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Editorial

Dear All,

I have recently read many posts about rubbish and dog fouling around the village including the playing fields. This is totally unacceptable and lacking respect for others. Come on offenders - have some respect for fellow human beings! Also, due to concerns about dogs being off lead in public areas I detail the following about colour coded leads.

The Meaning Behind Colour-Coded Dog Leads and Collars.

Did you know that there is a colour coding system used by dog owners to signify specific health or behavioural issues their pet may have? Coloured leads are a great way to indicate if your dog is aggressive, blind or in training. Even if your dog doesn't fall into any of these categories, it's important that you can detect potential issues with other dogs you may come across - another option for dog owners is to use coloured ribbons or bandanas in a prominent spot on the lead following the same colour coding.

Yellow ribbons are one of the most commonly used ribbons, signifying that the dogs who sport them need extra space when on a walk or around strangers. It is important to know that these dogs are not necessarily aggressive but can be uncomfortable or nervous around strangers, may be experiencing pain from recent surgery, or not fully trained.

The red ribbon is also common and signifies that the dog may be aggressive if approached by a person or another animal.

It is important to remember that regardless of what colour the dog may be wearing, even if it's green, it is important to always ask the dog's owner if you can touch their pet.

Spreading the word about the use of coloured leads and ribbons is the first step in encouraging responsible pet ownership and can help ensure dogs are given the space and support they need when out walking.

Red lead - caution, I want some space.

Green lead, friendly - I like meeting new friends.

Bright yellow, adoption - I am looking for a new home.

Blue lead, training - I am learning new things (for work not play).

Orange lead, no dogs - I like people, just not dogs .

White lead, deaf/blind - I am deaf or blind.

Light yellow, nervous - I am nervous, give me space.

Purple lead, do not feed - do not feed me.

I hope the above is of use to you.

Take care and enjoy the Springtime with its colourful palette and promise of rebirth (and lots more work to do in the garden!!).

Margaret

Withington Village Hall

St Peter's Church

Toilet and Kitchen Project

Work started on Monday 11th January

Compound was set up

Raised floor was removed and also debris underneath including big rocks

Footings laid and sleeper walls built to support floor joists

Ventilation holes and grills fitted in the walls

Trench laid from North side of church through lychgate to the road

Archaeologist observes digging – no human remains found just medieval pottery!

Water supply pipe and drainage pipes laid, and trench filled in

Flooring of kitchen and toilet laid on joists

Framework started for toilet and kitchen area and under arch

Font moved to new position

Tiles replaced and re-laid as required

Tower screen refitted in new position

That's all in four weeks up to 7th Feb – things have really moved at a pace.



We have plans for a Grand Reopening of St Peter's Church

(Covid restrictions allowing) over one weekend

Saturday Concert with Birmingham Community Gospel Choir

Sunday Evensong with Hereford Cathedral Choir

Preacher: Bishop Richard

Tree Warden Report

Tree Planting for Wildlife

It's still a good time of the year for tree planting, bare rooted trees can be planted up to April, and container grown trees can be planted at any time of the year provided you give the trees enough water.

In order to plant trees for wildlife, any trees with berries will attract birds and all other wildlife, so go for wild cherry, crab apple, spindle (*Euonymus European*) rowan, blackthorn and buckthorn. Also cotoneaster grown as a tree.

Wildlife such as insects, butterflies etc. love colour and flowers, for example bees are attracted to dogwood, guelder rose and the wild service tree.

All these ideas are trees indigenous to the British Isles.

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Rowan Tree



Crab Apple

St. Peter's Church News

Church Services for Withington

At present of course, our church St Peter's is undergoing building work, with the installation of water and sewage utilities, an accessible toilet, and a kitchen area.

Also the creation of a social area with level flooring in the area to the left of the entrance door, to give much improved possibilities for greater use of our building.

This means that unfortunately the church remains closed to the public for the time being.

However, a short online service is available on our YouTube channel every Sunday, and is easily accessed through **Facebook**, at **Bartestree Cross Group of Churches**

Or through a link on the **website www.achurchnearyou.com**

This is updated weekly. (If you access this from Withington your location services will take you direct to St Peter's Church, Withington. Otherwise search for our church.)

