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Editorial

Dear All,

A massive thank you to everyone involved in the organising of the Withington Tea Party and for providing images of the event for publication. Thanks also to Signworx, (printers of the magazine) for the reduction in printing costs thus enabling us to provide additional coloured pages for this jubilee celebration edition.

Best wishes,

Margaret



A Hereford Team of four,
quite senior in age, are to
take on the 331-mile

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Withington Book Club

Our book club members have looked at two really absorbing books recently. The first was, 'The Last Blue' by Isla Morley. An unusual and very thought provoking book based on the true story of the Fulgate family from Kentucky USA, some of whom were born with blue skin. Themes running through the book including but not exclusively, love, friendship, resilience, prejudice, racism, the merits and de-merits of photography in a journalistic context, caring for each other and the natural world. A very readable book with some great descriptive passages.

The second of which was 'The Offing' by Benjamin Myers. An enjoyable story about a sixteen year old lad from a family of Durham miners who, before he joins generations of his family at the coalface, decides to set off on a walk south. Reaching Robin Hood's Bay, he has a chance encounter with an erudite middle class older woman, Dulce, who has led a richly diverse life and is now a resident of the Bay. Coming from very different lives, they enjoy each other's company, learning much on the way. to reveal all would be to spoil the story. A very easy read with lots of poignancy contained within.

Our next two books are 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' by Christy Lefteri, and 'Sorrow and Bliss' by Meg Myers. The latter was recently a Radio four book at bedtime.

Happy reading.

We now have in place the option to meet face to face or, should the need arise, to meet on Zoom. It all takes place on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. If that sounds like your cup of tea, give Sue a ring on 851710. Bye for now!

Best wishes

Sue

Tree Warden Report

Tree of Trees

The Tree of Trees sculpture outside Buckingham Palace was designed to celebrate the Queen's Green Canopy for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The steel structure supports 350 small trees all found across Britain, 21 metres high, designed by Thomas Heatherwick who said 'trees are our superheroes and essential for our mental health.' The temporary structure will stand for only two weeks before the trees will be sent to community groups across the country for planting out.

They were asked to draw attention to the queen's tree planting initiative which has seen over a million trees planted in the UK to mark 70 years of the Queen's reign. In Withington we contributed to this initiative by planting 210 trees around the village hall area.



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Jubilee Events

Withington

On behalf of WGPC I would like to thank all the team who organised and ran the Jubilee Tea Party in Withington Village Hall on Sunday 5th June. It was a superb event attended by many people; there was a Great Withington Bake Off competition as well as many children's competitions (including 'colouring' and 'crown making') as well as Magician. The food was absolutely Brilliant so another big thank you to the catering team run by Elijah and Georgie. Also, thanks to the helpers who stayed behind to tidy up and ensure the hall was left clean and tidy for the next hirers.

This event was funded by a £500 grant from WGPC and a £500 grant from ASDA.

In addition, the draw raised funds for St Michael's Hospice and Withington Primary School.

Preston Wynne and **Westhide** also received grants from the WGPC for events in their villages.

Kevin Hewison

Chair WGPC

St. Peter's Church News

Bartestree Cross Group in Withington & Westhide
Services for June, July & August 2022

Date & Readings	Westhide	Withington
26th June Trinity 2 (G) <i>Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62</i>	10am Group Holy Communion	
10th July Trinity 4 (G) <i>Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37</i>	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
17th July Trinity 5 (G) <i>Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42</i>		9.30am Holy Communion
24th July Trinity 6 (G) <i>Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13</i>	11am Holy Communion & Ewan's leaving service	4pm '4 th @4' Family Service
14th August Trinity 9 (G) <i>Hebrews 11:2-12:2 Luke 12:49-56</i>	11am Morning Prayer & Baptism	9.30am Holy Communion
21st August Trinity 10 (G) <i>Hebrews 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17</i>		9.30am Holy Communion

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St Swithun's Day is the feast day of an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester who died in 862 AD. Little is definitively known about his life although he is said to have been the spiritual adviser of Ethelwulf, King of Wessex, who donated much of his royal land to build and restore numerous churches. Swithun has also been suggested as the tutor of Ethelwulf's son Alfred, who then went on to become the mighty ruler of Wessex.

