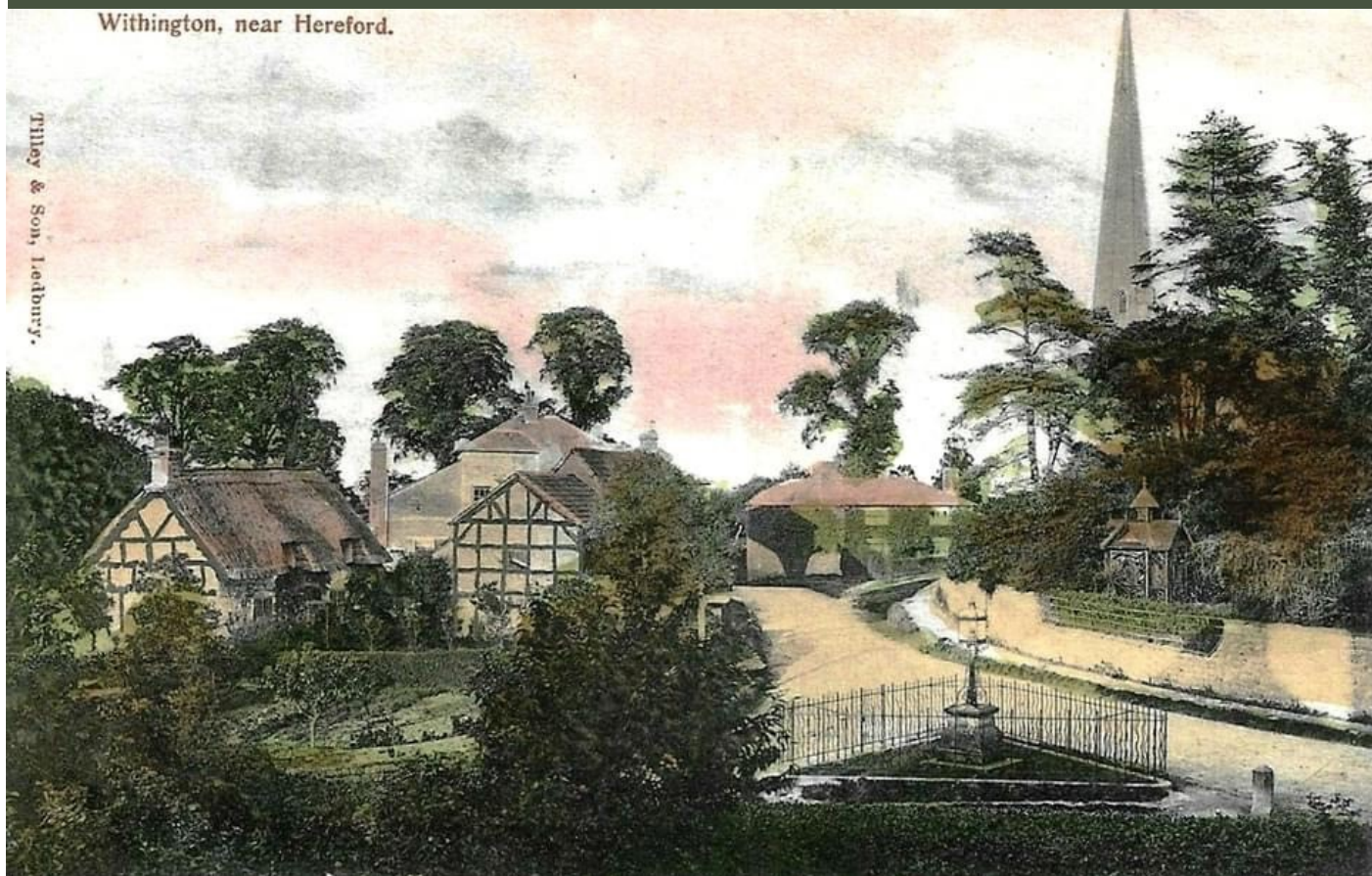


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Editorial

Dear All,

As always, I would like to extend sincere thanks to all contributors for their editorial submissions for the magazine, Marion Hawkins for attending to the accounts and Kevin and Ruth who undertake the distribution of the magazine - your support is greatly appreciated.