At present it is unclear how long it will be until we feel able to resume services in church, but look out for notices in the village, and until then, keep safe and join our online presence. Especially look out for Easter Service updates.

Though our church is closed due to building work, the other churches in our group (Westhide, Lugwardine, Dormington and Weston Beggard) are open for private prayer.

St. Peter's Church News

In the last few weeks I have been doing a fair bit of looking forward. It's an activity which occupies quite a lot of a vicar's time. We like to plan, getting things ready for the next festival on the agenda, giving people something to look forward to. The added joy of looking forward at the moment of course is that it stops me looking back too much which, given the experience of the last year, is something to be grabbed with both hands. But looking forward isn't a linear process. It doesn't start at one point and finish at another. There are stopping off points, diversions and moments for rest along the way. And just now I've taken a pause at Maundy Thursday. If you're going to get stuck looking forward, Maundy Thursday is a pretty good place to be.

That word Maundy originates from the Latin, *mandatum*, which means, a command, or order. The Gospel reading we hear on that day (John 13:1-35) recounts the last supper, when Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal and how he got up from the table, tied a towel around his waist and began to wash the feet of his disciples and gave them, and us, a new *mandatum*, a new commandment, that, just as he has loved us, we must love one another.

I've been thinking about that commandment a lot - how simple it sounds, but how hard it is. Not the loving others part (although that can be hard enough at times) but how hard it is to be loved. To receive it, to feel worthy of it, to not flinch when it's given. Sometimes it really can be easier to give than to receive.

I've been thinking about how Jesus received love. The Gospels tell us Jesus had friends. Mary, Martha and Lazarus weren't his disciples but they were his friends. Perhaps they were friends with whom he could relax. I imagine it was in their home that he could be seen for all of who he was, not just teacher and rabbi. Maybe it was at his friends' house that they gave him a hard time, teased him a little, loved him a lot, not just for his work as a healer and teacher, but also for just being him. All of him.

This friendship with Mary Martha and Lazarus cost Jesus more than his freedom. It cost him his heart. Remember that famous "Jesus wept" verse? That comes when he stood at Lazarus' tomb. He loved them. But they also loved him. We don't talk about that much – the way in which Jesus was loved. We speak of how he showed love, gave love, was love. But what about the way in which he received love? Was he like we can be sometimes, hesitant, suspicious, resistant? Was he needy? Embarrassed? Or did he receive this love with a heart that was open knowing this was exactly what he needed?

In that Gospel reading for Maundy Thursday we find Jesus reclining at the dinner table with his disciples when suddenly he carries a small basin of water over to Peter and the others. Having loved his own, he loved them to the end, the Gospel says of that night. He washed their dusty feet and dried them with a towel that he had tied around his waist. Jesus knew and accepted fully the love he had received and in one simple act he poured it all out and more. He became what he received.

This is the example life gives us of course. Hurt people hurt people; forgiven people forgive people; and loved people love people. Jesus knew what was about to happen later that night. He kept telling his disciples that he would be betrayed and denied and handed over to be killed. He knew them – good and bad – and still he loved them. "I give you a new commandment", Jesus said to his disciples that night, after he had washed their feet, "that you love one another."

I've always heard that as a command to be loving and yes, it is that. But maybe we are also commanded to receive love as well. Whilst I know that's not always the easiest thing, if everyone gave and no one received the commandment would never be fulfilled. And yet we seem to only focus on how Jesus wants us to love others when in fact we are also the others whom Jesus wants to receive love. We are as worthy to receive love as we are commanded to give it.

We can too easily believe that we have to earn love in return for being good but Jesus teaches us that we are loved without condition for all of who we are, good and bad. Only when we fully understand that will we recognise that we already have everything we need to love others, to love them as fully as we are loved. By receiving it, by allowing ourselves to receive love, we in turn become fully loving.

