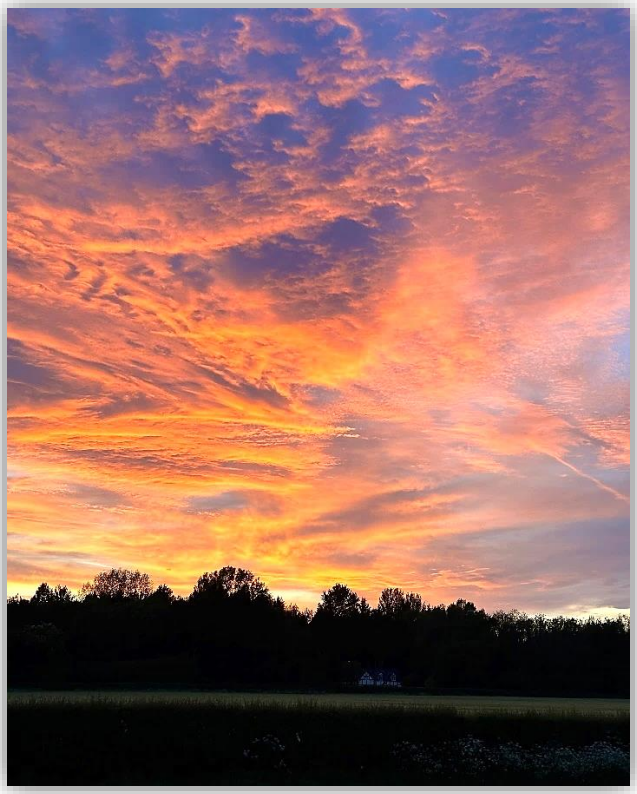
Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



Lower Withington Sunset by Connie Bennett

Autumn 2024

Please forward any items or photos for the Autumn Newsletter by Saturday 2nd November 2024 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

A couple of Thank You's: A big thank you to Susan Howard for all the years of supporting our village hall, cleaning and ensuring the hall was ready for each booking. Also, many thanks to the Parish Council for the generous donation towards the curtains and redecorating.

Past Events: It was good to have some village members join the ladies of the Women's Institute making poppies on 18th May. The WI have organised another session on 7th September at 10am so do come and join us at the village hall, refreshments will be available.

Yoga & Pilates Classes: All are welcome:

- We have started a new Pilates class on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm our teacher is Olivia Brewster from Siddington. £10 per session. Contact Olivia on 07717 048935.
- Yoga classes continue on Friday mornings 9:30am, our teacher Elizabeth teaches beginner/intermediate. £12 per session. Contact Elizabeth on 07553 408602.

Tennis Membership: Don't forget we have a tennis court that is available for members to use, if you would like to join, please download a membership form from www.lowerwithington.com. Adults £50, Juniors £25, Family £120.

Parish Hall refurbishment update:

Our new windows and doors are looking good, we have had our electrics all updated, the final phase is to decorate the main hall, toilets, entrance and to get our new curtains made. Following this we will be organising an open day to celebrate with everyone who has supported us.

To continue to raise funds for our hall, we have organised a grand village draw that will be drawn at the Christmas Fair this year, tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. Committee members are selling these so please do support us if you can, we will be looking to sell these through the village. The lucky winner will get £100 cash! If anyone would like to have some tickets, please contact Dawn, Lisa or Sue details below.

Future Dates for your diary:

- Holly Reynolds who sang in April at our Friday Night is Music Night, is back by popular demand on Friday 29th November. She will be singing songs from the musicals in the first half and then some Christmas music in the second half. If you would like to get a table together or just want a couple

of tickets, contact Dawn, Sue or Lisa. Tickets £25 each, includes food but bring your own drinks.

- Village Christmas Carol Concert Sunday 1st December 6:30pm
- Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December,

The village hall is run by a committee of volunteers, so if anyone would like to come and join our committee then please get in touch. We would really welcome any ideas you may have for future events as the village hall is the hub of our village.

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Together let's make our village hall the hub of our community and watch out for our open day to celebrate our new windows and doors.

LOWER WITHINGTON'S HISTORY



Lower Withington School Circa 1968/69

Thank you to Ian Lacey for submitting the photo for this issue. If you would like to submit a short story on Lower Withington's past that would fit on a single A5 page, accompanied by a photo or two, please forward it to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

By the time you read this the summer holidays will be nearing an end and the schools getting ready for the new school year. I can't believe how quickly 2024 is flying by.

September is a busy time with a wedding at Lower Withington and a number of Baptisms across the Benefice. We also have the first of our harvest festivals for our school and then Marthall Church.

October is harvest for both Chelford and Lower Withington (see our service schedule for full details). Gifts of food and produce will once again be taken to the OASIS Centre in Gorton who are exceptionally grateful for these contributions along with any good clothes or household items.

November will see our Remembrance Services which at this stage will be at our cenotaphs. A service of Holy Communion for both St Peter's and our Friends from the Chapel will be held at Lower Withington Church immediately following the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph at Lower Withington.

