's "Takeover"	
Sunday 5th November	4pm Annual Memorial Service	

St. Peter's Church News

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite hymns is "I, the Lord of sea and sky". Written in the early 1980s, the chorus contains the words "Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." I particularly like the image of God calling us in the still and calm of the night-time, when many of our distractions are absent.

I wonder if you ever feel as if God has been calling you to do something? Have you heard his voice in the still of the night? Calling is not just about ordained ministry, God calls people to fulfil all sorts of roles in the Church and the wider world. Some might be 'up front' roles like leading worship, working with our young people or taking on the job of churchwarden; some might be more of a 'behind the scenes' role such as arranging flowers, ringing bells or simply praying regularly for others. No one job is more important than another and it is in working together that we truly do God's work.

Listening to God's call can be quite daunting as His message can be surprising, challenging or daunting. Working out what He's asking us to do may take a long time, or, may come suddenly.

One question that I sometimes get asked is, 'What exactly do you DO?.' And, sometimes people jokingly quip, 'I'd like your job because you only work one day a week!' Thankfully that isn't true, if it was my job would be very boring, which it certainly isn't. So, I thought you might be interested to see what a typical week looks like in my diary because it shows why I love the job that God has called me to do so much.

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14		Home Communion	Pastoral Visits	Admin	Funeral Withington		
15				Baptism Visit		Baptism	
16		Hospital Visit			School Governors Meeting		
17							
18		Prepare for Study Group					
	19:00 - 21:00 See Wedding Couple(The Vicar)	19:00 - 20:30 Study Group(The Vicariate)	19:00 - 20:30 PCC Meeting	19:00 - 22:00 Diocesan Synod(Ludlow Ass			

As you can see, no two days are ever the same, I have many opportunities to be with people and to share important moments in their lives and I lead people in worship, prayer and in getting to know God.

Is it hard work? - YES Would I change anything? - NO.

If you feel that God might be calling you to this or any other exciting ministry then please don't hesitate to ring me for a chat.

Best wishes,

Jane

St. Peter's Church News

Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust

RIDE & STRIDE

Help save our Church Heritage by participating, sponsoring or making a donation

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER from 10am to 6pm

Cycle, ride or walk, choosing your own route and visiting some of our beautiful historic churches, at the same time raising money, half for Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust and half for your local church.

For those wishing to support St Peter's Church, Withington, please contact Kevin Hewison, Church Warden on 01432 850074.

Find it on the web www.ridestrideherefordshire.uk



In aid of St Peter's Church Funds

Saturday 7th October 2017 at 7.30 pm
St Peter's Church, Withington HR1 3QE

Magical Flutes

The Windsor Box&Fir Co

Jonathan Morgan & Jenny Thomas *flutes*

Music by Telemann, W.F. Bach,
Hotteterre, Blavet & de Fesch

A short evening concert followed by wine, soft drinks and buffet refreshments. Tickets £10 from Ruth Hewison on 01432 850074 or email ruthhewison65@gmail.com or at the door



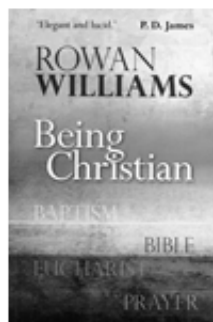
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DISCUSSION GROUP

1st Tuesday of every month

7.00 pm at The Vicarage

Everyone is welcome



PIZZA CLUB



Next meetings

Friday 1st September and 6th October
Preston Wynne Village Hall at 6.30 pm.

For young people aged 10 - 14
pizza, games and chat

ALL WELCOME

St. Peter's Church News

Fundraising Programme for Charities and Church 2017

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 Village Hall, the church and individuals' homes.

Don't forget the PopUp café in church on Thursdays, weekly, for the summer months. A great time to have coffee (or tea), cake and a good chat with friends and perhaps to make new friends.

