Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



Fledgling Swallows – Tom Chrisp

Autumn 2025

Please forward any items or photos for the Winter Newsletter by Saturday 8th November 2025 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Hall committee would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who supported our open day on Saturday 7th June, we raised £947. It was lovely to see so many people watching the demonstrations and enjoying chatting to the various groups who use our hall. A special thank you to Jim, Shona and Dorothy in providing us with excellent cookery and flower demonstrations.

What's on in our Parish Hall?

Friday 3rd October: we have our horse racing evening, tickets are available for purchase at £12.50 per person, this includes Fish and Chips (bring your own drinks). Please arrive for 7pm, with the first race starting at 7:30 prompt. You can also purchase and name a horse in one of the races for £5, tote tickets on the night will be £1 each and funds paid out will be on 50% of the tote tickets sold for the race. If you would like any tickets or to purchase and name a horse in the race, please contact Sue, Lisa or Pam. **Let's make it a fun evening for all and get to know more of our neighbours**!

Saturday 8th November: we are having a Farmers Market / Tabletop sale between 10:00 – 12:30, if you would like a table at £10 please contact Sue or Lisa. Refreshments will be served so come along and support our local producers and you might even get a bargain from the 2nd hand stalls. If this is a success, we will hopefully be running regularly Farmers Markets throughout the year so please do come and support.

Saturday 6th December: will be our Christmas fair and **Sunday 7th December** will be the village Carol service. Please make a note in your diary (I know it is too early for the Christmas word, but the next newsletter will only be out the end of November!). We will hopefully be looking to arrange another Christmas Wreath workshop so keep an eye out for further information.

Next year: we are looking to have an open garden fundraising event, so if anyone has a hidden gem of a garden and would like to open their garden for others to enjoy, please get in touch with Dawn or Sue.

Parent, Baby & Toddler Group: Meet every Tuesday morning at the village hall, except in school holidays, and we look forward to welcoming any new parents in September. We return on the 9th September, each session is from 10-11:30 am. and we look forward to welcoming you all back. Contact Dawn Venables for more information (contact details below).

Bowling Club: Following the open day there has been interest in crown green bowling and a new group has started to practice on a Tuesday evening 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Anyone else that might be interested, pop down on a Tuesday evening, it would be good to have more new members. During the Winter months they are looking to continue indoors and working on a date and time this will be possible. For further information contact Andrew on 07469 194168.






Jodrell Art Club

Jodrell Bank Art Club was set up back in 2011 and it has been a great success and joy from the day one.

We're a small group of friendly artists who meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 to paint or draw whatever we like. It's not just about the art; it's about getting together, sharing ideas, and having a cup of tea and even some biscuits.

We meet at Lower Withington Parish Hall. If you've never painted before or are an experienced artist, you'll be more than welcome! Below you can see some fine examples of our club members paintings, all in different styles and media.

Contact: Victoria 07774 655152 or Andrew 07469 194168.

PILATES CLASSES

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Treatments and Classes Locally

Physiotherapy – Personalised physiotherapy to reduce pain, restore mobility, and support long-term recovery.
Pilates – Strengthen your body, improve posture, and move with confidence through Pilates.
Massage Therapy – Targeted massage therapy to release tension, ease sore muscles, and promote health.

Pilates Classes: Take place on a Monday & Tuesday evening at 6:30pm our teacher is Olivia Brewster from Siddington.

Currently closed for summer and restarting in September, £11 per session. Contact Olivia on 07717 048935.

Yoga Classes: Deborah has been running a block course of yoga in August, and everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. Future block bookings will be available on Friday mornings at 9:30 so contact Deborah for future dates on 07712 462 472 or email reynoldsdeb01@gmail.com

Let us have any ideas to keep our hall active and a good community space. We are always looking for volunteers to help so if you can help do get in touch.

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LOWER WITHINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

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. Tea and biscuits after the service.

Our Minister, Rev Nic Langton-Miller, can be contacted on 01260 297298. If you would like a visit, or know someone who would like a visit, or someone who would like to receive communion, please contact Rev Nic.

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in chapel on Thursday 4th September 10.30am-12noon. Everyone welcome and all proceeds will be donated to the Macmillan.

Our Harvest Services will be held on Sunday 12th October 10.45am and 6.30pm. This a wonderful country family service and the chapel is always decorated beautifully. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Our Harvest Auction will be held on Monday 13th October 7pm in the chapel; this is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to buy fresh locally grown vegetables, flowers, homemade cakes, jams and marmalade. All proceeds will be donated to The Rossendale Trust.

We will be holding a Murder Mystery evening at the chapel on Saturday 22nd November. Bring your own nibbles & soft drinks. Further details from chapel in the coming weeks.

The village carol service with the brass band will be held on Sunday 7th 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.

CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

As I write this newsletter we are in the height of Summer with the farmers working hard to gather in the harvest. September will see us meet to thank God for his never-failing faithfulness that we have a harvest to gather in. Full details of all our Harvest Festivals across the Benefice can be found in the service schedule and we hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of these events.

Looking forward to Remembrance Sunday in November we will again hold our Act of Remembrance at the Calvary in Lower Withington at 11:30am on Sunday 9th November followed by a Service in St Peter's Church.