There are various appeals for help for the **Jubilee celebrations** which are to be held on the 5th June (see pages 5 and 7). Thanks to the organisers who are trying to stage this event - offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the platinum celebrations in June, what an incredible achievement for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Best wishes,

Margaret



Front page image - hand coloured postcard circa 1905-10

Best wishes,

Margaret

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Withington Book Club

Members of the book club have recently discussed 'Where The Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. We all enjoyed reading this extraordinary novel about a little girl who, abandoned by her parents and siblings to live alone in the wilds of the North Carolina marshlands, finds her own way to survive in a remote shack surrounded by the wonders of nature. She went to school for one day only, her way of life eschewed conventional society, and yet, through many trials and tribulations, she succeeded in finding peace and happiness. She found a kindred spirit who taught her to read and write. Many years later, the girl becomes a nationally celebrated artist, poet and naturalist, having become so connected to the natural world. She and her kindred spirit become life partners, happily ever after? Interwoven in this wonderfully written story is a murder.....

We have also read 'The Murder of Roger Ackroyd' by Agatha Christie. A well known whodunit, which we all enjoyed.

Our next books are 'The Last Blue' by Isla Morley and 'The Offing' by Benjamin Myers.

We will be meeting in members homes henceforth, rather than using Zoom.

If you'd like to know more, ring Sue on 851710. We have one or two maximum spaces spare.

Tree Warden Report

Thank you to everyone who helped plant 210 trees on Saturday March 19th. These trees were given to the parish by the Woodland Trust and are our contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy, part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They were planted on parish council land and will provide both wind breaks and two coppice areas for the future.

withingtontreewarden@gmail.com

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, Hereford, HR1 3QD
or email: Margaret.soutar@btinternet.com

Withington Village Hall

CCTV installed at village hall

Following concerns from neighbours and other local residents the Withington Group Parish Council has paid for the installation of CCTV around the Village hall which includes all around the building, the car park, the path leading to the Coppice and the entrance and exit of Withington Fields.

As required by public bodies the WGPC had to obtain 3 quotations to ensure value for money.

As a result of this process, we were pleased to accept the quotation from Sentinel Security Systems and the installation was completed at the end of March. We were very impressed with the quality and assistance provided by the company.

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PLATINUM JUBILEE

EVENTS AT VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022

A group of local residents have got together to celebrate this event

by organising activities at the Village Hall

We need further volunteers to help make this a success

Please contact:

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or

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Memories by Bryan Davies

Experiences of a young R.A.F. police officer....continued.

Training at R.A.F. Netheravon and Wyton (1951)

After a few enjoyable weeks with other police trainees, my class received their postings to a more permanent R.A.F. station. My posting, strangely enough was to an American air base in Norfolk, R.A.F. Wyton. This was a large base with American bombers constantly taking off and landing.

To patrol the airfield efficiently, meant a lot of walking whatever the weather, rain or snow, covering several miles. The Americans however had their own men protecting each aircraft on the ground. Many a dark night, snow or rain, I sheltered under the wing of an American bomber chatting to an airman and sharing a cup of coffee. The Americans (Yanks) were very thorough when carrying out their duties. Any car, jeep, van etc., was stopped and the driver told to get out and stretch himself on the grass. They were then searched before they were allowed to drive off. We, the dog handlers, were always let through and were allowed shelter under the wings of the aircraft as many of us knew the guards anyway. This could have been because the dogs were seen first ahead of the handler.

The Americans that I knew and met always showed great interest in our dogs. They wanted to know which type of dog the R.A.F. used as their forces had dogs, but they seemed to be smaller. Our dogs were nearly all alsatians. An alsatian can tackle and floor a man as we found in training, so perhaps that 's why or perhaps not.

The Americans were always polite and keen to make friends. They showed great interest in the dogs. They were keen to show us items which they sometimes purchased from their stores, items which we could not get here. This was an offence by law so very little exchanged hands, if any at all.

