Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



Easter at our Methodist Chapel

Spring 2024

Please forward any items or photos for the Summer Newsletter by Saturday 4th May 2024 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Past Events: Our Christmas Fair was a huge success last December, the children enjoyed visiting Father Christmas, let's hope he is free to come again this year! It was lovely to have lots of stalls and we raised £760 for our funds. It was good to see so many people attending the village carol service with the band, £528 was raised for Action for Children. The wreath making was a huge success with some wonderful designs. Everyone enjoyed our New Years Eve celebration, being able to bring your own drink and food was again a great success. Hopefully we will be able to do the same format again this year.

Window replacement fundraising: We have successfully raised £49,031 for new aluminium curtain walls for the main hall windows, along with new aluminium front entrance and to replace all the single glazed doors & windows with new energy efficient UPVC ones. Our sincere thanks go out to the following organisations / individuals:

- FCC Communities Foundation for their kind grant of £19,674
- Our Parish Council for being our contributing third party for the above grant
- Action with Communities in Rural England for their kind grant of £10,218
- Our own Village Rose Day committee for their kind donation of £3,000
- Our very generous community who have supported our "buy a pane of glass" campaign which has so far raised £10,505 and also those individuals who have supported our recent fundraising events in 2023 which raised £5,634

FCC Communities is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Richard Smith, FCC Communities Foundation senior grant manager, says "We're delighted to be supporting the improvements to Lower Withington Village Hall and pleased our funding will make such a difference to so many groups who regularly use the building. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities and we're looking forward to this one having a positive impact very soon."

ACRE is responsible for overseeing the grant and operates under delegated authority from the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs and this grant money was made available through the Platinum Jubilee Fund. The ACRE spokesperson says "We are delighted to have been able to offer Lower Withington Village Hall a grant which will enable the hall to be energy efficient and at the same time create an improved environment for the community to enjoy the space."

We will hopefully be arranging for the new windows and doors to be fitted during April/May and are now seeking to raise additional money for new curtains. If you would like to support us you can make a cheque payable to Lower Withington Parish Hall and send to L Kennerley, 6 Catchpenny Lane, Lower Withington, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 9DQ or pay online to Sort Code 01-00-13 Account Number: 02134853 Name: Lower Withington Parish Hall.

Future Dates for your diary:

- Motown and Swing evening is being rearranged due to the fitting of the windows & doors.
- Willow weaving Saturday 23rd March **SOLD OUT** both morning and afternoon sessions, those who are booked on don't forget your apron and a pair of secateurs.
- Yoga classes are proving very popular and now take place on Friday morning 9.30 - 10.30. All are welcome.
- Holly Reynolds who sang in April at our Friday Night is Music Night, is back by popular demand on Friday 29th November. So, hold the date more information to follow.

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. If anyone would be interested in running a village / community club such as bridge, a photography group, a gardening group or if you have good ideas for future events etc please get in touch.

We are trying to get either a Pilates or Yoga class to run on a Tuesday evening as a number of you have said you can only do evenings. Please let Sue know if you would be interested in attending asap.

Don't forget we have our own village tennis court that is available to use for a small annual membership fee. This year's membership will be due shortly so if anyone isn't a member and would like to join, please get in touch with Lisa.

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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.

CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

As I write this note to you, I can't believe how fast the year is passing by. Next week we start Lent on Wednesday 14th February and have 6 weeks to reflect on our faith and what Lent really means to us as Christians. We prepare ourselves for the great Feast of Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We then move forward to Ascension Day and Pentecost. You will see from the online diary that we have a lot going on over the next few months. Please do come and join us for some of our services, we would love to see you all.
At present there is little to provide by way of update on Chelford Church. The insurance work is in the course of being completed but, as yet, we have no date for when the work will be finished.

I am also unable to provide any further information about the situation with the central heating and the closure of the church building. A further community meeting will be arranged when we have some news.
We need you to join us on a regular basis to provide support both in worshipping, giving financially and helping out where possible.
If you have any questions, please contact Rev'd Fiona Robinson 01625 860679 or fionarobinson61@btinternet.com

Easter Services

Sunday 24th March		
Marthall	9:30 am	Palm Sunday, Holy Communion
Chelford Primary School	11:00 am	Worship For All
Thursday 28th March		
Marthall	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion
Friday 29th March Chelford Primary School	2:00 pm	Good Friday, Reflections on the Stations of the Cross
Sunday 31st March		Easter Sunday,
Marthall	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Chelford Primary School	11:00 am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, Lower Withington	12.30 pm	Holy Communion

LOWER WITHINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

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

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.

Easter Services:

Sunday 24th March	10.45am	Palm Sunday service led by Revd Nic
Sunday 31st March	10.45am	Easter Sunday service led by Revd Simon Sutcliffe
	6.30pm	Easter Sunday service with holy communion led by Revd Nic

Our Chapel Choir will be rehearsing for Easter on Wednesday evenings, commencing 28th February, 6 o'clock, in the chapel. Please come along if you would like to join us or contact Sue Lewis for more information.

We will be holding a Chapel Open Day/Gift Day on Easter Saturday, 30th March, 10am – 3pm. Please come and enjoy coffee & cake with us and hear about our redevelopment plans and how you might be able to support us.

