Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



Winning photo sent in by Connie Bennett

Autumn 2023

Please forward any items or photo's for the Winter Newsletter by Sunday 19th November 2023 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Update on our fundraising to replace all the single glazed doors and windows in the hall. We were not successful with the Manchester Airport Grant of £3,000 - they felt the windows were general repairs and maintenance. However, we have been successful with the Platinum Jubilee Grant of £10,218. Our last fundraiser 'Friday Night is Music Night' raised £2,700 and we have also received or had pledges of donations from the community so far of circa £9,000, so **a big thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged to donate**. We are looking at ways on how we can recognise these individuals, if anyone has any good ideas please let us know. We also raised just under £300 at the village rose day stall and are hoping to raise around £1,200 from our next fundraiser Northern Humour and Song. So we are starting to get a good way to our target and we just hope we are also successful with the FCC (landfill) grant of £10,000 we have applied for, which we should find out in early October. We are looking at a couple of other grants, just in case.

If anyone would still like to contribute to support us in buying a pane of glass to replace what is already there it works out at:
- £50 for a small one in the large window
- £75 for the next size up
- £275 for the smallest full window in the pavilion toilet

You can either make a cheque out payable to Lower Withington Parish Hall and send to L Kennerley, 6 Catchpenny Lane, Lower Withington, SK11 9DQ or pay online to Sort code: 01-00-13 Account Number: 02134853 Name: Lower Withington Parish Hall. If you send online, please email Lisa with the details so she can log your donation.

Our next fundraising event is **Rob Mason: Northern Humour and Song** at the village hall on **Friday 22nd September** 7:30 for 8:00 pm. Tickets are £10 each and don't forget to bring your own snacks, drinks and glasses. If you would like some tickets please contact Sue or Lisa.

Yoga Classes are continuing to be very popular and are taking place on both a **Thursday & Friday morning** around 9.30-10.30 am. All are very welcome, contact Sue for further information.

Don't forget to pop down to have a go at **Crown Green Bowling** on a **Wednesday afternoon at 2pm**. No prior experience needed.

Future dates for your diary:

- **Fizz Fashion Show** on **Wednesday 1st Novembe**r, affordable fashion sizes 8-20, tickets available in due course. Contact Dawn for further information.
- **Willow Weaving**, making a huge dragonfly on a stick, no experience needed, just bring an apron and a pair of secateurs. **Saturday 23rd March 2024** - 10am session & 1pm session (for 2 1/2 hours). £35 per person, only a few spaces remaining. Contact Sue or Lisa.

- **Autumn Quiz Night**, date to be arranged
- **Christmas Fair**, Saturday 2nd December
- **Christmas Village Carol Service**, Sunday 3rd December
- Make your own **Christmas Wreath**, Friday 8th December, starting at around 7:00 p.m.
- **New Years Eve Party** 31st December



We would really welcome your ideas for future events as the village hall is the hub of our village and is there for everyone to use. Don't forget our Village Hall is run by volunteers, so if anyone wants to come and support / join our committee or happy to help out to run a quiz night or bingo evening etc, then please do get in touch with one of us.

Keep an eye on the village website www.lowerwithington.com and Lower Withington Village Group on Facebook for further details.

Contacts:

Sue Lewis: shl56@live.co.uk / 07522 465557

Lisa Kennerley: lkenners@gmail.com / 07766 762365

Dawn Venables on 01477 571257

DID YOU KNOW … since Barclays branch in Holmes Chapel closed, they have a Barclays local in Holmes Chapel library. They are there to help you with anything from money management and financial health, to improving your home or supporting your business. Walk in appointments may be available but you can book one at https://events.uk.Barclays/local/
Opening times Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:30 - 12:30 and 13:00 - 16:00
There is no counter or cash services you can however, use a post office for this.

CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

As I write this, I can't believe that we are thinking about our harvest festivals already. I hope that we will be able to celebrate the harvest 'gathered in'. With the temperamental weather this year our farmers have really been challenged. We have a number of harvest celebrations across the Benefice. We would love you to join us for all or some of these.

After that the main focus will be our service of remembrance, marked as usual at the cenotaph, with laying of wreaths on Sunday 12th November when we will join together with our Methodist friends to remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
Then we will be looking forward to Christmas, but more on that next time.

If you have any questions please contact Rev'd Fiona Robinson 01625 860679 or fionarobinson61@btinternet.com

Harvest Festival Services

Friday 29th September 2023
St Peter's, Lower Withington –7:30 p.m.