None of this makes sense in our contemporary, give in the hope of receiving, everything has a price, the more money you have the more successful you are world. But God's economy doesn't work in the same ways we have become used to. It turns all our understanding on its head. So, let us love one another. Let us become what we receive. Not because we are good, but because we are loved.

Simon

I am currently five months of the way into an 11-month Church of England ministry experience scheme, currently living in Hereford, but assigned to the Maund benefice and Bartestree Cross group of churches. It is a scheme for young people (aged 18-30) who would like to spend a year exploring where God is calling them to and experience the variety of ministry the Church of England offers around the country. The Hereford scheme is called 'Discover', which is a perfect way of describing what is meant to be a process of discovering different ministry opportunities, but also of discerning where I as an individual fit into God's plan for us.

I previously worked for a publishing company in London, and had for a few years felt called to serve God in the church. I discussed my calling with my vicar and the local 'vocations adviser', and I felt increasingly like I was spending my time at work, which I was enjoying and where I was aiming to progress, but that I wanted to align my life better so that my work-life and church-life were moving in the same direction. I hadn't heard about a ministry experience scheme till it was suggested to me, but it sounded a wonderful opportunity to experience what the church was doing in a different part of the country and to share the experience with others on the same scheme.

Before lockdown the usual pattern was for me to spend half the week as an intern with one benefice and half with the other, with Friday as a day off, and then alternating Sundays with the two benefices. Lockdown has obviously altered the way ministry has been carried out. I've learnt how to say Morning Prayer on zoom (don't interrupt, take it in turns!); and I've got used to recording to camera for online services (look animated!). I think that in many ways it can seem like an odd time to experience the Church of England, as churches are closed and things aren't very normal. But I have been able to see how the church has adapted, and helping people connect to God continues during a pandemic; and one of the most important things the church can do is pray for those who are suffering and for those working in hospitals and with vaccines to bring an end to this pandemic.

As part of the scheme we spend one afternoon a week on a Cuddesdon theology course, and so far we have covered Old Testament topics like 'covenant', 'wisdom literature' and 'the prophets', and different prayer practices like icons, prayer beads and imagining yourself at Biblical scenes. Prayer is actually an important part of the scheme, as part of the discernment process is about getting used to the habit of Morning and Evening Prayer and studying the Bible; finding the same God in the Scriptures and when praying. Something I hadn't anticipated about the scheme is that it functions at times like a retreat – having the opportunity to calmly spend time with God and know him better.

The part about lockdown that does make things harder from the perspective of being an intern is that I can't be as involved in physical activities as interns would normally be. However, before the last lockdown I was able to get to know the church communities, and meeting on zoom works well as a result. I've also been able to join an Alpha course in another benefice (on zoom) which I wouldn't have been able to do if it wasn't on zoom. Alpha is a Christianity course for beginners as well as those more experienced, so it's been good to meet regularly with another group of people even in lockdown.

Over my time on the scheme, my sense of vocation to rural ministry has deepened. The opportunities I've had to experience the Church of England in two rural benefices have been wonderful; I've learnt so much about what a vicar does and both benefices have been so welcoming and supportive. The greatest thing the scheme has taught me is to understand that God has called me through my life experiences not in spite of them.

In short, if you know anyone who might be interested in experiencing ministry for a year I highly recommend it. Spread the word!

Michael Aylmer

Withington Group Parish Council

Withington Group Parish Council update – December 2020

Your **Withington Councillors** are now: Cllr Kevin Hewison, (Vice Chair), Cllr Alison Bainbridge, Cllr Barclay Rogers, Cllr Tom Nellist, Cllr Bob Wood, Cllr Jonathan Beech, Cllr John Baker, Cllr Martin Kirk, (Footpaths Officer, Withington) Cllr Ginnette Chadd and Cllr Keith Merrick.