Our joint Rogation service with the Church will be held at Holly Tree Farm, home of David & Dawn Venables, on Sunday 12th May at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome, this will be held in a farm shed so wrap up warm.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Chapel band over the Christmas period. We donated £923.40 to the Christie.

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

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 at The Bulls Head, Smallwood, 12 for 12.30pm. Please contact Anne Massey on 07957 370227 for more information.

LOWER WITHINGTON'S HISTORY

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

If you do not have the facility to scan your photos, we will be happy to scan them for you and return them.

Our first photo is of the **Village Joint Rogation Service** submitted by Alan Brocklehurst. If you know the year that it was taken, please let us know. Can you guess where it was taken and can you see any well-known faces?





ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Discarded rubbish collects along the lanes and roadsides all year round, so in springtime, with enough volunteers, a village clean-up is quick and effective before the verges and hedges have started to flourish. The litter pick this year takes place on **Saturday 20th April 2024**, starting at **10:00 a.m.** at the Village Hall, all necessary equipment will be supplied. We look forward to seeing you there!

LOWER WITHINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – NEWS

It's 2024 already, and we seem to have hit the ground running!
Christmas is always a busy time of year, and the festive season got off to a flying start with our annual Christmas party. Not only did we all enjoy a delicious meal, there was unusual entertainment by Bellydance Flow of Bollington. Fortified with a little Christmas spirit, most of us got up to have a go and learnt some basic moves. It was surprisingly good fun and helps coordination and balance as well as burning off a few post-dinner calories.







Hot on the heels of the party was a festive wreath-making workshop under the expert tuition of Dorothy Monks. Participants turned out some eye-catching creations complete with evergreens and decorations of preserved oranges and cinnamon sticks.





December was a time of double celebration as it's also our birthday month – we were founded in 1945 so we're now 78. The Women's Institute was originally founded to help revitalise rural communities, and in these days of working from home and social isolation we think it's as relevant as ever.

Our first meeting of 2024 was a talk by Paul Jenkinson who runs the official Morecambe and Wise website www.morecambeandwise.com. It was lovely to see some of the old video clips of classic comedy moments and find out more about Britain's best-loved entertainment duo. We've lots in store for the coming months, as well, with 'have a go' Pilates and a talk on the WI in war time.

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
The WI - 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.

The next Parish Council Meeting is 7.30pm on Monday 25th March 2024 at the Parish Hall, Salters Lane, Lower Withington, SK11 9DX.

Two Defibrillators are located in Lower Withington
A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest to restore a normal heartbeat. When the defibrillator is opened it automatically gives instructions for its use.

A defibrillator is located at the Lower Withington Parish Hall on Salters Lane SK11 9DX. It is in a bright green lit box on the front wall facing the car park. In an emergency the code **0159✓** unlocks the box and the defibrillator can be lifted out and taken to the emergency. Always also call 999 and ask for an ambulance service.

A defibrillator is located at the Methodist Chapel on Salters Lane SK11 9EA. It is in a bright yellow lit box on the front wall opposite the village green (Dicklow Cob). In an emergency the code **C159X** unlocks the box and the defibrillator can be lifted out and taken to the emergency. Always also call 999 and ask for an ambulance service.

This issue's Runner-up photo

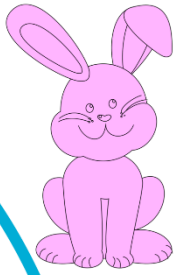


Thank you to those who submitted photos this time,
our next newsletter is our Summer issue.

Please send your summer photos, taken in Lower Withington,
by Saturday 4th May to newsletter@lowerwithington.com
The photo judged to be the best will take pride of place on our front cover.

This issue's front cover photo was taken by Trish Chrisp.

Easter
Word Search



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Word list:

BASKET	CELEBRATION	DYE	HIDE
BOUQUET	CHICKS	EGGS	HOP
BUNNY	CHOCOLATE	FIND	PEEP
CARROTS	COTTONTAIL	FLOWERS	RABBIT

How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape? Eggs-ercise

What does a bunny like to dance to? Hip-hop.

Useful Contacts	
Police	Police Community Support Officer Chloe Shaw 07815 973705 Chloe.Shore@cheshire.police.uk
Cheshire Constabulary	Speak to an officer 0845 548 0000 Non emergency 101 https://www.cheshire.police.uk/
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Cheshire East Council	General 0300 123 5500 Email Web www.cheshireeast.gov.uk
Chelford Surgery	01625 861 316 https://www.chelfordsurgery.co.uk/
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533100 holmeschapel.healthcentre@nhs.net
Jodrell Bank Observatory	01477 571766 jodrellbank@manchester.ac.uk
Blue Dot Residents Help Line	Emma Shanahan Resident Liaison Manager residents@discoverthebluedot.com https://www.discoverthebluedot.com/
Citizens Advice Bureau	08444 111 444 www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Samaritans	116 123(Free)

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Bowling Club	John Ryder 01477 571413 jeryder007@btinternet.com
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Scheduled Parish Council Meetings

Monday 25th March 2024

Monday 29th April 2024

Monday 20th May 2024

All meetings are at 7.30 p.m. at Lower Withington Parish Hall, Salters Lane, Lower Withington SK11 9DX