One night around midnight, Yetta (the dog) and I were on patrol when we checked in at the Guardroom as we sometimes did. On this particular occasion we entered the Guardroom, dog first. Sitting in a chair in front of us was an American airman on guard duty. He had gone to sleep with his rifle standing handle down on the floor and barrel up between his knees just under his chin. Yetta entered first with me a close second. Something woke our sleeping friend. The first thing he saw on awakening was Yetta's face looking at him. He yelled, jumped up and the gun went off. Those working behind the desk panicked. Some thought we were being attacked while others were too shocked to speak. However, no one was hurt. Needless to say, Yetta and I crept quietly away into the welcoming dark of the Norfolk night.

W.B.D.

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Jubilee Celebrations



Withington Village Jubilee Tea Party



This is a FREE event with any funds raised from the Prize Draw & games to be donated to Withington Primary School and St Michael's Hospice. More information will be revealed over the coming weeks via Withington Folk Facebook Page & posters around the Village.

There will be ENTERTAINMENT, REFRESHMENTS and GAMES for all the family to enjoy.

CHILDRENS' COMPETITIONS: all competition entries can be dropped off in advance at the Village Shop, or brought along on the day.

- Colouring – all ages. Collect your colouring sheet from the Village Shop, or send an email (see below) & we'll send you a copy.
- Poetry – ages 7-16. Write a short poem on the theme of "Platinum".
- Crown Making – all ages. Get creative and make a crown fit for a Queen!

THE GREAT WITHINGTON BAKE OFF: who will be crowned Star Baker of the village? Bring along your best sweet bake on the theme of CELEBRATION.

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IN ST PETERS CHURCH

Come and find a book to read!

In St Peter's Church we have a Book Exchange – do come and find a book you'd like, and give us a donation! Plenty to choose from, all kinds of subjects, well organised!

Maybe you have books to give us – please leave them on one of the tables, and we'll sort them.

Food Bank

There is a box in church where your food bank donations can be left. It is emptied regularly, and the goods taken to the Hereford distribution centre.

Please help if you can – more and more families are having to apply for emergency rations.

Thank you all for helping to make a great success of the Big Breakfast again through this Autumn-Winter-Spring Season 2021 - 2022



We didn't know how well it would go after the difficulties of Covid, but it has been great!

So wonderful to see people enjoying relaxing and chatting together after our long periods of lockdowns etc.

We spaced the tables more and ensured good airflow.

The 7 breakfasts we held this last season from October to April raised about **£850** for **other** charities; each month the proceeds are split half and half between the nominated charity of the month and St Peter's Church Withington. All these charities are local.

October - The Little Princess Trust,

November - Refugee Action in Herefordshire,

December - Herefordshire SSAFA,

January - Midlands Air Ambulance,

February - “ “ “

March - The Teddy Trust,

April - The Marches Family Network and St Peter's Church

Look out for **PopUp café** restarting at the end of April, running weekly on Thursday mornings, in the church!

Meet friends and new acquaintances, chat and relax over some delicious home-made cakes and a hot drink!

St. Peter's Church News

This year during Lent a group of us came together to follow the material which the Church of England has set out in its most recent attempts to advance the discussion on issues of gender, marriage equality and sexuality. Called 'Living in Love and Faith' the course's resources were designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning as part of a way forward for the Church in what has been, historically, difficult territory to navigate. The hope is that by talking about these issues in open, informed and mutually respectful ways we can begin to discern together a way forward. I think I speak for the whole group when I say we have found the course stimulating, encouraging and, in many ways, eye-opening.

These are rarely easy subjects to talk about. Many may have quite rigid beliefs and understandings, sometimes based on what we think the Bible teaches or on what they have been taught by others. A great deal more of us, I suspect, have never given them much thought, or if we have we have then had to admit our ignorance about the lived experience of others who may be different from us. But, whether we like it or not, these are issues which are increasingly to be found in the public discourse. Take, for example, the recent debate on whether trans athletes should be able to compete within their transitioned-to gender.

Recently understandings about some of these issues have been shifting within other churches and denominations. In June 2021, the Methodist church became the largest religious denomination in the UK to allow same-sex marriage. Soon after, the Anglican Church in Wales voted to introduce special blessings for same-sex married couples. In the Episcopal Church in Scotland same-sex marriage has been permitted since 2017. In The Church of England, by comparison, we have experienced more than a decade of bitter deadlock and hurtful division. However, there are signs that progress is being made toward a resolution.

