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Editorial

Dear All,

A competition is being held by Connexus to name the new road for the latest housing development in Withington. The winning entry name (as decided by Connexus) will be forwarded to Herefordshire Council for their consideration. The competition closes on the 1st May so please do not hesitate to enter as time is limited. See page 8 for details.

The popular and successful POP UP CAFÉ restarts on the 9th May in St. Peter's church. An ideal place to meet and generate funds for the improvement project.

The latest volunteering opportunity has just come in and I include the details below.

Best wishes,

Margaret

Volunteering

If you're looking for a voluntary role and have an interest in the world of policing, the Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion would like to hear from you.

There are opportunities for people living in the Herefordshire and North Worcestershire areas to volunteer as Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs).

It is the role of an ICV to make unannounced visits to police custody suites to check that the people who have been detained are being treated fairly and properly, and that the police are following all the correct rules and procedures. These volunteers are recruited by the Commissioner from the local community and are independent of the police service. They play a vital role in not only monitoring the welfare of people in police custody, but also strengthening public confidence in police practices.

Commissioner John Campion said: "I am passionate about giving members of the public the opportunity to get more involved in policing and to volunteer their time to make a valuable contribution to their communities. The work of the ICVs is crucial in providing transparency and confidence in policing. I know, from speaking to our existing volunteers, that they find the role incredibly rewarding. It's a great opportunity to get a glimpse into an area of policing that not many members of the public would come into contact with."

Volunteering as an ICV doesn't require a lot of time, but flexibility is helpful as custody suites need to be visited at least once a week – sometimes during unsocial hours. Training and support will be given in order to carry out the role. More information on the role and how to apply can be found on the Commissioner's website: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/working-together/current-vacancies/>

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE IS 7TH JUNE 2019.

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St. Peter's Church News

MUSICAL EVENING – 30th March

What a superb evening this was! There was an excellent turnout.



The organ music played by Sir Richard Mynors was chosen specially by him to show off the qualities of our fine-toned organ, and varied very interestingly in style and period, covering works from four centuries and five countries.

In this photo he was rehearsing a week or so earlier.

Richard played several pieces until the interval, after which Moonfleet Ensemble gave a beautiful performance of Early Music on Flute, Violin, Cello and Keyboards. Then Richard played his final three short pieces.



**The refreshments, donated by village friends, were splendid, and enjoyed by all.
The event raised £490 for the Church.**



BIG BREAKFAST season is over until October now!



Thanks to all the helpers, and to all those who came and joined us for a lovely relaxed start to their weekend, and a good chat with friends. The 7 breakfasts we have held from October to April have raised about £1,000 for charities, which were the Alzheimer's Society, Midlands Air Ambulance, Herefordshire Mind, St Michael's Hospice, Prostate Cancer UK, Marine Conservation Society, The Marches Family Network and St Peter's Church Withington.

St. Peter's Church News

Withington War Memorial

Residents and regular visitors to the village may be wondering what is happening to our War Memorial?

During the centenary commemoration last year it became apparent that the paved area surrounding the monument was breaking up and the supporting structures in a dangerous condition. This was confirmed when the shrubs were removed revealing that the supporting walls had no proper foundations and that the roots had penetrated and dislodged the walls.

In February this year the memorial was grade II listed by English Heritage, this important decision means that the memorial is protected and preserved for posterity. The memorial has also been listed at: warmemorialsonline.org.uk reference number 262230.

It also means that any restoration now requires listed building consent and we are working with the Building Conservation Officer to advise on design and materials. As part of that process we need to submit any historical information, particularly past pictures of the monument, as we believe that the paving and kerbing were added at a later date. If you have any pictures or press cuttings please let us know.

Our main activities at the moment are securing funds to pay for the restoration, we have recently submitted a request for financial support to the War Memorial Trust, hopefully we should hear early June if we have been successful.

In the meantime we need to clean the monument to remove moss and lichens to protect the stone from erosion.

John Baker

PS. anybody interested to devote a couple of hours to help with cleaning when the weather is warmer please contact me at johnbaker3680@gmail.com

Fundraising Programme Update for Charities and Church 2019

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.