In July, we held a community meeting in Chelford Church which provided an update on what was happening. As I write the repair work following the leak is almost completed. The necessary approvals and engagement of the heating engineers to instal the replacement heating system is progressing but, as yet, we do not have a start or completion date. We are also awaiting an electrical survey to understand the extent of electrical work required both inside and outside. Once this is available plans will be developed to get the required work completed.

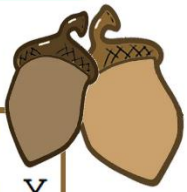
There have been some concerns expressed about the churchyard at Chelford and I am pleased to advise that our new contractor has started a tidy up and already the graveyard is looking much better.

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

Sunday 15th September 2024
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion – St Peter's, Lower Withington
Friday 4th October 2024
7.30 p.m. Harvest Festival - St Peter's, Lower Withington
Sunday 6th October 2024
6:30 p.m. Harvest Festival - St Peter's, Lower Withington
Sunday 10th November 2024 (Remembrance Sunday)
11:30 a.m. Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion – St Peter's, Lower Withington

Autumn

WORD SEARCH



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SCARF
TREE
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APPLE
FALL
PUMPKIN
SWEATER

BOOTS
RAKE
PIE
LEAF

Why was Cinderella bad at football?
Because she had a pumpkin for a coach.

Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner?
Because he was already stuffed.

LOWER WITHINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

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

Our Chapel Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings in the chapel. Contact Sue Lewis on shl56g@gmail.com for further details. New members are always welcome.

Harvest services will be held on **Sunday 13th October** 10.45am and 6.30pm. This 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 14th October** 7pm in chapel; this is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to buy locally grown vegetables & flowers and homemade cakes, jams and marmalade.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November We will be holding a joint morning service at St. Peter's church led by Revd Fiona Robinson and Revd Nic Langton Miller. Time to be confirmed.

Village Carol Service with our brass band and choir will be on **Sunday 1st December** 6.30pm in the village hall.

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

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

Lower Withington Lunch Group held on the second Monday of the month 12 for 12.30pm. Please contact Anne Massey on 07957 370227 for more information.

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

LOWER WITHINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – NEWS

As always, our summer programme has been a busy one. Our June meeting was a popular one, as you can never have too much cake. Expert bakers and fellow WI members Lynda Khalifa and Gill Biggs talked about the history of afternoon tea, complete with a demo of how to make scones (or s-cones, the room was divided!)







Next up was the Lower Withington Rose Day, with a great turnout despite the inclement weather. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves, and our 'spin the wheel to win chocolate' game was popular with younger visitors. We also had a 'mystery tombola' this year, where successful tickets won a plain bag filled with undisclosed items. Visitors really seemed to enjoy the mystery element of not knowing what they'd won, although prizes were sometimes a bit random! The fete is not only a great way of introducing Lower Withington WI to a wider audience but also showcasing the great community spirit in our village. Unfortunately, due to the fact that we were all busy trying to keep the prizes dry, we forgot to take any photos of the fun!

Next up was our annual crazy golf tournament, where reigning champion Jackie proves that she's still got the keenest eye and steadiest hand of us all. She retains the trophy for another year, in the face of keen competition.

Our July meeting was a lively talk by Kathleen Williams about what goes on at a Dutch flower market, complete with beautiful illustrations of paper flowers.







Other speakers coming up later in the year include a talk on behalf of the Christie, Macclesfield, and an Embroiderer's Tale which will explore this delicate art.

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, Tracey Warrington, at LowerWithingtonWI@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

Carol Hamilton
President, Lower Withington WI
theWI - Inspiring Women

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy

Are you able to give some of your knowledge and time to serve your local community by representing them on your Parish Council? If yes, here's how.

The Councillors on the Parish Council meet once a month to represent the views of the community and to influence local authority decisions on planning matters, highways safety and maintenance, public spaces and assets, and local authority services that affect our area.



For further information, go to www.askyourcouncil.uk or www.commonslibrary.parliament.uk

If you are interested, please contact a current Parish Councillor by email (addresses on the back page of the Newsletter) to arrange a chat, or come to a Parish Council Meeting and express your interest.

Feedback regarding proposed Village Gateways

In response to our notice in the Summer Newsletter, we have received the following feedback. (Please note that the following is a summary of the points raised by residents via the online feedback form only.)

- Care needs to be taken regarding the location of the gateways and assessments made of the surrounding risks.
- The cost of the gateways needs to be known by residents before proceeding as this may affect their opinions.
- Arrangements need to be made for the long term future maintenance of the gateways.

