Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



'When the Northern Lights came to visit' by Trish Chrisp

Winter 2024

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

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Parish Hall refurbishment update & a couple of Thank You's:
By the time you read this update, we hopefully will have finished the next stage of our refurbishment plans: painting the main hall, entrance and ladies toilets and installing the new curtains. A big thank you to all those involved in this stage.

If you would still like a grand village draw ticket (drawn at the Christmas Fair), tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book please contact Dawn, Lisa or Sue details below.

We would like to thank the Bluedot Festival for giving the Parish Hall a £500 donation following the 2023 event, this will help us cover the costs of the curtains and painting.

Poppy displays: I think everyone will agree the two poppy displays this year look stunning and a big thank you to all those that came to make the poppies and the WI for installing these at the Church and Chapel.

Pilates Classes: All are welcome:

- We have two Pilates classes on a Monday & Tuesday evening at 6:30pm our teacher is Olivia Brewster from Siddington. £11 per session. Contact Olivia on 07717 048935.

Jodrell Art Group: The painting group is looking for new members, a small group of friendly artists get together to paint / draw in whatever medium you choose on Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 3:30pm. It's not just about painting it's about getting together and sharing ideas and expertise, also having a cup of tea and a biscuit. If you've never painted before or are an experienced artist, you'll be made most welcome. For further information please contact Andrew on 0746 9194 168 or maybe just come along and give it a try.

Future Dates for your diary:

- **Holly Reynolds**, 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. Funds to support the final stages of our refurbishment project. Contact Dawn, Sue or Lisa. Tickets £25 each, includes food but bring your own drinks.
- **Village Christmas Carol Service** Sunday 1st December 6:30pm, come and join us for our annual Carol Service with the Band and Choir. Collection will go to Action for Children.

- **Christmas Fair** Saturday 7th December, 10:30 – 12:30 come and enjoy a tea or coffee with a piece of cake/mince pie. We already have some excellent stalls already booked in and hopefully Father Christmas will visit.
- **Village Wreath making** this year is on Friday 13th December, 7pm, £30 including festive refreshments, to reserve a place contact Lisa or Sue.
- **New Year's Eve Party** Tuesday 31st December 7:30pm, come and join us dancing into 2025 with sequence, ballroom and classic disco music. Bring your own food and drinks, tickets £10. Contact Lisa and Sue.

Horse racing evening: we are looking to organise a village social event in the form of a horse racing evening, so watch this space for more information – if you are willing to help out please let us know.

The Parish 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 hall is the hub of our village.

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Sue Lewis shl56g@gmail.com 07522 465557
Lisa Kennerley lkenners@gmail.com 07766 762365

Watch out for our open day to celebrate our new windows and doors, any ideas to make this special please let us know.

LOWER WITHINGTON BRASS BAND

The band will be playing Carols on Monday 16th December in the Evening

They will also be playing at the following agreed locations on Christmas Eve:

10:30 Triangle Hodgehill Lane / Blackden Lane

11:00 Windy Arbour just down Chapel Lane

11:30 Village Green

16:00/16:30 The Red Lion

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Keep an eye out on Facebook and www.lowerwithington.com for final details.

CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

We are now well and truly into the build up to Christmas with our festivities kicking off on 1st December with our joint gathering with our Methodist friends in the Village Hall.

Plans for our Christmas services across the Benefice are well advanced and hopefully there is something for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you at one or more of these events. (Our service schedule provides full details.)

In the New Year our usual cycle of services resumes with our Plough Service taking place at The Methodist Chapel at 10:45am on Sunday 2nd February.

An update on the required work at our two churches. We are continuing to liaise with our Church architect and various contractors over a range of work which is required at both Chelford and Lower Withington Churches. Once final details of costings are available the Parochial Church Council will be in a position to authorise the work.

We wish you all the Christmas blessing of joy, hope and love at this special time of year. If you have any questions, please contact Rev'd Fiona Robinson 01625 860679 or fionarobinson61@btinternet.com

Services in Lower Withington

Sunday 1st December 2024 (1st Sunday of Advent)
6.30 p.m. Joint Service – Carols and Readings with Refreshments
Lower Withington Village Hall

Sunday 22nd December 2024
11:00 a.m. Nine Lessons and Carols - St Peter's, Lower Withington

Wednesday 25th December 2024 (Christmas Day)
09:00 a.m. Holy Communion – St Peter's, Lower Withington

Sunday 29th December 2024
10:30 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion - St Peter's, Lower Withington

Sunday 2nd February 2025
10:45 a.m. Joint Plough Service - Lower Withington Methodist Chapel



WINTER
WORD SEARCH



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WORD LIST

BOOTS
CHILLY
COAT
COLD
FEBRUARY
FIREPLACE
FLURRIES
FREEZE
FROST
FROSTBITE
HIBERNATE
HOLIDAY
HOT CHOCOLATE
ICE SKATING
ICICLE
IGLOO
JACKET
MITTENS
NEW YEAR
PENGUIN
SCARF
SKIING
SLEIGH
SNOW
SNOWFLAKE
SNOWMAN
SOLSTICE
WINTER



What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker.