May sees the start of the PopUp Café season, which carries on to the end of September. In October, the Big Breakfast season takes over!

Meet old friends, and make new friends at these social events.

PopUp Café weekly starting.....Thursday 9th May (Church) 10 – 12noon
Garden Lunch and mini auction.....Sunday 28th July (Duke St)
TBA music/meal event.....September (VH)
Macmillan Coffee Morning.....Friday 27th September (VH) 10.30 – 12.30
Big Breakfast restarts monthly.....Sat 5th October (VH) 8.30 – 10am
Possible further events – concert in Church, quiz in VH.....Autumn/Winter

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

Withington Group Parish Council

Withington Group Parish Council update from the 2019 meetings.

Your **Withington Councillors** are: Cllr Paul Bainbridge (Chair), Cllr Alison Bainbridge, Cllr Kevin Hewison, Cllr Rachael Leake, Cllr Tom Nellist, Cllr Bob Wood, Cllr Jonathan Beech, Cllr Martin Kirk (Footpaths Officer, Withington), Cllr Sarah Winwood.

Your **Westhide** Councillors are: Cllr Ralph Barber – Vice Chairman, Cllr Steve Scotcher, Cllr James Callow (Footpaths Officer, Westhide)

Your **Preston Wynne** Councillors are: Cllr Simon Dent, Cllr Sue Rudd, Cllr Ed Simcock (Mrs Simcock is Footpaths Officer, Preston Wynne)

To be put in contact with any of the above Councillors, please contact the clerk first at: wgpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk Elections happen in May 2019, and should your local councillors change then, details will be posted on your local Parish notice boards and will be on the web-site.

The Withington Group Parish Council have held meetings every month so far this year, with the January and March normal Parish Council meetings being joined by extraordinary meetings in February and April 2019 to discuss planning applications that could not wait for the actual PC meetings. Full minutes for these meetings are available on our website <https://withingtongroupparishes.co.uk/>

The **Withington Group Neighbourhood Plan** is due to go into the examination phase at the end of May (due to the availability of the examiners). You can see the current plan on the web site.

Footpaths Officer: Please don't forget that we need your assistance in reporting problems on the footpaths throughout the Parishes, should you find broken styles or blocked footpaths, please can you let the Parish Council clerk or your footpath officer know and they can try and get the problem dealt with?

Tree Warden: We are looking for a parishioner who has the time to keep an eye out for trees that might be sick or could cause a problem on footpaths and can report these to the Parish Clerk. Perhaps you are some one who is out every day walking your dog? Could you also volunteer as our Tree Warden? We connect you with a network of other people doing the same role, there can be training and support – if you are interested, please can you contact the clerk for more information?

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. The Parish Council meetings are all listed on the web site. If you want to know more about any of these meetings topics, do please look at our website and see the agenda, which are posted at least three days before each meeting.

Thank you.

Mrs Sophie Glover, wgpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01432 270499 (Office hours only please)

Withington Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Hewison 850074

Booking Secretary: Kathy Fields 851001

Treasurer: Paula Highley 851570

Events



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

EVERY THURSDAY

STARTING 9th May until end September

10 to 12 noon

In Withington Church

Enjoy Coffee – Cake – Chat

Even find a book from the Library.....

Donations in aid of St Peter's Improvement Project (installing a toilet etc.)

For Sale/Wanted

WANTED

Up to 3 acres of Farming land, Paddock or Amenity land to purchase.

Cash waiting.

Contact David

07917 816719

davex70arris@gmail.com

Withington Football Club

New U11 Team

We are looking to start a new U11 team for the 2019/2020 season.

We are a small village club established in 2011 on Withington Fields, with a view to give children who want to play football the opportunity to play regardless of their experience. We welcome all to participate in a safe and friendly environment.

Coaches

All coaches are qualified minimum level 1 and hold safeguarding, emergency first aid certificates and are FA enhanced CRC checked.

This is a 9v9 team playing on a $\frac{3}{4}$ size pitch playing on a Sunday morning, training night to be confirmed once we have enough members for the team.

