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## Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will  
run from:

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>

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### IMPORTANT Extraordinary Parish Public Meeting

The Parish Council is calling a public meeting on **February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm** in the Community Centre. There will be two items on the agenda:

- 1) A request to the public to increase the precept (the part of the council tax which pays for Parish activity) above 2%, allowing us to meet the challenges of extensive planning requests effectively. In particular we need to fund expert advice in dealing with successive housing proposals in the Parish. We are legally obliged to consult and seek your approval for this proposal.
- 2) An update on current housing applications in the parish.

### Parish Council Vacancies

If you are interested in working for the good of the community, and protecting and enhancing what you care about in the parish why not consider becoming a parish councillor?

In May 2015 elections will be held and ten candidates are needed for a contested election.

For more info call Liz Bonney on: ~ 815216.

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual meeting of the parish will take place on Saturday 21st March at 10:00am at the Community Centre. It is an opportunity for everyone in the parish to attend, meet their neighbours and hear about the activities in the village over the last year and discuss plans for the future.

Anyone interested in standing for the Parish Council could take this opportunity to chat with current councillors about the role and what it involves.

Any organisation wishing to speak or have a display can call Liz Bonney on: ~ 815216.

### Councillor Surgeries

The next District and Parish Councillor Surgeries will be held from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at the church on:

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

### Solar Farm Proposal in Long Itchington – consultation

TGC Renewables is holding a consultation meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January to gauge public opinion about its proposal to install a solar farm on land close to Manor Farm, off Bascote Road, Long Itchington. The meeting will run from 3.00pm – 7.00pm at the Community Centre.

At the moment this is **NOT** a formal planning application, but could become one if they deem it appropriate. If you have strong views, either positive or negative, we urge you to attend and make your views known.

The residents of Manor Farm house wish it to be known that this proposal is **nothing to do with them. It is not on their land** and does not have their approval.

If you have not received a letter with more details contact Liz Bonney for a copy.

If you cannot go to the meeting please send your views to [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com) and we will make sure they are heard.

### Appeal against the additional houses on Stockton Road 27th-30th January: people power needed!

Rosconn are appealing against the District Council's decision to refuse planning for an additional 75 houses and the Parish Council are actively supporting the District Council in this, but we need your help! The presence of villagers at the Appeal will greatly help our case and show that the community cares. It will give our views more impact.

Unfortunately, the hearing takes place during the working day and we are currently trying to find out which days would be most appropriate to attend. The days are Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January in Stratford. Transport can be arranged once we know who might be available.

If you can attend on any of the days please call Barbara Atkins as a matter of urgency on: ~ 814921.

### Keeping you informed

If you would like topical and instant updates straight to your laptop, phone or tablet on issues such as housing in the parish please send your email address to:  
[batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	Community Centre 100 Club Draw, Harvester, 1.00pm
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm History Group, speaker TBC, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	Solar Farm Consultation, Community Centre, 3.00pm – 7.00pm

### FEBRUARY

Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Public Meeting, Community Centre, 7.00pm</b>
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, <b>8.00 pm</b>
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm History Group, speaker TBC, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Community Centre 100 Club Draw, Cuttle, 1.00pm
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Club AGM, Green Man, 8.00pm
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Rummage Sale, Galanos House, 2.30pm

### MARCH

Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm History Group, speaker TBC, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	WI meeting, the Community Centre, 7.30pm

#### Regular events in the village

The Tots Group is every Wednesday morning at the Community Centre at 9:30am.

## Long Itchington Carnival 2015 needs you!

**Long Itchington Carnival Committee is looking ahead to raise further funds for our village clubs and organisations**

Help us to keep Long Itchington thriving!

We have opportunities available to help with organising our marketing and publicity; the Fantastic Raffle; the Fancy Dress Competition and booking new attractions.

Last year the Carnival Committee was proud and pleased to present participating village organisations with donations of over £100 each – let's keep it going!

If you would like to help us call Loraine on: 07710 271596.

## HOLD THE DATE....

- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March – Film Night, Community Centre, details TBC**
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March – Annual Parish Meeting, Community Centre, 10.00am**
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March – 100 Club Draw at the Buck and Bell, 1.00pm**
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June – Village Summer Show, Community Centre, details TBC**

## Yoga

Yoga in Long Itchington continues every Thursday during school term time at the Community Centre on Thursdays – 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Our focus is on enjoyment! For more information call Loraine on: 07710 271596 or visit the website: [www.yogawithloraine.com](http://www.yogawithloraine.com).