- The gateways should be placed at the parish boundaries.
- The gateways should be signed as 'drive carefully'.
- Alternative signs, e.g. no overtaking / junction warning signs on A535, would be more beneficial to the community.
- Smaller signs alerting drivers to children playing would be better.
- The gateways, being at ground level, may obscure the visibility of cats, dogs, children and adults to oncoming drivers.
- The gateways are a fabulous idea as the village is used as a race track for work traffic.
- The gateways need to be located at safe places which do not hinder or conceal residents from entering/exiting driveways or crossing the road.
- The signs won't work to reduce speed within the 30mph zone.
- Speed humps need to be installed to reduce vehicle speeds.
- Permanent speed cameras need to be installed to reduce vehicle speeds.
- The gateways are a good idea in general.
- Gateways should also be considered for the Trap Street 30mph area too.
- Signs saying 'slow down for horses' may be a good idea at Trap Street too as cars don't slow down for horses.
- All speed related issues seem to concentrate on the main strip of the village but it would be great to give the Trap Street 30mph zone some focus.
- The gateways are a good idea.
- The 30/50mph zones are not easy to see and the larger boards, in clearer view, would help serve to remind drivers that they are entering a residential area.
- Gateways are attractive signs and draw the eye/attention more than a normal 30mph disk on its own.
- Maybe a 'children' sign or similar could be added as a reminder as to why speed restrictions apply.
- The gateways would be yet more signage in our already over signed village.
- The speed van attends on a very regular basis and these signs are a waste of public money.
- These signs denote a village feel, rather than a road through a few houses. The 30mph is a reminder to 'slow down' and they also denote the start of the village and act as a boundary marker with other villages which are close by.
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Lower Withington Parish Councillors.

Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system

The Government opened a consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which began on Tuesday 30 July 2024 at 2pm and will close at 11.45pm on Tuesday 24 September 2024.

Extract from the consultation introduction:
Today, we set out specific changes we propose to make immediately to the NPPF following this consultation. These changes – amending the planning framework, and universal, ambitious local plan coverage – are vital to deliver the Government's commitments to achieve economic growth and build 1.5 million new homes.

The list of proposed changes can be found on our website –
lowerwithington.com/planning-reform-consultation/

All residents are welcome to submit responses to the consultation.
For any enquiries about the consultation please contact:
PlanningPolicyConsultation@communities.gov.uk

Responses can be submitted online or, written responses can be sent to:

Planning Policy Consultation Team
Planning Directorate – Planning Policy Division
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Floor 3, Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Cheshire East Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey

The annual customer satisfaction survey is now open until 30 September 2024 and is being delivered independently by APSE on behalf of Cheshire East Highways. The survey will be open to anyone over the age of 16 who lives or travels within Cheshire East. The survey will collect opinions and satisfaction with the Highway Service in our area. This survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

You can complete it online:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cheshireeasthighwayscss
or pick up a paper copy from your local Cheshire East Library, Delamere House or Macclesfield Town Hall Customer Centres.

Reporting Highways Matters
We're working for you...

Cheshire East Council
Highways

We are on hand to make sure our network is **safe, functional and available**.
Reporting through our **official channels** ensures that your reports are dealt with efficiently and allows us to **provide accurate and timely responses** on any action taken.
You should use the following:

Reporting an emergency

To report any issues that presents an **immediate danger**, call us on **0300 123 5020** during working hours, or out of working hours on **0300 123 5025.**
Ringing emergencies through makes us aware at the earliest opportunity and allows us to **act fast**

Existing highways infrastructure - FixMyStreet

To report a repair or replacement of existing items like streetlights, potholes, and damaged kerbs, submit a maintenance request using FixMyStreet.
For anything you cannot report through the reporting tool, you can email CheshireEastCouncilCustomerServices@CheshireEast.gov.uk or, you can call the team on 0300 123 5020.

Complaints

If after logging your request you are not happy with the response you have received or what has been done then you can raise an official complaint via LetUsKnow@CheshireEast.gov.uk



Webpages

Our designated highways **webpages** provide information on improvements in your area, key network information, service information and more:

- Roadworks and travel disruption
- Gritting and snow clearance
- Road repair programme
- Road safety
- Road gullies and drains

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Useful Contacts

Cheshire Constabulary	Speak to an Officer 0845 538 0000 Non-Emergency 101 https://www.cheshirepolice.uk
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Cheshire East Council	General 0300 123 5500 Web: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk
Chelford Surgery	01625 861 316 Web: www.chelfordsurgery.co.uk/
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533 100 Holmeschapel.healthcentre@nhs.net
Jodrell Bank	01477 571 766 jodrellbank@manchester.ac.uk
Citizens Advice Bureau	08444 111 444
Samaritans	116 123 (Free)

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WI	lowerwithingtonwi@gmail.com
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Farmer's Ball Committee	David Venables 01477 571 820 E: davidattheholllies@aol.com
Rose Day Committee	lwroseday@gmail.com

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Cllr John Bradley	jeb@lowerwithington.com
VACANCY	

Dates of future Parish Council meetings at Lower Withington Village Hall:

Monday 30th September, 2024 – 7:30pm

Monday 28th October, 2024 – 7:30pm
Monday 25th November, 2024 – 7:30pm
December – No meeting
Monday 27th January, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 24th February, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 31st March, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 28th April, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 19th May, 2025 – 7:30pm

Please send your Winter photos, taken in Lower Withington, by Saturday 2nd November 2024 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com