If you would like to join please email: withingtonfc@btinternet.com for initial interest and information.

U12/13

We are also looking for coaches to assist with teams or run teams.

You must be at least aged 16 or older to be able to gain your FA level 1 qualification.

The club will assist with the cost of this course for a commitment of 2 years coaching.

We also require new players for our current U12 team who will be going to U13's next season at 11 aside. Experience not essential but would be a great help if you have played before.

Please contact either Ray at withingtonfc@btinternet.com or

Rob at robbymac66@hotmail.com

Competition Time

Help be a part of History – Competition Time

As you will be aware Herefordshire Housing, part of Connexus, are building a new development within Withington community. The site will have 33 new homes and will welcome new families into the community by spring 2020.

But we really need your help! We are running a competition to name the new road on which it will sit upon. You could win a £75 Odeon cinema voucher!

To enter, simply send us your road name suggestion, along with your name and contact details, via one of the following methods:

Online: www.hhl.org.uk

E-mail: Development@connexus-group.co.uk

Write to us: Development Team, Connexus, Legion Way, Hereford, HR1 1LN.

Entries must reach us by midnight on the **1st May** 2019 at the latest.

Terms and Conditions apply, all of which can be found on our website. The winning suggestion will be given to Herefordshire Council for consideration in May. Good Luck!

Withington Gardening Club

All meetings in hall at 7.30pm .

New members always welcome.

Contact 01432 850371

Westhide

Westhide News

Well what a strange spring weather-wise, although it hasn't affected the primroses and violets in the churchyard – a wonderful show.

We had a quiet Lent Lunch courtesy of Sheila and Robin Peers. Lovely soup and cheese were enjoyed by all. £125 was raised for Open Door in Hereford - helping to provide a few more breakfasts for the homeless and people in need.

They are also after non-perishable items – see website – can you help?
<http://www.herefordopendoor.co.nf/>

All are welcome to come and help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 20th April. Hopefully lots of fresh flowers from gardens as Easter is so much later this year.

Please also come and join us for our Annual Spring Clean and Churchyard Tidy Up on April 27th – 10am onwards. If you read this after the date, then come and admire our work!

Date for your Diary: We are looking forward to the Westhide Garden Fete on Sunday June 16th - 2 till 5, thanks to Clare and Steve Scotcher. Fingers crossed for a glorious day. See you all there.

Elizabeth Byworth Charity

If you are under 25 and live in Withington, Westhide 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

The next meeting of the Trustees is 11th July 2019.

Memories by Bryan Davies

Yesteryear continued...

Reflections on life in my primary school, 1935 to 1943



My primary school was the only school in the village (similar to the one pictured) and was known as a Council School. Consequently all the village children attended the same school until the age of 11 years (we who passed the eleven plus moved on to the grammar school about 7 miles away, where we would go on to take O and A Level exams in the future) and those who didn't remained at the local school until they left about 3 or 4 years later. They were given the task of looking after the school vegetable plot not far from the school. How I envied them as they sometimes showed off with their gardening tools as they tramped off to attend to their garden leaving the rest of us behind to continue our school work. About 70 pupils attended the school, but it increased in size when the evacuees arrived from Liverpool during the war.

I recall with some clarity the school itself which was stone built (typical of that era) with two playgrounds, one for boys and one for the girls. I also remember some of my experiences, both good and bad. The head was a Mr. Eifion Price who had a staff of three or four teachers, one unqualified.

The infant (reception) teacher was a Miss Bevan who walked with a limp and who ruled with a rod of Iron or perhaps I should say, with a wooden ruler, which she used frequently on children's knuckles. This was my first teacher and she had a great influence on my school life from then on. I was only 3 years old. I well remember one little boy (Ellis), a frail little chap, having on one occasion misunderstood her request, being made to stand out in front of the class on his first day in school, while she severely reprimanded him. The predictable result of her diatribe was that Ellis messed himself in front of the whole class. Not a good start to one's school life! I also remember how later she would dish out Ovaltine and Horlicks tablets to our class, probably a wartime instruction!