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?
The Elf-abet.

LOWER WITHINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

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.

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.

Our Chapel Choir will be rehearsing on **Wednesday evenings** 6 o'clock in the chapel in preparation for Christmas services. They will be singing popular Christmas songs at the Village Christmas Fair on the 7th December. Please come along if you would like to join us, new members always welcome, contact Sue Lewis on shl56g@gmail.com

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

Village Christmas Fair **Saturday 7th December,** the chapel will have a stall again at the Christmas Fair. Bric a brac, cakes and preserves

Family Craft Nativity

Saturday 21st December 1-3pm in the chapel led by Rev Nic; share the Christmas story together through arts and crafts fun.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm in the chapel led by Gary Halman.

Christmas morning service
Sunday 25th December 9.30am in the chapel led by Rev Nic

Our Parent & Toddler Group meets on a **Tuesday morning 10am–11.30 am** in the Parish Hall. They will be holding their nativity, Christmas party and visit from Santa in the parish hall on the 10th December, everyone welcome to come along to support the children and their families. 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

As we head into the winter, it's time to look back on the summer. While not the best we can remember weather-wise, it was filled with interest, fun and activities.



Our August trip is always an 'away day'. Previous trips out included Biddulph Old Hall in Staffordshire and Boden Hall in Rode Heath. We're very fortunate to have private tours of these lovely venues, with the owners sharing their experience and knowledge with us. This year was no exception, with a visit to Rowley House near Holmes Chapel, the home of Tim and Juliet Foden. Members enjoyed the acres of parkland and formal gardens, with guided tours by Tim.

Despite the amount of planning that goes into our meetings, we're occasionally bamboozled at the last minute, and that was the case for our October meeting! Our planned talk was 'An Embroiderer's Tale', but unfortunately our lovely speaker had transport difficulties and couldn't join us. Well, as seasoned WI-ers we're used to stepping up in an emergency so we had an impromptu but brilliant mix of games including quizzes, board games and a beetle drive.









We don't just meet once a month for the general meetings, but also host a range of 'extra curricular' activities. In October, this included crocheting poppies for the Remembrance Day displays at the church and Methodist chapel.

Lots of members, including some novice crocheters, joined together to make poppies from scraps of wool. These include red for fallen soldiers and purple to commemorate animals who served in the conflicts. The resulting waterfall displays look stunning and have attracted a lot of comment.

Our last remaining events of the year are the annual members' meeting and the ever-popular Christmas party. We also have lots planned for 2025.

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.

Cheshire East 16-19 Bus Saver

A new pass for 16-19 year-olds is being introduced by Cheshire East Council which will give them a third off adult single bus fares.

This has been made possible through funding from the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Plan and is part of ongoing efforts to increase public transport use within Cheshire East, support younger bus-use and provide reduced fares for those between the ages of 16 and 19.

For more information and pass applications: bus_passes_and_tickets_(cheshireeast.gov.uk)



Newsletter Photos

We have had some lovely submissions for this Winter Newsletter, thank you to those who took the time to send them in, it really is much appreciated and we love to see them.

If you have any pictures that you would like to display in our Spring Newsletter, please forward them to newsletter@lowerwithington.com by no later than Saturday 8th February 2025.





4th Poppies and Bees
Pam Rigby

5th Autumn Leaves
Janet Kennerley







2nd Snow Cat
Tom Chrisp

6th Poppies on the Bank
Pam Rigby

3rd Jodrell Bank Sunset
Connie Bennett

Lower Withington Chapel

Family Craft Nativity



Saturday 21st December 1-3pm

Share the Christmas Story together through arts and crafts fun!

Booking preferred: 01260 297298

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
Tennis Club	Lisa Kennerley 07766 762 365 lkenners@gmail.com
WI	lowerwithingtonwi@gmail.com
Parish Hall Committee And Bookings	John Ryder 01477 571 413 Jeryder007@btinternet.com
Farmer's Ball Committee	David Venables 01477 571 820 E: davidattheholies@aol.com
Rose Day Committee	lwroseday@gmail.com

Parish Councillors

Cllr Paul Duffy	(Chairman) pd@lowerwithington.com
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Cllr Jackie Blackburn	jb@lowerwithington.com
Cllr Alan Brocklehurst	ab@lowerwithington.com
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Cllr John Bradley	jeb@lowerwithington.com
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 meetings at Lower Withington Village Hall

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

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