Your **Westhide** Councillors are: Cllr Ralph Barber (Chairman), Cllr Judith Howe, Cllr Julie Williams (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

Withington Field: Withington Group Parish Council (WGPC) have now completed the new fencing along the footpath to the dog walking area. Please can we reiterate that dogs ARE NOT ALLOWED onto the play area or football pitches, you may pick up your dog mess, but others do not and no one wants our children playing in an area that is also a dog toilet. We continue to disinfect the play area once a week as Herefordshire Council advises, we do ask parents to take responsibility for their children to sanitize their hands before and after playing on the equipment – it is always better to be safe than sorry. We also wanted to point out that WGPC do not manage any of the other play areas in the village.

The Withington Group Parish Council hold meetings throughout the year and full minutes for these meetings are available on our website <https://withingtongroupparishes.co.uk/> however, due to the Corona Virus epidemic Parish Council meetings are currently being held on line through Zoom. If you want to watch a PC meeting live on line, you just need to contact the clerk to gain the access code to the meeting – details are on the agenda.

Please can we remind people to ensure that their hedges are cut back to allow people to walk along pavements and road edges. They should be cut prior to the bird nesting from 1st March.

Pot Holes: there is a dedicated website to report pot holes straight to Herefordshire Council, please do use it if you find particularly large offenders [Home - report app \(herefordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/home-report-app)

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?

Dates for future meetings; any member of the public can come to a Parish Council meeting, and there is a 10 minute space early on every agenda for members of the public to have up to 3 minutes each to ask a question or to raise a matter for the Council's consideration. The Parish Council meeting dates are all listed on the web site.

Thank you.

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Withington Group Parish Council

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Herefordshire will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed”, Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

Withington Book Club

Withington Book Club re-zoomed at the end of January. As we are operating in a virtual way currently, we have decided to each ask a friend or relative from anywhere in the country/world to join us! We think this would be a great way of staying in touch and involving other like minded folk with an interest in reading. Even when we do meet up again face to face, we hope to still keep a seat for the iPad with all our remote friends!

Our first meeting was a trial of Zoom for all of us. A pleasant chat and sharing of ideas to begin with after almost a year. We decided to prioritise the books remaining on our list from last year. The February choice is ‘The Bees’ by Laline Paull, to be followed in March by ‘The keeper of lost things’ by Ruth Hogan, and, in April, by ‘Machines like me’ by Ian McKewan.

Our group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, except August and December, when we hope to have the traditional Christmas meal together.

If you would like to join us, at this stage on Zoom, ring Sue on 851710.

Stay safe.

Memories by Bryan Davies

Yesteryear continued...Yesteryear continued...

The New Coastguard Station



Today, if you climb the clifftop path from the village where I was born and where I lived for the first twenty years or so of my life, and continue along the coastal path for a distance of about one and a half miles, you will come to a small circular building which has windows all around and benches for one to rest and watch the coastal wildlife. This is an observation post where one can see the waters of Cardigan Bay for miles around and watch the Bottle Nosed Dolphins which inhabit the local waters. Way over to the left are places like Llangrannog and Cardigan Island. Almost directly ahead lies Aberystwyth and to the left lies Snowdon which can be seen on a clear day.

Now let me take you back to the war years (1939 to 1942) when this little building was known as The New Coastguard Station, for that is what it was and is still called today by the locals. It stands on the very edge of a 200 foot cliff, king of all it surveys. However, it would be remiss of me to write about the New Coastguard Station without mentioning the old one. This was a small cottage, still on the same path, but much nearer to the village and with much less of a view of the coast than the new one. Over the years it had fallen into a state of disrepair with all the windows smashed and the corrugated roof rusting away. It became the childhood playground for many of the local children as the years slipped by. Walkers would shelter there from storms and some did their courting within its stone walls. For me personally it became my ship or at another time, my castle or fort. We lit fires in the old hearth and then rushed outside to see the smoke pour out of its dilapidated chimney. This too was situated on the edge of a cliff which overlooked Target Rock about two hundred feet below.

Gradually however, time, weather and children took their toll on the old building and with the exception of one small wall, it was taken down. Perhaps a plaque should be placed there in recognition of its importance to the youth of the village who so often played within its walls in days gone by. However, I diversify.

