Lower Withington

Parish Newsletter



Cows on Catchpenny Lane – Connie Bennett

Summer 2025

Please forward any items or photos for the Autumn Newsletter by Saturday 9th August 2025 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Open Day: Saturday 7th June from 10 am

As part of our grant obligations, we are having an open day on Saturday 7th June to showcase our newly refurbished village hall with the windows, doors and decorating in the main hall. We are selling Bacon Butties in the morning along with tea/coffee and cake throughout the day.

Events include:

'Meet your Parish Council' - Members of the Parish Council will be available to speak to.

Various stalls from current users of the Village Hall

10.30 a.m.- Jim our local chef from the 'Red Lion' will do a cookery demonstration.

11.30 a.m. - Goostrey Flower Club will do a flower demonstration 11.30.

1.00 p.m. - Children's entertainer.

The tennis courts and bowling green will be open throughout the day for you all to have a go. New members welcome (small rackets will be available for children).

Jodrell Art Club: Meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hall and would welcome new members. Contact Victoria 07774 655152 or Andrew 07469 194168.

Pilates Classes: These 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.

Future Dates for your diary:

Horse racing evening: This is planned in the diary for **Friday 3rd October**. We are looking for helpers and sponsors for the horses so if you want to support in either way then please let us know. Keep an eye out for posters for more information.

Our Parish Hall is a great asset for our community and one we would miss if it wasn't there. In order to help us, please let us know if there are any other activities you would like us to consider.

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CHELFORD & LOWER WITHINGTON CHURCH

We held our Annual Church Meetings in April and re-elected our two churchwardens, Brenda Massey and Christina Stannard-Good. Ann Venables will continue as deputy churchwarden at St Peter's.

Going into the Summer we have quite a lot going on. In addition to our regular services (some of which will be held at St Peter's) there is our joint rogation service with our Methodist friends to be held at Dingle Bank Farm on 18th May at 6:30pm. On 8th June we have our Benefice celebration for Pentecost with a shared lunch. Please let Ann Venables know if you plan on joining us for catering purposes. 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. Most of the repair work following the leak has been completed. The new oil tank is now in position and is awaiting connection and testing of the boiler. We are awaiting the full electrical installation report for Chelford and the inspection of St Peter's has yet to be completed. Once the reports are available, we will be able 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 1st June 2025

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

Sunday 29th June 2025 (Peter & Paul)

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

Sunday 31st August 2025

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

Friday 26th September 2025

7:30 p.m. Harvest Festival
- 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.

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.

The Chapel will be having a stall at the village Rose Day on **Saturday afternoon 5th July**, please come and support us, and enjoy this wonderful village event.

We will be holding a quiz night and fish & chip supper in chapel on **Saturday 21st June at 6.30pm**, £10 adults and children. Please contact Julie Halman if you would like to join us.

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.

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.

Jodrell Bank Art Club:

Jodrell 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.

Lower Withington's 4 week summer yoga journey

Discover the power of yoga with a 4 week course! Improve your flexibility, reduce stress, and find inner peace. These classes are perfect for all levels. Connect with others and experience the benefits of yoga on this friendly 4 week course.
START YOUR NEW JOURNEY WITH DEBORAH 🧘🧘🧘 REGISTER TODAY
Dates:1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August. Price: £45.00

Contact: Deborah Hislop, British Wheel of Yoga Teacher
Tel: 07712462472 Email: reynoldsdeb01@gmail.com



Photo provided by John Ryder

Lower Withington Morris Dancers

Recognise anyone?
Photo 1956
The troupe formed in 1951 and disbanded in 1961.
They travelled all over the northwest taking part in events and competitions.

LOWER WITHINGTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – NEWS

Well, hello Spring. We're delighted to see the better weather, and we've kicked off the year in fine style. It's a particularly important year for us, as we're celebrating our 80th birthday.



Our February meeting featured a talk by Helen Gill from Northwich Hedgehog Rescue. Due to increasing traffic on the roads and a greater use of pesticides, hedgehogs as a species are classed as vulnerable. Helen told us about the work of the rescue and what to do if you find an injured hog, including how to keep it warm and what to feed. Star of the show was spiky visitor Lannie, and this month's competition for a 'hedgehog related item' saw members getting creative. Members also brought donations of tinned cat food and kitten biscuits to help support Helen's work. If you find a sick or injured hedgehog, visit www.northwichhedgehogrescue.co.uk to contact Helen or ask for advice.