AND Look out for the Big Brekkie - 7th October

PopUp café, weekly	Thursdays 10 – 12 until Autumn
Ride & Stride event.....	Sat 9th Sept, (Herefordshire Churches)
Macmillan Coffee Morning.....	Fri 29th Sept (VH) 10.30am
Flute Recital.....	Sat 7th October (Church) 7.30pm
Big Breakfasts, 1st Sat in the month.....	recommencing Sat 7th October
TBA Concert.....	Autumn (Church) TBA
Harvest Service followed by refreshments.....	Sun 22nd October (Church) 3.00pm
Quiz Night.....	Sat 18th Nov (VH) 7.30pm

Thanks for your Support!

PopUp Café – The café is still going well.....if you haven't visited it yet, put it in your diary for this last month of the season! Thursdays in the church till the end of September. Come for a chat, drink and cake. All welcome. You don't need to have any connection to church. We would love to see you! And you might find some books you like in our second-hand library.

Garden Party and Auction – A great success as always, and huge fun even though there was a downpour!
Raised over £700. More details elsewhere.

Children's Society Box collection – There are several people in the village who put their spare change week by week into a Children's Society Box, and hand it over annually to this charity. The charity runs services helping thousands of young people who are in desperate need of support, and it also campaigns to get laws and policies changed to make children's lives happier and safer.

This year's local box collection came to almost **£200. Thank you, Box Holders!**

If anyone else would like to help by having a box, giving perhaps just a few coins a week from their pocket, it soon adds up. Note, the boxes are NOT for street collections.

Ring Ruth Hewison (Local Coordinator) on 01432 850074 for details.

St Peter's Church News



MESSY CHURCH

2 Thursday Autumn Term dates to be arranged
3.30–5.15
Village Hall

Look out for posters, and info through school newsletters.

Come and join in!

Lots to do...games, special activities, crafts, and share a meal together.

We welcome all our old friends back, plus new friends too. Messy Church is for children up to top Primary age, accompanied by their adults, who are invited to join in the activities with the children.



Sunday 8th October

4pm—Family Harvest at Lugwardine

Friday 13th October

6.30pm—Family Harvest at Westhild

Sunday 15th October

11am—Family Harvest at Dormington

Friday 20th October

2pm—Withington School Harvest
at Withington Church

Sunday 22nd October

11am—Harvest Festival at Weston Beggard
3pm—Harvest Festival with tea at Withington

All most welcome

POP UP CAFÉ
@ St Peter's

Every Thursday from 10am—12noon

St Peter's Withington

Call in for a tea or a coffee, chat...

and delicious homemade cake.

And a chance to see the church re-ordering plans



**WE ARE
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**Come for Coffee and
Cake
And a Chat**

**At Withington Village Hall
Friday 29th September**

Join us there—everyone is welcome!

+ BRING + BUY

St. Peter's Church News

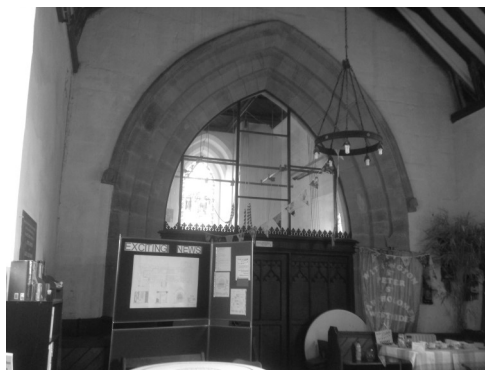
EXCITING NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S WITHINGTON

'All we want is a ROOM somewhere '

WHERE?

BEHIND THIS SCREEN!

We are getting very near to having plans approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee Board.



WHAT FOR?

To move the Screen forwards by about 2metres to make ROOM for an all purpose Toilet and kitchen behind which will leave the Bell Chamber in tact for Bell Ringers.

Our church is well used for:-

Normal services, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, School events particularly Harvest and Christingle, a weekly Pop up Cafe, Bell Ringing, concerts and other social occasions for **ALL THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY.**

So **WE INVITE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT US WITH THIS PROJECT** to make the church fit for the 21st century!