The New Station had a door which was always closed to keep out the weather and was manned by a coastguard 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Clearly this was a lonely job stuck out on a headland on a clifftop with nothing near you for miles. Maybe not too bad in the summer, but in the winter when darkness came early bringing with it gales which battered the little building, lashing rain or snow and the crashing waves some two hundred feet below, then it became particularly testing for its single occupant.

There were (and still are) two ways of reaching the lookout. You either took a main road out of the village and then branched off after a mile or so, through a local farm, then over some fields and on to the clifftop, or one could take the coastal path from the village which was more direct. Coastguards however, would usually take the roadway as they could then cycle much of the way. As boys we always took one route to get there and the other route to return, making it an interesting three to four mile walk.

The one snag with the coastal route was that just near the lookout one had to cross a very narrow footpath about 15 yards long and about a foot wide and which had a protruding rock face on the one side, thus making one lean outwards to avoid it and on the other side a sheer drop of two to three hundred feet on to the rocks below – certain death if you slipped or lost your footing.

One particular winter afternoon, my brother, two friends one of whom was an evacuee from London, and myself, the youngest in the group, decided to walk from the village to the coastguard station, taking the

Memories by Bryan Davies

farm route and intending to return home on the coastal path. On the way we would call at the coastguard station, have a chat with the person on duty and hopefully a hot drink.

This started off quite well, but by the time we reached the coastguard station the wind had picked up and was driving a nasty cold, drizzle into our faces. What's more, darkness had come early so we were quite relieved to see the welcoming lights of the station ahead of us. We knocked the door and the duty coastguard invited us in where we shared with him a warm drink, a sit down and a cosy chat. He warned us that the weather was deteriorating and to be careful on our return journey home. However, by the time we left, the wind had increased to gale force, lashing the rain on to the windows of the little building with some force.

Soon we started our journey home along the cliff path. We reached the narrow path within minutes by which time we were wet through. My brother led the way with me close behind him, his friend behind me and the evacuee bringing up the rear. When half way across this path, to our horror, above the sound of the waves below, we heard a loud scream from behind. On turning around, a difficult manoeuvre on such a narrow path, particularly when considering the circumstances, we saw that our evacuee friend was no longer with us. We immediately thought he had plunged over the side on to the rocks below. Not often in life does one feel the impact of sheer terror, but we felt it that night.

Without a torch, in total darkness, pouring rain and in the teeth of a north westerly gale, practically paralysed with fear, we stood there for a while, totally helpless. Then my brother retraced his steps, squeezing past me and our other friend and shouted that he could see a pair of hands clutching a large tussock of grass on the seaward side of the path. On closer inspection we could see that our evacuee friend was literally hanging over the side of the cliff, his ashen face streaming with the rain. The only thing saving him from plunging on to the rocks below and to certain death, was this large clump of grass which we knew would not hold him for ever.

Now came the enormous task of hauling him back on to the path without losing him. We had little space within which to work and the fact that he was so wet and slippery made our task almost impossible. Slowly and painfully, after a gigantic effort by the three of us and ensuring that we ourselves didn't fall over the side we managed to drag him on to the path where he laid for a while like a dead body. Shakily we got him on to his feet and guided him off the path on to more secure ground. Despite the gale and the lashing rain, we all sat down to recover in silence from our ghastly experience. Eventually, still shaking with shock from our efforts to recover him, we arose to continue our long journey home.

The evacuee, new to our area, claimed that he was only fooling around, but the trembling of his body, the pallor of his face belied his words. If he had only the slightest idea of his true and dangerous location on that night, playing the fool would have been the very last thing on his mind. He remained in the village until the war was over, eventually to return home to London. I sometimes look back to that night, now 75 years ago, and how near we came to what would have been a very serious incident should we have lost him.

Several evacuees who came to our village to be safe from enemy action, didn't make it home again for one reason or another. I can think of at least two who died as a result of accidents, one on a cliff face and the other on a beach. Some married locally and others just didn't want to go home. In another instance a family didn't want the child back after the war, so he stayed in the village.