Sunday 1st October 2023 (17th Sunday after Trinity)
Chelford Primary School – Worship for all – 11:00 a.m.
St Peter's, Lower Withington - 6:30 p.m**.**

Sunday 15th October 2023
Marthall followed by Holy Communion – 10:30 a.m.

Other Services at St Peter's

Sunday 29th October 2023 (21st Sunday after Trinity)
Benefice Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 12th November 2023 (Remembrance Sunday)
Act of Remembrance including Laying of Wreaths followed by Benefice Holy Communion - 11:30am

Please check our website for further service times -
clmruralchurches.org.uk

LOWER WITHINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

Our Minister, Rev Nic Langton-Miller, can be contacted on 01260 297298

Our services are held at **10.45am every Sunday morning** in the chapel. Please come and join us; we are a very friendly congregation and visitors are always welcome.

Harvest services will be held on **Sunday 8th October, 10.45am** morning service led by Rev Graham Wassell and our evening service at **6.30pm** led by our Minister, Rev Nic. Harvest is always a wonderful country family service and the chapel is always decorated beautifully. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Harvest Auction will be held on **Monday 9th October 7pm** in the chapel; this is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to buy fresh locally grown vegetables & flowers and homemade cakes, jams and marmalade!



Parent & Toddler Group meets on a **Tuesday morning 10am-11.30am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Dawn Venables for more information (01477 571257)

Seniors Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Contact Shirley Rodgers for more information (01477 571468)

Coffee Cake & Chat held in the chapel on the first Thursday of each month 10.30am-12noon. Everyone is welcome to join us; just drop in for coffee and homemade cake. No charge.

Ladies Lunch Group held on the third Monday of the month at The Bulls Head, Smallwood 12 for 12.30pm. Please contact Anne Massey on 07957 370227 for more information.

LOWER WITHINGTON ROSE DAY 2023

This year, Lower Withington Rose Day was celebrated with the crowning of the new Rose Queen, Pippa Winn, and for the first time in our history, the crowning of Rose King, Samuel Hutton. Pippa and Samuel have been representing Lower Withington at the Rose Day festivities in other villages during the summer season.



The build up to this year's fair was touch and go with the weather, but as queens, kings and their entourages, the brass band, the floats, the vintage cars and traction engines all gathered, the clouds cleared, then the sun shone as they paraded through the village.





The festive goers, young and older, enjoyed a fun afternoon of traditional games of hoopla and coconut shy, challenges on the slippery pole and tug of war, and entertainment from 'Snaggers'. There were a variety of side stalls for purchasing goodies and winning prizes and the popular dog show was a favourite for many. Plenty of sustenance was provided at the BBQ, the tea and cake tent, or the ice cream van and the bar.

Our fun and sociable traditional village fair was enjoyed by everyone there.

The next Lower Withington Rose Day will be on Saturday 6th July 2024. Help keep this tradition going and get involved.

Contact the Rose Day Team at lwroseday@gmail.com

LOWER WITHINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – NEWS

It's been a packed summer for Lower Withington WI! We meet once a month at the village hall, but there are always lots of extra and outside activities to keep us busy.

In June, Simon & Garfunkel tribute duo The Robinsons entertained us with a programme of songs, both well-known and more obscure. To add to the enjoyment, they were very knowledgeable about the motivation and circumstances behind each song, and explained a bit about the context. This meeting was our 'garden meeting' open to members of other WIs, and we had lots of guests who seemed to enjoy the entertainment as much as we did. June was also the month of the Cheshire Show, where the Cheshire Federation WI tent is always a big draw. Members' entries did well this year, with secretary Tracey Warrington in particular winning several prizes for preserves.





*As every Lower Withingtonian knows, **1st July** was the Rose Day and our stand featured games including 'spin for chocolate' and 'mystery tombola' (where the* prizes were hidden in brown bags). The rain even held off, and it was lovely to see so many villagers out enjoying the day. Later on in the month, we proved that nothing fazes a WI committee as our speaker was unavoidably forced to cancel at the last minute due to a family emergency. We raided the cupboard and came up with a good old fashioned beetle drive and a quiz which both went down well – although some members proved themselves surprisingly competitive! Another new departure for us was an evening's crazy golf at The Beeches in Chelford. It was a very enjoyable night with lots of laughter, crowned by Jackie Blackburn winning the 'Supreme Golf Queen' trophy.