We will keep you posted on progress and how you can help.

Kevin Hewison & Margaret Soutar. Churchwardens

Contact Names and Telephone Numbers

<u>Byworth Trust Clerk:</u>	Margaret Soutar	850448
<u>Police:</u> Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Sarah Cullen & PCSO Elena Ekanite	101
<u>St. Peters Church:</u> Rector	Jane Davies	850244
Church Warden	Kevin Hewison	850074
PCC Secretary	Marcia Hopkins	850933
Bell Ringing	Kevin Hewison	850074
<u>Village Hall:</u> Chairman	Kevin Hewison	850074
Booking Secretary	Kathy Fields	851001
<u>WG Parish Council:</u> Clerk	Sophie Glover	270499
Chairman	Paul Bainbridge	850655
Vice-Chairman	Ralph Barber	853068
<u>Whitestone Chapel:</u>	Ian Porter	01981 540388
<u>Withington Football Club:</u> Chairman: Steve Caine	851857. Secretary Ray Rice	850669
<u>Withington Post Office:</u>		850356
<u>Withington Primary School:</u>		850289
<u>Withington Parish Magazine:</u> Editor	Margaret Thompson	850182
<u>Withington Village Store:</u>		851777

Withington Village Hall

Chairman: Kevin Hewison Tel: 850074

Booking Secretary: Kathy Fields Tel: 851001

Treasurer: Paula Highley Tel: 851570

200 Club Winners

Apologies as some of the May and all the June winners got missed off last time due to printing problems. However here is the latest list up to and including the August draw.

May 2017

1st 104 Mr/Mrs Rawlinson
2nd 172 Paul Winter
3rd 152 Steve Caine
4th 103 Mr/Mrs Howe

June 2017

1st 135 Kay Davies
2nd 12 Angela Evans
3rd 14 Angela Evans
4th 197 Helen Taylor

July 2017

1st 9 Dan Eastick
2nd 148 Catherine Chima
3rd 131 Verna Howell
4th 60 K Powles

August 2017

1st 120 Ray Rice
2nd 35 Charles Barber
3rd 177 Maria Phillips
4th 92 Mr/Mrs Hallybone

Hall Floor

It is over 18 months since the hall floor was sanded and sealed. The cleaner, Joe, keeps it as clean as possible but there is obviously fair wear and tear, so a further coat of varnish may be needed in the winter. This should help to preserve the floor for a further 18 months. Unfortunately, the floor coating does wear down and a major treatment would be needed should bare wood become visible. Hopefully with continued regular care we can preserve the floor condition for many more years.

In addition, an electric floor cleaner may be purchased to reduce most of the wet mopping even though a special cleaner is always used. This would have an advantage as it would buff the floor as well as cleaning it. We are carefully considering the costs involved.

Car Parking

There are times when car parking at the Village Hall is a problem, particularly when there is a large event at the hall at the same time as football match(es). Most people manage to park on the grass **without** disrupting traffic to the residents of Coppice Close. The Village Hall committee are aware of these problems and discussions are taking place with Withington Group Parish Council to see if we can extend the car park in the short term rather than in the distant future.

Kevin Hewison

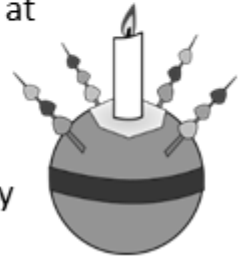
Hall Chairman



WITHINGTON
Primary School

NEWS FROM WITHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The seasons are changing, the nights are drawing in, but the children at Withington Primary are still working hard and having fun!! It has been lovely to see the children settle into their new classes and great to meet new families joining our school. The autumn term is packed full of exciting events including a trip to Warwick Castle, Harry Potter World, Harvest Festival, Christingle and much more!



BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The autumn term sees our breakfast club continue. This club has been hugely popular, it allows parents to drop their children off at 8.00am each morning. Children enjoy breakfast whilst catching up with their friends around the breakfast table. From September we will also be offering after school club until 5.30pm. This service will be run at our federated primary school; Broadlands Primary.

FOUNDATION CLASS – 30 HOURS

This September we will be offering longer hours in our nursery class. The nursery day will run from 9-3, Monday – Friday. Nursery children can also access breakfast club, allowing you to extend the day if needed. If you are interested in your child joining our Foundation Class, please pop into school or give us a ring on 01432 850289 and ask to speak to Sarah Houchen or Linda Goodson.

RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2018

If you have a son / daughter who will be starting school in September, why not pay us a visit. We have been rated 'GOOD' by OFSTED and this year our Year 6 children achieved amazing results, in the new style national SAT tests. Ring the school office on 01432 850289 and arrange a visit.

Withington Primary School



MEMORIAL BENCH

At the end of term the Wanklyn family joined us to present a beautiful bench, along with the Byworth Trust. The bench is in memory of Bob Wanklyn who was a part of the Withington community and Byworth Trust. The bench has been placed in a great location to admire the views of Withington and our new wildlife area.

THE CHILDREN'S BOOKSHELF EVERYONE WELCOME

The Children's Bookshelf
* The £2 Book Shop *

is Coming to OUR School

 **WITHINGTON** Primary School  **WITHINGTON** Primary School

for a
CHRISTMAS

POP UP £2 BOOK EVENT

Wednesday 29th November
1.45pm for the Children
& after School for Parents until 4pm

Withington Group Parish Council

Withington Group Parish Council update

Your **Withington Councillors** for 2017 are:

Cllr Paul Bainbridge, Chairman Tel: 01432 850655

Cllr Alison Bainbridge, as above.

Cllr Bob Wood, Tel: 01432 851488

Cllr Kevin Hewison, Tel: 01432 850074

Cllr Rachael Leake, Tel: 01432 85032

Cllr Tom Nellist, Tel: 01432 850941

Cllr Jonathan Beech, Tel: 01432 850269

Cllr Martin Kirk, Tel: 01432 850420

Cllr Sarah Winwood, Tel: 01432 851233

There is one vacancy for a Withington Councillor, if you are interested in finding out more, please contact the clerk.

Your **Preston Wynne** Councillors are:

Cllr Simon Dent, Tel: 01432 820615

Cllr Sue Rudd, Tel: 01432 820166

Cllr Ed Simcock, Tel 01432 820640

Your **Westhild** Councillors are:

Cllr Ralph Barber – Vice Chairman, Tel: 01432 853086

Cllr Steve Scotcher, Tel: 01432 893095

Cllr James Callow Tel: 01432 850258

For general questions for the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk first, she is :- Mrs Sophie Glover, WGPC Clerk, The Orchard, Ridgehill, Hereford, HR2 8AG 01432 270499 or wgpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Footpaths Officers:

Each parish has someone who members of the public can contact if they find a problem with a footpath in the parish, such as a broken stile, or a missing footpath sign.

In Withington it is **Cllr Martin Kirk : Tel: 01432 850420**

In Westhild it is **Cllr James Callow: Tel: 01432 850258**

In Preston Wynne it is **Mrs Roz Simcock: Tel: 01432 820640**

Withington Group Parish Council has also had a Tree Warden to cover the parishes. However, we are currently looking for a volunteer to take on this role. The person is asked to keep an eye on the trees on our public open space (Withington Field), but also trees overhanging footpaths or roads – looking for diseases or dead trees that might cause a problem to our Parishoners. Our previous tree warden wrote the following about her role:-

“A year ago I volunteered to be a tree warden for the Parish and I can honestly say it has been amazing. I have met new people both on my walks around the village and through the Herefordshire Tree Warden Network, a more knowledgeable group of people you couldn't wish to meet. I have been lucky enough to go on many free training days covering topics such as coppice and woodland management, hedge-row restoration, urban trees and more recently Ash Dieback which is now here in Hereford. There are too many to mention and certainly too many to attend. If you have an interest in trees this is a great thing to do as a volunteer.”