Bryan

REMINDER - YOU CAN NOW READ THE MAGAZINE 'ONLINE'

If you are unable to obtain paper copies of the magazine please go to the Group Parish Website to read it. You will find the magazine under the 'Newsletter' section, <https://withingtongroupparishes.co.uk>

PRESTON WYNNE NEWS

Hello Everyone,

As we write on this cold dank February morning Spring seems a long way off, but have you noticed whatever the weather is doing right now it seems like it will never change, but just a few days ago there was a warm stream of air coming from the South, the sun was shining and there was some real warmth in it, I walked up to the village post box and there was a clump of beautiful snowdrops on the verge and the daffodils outside Ralphs surrounding the post box were in bud. Definitely a sight to lift the spirits!

Talking of things to lift the spirits there can't be anything more positive than this wonderful covid vaccine roll out - just a promise at the last time of writing. My brother in Australia who is extremely vulnerable tells me he has no hope of receiving a vaccine for months yet, we really are fortunate in that respect.

As we write the Church remains closed but Reverend Paul has brought it into people's homes via a Holy Communion Service for the second Sunday before Lent beautifully recorded at Preston Wynne Church, these Services are greatly enhanced by the glorious singing of the hymns by Rosie and Paul. Thank you.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Dave Davies who died of a heart attack on 9th January at his home in Preston Wynne. Dave was a real character having lived in Felton/Preston Wynne since he was born in 1937. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and all that knew him.

On a happier note, congratulations to Simon and Janet Crowther on the wonderful news of a new baby Grandson. More news to lift those spirits.

For their January meeting W.I members were treated to a great talk via zoom by fellow member Debbie Barber on the progress of the local canal. This was accompanied by slides and demonstrated a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm shared by Debbie, husband Ralph and other volunteers. This was so interesting and well put together I for one could watch it all over again, so hope you've filed it safely Debbie for a wider audience next time!

The next zoom meeting is on February 10th and the topic is "Inside the world of a Film and TV Extra". These meetings are preceded by a chat and there is something to be said for enjoying the company whilst sitting comfortably and warmly at home with a cup (or glass) of something.



Preston Wynne Cont.

To honour the passing of Sir Captain Tom a little Ode which was penned by a friend.

He was a Hero, to the letter
Saying tomorrow will surely be better,
God bless you Sir Tom,
Rest without a care,
You'll never walk alone,
Your God will be there.



Think that's about it for now,

We don't need to remind you all to stay vigilant and safe, and we will see you next time,
Love Hilary and Tricia.

Westhide

Westhide News

The Westhide WhatsApp group has kept us all connected in this latest lockdown. Good to have communication with others, whether to help out or just to chat whilst we can't meet face to face.

We have our very own village lockdown project – to record all that we know about the history of the houses we live in. We have additional help with access to all past Census records – to help us out for times beyond our memories.

The other ongoing project is the churchyard wall along the road – the dreadful weather over the past few years has pushed it to the limit and it needs a good seeing to! A long-term affair with lots to sort out before any work can start.

If you want some exercise, walk along to us and admire our Fair Maids of February - all the snowdrops in the churchyard – despite the weather they are doing their usual thing and cheering us all up.

Debbie Barber

DEADLINE FOR THE MAY/JUNE EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE:

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Email: withingtonmagazine@gmail.com

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Lyrics – Leave Them A Flower

Leave Them A Flower

Chorus:

Leave them a flower, some grass and a hedgerow,
A hill and a valley, a view of the sea.
These things are not yours to destroy as you want to,
A gift given once for eternity.

I speak on behalf of the next generation -
My sons and my daughters - their children to come.
What will you leave them for their recreation?
An oil slick. a pylon, an industrial slum?

Chorus.

You plunder, you pillage, you tear and you tunnel,
Trees lying toppled, roots finger the sky,
Building a land for machines and computers,
In the name of Progress the farms have to die.

Chorus.

The fish in the ocean polluted and poisoned,
The sand on the beaches is stinking and black.
You with your tankers, your banks and investments
Say, "Never worry, the birds will come back".

Chorus.