Whilst Swithun was a popular bishop, his only known miracle during his lifetime was the repair of a basket of broken eggs. His enduring legend is due to events after his death on 2 July 862. With his dying breath Swithun is said to have requested that his final resting place be outside, where his grave could easily be reached by both members of the parish and the rainfall from the heavens. But in 971 it was decreed that Swithun was to be the patron saint of the restored Cathedral at Winchester where an impressive shrine was built for him. His body was removed from its simple grave and interred in the new Cathedral on 15 July 971 and, according to legend, forty days of terrible weather followed.

St Swithun might easily have disappeared into obscurity had it not been for our British fascination with the weather. He has been the useful scapegoat for any number of wash out summers. But according to the Royal Meteorological Society, there isn't any great reliability in the prophecy. Since records began there has been no period of 40 consecutively wet or dry days following 15 July. To turn the legend on its head, whilst sunshine on St Swithun's Day in Miami may well safely point to 40 days of unbroken sunshine, in these parts it certainly does not....

...or does it? *"Global heating: London to have climate similar to Barcelona by 2050"*, ran a recent headline. According to the report it referenced on the likely impacts of the climate crisis, cities that are currently in temperate or cold zones in the northern hemisphere may soon resemble cities more than 600 miles closer to the equator, with damaging effects on health and infrastructure. Water shortages will affect scores of cities now in temperate climates as a result of the global heating, which is forecast to be by as much as +3.5C in European cities in summer and + 4.7C in winter. And, of course, that is nothing compared to the very real effects of climate change being experienced now by the poorest in sub-Saharan Africa.

Man-made climate change is a reality and it is becoming dramatically clearer what its ultimate consequences might be. A very different world to that which Swithun would have recognised is being created. Unless we act now, both internationally and individually, we will be faced with something a whole lot worse than a drop of summer rain.

Simon.

The Jubilee at Withington Church



The church was decorated beautifully for the Jubilee with wonderful flower decorations in red and white sitting in platinum crowns on blue cushions.

On Sunday it was Pentecost, so a double celebration, which started with a pilgrim walk from Westhild and ended with delicious finger buffet food at 12 o'clock. The church was full, with folk from the other churches in our group joining us.

In the afternoon, people joined in their own village celebrations, with many of us going to Withington Village Hall or Westhild's Tea party.



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West Mercia Police

Now the warm weather has started to arrive, we are urging people to be particularly vigilant to burglaries. During the summer months, doors and windows are often left open, making homes an easy target for thieves.

There are some simple but effective ways that you can protect your property:

- Keep front, patio and back doors closed and locked when you are elsewhere in the house or the garden.
- Keep garden gates locked when you are away from the property.
- Ensure that windows and external doors on the ground floor are locked at night, and all doors and windows are locked when you are out of the house. Even a small window could provide a burglar with an opportunity to reach through and open a larger window to gain access.
- Remember to close downstairs windows when leaving a room, to deter the opportunist thief.
- Find out about property marking schemes such as Smartwater. If an item is marked it will be much harder for a thief to sell on. Also, if the stolen items are recovered they can then be returned to their rightful owner.
- Look out for your neighbours' property if they are away for a few days.
- Joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is a good way to meet those living on your street. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators help to keep the local groups informed of criminal activity in the community, pass on crime prevention advice and help resolve local issues. Local members are encouraged to keep an eye on what's going on and pass on details of suspicious activity. To find out details of schemes in your area, please click www.westmercia.police.uk/article/4529/Neighbourhood-Watch/

For more information on how you can keep your home safe from burglars: www.westmercia.police.uk/Home-security

Please note that Herefordshire has a very low figure for burglaries so let's make sure that we do not make it easy for them!

Kind regards,

Christina, Hereford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Courtyard relaunch Dementia Friendly Screenings

The Courtyard's Dementia Friendly films will be shown in the new Nell Gwynne studio, set up with tables and chairs. The lights will be dimmed and the sound a little quieter for a dementia friendly experience. Tickets cost £5 and include tea and biscuits. Accompanying carers can attend for free and doors will open 30 minutes prior to the film starting to allow a gentle arrival.