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2017.

The Parish Council discussed a number of local issues, but perhaps of particular interest was a discussion about the Section 106 monies that will be due to the Parish Council when any of the new developments are completed. To this end, the Chair has asked if any members of the public have ideas about traffic calming measures in Withington Village? If you do, please can you contact the Clerk on the e mail address at the start of this article.

Three planning applications were discussed, 172043 – the land adjacent to Whitestone Chapel, 172041 – Meadow Stables, Preston Wynne and 164113 – Extension and alteration to Withington Post Office. All comments are now on the planning authority web site.

Dates for future meetings; any member of the public can come to a Parish Council meeting, and there is a space early on every agenda for members of the public to ask a question or to raise a matter for the Council's consideration. If you have something to say, then do come to a meeting, they are in Withington Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on 21st September.

Mrs Sophie Glover,
WGPC Clerk.

Withington Gardening Club

Recent club activities – two visits to Shucknall Court Roses (June) and Aulden Farm (July)

Both visits were enjoyed by all

Up and coming events to end of year

August 16 th	Summer Flower Arranging by Bridget Manget 7pm (Bring Pud /Cake to share)	
September 20 th	Visit to Coddington Vineyard Ledbury £7 per person (Include refreshments)	
	6pm Village Hall or 6.30pm at Vineyard	
October 18 th	Gardening for Butterflies & Moths By Sue Smith/ Dodd	Sue
November 15 th	Metal Structures to enhance the Garden by Peter King	
December 20 th	Christmas Meal – Venue TBC	

All meetings without time 7.30pm at Village Hall

Hope you can join us – New Members always welcome

Good gardening

Diane Barber
Secretary
01432 850371



BIG BREAKFAST



Cooked and/or continental breakfast, coffee and tea.
What better way to start the weekend!
Go on... treat yourself!

**No set charge but donations welcomed in aid of
WaterAid and Withington Church.**

**Every first Saturday of the month
throughout autumn and winter, supporting a
different partner charity each time.**

WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

1ST OCTOBER 8.30AM—10.00AM

Elizabeth Byworth Charity

**The Trustees meet quarterly (March,
June, September and
December).**

If you are under 25 and live in Withington, Westside or Eau Withington and would like some assistance with purchasing books, equipment, tools, educational visits, uniforms, etc. please contact me at the address below. Applications should be made in writing stating name, age and approximate cost of items required and sent to:

Clerk to the Trustees,
Margaret Soutar,
3 Duke Street, Withington.
HR1 3QD

or email: Margaret.soutar@btinternet.com

Kiddies Corner

- A teacher asks the student ‘Why are you standing on that chair in music class?’. The student replied ‘so I can reach the high notes’.
- What is as big as an elephant, but weighs nothing at all? Answer: The shadow of an elephant!
- How can a man go eight days without sleep ? Answer: He sleeps at night.
- Alexander is stranded on an island covered in forest.

One day, when the wind is blowing from the west, lightning strikes the west end of the island and sets fire to the forest. The fire is very violent, burning everything in its path and without intervention the fire will burn the whole island killing the man in the process. There are cliffs around the island, so he cannot jump off. How can Alexander survive the fire? (There are no buckets or any other means to put out the fire).

Alexander picks up a piece of wood and lights it from the fire on the west end of the island. He then quickly carries it near the east end of the island and starts a new fire. The wind will cause that fire to burn out the eastern end and he can then shelter in the burnt area.

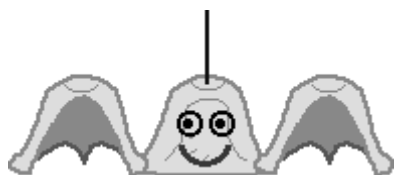
Alexander survives the fire, but dies of starvation as all the food in the forest was burnt!

Make spiders and bats!