My next teacher was a Miss James who had a totally different approach to teaching. She was kindness itself and my memories of her are all pleasant ones. Many years after leaving primary school I met her in the local grocery shop where she laughingly reminded me of an essay I had written for her on 'The Sea'. It appears that I had filled four sides of paper just by naming everything that lived in the sea. She lived quite near me and every time she walked down the road on her way home from school, despite liking her, I would hide behind out garden wall.

My third year teacher was a Mrs. Ferrel who was also fond of physical punishment using a ruler as weapon of mass punishment. Not a popular person! Least said about time in her class, the better. By now I was a little older as were the others in the class, so perhaps a more severe discipline was required!!

During my last year in school I was taught by the head, Mr. Price. Strict, but fair, he was popular with the class. He would sometimes take us out and about. We held our sports lessons on a nearby beach (Traeth Gwyn - a mile long). Here we would hold our races, long jump and so on. Activities would inevitably stop with the rising tide when we would then return to school. I remember well how he would bring his newspaper (The Daily Herald) into the classroom every day reading out to us the latest news about the war and pointing out on a map on the blackboard the different places where events were happening. He once admonished us by turning the paper to the back page (sports page) saying that we were too keen to read the sports articles. He was also keen on poetry a subject which I loved. He made us learn a new poem every week off by heart and he would then pounce on one of the class to come to the front and recite it. I still remember some of them to this day.

When in the top class we were allowed to use pen and ink to write with, the ink being kept in an inkwell which was housed in a suitable hole on the desk. I must confess that it took some time for me to master the art of using this rather crude implement as something always went wrong when trying to write with it. Either the nib got twisted and wouldn't write or the ink would splash over my book, fingers and clothes much to my mother's dismay. Eventually most of us mastered the art. One could always tell which pen was mine as I constantly chewed the wooden end of it on a daily basis until it looked more like a brush than a pen.

Memories by Bryan Davies

On another occasion we were taken out to a viewing position which overlooked the harbour. Moored temporarily there was a Royal Airforce Walrus flying boat which had to make an emergency landing some weeks before. We were taken out for us to see it depart having been repaired when another flying boat landed to carry out the work. There was great excitement as it left the harbour leaving us looking and waving to it as it dipped its wings as it flew past.

Other memories are of going on rambles with Miss James when as a class we were taken to a nearby country lane in a small valley, where we were shown the different plants such as lambs' tails, pussy willows etc., and even gathering hazel nuts from the trees in the hedges at autumn time.

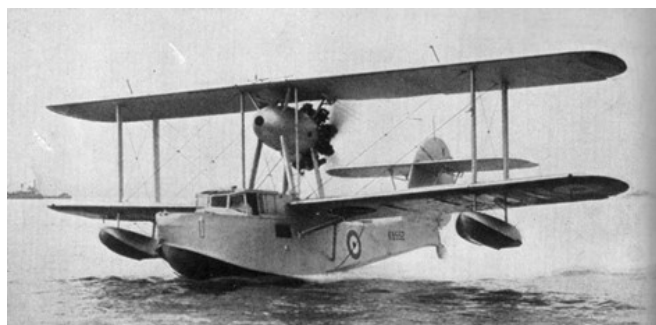
My mother rarely visited the school, but seeing her sitting on a bench in the playground with other parents was bad news indeed. It meant that the local DENTIST was present and that torture was imminent. It meant we all had to visit the cookery room where the dentist was installed for the rest of the day and sometimes longer. It seemed to me that all he did was take teeth out (extractions). I can't remember anyone ever having a filling. I hated the thing which was placed in my mouth (apparently to keep my mouth open when under gas) and then the placing of the mask over my face. Fortunately it only happened to me once or twice!

Today I can look back with some pride on my old council school, especially when I link the children in an old school photograph (1935) hanging on my study wall to what they did later in life covering a whole array of different occupations. Some of these may be of interest to you: One became the head of a huge oil company both here and abroad; one a consultant surgeon on the Cambridge University kidney transplant team; another a professor of geology in Geneva University; many became teachers, some head teachers, others joined the police force, some became fishermen, others sea captains, some builders, carpenters, bankers and so the list goes on. Some died young like little Katie who died at the age of 10 years from meningitis.