The Wizard of Oz (U) on Friday 15 July at 2pm. In this charming film Dorothy and her dog Toto are caught in a tornado's path and somehow end up in the land of Oz where he meets some memorable friends and foes in her journey to meet the Wizard of Oz.

Next up is **On The Town (U)** on Friday 14 October at 2pm, sailors (played by Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin) have a 24-hour shore leave to see the sights and things get especially exciting when those sights include some beautiful women (Ann Miller, Betty Garrett and Vera-Ellen).

Finally, is a screening of **White Christmas (U)** on Friday 16 December at 2pm. In this festive film, Irving Berlin's songs and dances are performed by two happy couples who discover that love, romance, and a Christmas Eve snowfall make everyone's dreams come true.

All Courtyard staff receive dementia awareness training to help them understand the needs of people living with dementia. The monthly Dementia Friends Information Sessions, delivered by The Courtyard, are available for the public to book onto, free of charge. Tickets for all The Courtyard's Dementia Friendly Screenings can be booked online at courtyard.org.uk or via Box Office on 01432 340555.

Jubilee Celebrations



Thank you to everyone who supported the Jubilee Tea Party on Sunday 5th June. It was incredible to see so many villagers turn up and enjoy themselves. The entries to the Great Withington Bake Off were sublime – and I've never seen table of cake eaten so quickly! The children of the village did us proud – there were some fantastic entries to the competitions. We have kept the crowns and colouring, so if you would like to keep yours as a memento then please just email withingtonjubilee@gmail.com before the end of June.

This event was always about bringing the village together to celebrate, and we did that in style. An added bonus is that we have raised some much-needed funds for Withington Primary School and St Michael's Hospice. We're still totting up the final tallies, and will announce soon, but we are so grateful for your generosity and support.

Roll on the next village event...watch this space!

The BIGGEST thank you must go to Ilaitia, Georgie (and Abi!) of Kana Mada for the phenomenal food. They also made sure the hall looked fit for a Queen. On top of that, we are grateful to Asda for the grant for the food and Freshfields for the donation of delicious strawberries.

There are so many other people who made this event possible. I'm going to try not to forget anyone, but if I do, please know that your contribution was so appreciated. In no particular order, this wonderful team made it all happen: Kiegan Vallely (the Hypogician), Jo and Vocalise Choir, Andrea and Ed Johnson, Ingrid and Richard Heatley (and Indy and Jack!), and Kevin Powders, Hazel Davies, Claire Strickland & family, Christine Cattnach (alongside Pru and Paul: Simon Tarlton and Ewan Gillings), Jean Parkes and the Guides, June and Selwyn Wynter, John Bennetts, Kevin and Ruth Hewison, Bob and Liz Wood, Margaret Soutar and Derek. We also benefited from a grant organised through the Parish Council and Church.

We're also grateful for donations to the Grand Draw and competitions from: Kiegan Vallely, Doverman's, Hereford Cathedral, The Courtyard Theatre, Holmer Spa, Beefy Boys, Love Leaf, Flip Out, Tell Us a Story, The Children's Bookshelf, Kevin Hewison, Mr & Mrs Hanvey, Number 7 Hereford, Tanners, Lunar Gifts, Oliver's Perry and Cider, Radway Bridge Garden Centre, Malt and Salt, Violet and Joan, Lular Earrings, Wendy & Peter Spicer, the Entertainer, Ingrid and Richard Heatley.

Once again, many thanks for making this event such a success.