Full details can be found in the Service Schedule and in the calendar on the Church website www.clmruralchurches.org.uk.

Work on Chelford Church building continues to be slow. There are a few small repair items outstanding following the leak and these should be completed shortly. The new oil tank is awaiting connection and testing of the boiler is still to be undertaken. We now have the full electrical installation report for Chelford and the inspection of St Peter's has yet to been completed. The full report for St Peter's should be available shortly together with a detailed breakdown of costings for all the required work at both churches. Once the costings are available the PCC will consider the next steps in respect of all the work needed. God bless.

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

Services in Lower Withington

Friday 26th September 2025

7.30 p.m. Harvest Festival
- St Peter's, Lower Withington

Sunday 5th October 2025 The 16th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
- St Peter's, Lower Withington

Sunday 12th October 2025 - The 17th Sunday after Trinity

6:30 p.m. Harvest Festival
- Methodist Chapel, Lower Withington

9th November 2025 - Remembrance Sunday

11:30 a.m. Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion
St Peter's, Lower Withington

7th December 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

6:30 p.m. Carols & Brass Band
Lower Withington Village Hall

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Table Top Sale & Farmers Market





10am - 12.30pm

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Coffee & Cake Refreshments





Tables £10
For bookings & enquiries contact:
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Lisa 07766 762365

LOWER WITHINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – NEWS

Here we are in the middle of summer, and our 80th birthday year is swinging along nicely.



We've been pushing the boat out a bit with our last three meetings, and we've had some great speakers. In May, we met Daniel Williams of Sandbach grocers Godfrey Williams, a family business since 1875. Daniel guided us through a 'cheese pairings' evening, and the braver amongst us tried such unusual combinations as goats' cheese and dark chocolate, blue cheese and chocolate pretzels and Red Leicester with blackberry jam. We all thought some worked better than others, but Daniel's knowledge and humour made for an interesting and lively evening.





Our June speaker was Swettenham local Gina Brennand, former Detective Chief Inspector with Greater Manchester Police. Gina's talk described a fascinating career, from working on a ranch in America, via her time in the mounted police to attaining her final rank and working on some complex and distressing cases. Particularly fascinating were Gina's descriptions of the legal processes involved in each case, and her first-hand experiences of working on the Harold Shipman case.

By far and away our busiest meeting was in July, attended by 34 of our own members and 63 visitors from other Wis. The committee took our task of providing refreshments very seriously, and we can safely say that no-one went away hungry! The star attraction of the evening was fashion historian Lucy Adlington (www.lucyadlington.com) with her talk 'The Dressmakers of Auschwitz'. Based on her best-selling book, Lucy held us all spellbound with her story of the women prisoners in the WW2 concentration camp forced to create a fashion salon for the wives of high-ranking German officials. Supported with photographs, clothing and even an original outfit, the talk was delivered with warmth and humour that helped to support a difficult subject.





Outside our meetings, we've been busy too with Rose Day. Our 'mystery bag tombola' and 'spin the chocolate wheel' were as popular as ever, and we raised over £150. As always, a lovely afternoon and special thanks to Lesley Jenkinson and her team for their WI-themed decorated bicycles.



Our annual crazy golf evening was as competitive as ever, with Lisa Kennerley finally seizing the crown from last year's champion Jackie Blackburn. Roll on next year, when Jackie can seek her revenge!



Upcoming meetings include a hand-tied bouquet demonstration (August), a mystery evening in September and 'knickers to poverty' which will include donations to be sent to Uganda.

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 ROSE DAY







Well, what a day the 5th July turned out to be, the rain held off and we were able to celebrate with Amelia Smith, her crowning as Rose Day Queen for 2025.

It was great to see local groups taking part in the procession through the village, the WI celebrating it's 80th year with suitably decorated bikes, Mums & Tots enjoying a ride on one of the trailers & locals showing off their vintage vehicles, polished for the occasion.

The event was opened by Christine Shepherd the 1965 Rose Queen who crowned Amelia and thanked everyone for coming to support the event, giving people the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

The afternoon continued with Ian Davies entertaining the children and Zoe's dog show was again a great success with every class closely contended.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the bottle bola & wheelbarrow competition, The Red Lion for providing a very generous closed bid raffle prize, all the cake makers, the farrier for his horseshoe demonstration, all the stall holders and finally everyone who came on the day.

It's very important to keep local traditions such as the Rose Day happening and next year will see the 75th Lower Withington Rose Queen crowned. If you would like to be part of the team who will be organising this special day please me, Carol Hamilton – carol.hamilton55@btinternet.com or mobile 07929620321.

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancies

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, 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.

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER PHOTOS

Thank you to Connie Bennett and Tom Chrisp for their Haymaking and Swallow photos for this edition of the Newsletter, they really are much appreciated and we love to see them. If you would like to send us some pictures for the next newsletter, please forward them to newsletter@lowerwithington.com and who knows, yours could appear on the front cover of the next edition.



Tom Chrisp



Connie Bennett

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Useful Contacts	
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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)

Dates of future Parish Council meetings at Lower Withington Village Hall

Monday 29th September, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 27th October, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 24th November, 2025 – 7:30pm

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