When the last flower has dropped its last petal,
When the last concrete is finally laid,
The moon will shine cold on a nightmarish landscape,
Your gift to our children, the world which you've made.

Chorus.

Leave them a flower, some grass and a hedgerow,
A hill and a valley, a view of the sea.
These things are not yours to destroy as you want to,
A gift given once for eternity.

Words by Wally Whyton

FOIL EASTER EGG ART PROJECT

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Cardboard
Scissors
Tin foil
Sharpie markers

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut out an egg shape from the cardboard.
2. Lay the egg shaped cardboard on top of the tin foil and fold the foil over the edges. Make sure the front of the egg is completely covered in the foil
3. Leaving the lid on the Sharpie marker, draw lines and designs all over the tin foil egg.
4. Use the Sharpie markers to trace over the designs and decorate the egg.



Beginner Riddles for Kids

- Why is April the cleanest month? (Because April showers)
- Which month likes walking? (March)
- I don't have wings, but I can fly. I have a tail. I am very colourful. I am not a bird. What am I? (A kite)
- In the summer, I stay awake longer, and in the winter, I go to sleep early. What am I? (The sun)
- You break me before you use me. And throw me out if I'm cracking up. What am I? (An egg)
- When is the best time to play on a pogo stick? (Springtime)
- What do you call a gasoline-powered cow in the garden? (A lawn Mower)
- Which flowers like to kiss? (Tulips)
- Although I am a flower, you can find me in your eye. What am I? (Iris)

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2 Mar.	1969	Concorde, the Anglo-French supersonic airline, roared into the skies on its maiden flight.
5 Mar.	1936	The British fighter plane <i>Spitfire</i> made its first test flight from Eastleigh, Southampton.
7 Mar.	1876	The Scottish-born inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, patented the telephone.
19 Mar.	1834	Six farm labourers from Tolpuddle, Dorset, were sentenced to seven years' transportation to Australia for forming a trade union.
24 Mar.	1603	The crowns of England and Scotland were united when King James VI of Scotland succeeded to the English throne.
3 April.	1721	Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain.
10 April.	1633	Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop.
24 April.	1858	At the second attempt, the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, is finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London.
29 April.	1884	Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, women are not to be awarded degrees.

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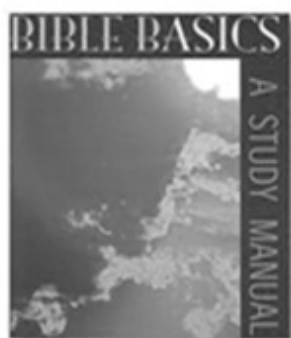
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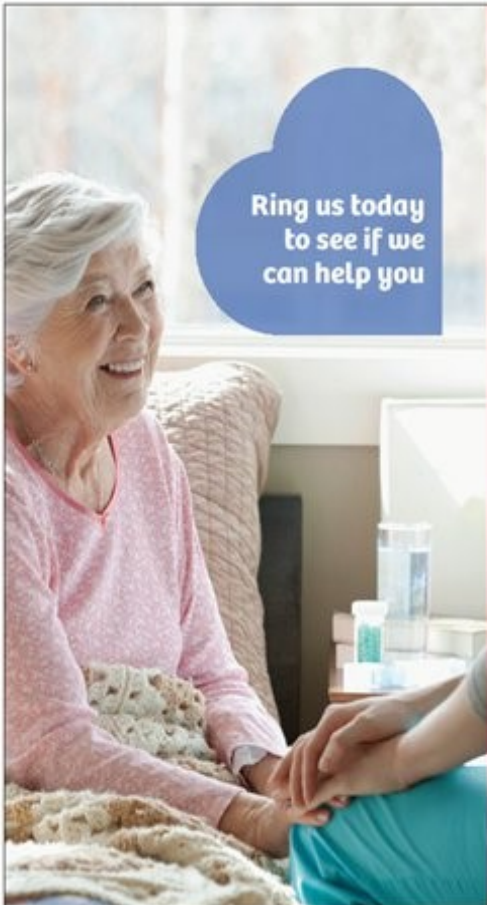
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