Becky Bennetts & all the Jubilee Team



Jubilee Celebrations

Grand Draw Prize Winners

	PRIZE	WINNING NAME
1.	Kiegan Vallely Magic Show voucher	J.D Prosser
2.	Kiegan Vallely Hypnotherapy voucher	R. Hewison
3.	Doverman's MOT and valet	Angela Jones
4.	Five tickets for the Mappa Mundi	Becky Harris
5.	Two tickets for the Courtyard Theatre	Winnie
6.	A bottle of craft gin	Jean Parkes
7.	Holmer Spa – Twilight Spa for 2	Winnie
8.	Beefy Boys – burger and fries x 2	Parkes
9.	Love Leaf – voucher and plant hanger	S Leigh
10.	Flip Out – 1 hour bounce for 2	Jennifer Ridout
11.	Tell Us A Story gift voucher	Dylan Parker
12.	Children's Bookshelf gift voucher	C Powders
13.	Number 7 Hereford gift voucher	P Andrews
14.	Tanners – basket of red & white wine	Angela Jones
15.	Bottle of brandy with crystal glasses	P Brown
16.	Lunar Gifts tea set	J Johnson
17.	Oliver's Perry & Cider – 12 cans of cider	S Suman
18.	Radway Bridge £20 gift voucher	Mr Hardwick
19.	Malt & Salt gift voucher	J Hanvey
20.	Violet & Joan gift voucher	S Graty
21.	Lular – pair of earrings and 20% discount voucher	Micky Brown
22.	Bottle of Australian Cabernet Merlot	Dr Hayes
23.	Liqueur gift collection	C Hanvey
24.	Breakfast cup & saucer gift set	S Hicky

Great Withington Bake Off

We were blown away by the amazing entries to the Great Withington Bake Off at the Withington Village Jubilee Tea Party - they disappeared pretty quickly once everyone was allowed to eat them too! Luckily we took some photo's first.

Our star bakers this year were ...

Best looking cakes, voted for by villagers:

Nicola Jeynes - 'A Royal Celebration' (lemon and gin sponge) and

Lena Strickland - 'Corgi's Favourite Party Cup Cakes'.

Best tasting cakes, judged by our very own Pru, Paul and Mary:

Claire Strickland - 'Queen's Garden Party Cake' (Lemon and Elderflower) and

Ella Hanvey 'Queen of Tarts Cup Cakes'

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Preston Wynne

Hello Everyone,

Well, what a bank holiday that was! We do hope that you all had a great time and enjoyed it however you spent it.

Here in Preston Wynne on the first day, Thursday, we held a bbq and what can loosely be described as a rounders match, followed by a tug of war, etc. much enjoyed by onlookers as well as participants, followed by the lighting of the beacon and fireworks. From our vantage point we were able to spot about 6 other beacons. We were so lucky with the weather as it was a calm clear night. On the Sunday a high tea was held in the hall, and our own fab cooks provided a splendid two course meal which was enjoyed by around fifty people.

Commemorative mugs have been purchased for local children, a grant for these was made by the Parish Council and is much appreciated. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to make these events such a resounding success and which helped to create great memories of this very special occasion.

Church News

July 10th 9.30 Family Service

July 24th 11.15 H.C

August 14th 9.30 Family Service

August 28th 11.15 H.C.

On May 22nd some parishioners took part in the Sponsored walk which began after the Service, and the following Sunday a Maund Group Service was held at 10 am which was well attended.

W.I. News

The July meeting on 13th will be a talk on Kimonos given by Nigel Evans, we shall report back if one of us modelled one!

In August the talk is entitled "Ugandan Dreams" Midwifery and Child Development Centre, this will be given by Kay Pritchard and Jane Roberts. New members would be made very welcome or if you would like to come as a guest to any of the meetings you would be made just as welcome.

Margaret Simcock, who is a member of our W.I. is Chairman of the Herefordshire Federation and organised the refreshments for the Three Counties Show. Two of our members will be accompanying Margaret together with other delegates from across the County to Liverpool for the AGM later in June.

That's about it for now, hopefully by the time you read this the weather will have warmed up a bit and we can all get out and remember it's mid-Summer! Has anyone even heard the cuckoo yet?

Love

Hilary and Tricia

Preston Wynne Cont.



Westhide

News From Westhide

I think its traditional to say at this point of the year 'isn't the year flying by'. Already we are in so called flaming June and all eagerly looking forward to summer events.

Looking back over the last few months we have enjoyed getting together at our Belfry Nights - these are giving us all chance to catch up after the Covid years. Our Jubilee Garden party was an absolute success - it didn't rain! All the usual activities were available: Skittles, Pimms, tombola, cakes and plants and more Pimms. Thanks to Steve and Clare for hosting and to everyone who mucked in.