Although the year is still young, our March meeting is probably going to stand out as a highlight. Master chocolatier Oliver Dunn, aka Oli the Choc, gave us a demonstration of chocolate making techniques. Of course, no demonstration would be complete without a practical element, and Oli's chocolate truffles tasted as good as they looked.



Our April meeting was a trip down memory lane with local historian David Clarke, who produced a slideshow of Lower Withington throughout the years to illustrate an interesting talk. Several members brought along their own photos of village life, and there was also a display from our WI archive for members to reminisce over. There were many cries of, 'Do you remember?' and 'I'd forgotten that!' throughout the night as we thoroughly enjoyed a wallow in nostalgia.

We've been a crafty bunch this Easter, as well. Craft workshops included paper daffodils, which were practically indistinguishable from the real thing.

We also made some beautiful Easter wreaths under the expert eye of florist Dorothy Monks.





Upcoming meeting themes include 'chutney, cheeseboards and chocolate' (May), from cowgirl to cop (June) and The Dressmakers of Auschwitz (July). *Invited guests and 80th Birthday Celebrations*

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

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Services available locally



Pilates
Strengthen your core and improve flexibility

Fall Prevention Classes
Personalised programmes to improve balance and mobility



Hot Stones & Swedish Massage
Relax and unwind with a soothing massage



Sports Massage
Targeted treatment to ease tension and promote recovery

Physiotherapy
For sports injuries, general aches and pains, and more

Contact Liv:
07717 048935
olivia@bfitforever.co.uk

Pilates Classes

The Pilates classes take place on a Monday & Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in Lower Withington Village Hall.

Our teacher is Olivia Brewster from Siddington, the sessions are on a pay-as-you-go basis and cost £11 per session.

In addition to these classes, Falls Prevention and seated classes will be starting soon.

If you are interested in joining any of the above classes, please contact:

Olivia Brewster on: 07717 048935.

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Fruit Trees on Dicklow Cob



Four young fruit trees have been planted on the village green for the benefit of the Lower Withington community. Two small apple trees and two miniature pear trees. It is hoped they will be a pleasing addition to the diversity and enjoyment of our village green to be enjoyed by all and will be fruitful in the fullness of time. If you are nearby and have some water they will appreciate a drink especially whilst we have this lovely weather.

The trees were funded by a Community Orchard Grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lower Withington Parish Council. Support from an expert in their correct cultivation and maintenance would be very welcome - please get in touch.

Enjoy our small and growing Community Orchard.
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.

Parish Councillors	
Cllr Paul Duffy	(Chairman) pd@lowerwithington.com
Cllr Alan Brocklehurst	ab@lowerwithington.com
Cllr Carol Hamilton	ch@lowerwithington.com
Cllr Patricia Chrisp	pc@lowerwithington.com
Cllr John Bradley	jeb@lowerwithington.com
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Gawsworth Ward Councillor CEC	Cllr Lesley Smetham Lesley.smetham@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Macclesfield MP	Tim Roca Tim.roca.mp@parliament.co.uk

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: davidattheholles@aol.com
Rose Day Committee	lwroseday@gmail.com

Newsletter Photos

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

Dates of future Parish Council meetings at Lower Withington Village Hall

Monday 30th June, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 28th July, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 29th September, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 27th October, 2025 – 7:30pm
Monday 24th November, 2025 – 7:30pm

Please send your photos for the Autumn newsletter by Saturday 9th August 2025 to newsletter@lowerwithington.com

Lower Withington Rose Day

Save the Date

Saturday 5th July 2025

The fun starts at 1.45 p.m.

Join us as the procession makes its way through the village to the Parish Hall and field

Children wishing to take part are to assemble on the Methodist Chapel Car Park by 1:30 p.m.

CROWNING OF THE ROSE QUEEN @ 2.00 p.m.

MAGIC SHOW @ 2.30 p.m.

DOG SHOW @ 3.15 p.m.

Prizes for Best in Class

JOIN US FOR RELAXED FAMILY FUN

Brass Band Traction Engines

Traditional Stalls, Games and Rural Activities

BBQ Teas, Cakes and Bar

Entrance: ADULTS £2.50, CHILDREN Free

Please note that this is a CASH ONLY event.

Donations for the Bottle Bola can be taken to The Chimes, Dicklow Cob, SK11 9EA or brought on the day.

For more information or to get involved, please contact: lwroseday@gmail.com