Of course my primary school is no exception. Our school here in Withington has an equally good record. Since my days as head there, past children have become doctors, head teachers, teachers, civil engineers, senior ranks in the military, police officers, tradesmen, farmers etc., the list goes on.

I must one day re-visit my little school in Wales. I know that if I do, the memories will come flooding back as I'm sure they would with you if you undertook to do the same with your school. The faces of those who once shared the same classroom as I and who sat alongside me in the same desk, are as clear to me now as they were then when I was a pupil there from the age of 3 until I was 11 years old when I moved on to the Grammar School.

A Walrus flying boat



Livestock Worrying - Advice for Farmers & Landowners

The following advice for farmers & landowners is provided by SHEEPWATCH on how to reduce instances of livestock worrying as we head into the lambing season:

How can you better protect your sheep

1. Support education around keeping dogs on leads near sheep. Maybe put some posters up in your vets. Give a talk in the local school or other community groups. This may be a pain but it will be worth it.
2. Let dog walkers know when they are getting near to sheep so dog walkers can keep their dogs close and not allow them to charge through nearby fields - put signs up 'You are 200 meters from a sheep field'.
3. Let dog walkers know when sheep are in a field that they are about to enter 'Sheep in field - dogs on leads please'.
4. Keep signs up to date. If people keep entering a field that says 'sheep - dogs on leads' and then it is empty, people can become sign blind as they don't know which sign is true and which is out of date. Thus they begin to ignore all signs.
5. Don't forget to put your phone number on the gate so people know who to contact if they see an incident occur or discover injured sheep.
6. Where possible block access under gates.
7. If you see people crossing the land without a dog on a lead or not under proper control near sheep, confront them and let them know you will be informing the police as this is a crime. If it is safe to do so, photograph them and ask for their name and address. This could stop the dog attacking in the future and word soon gets about that you will not tolerate bad dog ownership.

How can farmers can help the police?

Early warnings: For police to intervene early and reduce the likelihood of a livestock attack, it is critical that poorly controlled dogs, dogs which are repeatedly escaping, or dogs trespassing from public footpaths are reported to the police.

The police and local authorities have options for enforcing responsible dog ownership and can also offer advice and help to dog owners.

Report in all cases: Livestock worrying is a crime and must be reported to the police in all cases.

Data from reported incidents create a picture of where incidents are happening; the police can then put in place prevention initiatives, including targeted educational material and signage.

Preserve evidence: Preserve attacked livestock for forensic examination. This can secure key evidence to identify the dogs involved. If it is raining or wet, please cover any carcasses with waterproof material such as tarpaulin, this will enable the police to obtain the best evidence. Take photographs and video (mobiles or a camera) of the attacked livestock, the whole scene as well as detailed close-ups and ear-tag numbers. If possible, obtain a veterinary examination – expert medical evidence is useful for subsequent prosecutions.

Contacting the police

Dial 999

Dogs worrying livestock is considered an emergency if it is taking place at the time and there is, or likely to be serious damage to livestock, so dial 999. Ask for the police and explain to the operator that there is a dog attacking livestock. To enable your call to be correctly graded, please stress to the operator that there either has been, or will be serious damage to your livestock.

West Mercia Police

Provide an accurate location and in remote areas please try to provide both OS grid co-ordinates and the location of the nearest road and point of interest. If possible, arrange to meet officers to guide them to the location.

Dial 101

If livestock has been attacked and the dogs have left the location, please use the 101 service. Ask for the relevant police force and explain to the operator what has happened. The operator will give you advice and explain how the force will handle your report.

If you are reporting intelligence on poorly controlled dogs, dogs regularly trespassing on farm land, escaping or being allowed to roam freely – then please either report to the local police via the 101 service or email your local force through the address on their website. Photographs and video footage can be attached to email reports.

What service should you expect from the police?