To the future, Rob's memorial service is at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday July 2nd at 5:30pm, followed by the July Belfry Night. Debate is ongoing re: venue and format for August but I expect something will happen.

Church news now. Our Rector Simon is moving on at the end of August. This means a period without our own Rector but it will be business as usual with services being held on the second and fourth Sundays.

The sheep mowers haven't yet arrived and so bits of the church yard have been machine mowed and other parts left. The sheep do a very thorough job and several people have commented about the increased diversity of wild flowers.

I am sure there is more to say but tbh I had forgotten it was my turn to write and have just caught the deadline!

Enjoy the summer,

Judith

Snake bites in dogs

Overview (by pdsa)

- Snake bites are an emergency – if your dog has been bitten, follow our first aid advice and take them to a vet ASAP.
- There are three types of snake found in the UK, but adders are the only venomous species.
- Adder bites tend to happen Feb-Oct but are especially common between Jun-Aug.
- It's most common for a dog to be bitten on the face, neck or lower leg.

With treatment, most dogs recover from adder bites, but some bites are very serious, cause severe illness and even death.

General information

There are three types of snake in the UK: grass snakes, smooth snakes and adders. The adder is the only venomous species, grass snakes and smooth snakes aren't venomous and don't tend to bite.

Adders tend to keep themselves to themselves and don't bite unless they are scared, unfortunately, dogs tend to approach them without fear, startle them and get bitten.

If your dog has been bitten by an adder, their symptoms will depend on where the bite is, and where the venom spreads to. If the venom stays in the tissues around the bite, it will cause pain and swelling, but if it spreads further and gets into the bloodstream, it can cause much more serious problems such as damage to the liver, kidneys, heart and nervous system. If venom is injected straight into the blood stream, it can cause death very quickly. It can also be very serious if your dog is bitten on the face or neck because swelling can lead to breathing problems.

With treatment, most dogs make a full recovery, but sadly, in some cases, adder venom can cause severe illness and even death. The quicker your dog is treated, the better their outlook. Any dog with a suspected adder bite should be seen by a vet ASAP.

First aid for a snake bite

1. Stay calm
2. If you see the snake, try to remember what it looks like, or take a photo from a distance. **Do not** try to find the snake, get close to it, touch it or harm it. (*Adders are a protected species so it is illegal to hurt or kill them, and they can bite people if disturbed.*)
3. Keep your dog as still as possible to prevent venom spreading around their body
4. Leave the bite alone, **don't apply** a bandage or tourniquet.
5. Call your vet to let them know you are coming down to the practice
6. If possible, bring a car to your dog or depending on their weight, carry them to it.

Symptoms of an adder bite

Adder bite symptoms can take anywhere between couple of minutes to an hour to develop. They tend to be worse in dogs that are bitten on the face or neck, and much worse if the venom makes its way into the blood stream.

Mild symptoms:

- Pain and swelling around the bite. Limping (if bitten on a leg). A few tiny bite marks.

Serious symptoms:

- Pale gums. Vomiting and diarrhoea. Panting. Drooling

Very severe and potentially life threatening symptoms:

- Weakness and wobbling. Swelling to the face or neck. Severe bruising and abnormal bleeding. Tremors and seizures. Difficulty breathing. Collapse. Sudden death can occur if adder venom is injected straight into the blood stream.

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The choir is actively recruiting and If you would like to join us for the summer term please contact Pauline Key on pauline29key3@gmail.com or ring 01905 333526 giving your name, a contact number and whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass.

We look forward to seeing you.

Contact Details

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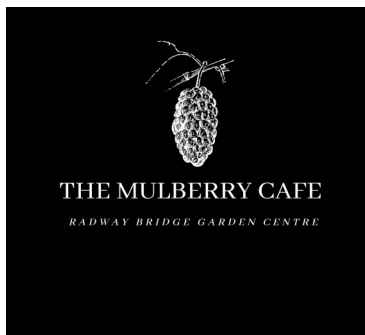
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