In April this year, a church-wide consultation on sexuality (of which Living in Love and Faith forms a major part) came to an end, with its findings due to be published in the autumn under the title 'Listening to the Whole Church'. The intention, according to the bishop of London, the Right Rev Sarah Mullally, is to find "a way forward for the church in relation to human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage". A commitment has been made to establishing a clear direction of travel at a General Synod in February 2023.

There are a great many people, given what has happened in Wales and Scotland especially, who believe it is an absurdity that gay and lesbian English Anglicans should be obliged to travel to Cardiff or Edinburgh for a church blessing or wedding. Equally, the requirement that gay Anglican clergy remain celibate in relationships is seen as having blighted lives and fostered an un-Christian culture of suspicion and surveillance. Many argue that the church's continued rigid stance on same-sex relationships is undermining its outreach efforts, particularly in relation to the young.

When the time comes to make that decision early next year, it will need to be taken in an atmosphere of mutual respect and compromise. The Church in Wales has agreed a "conscience clause" allowing individual clergy members to opt out of offering blessings to same-sex couples. Whichever route the Church of England chooses to take I hope and pray it will be bold in reading the signs of the times rather than rely on narrow readings of scripture. The overwhelming message of the gospel is one of loving inclusivity – a message we may all need to remind ourselves of from time to time.

With every blessing,

Simon

Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG) with special Afternoon Tea screening

01432 340555



Audiences are invited to pop on their pearls for a trip to **Downton Abbey** this May.

The Courtyard will be hosting multiple screenings of **Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)** throughout May.

The latest film sees The Crawley family going on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess' newly inherited villa. With some early talking pictures being filmed around them, the Crawley's have more than enough drama to handle for one holiday. The film stars Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, and Elizabeth McGovern, plus a string of new cast members, including Dominic West.

For those looking to add something extra to their cinema experience, The Courtyard are offering a special Afternoon Tea Screening on Sunday 8 May. Audiences can enjoy **Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)** at 5pm with afternoon tea in The Courtyard Chase Lounge from 3pm. The Afternoon Tea includes in-house baked scones, tray bake treats and desserts plus sandwiches, all the tea you can drink and a live pianist to set the mood.

The Courtyard are delighted to be bringing back its Baby Friendly Screenings with Downton Abbey. Baby Friendly screenings are exclusively for parents and guardians with babies under 18 months old. They can enjoy the latest releases from The Courtyard's regular programme accompanied by baby in a safe and comfortable environment. Low lights are left on in the auditorium, the sound a little quieter and, when possible, subtitles will be shown. **Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG) Baby Friendly Screening** will be on Thursday 26 May at 1pm.

As part of The Courtyard's commitment to being an accessible venue, there will be subtitled screenings on Wednesday 11 May at 11am, Thursday 17 May at 7.30pm and Monday 23 May at 2.30pm.

Socially distanced screenings are also available for those who would feel more comfortable on Saturday 7 May at 10.45am, Friday 13 May at 2.30pm and Thursday 19 May at 11am.

Downton Abbey will be screening at The Courtyard from Friday 6 – Thursday 26 May. To book tickets, or for more information contact the Box Office on 01432 340555 or visit www.courtyard.org.uk.

CHARITY DONATION FRAUD

Fraudsters regularly take advantage of our generosity when giving to charity. They may claim to be raising money for a fake charity or impersonate a well-known charity.

Most fundraising appeals are genuine, so the risk of fraud should not put you off giving to charities. However, you should be vigilant and make sure you are giving safely to legitimate organisations.

Always check before donating online, on the phone or in person

- Check the charity name and registration number at [uk/checkcharity](https://uk.checkcharity.org.uk/).
- Check the Fundraising Regulator's online Directory to see if a charity has committed to good fundraising practice at org.uk/directory.
- If you are still unsure about giving, always ask the organisation for more information. Legitimate causes will be happy to respond and answer your questions.

Fundraising appeals with generic wording, such as '*to help people with COVID-19*' should be approached with caution.

An appeal should always be clear on exactly what the money will be used for.

When you meet a fundraiser in-person, check their credentials:

- Street collectors should wear an ID badge that is clearly visible.
- Any collection buckets should be sealed and undamaged. Most fundraising materials should feature a charity's name, registration number and a landline phone number.
- If in doubt, ask for more information – a genuine fundraiser should be happy to answer your questions.