The police will investigate your report of crime – this may be over the phone or by sending officers depending on the circumstances. If your report is being handled as an emergency you will be informed of this and officers will be dispatched to the location to identify the dog/dogs and owner and investigate the offence.

New support line for victims now live - 0800 952 3000. New support for victims launches

A new victim service dedicated to supporting those affected by crime throughout their journey has launched in West Mercia. At 8am this morning, (1st April), the new Victim Advice Line (VAL) went live. Those needing support can now access the free and confidential service and receive a care package that is bespoke to them.

To make it easier for those wanting to access the service, there are a number of ways for people to get in touch:

- The free and confidential phone line (0800 952 3000) is open 8am until 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am until 5pm on Saturdays
- A new website (www.victimadvice.org.uk) is now live
- An online chat function, available on the website, gives those not wanting to use the phone an opportunity to talk to someone online
- If someone doesn't have time to chat on the phone or online, there is also an option to email or use the contact form on the website

Recognising the needs of victims are different, the VAL will work with the victim and allow them to have greater ownership of their journey by allowing them to shape it themselves. Those that need someone to talk to also don't have to have reported the crime to the police.

This new service is part of Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion's commitment to ensuring victims of crime receive an improved and more consistent service, and is also a model that is being seen as best practice and a flagship across the country in delivering support to victims, having already been adopted by other PCCs and police forces.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: "I am delighted to be officially launching the Victim Advice Line today. This new service marks the beginning of big changes to the way victims are supported. By working with an individual and making sure they're getting the level of support they need, and deserve, we're sure to see those affected by crime moving on with their life with greater confidence. This new service also allows better multi-agency working, such as with the police and other support services, which will ensure those affected by crime will have someone with them every step of their journey."

West Mercia Police Assistant Chief Constable, Martin Evans, said: "We are truly committed to providing the best possible service for victims and survivors. We strive to always put victims at the heart of everything we do and the support that the Victim Advice Line will provide alongside us will be invaluable.

"Every member of our force is dedicated to ensuring we are always victim focussed and the VAL is a perfect reflection of our values and commitment.

Opportunist thieves – Thefts from rear of open vehicles.

Please remember not to leave the boot or rear doors of your vehicle open whilst it is parked on a road or driveway when it will be unattended. Even when simply unloading your shopping. Always ensure you secure your vehicle when leaving it unattended, even for just a few seconds. Trade vehicles can be exceptionally vulnerable as often the trades person will be constantly going back and forth to the vehicle and it is often simpler and more convenient to leave the vehicle open.

Opportunist thieves drive around an area looking for easy and vulnerable targets. Whilst driving around they will easily see a vehicle which has been left open and is unattended. It only takes a matter of seconds for the driver or passenger to jump out of the vehicle and run up to the parked vehicle. Within seconds they can reach inside the vehicle and steal the vehicle's contents without the owner or keeper even being aware.

By the time the owner or keeper has realised what has happened the thieves have ran back to their vehicle and driven off with there new hoard.

By taking simple and sensible measures we can all help reduce crime.

Skimming devices attached to outside ATM machines.

Could everybody be aware when using an ATM, to check that no additional items are attached to the machine. This can be in the form of electronic machinery, cameras, plastic fascia, packing tape formed into a loop. If it has then do not use and inform the operator immediately.

Be aware who is around you, If your card is retained then pull gently on the intake to ensure this is part of the machine. There has been a recent incident on the rural area where items were attached, however, due to observations by customers and staff this was removed before anybody could attempt to use it.

Preston Wynne

PRESTON WYNNE NEWS

Hello Everyone,

We do hope you've enjoyed and are still enjoying the amazing blossom so far this year. The "beast from the East" which was gripping us in its frozen paws early last year is thankfully a distant memory with just the odd reminder of how it was then in short sharp cold bursts interspersed with welcome warmth. Very English Spring weather! Talking of Spring we knew all was on course when Tricia's son reported seeing the return of the house martins on 3rd April, always a welcome sight. Thanks for letting us know Darren.

