Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



Sketch of St Peter's Church (Circa 1920)
- John Ryder

Spring 2025

Please forward any items or photos for the Spring Newsletter by Saturday 10th May 2025 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Pilates Classes: All are welcome:
Pilates classes are proving very popular and take place on a Monday & Tuesday evening at 6:30pm our teacher is Olivia Brewster from Siddington. £11 per session. Contact Olivia on 07717 048935.

Knitting / Sewing social: Regular knitting/sewing meetings are now taking place in the village hall. We are currently making twiddle muffs for dementia. Our next meeting is 1st march at 10 o'clock, tea, coffee & cake is provided for a small donation please come along and support, everyone welcome even if you can't knit or sew there will be something you can help with. If you can't make the 1st March but are interested contact Sue or Lisa.

Friday Night is Music Night: Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening listening to Holly Reynolds on 29th November. She performed songs from the 50s/60s and also some of the old favourite Christmas songs. A big thank you to all those who helped make this evening a success.

Christmas events: Christmas in Lower Withington started with our annual Carol Service with the Band and Choir. £531 raised for Action for Children. We had some excellent stalls at our Christmas Fair and the children enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas. A number of us enjoyed making a Christmas wreath, and many of us danced away into the New Year. Our village grand draw took place at the Christmas Fair with three lucky winners having cash prizes. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

Future Dates for your diary:

Horse racing evening: we are looking to organise a village social event in the form of a horse racing evening, so keep an eye out for posters for more information – if you are willing to help out please let us know.
Open day: watch out for our open day to celebrate our new windows and doors any ideas to make this special please let u know.

Our parish hall is a great asset for our community and one we would miss if it wasn't there. So in order to help us please let us know if there are any other activities you would like us to consider. Please contact with your ideas.

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CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, we are now in the process of preparing a brand new Electoral Roll. Everyone who was on the previous electoral roll will receive a letter including a new electoral roll form. If you have not previously been included and now would like to have your name added subject to you meeting the qualifying requirements, please collect an electoral roll form from Rev Fiona Robinson at 1 Drumblefield or at one of our services at the primary school. Completed forms (hardcopy) must be returned to 1 Drumblefield by 15 March 2025.

On January 21st we held our first Holy Communion Service at the Hub following the Connecting Chelford meeting. This was well attended. We currently have Holy Communion Services booked for February 18th, March 18th and April 15th all at The Hub. These are in addition to our usual services. 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 but initial preparatory work has commenced to reinstate the heating. We are awaiting the electrical surveys for both St John's and St Peter's to confirm the amount and cost of the work needed to remediate the current system faults.

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

Services in Lower Withington

Sunday 30th March 2025 (Mothering Sunday)

10.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday Benefice Holy Communion
– St Peter's, Lower Withington

Sunday 20th April 2025

12.30 p.m. Holy Communion
- St Peter's, Lower Withington

Sunday 11th May 2025

6.30 p.m. Rogation Service with the Chapel
– Dingle Bank Farm, Lower Withington

Sunday 1st June 2025

10:30 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
- St Peter's, Lower Withington

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.

Easter Services

Sunday 13th April	10.45am	Palm Sunday service led by Revd Nic
Sunday 20th April	10.45am	Easter Sunday morning service led by Revd Andrew Lindley
	6.30pm	Easter Sunday service with holy communion led by Revd Nic

Our Chapel Choir will be rehearsing for Easter on **Wednesday evenings**, commencing 12th March, 6 o'clock in the chapel. Please come along if you would like to join us, new members always welcome, contact Sue Lewis on sh156g@gmail.com

Our joint Rogation Service with the Church will be held at Dingle Bank Farm, the home of the Lea family, on Sunday 18th May, 6.30pm. The Chapel band will be playing at this service. 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 £693.52 to The Christie.

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.

LOWER WITHINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – NEWS

Brrr! What a chilly winter it's been, and we're all glad we're finally heading out of it. More daylight and the first of the spring flowers are making us look forward to the year ahead, and as always we've had fun planning our 2025 schedule.

Looking back over the last few months, highlights include our annual Members' Meeting in November – that's when our hard-working committee get to put their feet up while the members run the meeting.



In December, we got the festive season off to a flying start with our wreath making workshop on 5th, under the expert eye of Dorothy Monks. We got some beautiful, professional-looking results and everyone was delighted.

The 7th December was the Lower Withington Christmas Fair, with stalls by local businesses as well as our very own tombola which took £150. It was a lovely opportunity for the village to get together before Christmas really took over.



On the 8th of December several of our members took part in the Dane Valley Group carol service in Holmes Chapel.



Then, as if we weren't feeling festive enough, we all broke out the Christmas jumpers and reindeer hats for our own Christmas party on 18th December. This is always a fun night, and this year we had it fully professionally catered by the wonderful Beech Tree Caterers, so there was no washing up! The food was fantastic and everyone thoroughly enjoyed playing silly games afterwards.

There's lots going on between the monthly meetings too, with craft mornings open to non-members and lots of 'extra curricular' trips out.

Our January meeting was a bit different, with Pilates instructor Liv Brewster talking about 'dual tasking'. We've all heard of multi-tasking, but dual tasking involves the carrying out of a mental activity and a physical one simultaneously.

For example, marching on the spot while reciting the alphabet backwards! Dual tasking has been proven to help fight the effects of dementia and improve physical coordination. We all had a go at the exercises and found some of them surprisingly difficult – at least we all kept our sense of humour!

We'll be continuing our 2025 season with talks from the Hedgehog Hospital and a chocolate-making workshop.

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

Basic First Aid Course

Connecting Chelford, supported by Lower Withington Parish Council, is offering an opportunity for residents to attend a basic first aid course at Lower Withington Parish Hall. The training will take place on Friday 28th March, 2025 (6pm – 8pm).

The training takes 2 hours and is classed as a Basic Taster Session that covers the following areas:

How to deal with an emergency situation
Strokes & Collapses
Recovery Position
CPR and the use of an AED (Defibrillator)
Burns & Scalds
Falls
Anaphylactic Shock

If attendees find this interesting and wish to learn more, as many have done, Connecting Chelford can arrange follow up day courses or three day courses both of which are recognised by the Health and Safety Executive in the workplace. For the taster session you receive a Certificate of Attendance.

The full cost of the training is £24 per place, however, the Parish Council is offering a subsidy to enable 14 residents to attend the training for £5 each.

If you are interested in attending the training please contact the Parish Council Clerk (email: clerk@lowerwithington.com) to reserve a place. Arrangements for payment will be made direct with attendees once places are confirmed. Please note places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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, 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.

Newsletter Photos

Thank you to those who forwarded photos for this Spring Newsletter, it really is much appreciated and we love to see them.

Ponies in the Snow
- Connie Bennet



Little meets Large - Trish Chrisp





Snowy Chapel Field – Tom Chrisp

Tree on the Green
- Janet Kennerley



Useful Contacts

Cheshire Constabulary	Speak to an Officer Non-Emergency 101 https://www.cheshire.police.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)

Village Groups

Bowling Club	John Ryder 01477 571 413 Jeryder007@btinternet.com
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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

Parish Councillors

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VACANCY	.....
Gawsworth Ward Councillor CEC	Cllr Lesley Smetham lesley.smetham@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Macclesfield MP	Tim Roca tim.roca.mp@parliament.uk

Dates of future Parish Council meetingsat Lower Withington Village Hall

Monday 24th February, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 31st March, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 28th April, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 19th May, 2025 – 7:30pm

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