When giving online, make sure the charity is genuine before giving any financial information:

- Type in the charity website address yourself, rather than clicking on a link, and look for the registered charity number on the website.
- Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages or calls that ask for your personal or financial details.
- Beware of any online advertisements that just feature a mobile number.
- Ignore requests to donate through a money transfer company as this is a popular scam.
- Only donate to online fundraising pages created by a person or organisation you know and trust.

If in any doubt, contact the charity directly.

If in doubt and you think that a fundraising appeal is fake, ***Report it to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime or by calling 0300 123 2040***

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Preston Wynne

PRESTON WYNNE NEWS MAY/JUNE

Hello everyone,

Do hope you are all well, and that if you have fallen victim to the dreaded lurg, as have so many of us, you are now fully recovered. 'Nuff said on that topic!! What we all need now is warmth and sunshine and the realisation of how very lucky we are to be right here, right now - despite the worry of the leccy bills etc., etc. Just sayin'....

As we write just before Easter the weather is a bit horrible but hopefully it will pull itself together and the warmth and sunshine mentioned earlier over the holiday time will be all the more appreciated.

Church Services

May 8th 9.30 am Family Service

22nd 11.15 am H.C

29th 10.00 am Maund Group Service

June 12th 9.30 am Family Service

26th 11.15 am H.C

Hall News The coffee morning held on the 26th March was a very pleasant event raising around £170 for Hall funds, the stall specifically for the Ukraine appeal raised a very creditable £80, well done and thank you to all who helped in any way.

PLANNED JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE FROM 6 PM ON THE CRICKET PITCH

Rounders, Tug of War, Games, BBQ [bring your own everything, Ken will cook your food on the village bbq] followed by the lighting of the beacon around 9.45, fireworks and fun. Don't be put off by the rounders match, teams are made up of toddlers to octogenarians, and runners can be appointed from any enthusiastic young 'uns. The result is always a draw, funny that!!

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 3.00 PM IN THE HALL

Bring and Share Tea, followed by activities and then a Beer Tasting event run by our own expert beer taster, Simon.

W.I. News

May 10th meeting will be in the Hall and the Speaker David Marshall will talk on "The Value of Orchards", particularly topical in this beautiful County of Herefordshire.

June 8th will be a visit to the old Coningsby Hospital and Rose Garden in Hereford City. Debbie has planned some great meetings for this coming year, watch this space!

Think that's about it for now, we do hope you enjoy this special June Jubilee month, and that our amazing Monarch stays well enough to enjoy it Herself. What a legend!!

See you next time,

Love Hilary and Tricia

Westhide

News From Westhide

A quiet few months in Westhide with a feeling of slowly resuming pre-pandemic life.

We held our Lent Lunch again having had to miss it the last two years. I had intended to have all the windows and doors open at the Glebe but it was such a wonderful spring day we were outside.

Honourable mention to the couple wearing shorts! It was great to catch up with everyone, hear news about expected or just born grandchildren, who had or who hadn't had covid and our individual responses to the Ukraine situation. Thanks Shelia and Robin for organising this event.

The box for contributions for the food bank is back in the church, again after a two-year absence. Pop anything, non-perishable in as you walk by and I will take contributions in when the box is full.

On **Saturday May 7th** we will be having our annual church and churchyard tidy up from **10 am** onwards. If you can't make it but would be happy to contribute some time, please let us know and we will find you a job. We will be having the sheep mowers again this year, but there are still bits that need separate attention.

Rob's funeral held at Ocle Pychard was a fitting occasion. His old minivan was there greeting us bedecked in daffodils and inevitably raising a smile. The weather was kind and many of us stayed outside. Somehow this seemed appropriate reflecting Rob's joy of the countryside. I heard a Woodpecker and could imagine Rob pointing it out.

Rob was very much part of Westhide and we are holding a memorial service to remember him. The service will be at **5.30pm on Saturday July 2nd** and will be followed by a Belfry Night. Rob really enjoyed these occasions and it will be a fitting way to celebrate his life.

Plans are going well for the Garden Party at Upper House on **Sunday 5th June**. Look out for posters etc nearer the time.

I haven't yet heard the cuckoo but maybe by the time you read this I will have!

Judith

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