Church News

May 12th 9.30 a.m. Lay-led Family Service

May 26th 11.15 a.m. DEDICATION SERVICE This will be a special service to give thanks for the restoration of our lovely and unique Church. The Archdeacon will be attending and the Service will be followed by a celebratory glass of "bubbly" and lunch served in the Church. Please do come along and help with the celebrations of the wonderful refurbishments.

June 9th 9.30 a.m. Lay-led Family Service

On Wednesday 3rd April the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, took place at Preston Wynne Village Hall, this was attended by representatives of both Felton and Preston Wynne Churches, and chaired by Revd Paul Roberts. Both Felton and Preston Wynne come under the same P.C.C umbrella, but each has its own D.C.C (District Church Council) operating as before.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW AND POP UP SHOP EVENING IN WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL MAY 17TH - 7 for 7.30 pm

This is in aid of Mercia Accident Services and Preston Wynne Church. Tickets are £15. Please contact Patsy on **07973149659** for tickets and further details.

100 club Please note that subs are now due for this and as the first draw of the year will take place after the Service on May 26th please contact Tricia on 820650 so that your number will be included.

Hall News

The St. David's Day Supper was great. Those who attended were treated to a delicious 3 course supper, Welsh-themed of course followed by a good old Welsh folk-song sing-along. Thank you Simon for organising this and indeed a big thank you to all who helped with this very successful evening.

The AGM will be on April 12th so more on that next time.

Zumba classes are every Thursday morning during term time from 9.45 to 10.30. a.m.

That's about it for now,

Love Hilary and Tricia

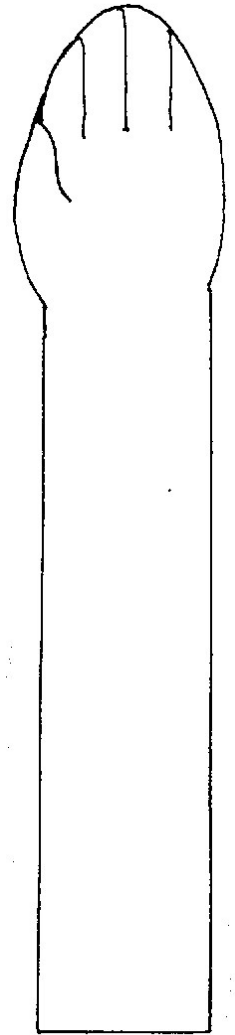
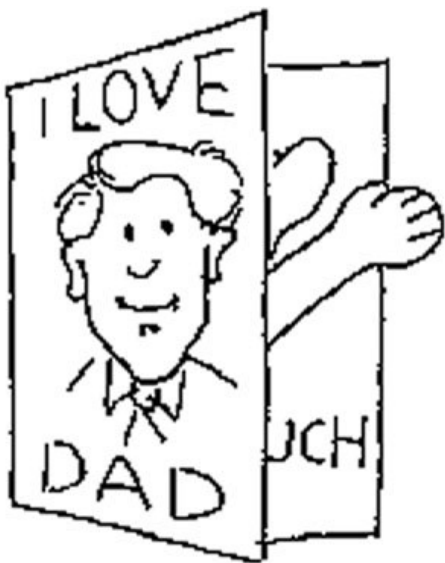
Kiddies Corner

Make this fun pop-up card for Father's Day.

What You Need: Arm Pattern x 2

- scissors
- pencils
- Card (for arms and actual card)
- crayons or fine line markers
- Glue

Make 2 arms and glue into the middle of the folded card.
Decorate the card - remember to colour the sleeves of the arm.



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If you have little time and want to cook something with little ingredients look no further! This Eton mess is tasty and easy! This simple dessert requires no cooking and is great for kids to make too!

INGREDIENTS: Serves 4.

- 6 medium meringue nests
- 1 punnet strawberries (chopped into quarters)
- Double cream (use as much or as little as you want)

METHOD: Chop the meringue nests into small chunks. Put a small amount of meringue in the bottom of each dessert glass.

Chop up as many strawberries as you want for your Eton mess and place some strawberries on top of the meringue.

Pour some cream over the top of the two layers but don't drown them in cream!

Repeat step 2 and 4 and put cream on top. Enjoy!



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