This is an easy way to make spiders and bats using egg cartons, crayons or markers, scissors, and pipe cleaners. Googly eyes are a nice touch. (Source: **EnchantedLearning.com** - a user-supported site).



1. Separate one cup from an egg carton.
2. Using the point of a scissors, make 8 small holes (4 on each side) at the base of the cup. Ask an adult to do this.
3. Insert a pipe cleaner into each of the holes for legs.
4. Draw a face and decorate the body.



1. Separate 3 cups from an egg carton.
2. Cut out part of the bottoms of the 2 outside cups to resemble bat wings.
3. Add eyes, a mouth, and decorate.
4. Hang it from a string or a rubber band.

Preston Wynne

Hello Everyone,

Let's hope that by now a bit of Summer has returned, did you notice that all that heat and dry weather that seemed to go on and on suddenly disappeared the moment the schools broke up. By the time this goes to press schools will just about be going back and Halloween and Christmas stuff will be coming into the shops. Talking to one of the ladies working at Morrison's checkout she told me that she goes on holiday at the end of August and when she gets back the Christmas cards are in. Life's short enough isn't it without everything being concertinaed (is that a word?) like that. One of the memorable moments of this Summer though was the concert in the Church when the weather was kind to us. A few members of Bromyard Choral Society were kind enough to give up their time and put in some extra practises to come along and perform a very enjoyable programme of light Summery music, and there were some lovely items performed by two young local girls Isobella Powell and Alice Burdsall who sang solos for us, following which bubbly and light refreshments were enjoyed in the churchyard. Many thanks to Peter Maund who made the field in which the church stands available to us for access and parking.

Church news

Services	Sept 3 rd	9.30 a.m		24 th	9.30 a.m
	Oct 8 th	9.30 a.m	Harvest Festival	22 nd	9.30 a.m t.b.c.

HARVEST SUPPER will be in the Hall on **Saturday 7th October** 7 for 7.30 pm please phone Tricia on 820650 since this is a popular event and numbers are needed for catering purposes.

The 100 club Summer Draw took place at a Church meeting on 20th July, lucky winners were:

1st £50 No. 28 Gill £25 18 Diane Ford 3rd £12.50 82 Ralph Evans

Interregnum News:

There will be an Open To All Consultation meeting held on Saturday 2nd September at 9.00am to 1.00 pm at Sutton St. Nicholas Village Hall (which is next door to the School)

COLOURS FASHION SHOW **Wednesday 6th September**, doors open at 7 and the Show starts at 7.30

This is a fabulous evening tickets are £7 to include Pimms and refreshments. Proceeds are for Church funds. There is a pop up shop with famous brand clothes and accessories being modelled and sold for at least 50% off High Street prices. Please contact Tricia on 820650 or Hilary on 820635 for your tickets.

Hall News

Prize Bingo is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month eyes down at 8.00 pm. All are made very welcome – please come along and support, proceeds are for Hall funds. It really is fun and there is a very good chance you could go home with armfuls of great prizes!

Finally **Zumba Classes** with Laura resume in September in the Hall on Friday mornings at 9.45. These are good fun and a great way to get/keep fit at a standard to suit you. Pay £4 per session and just come along whenever it suits.

That's about it for now,

Love Hilary and Tricia

Memories by Bryan Davies

WARTIME MEMORIES

Some memories of wartime remain quite clearly in my mind, whereas others I have of course forgotten. The 'blackout' for example, I remember quite well, a time when not even a chink of light was allowed to escape from a building at night. Normal curtains were not good enough as however much one tried to prevent it, light would either escape through them or from some corner or other. Some houses had a thick, black cloth on a wooden frame which fitted windows perfectly and could be erected at night and taken down in the morning. Others merely pinned a black cloth to the window frame using drawing pins as we did in our cottage. Scores of tiny holes are probably still there in the woodwork to tell the tale. Should one be careless enough to allow light to escape at night, no matter how small, then it was highly probable that if seen by someone, a Special Constable would knock on your door and you would be reported.