We meet at 7.30pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Lower Withington Village Hall. If you would like to consider becoming a member we'd love you to come along. You can join us as a guest at two meetings before making a decision on whether or not to join. There is more information on our website, www.LowerWithingtonWI.com or contact our new members secretary, Carol Hamilton, on 07929 620321 or at LowerWithingtonWI@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

Anne Hitchen - President, Lower Withington WI
theWI - Inspiring Women

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2023

The Parish Council of Lower Withington has pleasure in presenting their Annual Report.

Your Council

The composition of the council has remained the same for the past 2 years and is now up to a full 7 members with Patricia Chrisp being co-opted earlier this year. Elizabeth Maddock has remained in the role of Clerk (clerk@lowerwithington.com) and we are grateful for the continued support of Councillor Smetham from Cheshire East, representing the Gawsworth ward.

Expression of Thanks to Councillor Rachel Robinson who is stepping down from her role on the Parish Council. Rachel has been a long standing and stalwart member of the Parish Council for many years including informal role as Clerk (Feb-Oct 2015), a formal role as Clerk (Jan-Sep 2006), Co-option to the Parish Council 26th June 2006 and a councillor until May 2023. The Parish Council wholeheartedly wish to express their gratitude and recognition for Rachel's contribution and support during this time.

Finance

The financial report is attached as Appendix A on the minutes of Parish Council meetings which are published on the village website. We would very much welcome ideas for projects in the village that we can support.

Parish Council Projects and Parish Matters

1. The parish council has, with the expert compilation and editorial skills of our new council member Councillor Chrisp, issued a new upgraded version of our newsletter. Ideas and suggestions for content are always welcome and can be communicated to members of the Parish Council or submitted via the website (https://lowerwithington.com)

2. Ongoing plans to develop a local contact list for key organisations and groups within the community. This is now completed and although the intent was to circulate with the first instalment of a new Parish Newsletter this was delayed. It will be circulated with on of the next Parish Newsletters.

3. The website (https://lowerwithington.com) has been upgraded this year to a more user friendly format and to meet the latest website accessibility regulations. It is regularly updated with Parish Council

information and other local information is available such as Police Surgery dates and updates from Cheshire East Council and other organisations. It is intended that in the future it will have the facility to incorporate an online booking system for the Village Hall.

4. The annual village litter pick was completed at the end of March
5. Other completed activities included the refurbishment and oiling of the owl carving on the village green and the planting of shrubs (including future maintenance) to improve the appearance of the island at the entrance of the Village Hall car park
6. The Council has also initiated the installation of another defibrillator in the village at the Methodist Chapel.
7. Following a local Community Governance Review it should be noted that the number of seats for councillors on the Parish Council has been increased to eight.

Planning applications
Applications considered by Parish Council 2022/23: 24
Applications approved with conditions during 2022/23: 22
Applications approved (no conditions) during 2022/23: 4
Applications refused during 2022/23: 4
Applications withdrawn during 2022/23: 3
Applications awaiting decision as at 31/03/23:

Councillor Paul Duffy (Chair)

ROAD INCIDENTS AT PITT LANE JUNCTION

A number of road incidents on Salters Lane at the east end of the village near the delimiter road signs and Pitt Lane have been reported recently. The Parish Council urge drivers and pedestrians to take particular care, in this area especially. All serious incidents should be reported to the Police on 999 immediately and the Parish Council will also be informed.

Should there be any other traffic incidents (or near misses), we urge you to provide us with a brief description of the incident, the date, time, and vehicles involved, by emailing the Parish Clerk at clerk@lowerwithington.com.

The Parish Council will be reviewing the road system and conditions around Pitt Lane junction and information about current conditions and incidents will help inform the review.

Lower Withington Parish Councillors	
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	Cllr Jackie Blackburn jb@lowerwithington.com
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Farmers Ball Committee	David Venables 01477 571820 Email davidathollies@aol.com
Rose Day Committee	lwroseday@gmail.com

Useful Contacts	
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Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
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Jodrell Bank Observatory	01477 571766 jodrellbank@manchester.ac.uk
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Citizens Advice Bureau	08444 111 444 www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Samaritans	116 123(Free)

Newsletter Cover Photo Competition

We are inviting all budding photographers to enter our competition and have your picture appear on the front cover of our next newsletter.

The photo judged the best will appear on the front of the December issue. All we ask is that the picture is taken in Lower Withington.

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Please forward your pictures as hi-res JPEG's to *newsletter@lowerwithington.co.uk*