One such Special Constable living next door but one from us, a kind, amiable, helpful, elderly man, who seemed to undergo a personality change as soon as he donned his uniform for night duty. He would roam around our area, slinking in and out of the darkest recesses he could find and on finding a victim who had transgressed, however slightly, he would pounce shouting wildly, "Put that light out". He was known to climb garden walls and fences to see if light escaped from the backs of the cottages.

On one particular moonlit winter's night, when snow covered the ground, we spotted him climbing our back garden wall in an effort to hide in the garden. My older brother (all of 18) who was in the Home Guard, went upstairs to the back bedroom window which he opened, poking his rifle through, cocking it loudly, an unmistakeable sound in the stillness of the night, challenging the intruder to identify himself or be shot. The elderly constable disappeared over the six foot garden wall in a flurry of snow and soil with amazing alacrity for a gentleman of his age. The following morning he would revert to his normal, pleasant self once more as though nothing had happened. However, I'm sure he got the message as he didn't bother us again.

My mother gave my brother and me strict instructions as to what action to take in the event of an air raid. Should my mother be out at the time, we were to hide under the kitchen table (I'm not quite sure what good that would have done) having first turned off the lights in the house. One particular evening, my mother had gone to a concert in the Memorial Hall, leaving my brother and myself alone in the house. Sure enough we heard the sound of Air Raid Wardens' whistles, the signal that an air raid was imminent. Under the table we dived and we soon heard the sound of exploding bombs not too far away. We thought this was really exciting stuff, but were slightly puzzled as why any enemy in his right mind would wish to bomb a small village like ours?

When my mother returned home that night, she told us the tale of what had happened at the concert. About half way through the performance, the sound of exploding bombs could be heard, but no one took any real notice, that is not until a certain local councillor, a short, rotund little man, rather full of his own importance, dashed to the front of the hall, climbed on to the rather high stage, waving his arms wildly and shouting, "Don't panic everyone, but there are bombs falling all round us..." He wasn't given time to finish before the whole audience arose from their wooden seats as one and made a dash for the two rather small exits at the back of the hall. Two to three hundred people tried to force themselves through these rather narrow apertures with predictable results. Some were injured, but none seriously. Ladies fainted, children screamed and cried, ladies lost their handbags and shoes and men fought. (No women and children first here!). False teeth, knitting, spectacles and slippers were among items found at the scene the following day. This little man had caused more havoc in the village in a single night than the Germans did during the whole of the war.

Bombs had been dropped that night, not on the village itself, but on the beach. It appears that an enemy bomber had ejected its bomb load when being pursued from the Swansea area by one of our fighter aircraft.

Memories by Bryan Davies

Some time after the war, one evening in a local pub, a disclosure was made by a certain gentleman (who had recently moved to live in the village), which if we had known during the war, would have made our blood run cold. He said that he knew the village and its position quite well as during the war he was a U.Boat commander. He said how he would regularly at night time surface the submarine in a nearby cove to charge the submarine's batteries, apparently a task that required the U.Boats to surface for a couple of hours. He lived in the village (popular with the locals) until he died some years later.

The one sobering thing that I recall was the regular news, weekly sometimes, of those men and women from the village who would not be returning to their families at home. Their names are now inscribed on plaques on the walls of the Memorial Hall as are those of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War.

Bryan

Westhide

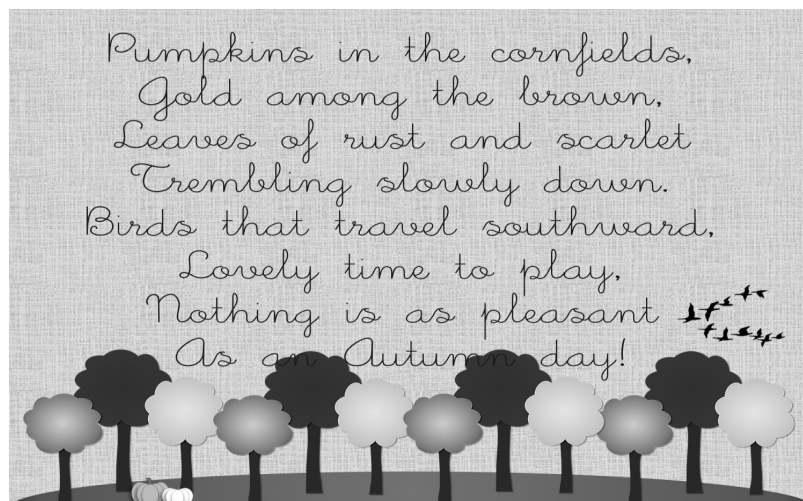
As is normal at this time of the year our peaceful village becomes a hive of activity; farm vehicles pound through the lanes in a rush to get the harvest in, families set off on their holidays and children enjoy the summer in our beautiful countryside.

On June 18th the church was packed for a wonderful Father's Day service. It also happened to be Rob Meredith's 70th Birthday which was celebrated after the service in true, heartfelt Westhide style. For many years now the church has benefited from Rob's tireless and enthusiastic help in so many different roles - as organist, as treasurer, churchwarden and friend. We are so grateful to him.

Do come and put in bids for the Westhide Silent Auction. The board is up in the church and all you need to do is write in your offer and your telephone number - and hope that no-one puts in a higher bid!

The Summer Concert will be on Sunday September 17th at 7.30 in the church. Members of Hereford Musical Theatre Company will be singing Songs from the Shows. There will be a Raffle and Buffet Supper as usual. It promises to be a great evening and we look forward to seeing you there. For tickets ring 01432 850 615 or at the door.

Have a good summer, Sheila.



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In the event of a fire

- Alert everyone
- Get out straight away
- Avoid smoke by keeping low
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- Always check the door for heat first with the back of your hand (if hot find another route)
- Once outside call the Fire Service, stating your full address
- **DO NOT GO BACK IN**
- **GET OUT & STAY OUT**
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Smoke alarms

- Check your smoke alarm every week. Push the button, not your luck!
- Change your battery every year on a date that you can remember easily, like your birthday
- Change your smoke alarm every 10 years. Like most electrical goods they can stop working – it is better to change them before this happens
- Have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home; these must be in the hallways as they are your escape routes

If you wear a hearing aid, can you hear the alarms when you are not wearing the hearing aid, e.g. at night

Candle safety

- Do not place candles near flammable material
- Make sure they are fully extinguished before leaving the room
- Always use sturdy holders and do not leave lit candles unattended as they can easily be knocked over by children, pets or even the wind

Keep torches handy in case of a power cut, they are much safer than candles

Escape routes

- Plan an easy escape route: always make sure hallways, stairs etc. are not blocked with clutter
- Plan an alternative route in case your first choice is blocked by fire: make sure everyone in your house knows the plans
- Practice your escape routes and turn it into a game with all the family involved
- Have a designated place to keep door keys on your exit route; the keys must always be kept here so that everyone could access them in a fire
- In case you can't get out of your home, think of a safe room to go to then block any gaps in the door with clothing etc. and open the window for fresh air; if you do not have a mobile phone shout "FIRE" until you are rescued

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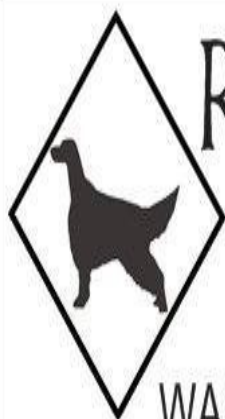
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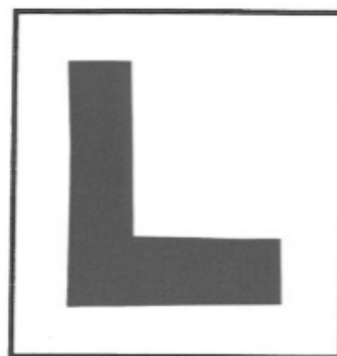
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