## Church and Chapel events

### Regular events at the Church

- 1st Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
- 2nd Sunday Family Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
- 3rd Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
- 4th Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
- 'Alpha Lite' (see separate item for details) 7.30pm at the Green Man on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb and 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Regular events at the Chapel

- Evening Worship – 6.15pm every Sunday
- Women's Hour – 2.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar
- Pilots – 6.15pm on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar
- Café Church with Communion – 10.00am on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 8<sup>th</sup> Mar
- Singing practice – 10.30am on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Lenten Bible Study – 10.45am on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and 12<sup>th</sup> Mar

### JANUARY

Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cafe Church, the Chapel, 10.00am
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	Chapel School Assembly, 9.00am
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	Pilots Panto Trip, 2.00pm

### FEBRUARY

Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Howard Wallace, the Chapel, 2.30pm
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Drop-in, NEW4U and food collection, the Chapel, 10.00am
Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	AGM, the Chapel, 7.30pm

### MARCH

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Re-dedication Service with Communion, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Drop-in, NEW4U and food collection, the Chapel, 10.00am
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	WWDP, the Chapel, 7.00pm
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church at The Grange, Southam, 11:00am
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	Farewell to Tim and Frances Britton (see noticeboard for details)

## Zumba fitness

Zumba fitness at Long Itchington Primary School every Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

## Morris Dancers visit Long Itchington

To ensure a good plum crop this year Plum Jerkum Border Morris & friends will visit on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January** to dance, sing and to 'wassail the plum tree'. You can see them at:

- 11.00 Duck on the Pond
- 12.00 Old Country Store
- 12.30 Harvester
- 13.30 Malt Kiln Cottage
- 14.15 The Buck & Bell – dancing and music session.

Times are approximate.

## CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

It was good to have so many people worshipping during the Christmas period, including those who came to the Chapel Singers' concert.

The Chapel Singers is a new venture for us. We meet for practice on Monday mornings at 10.30am as shown in the diary. If you like singing and are free on Monday mornings we'd be pleased to see you. There are no auditions, just a love of singing. If you are thinking of doing something new in 2015, this could be it.

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service will take place in the Chapel on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

Ladies from the six parishes and the Chapel will take part in the service, which has been prepared by the ladies of the Bahamas. The speaker is Mrs Kath Shortley from Kenilworth and all are invited.

Get in touch with Marion for more information by calling: ~ 425999; mobile: 07812 804924; or by emailing: [marionhartwell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:marionhartwell@tiscali.co.uk)

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## Community Centre News

### Summer Show

Instead of our Spring and Autumn Shows, this year we are trying something different.

On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June** there will be a village Summer Show, combining all the best features of the earlier shows – such as art, photography, flowers, flower-arrangements, homecrafts – as well as new craft demonstrations and junior and children's competitions.

If you want to get involved with the organisation or simply help on the day please contact Chris on: ~ 815217 or Barbara on: ~ 814921.

Full details, including the show schedule, will be published in the next Diary and on the village website at: <http://www.longitchington.org.uk/>.

### Christmas event raises £400

Thanks to everyone who attended the *Getting Ahead for Christmas* event on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. A great time was had by all, new skills were acquired and mulled wine and mince pies helped everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.

We are extremely grateful to all the workshop and demonstration leaders who gave their time for free, enabling us to raise in excess of £400 for the Community Centre funds.

### 100 Club

A big thank you to all villagers who have supported our 100 Club! This year £1,060 was paid out in prizes. There were no administration charges and the balance of £1,014 went towards the toilet refurbishment.

No fewer than 43 out of 175 members won at least one prize in 2014 and 39% of members have now won at least one prize since the club began.

We have a few numbers left. If you want to join please contact Jeff on: ~ 817734.

## CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS *Tim Britton*

[www.thefeldongroup.org.uk](http://www.thefeldongroup.org.uk)

**Alpha Lite** – the churches in the area are putting on a joint course called 'Alpha Lite' – based on the first half of the well-known Alpha Course on Christianity. (The second half will be looked at later.) The first session was on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, but it's not too late to join us at the Green Man on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Homemade puddings and cheeseboard will be on offer.

**Massive Messy Church** – another Massive Messy Church will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March (11.00am start and including a lunch, ending at 1.00pm). This time it will be at The Grange, Southam, and will have a Creation theme as we look forward to Spring!

**Farewell** – this is my last contribution to the Long Itchington Diary! My retirement begins in March, with my last working day being Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll be around in the village for a few days after that as we pack up to move to Cromer, Norfolk. It is possible that the service on 8<sup>th</sup> March will not be the usual Family Service; details of what is happening are still to be decided. May I take this opportunity to say Thank You for your friendliness and support over the last 13 years. If only you all knew Jesus as Saviour and Lord! (It's not too late to get to know him – see Alpha Lite above!)

TIM BRITTON (Tel: ~ 812 518, or e-mail: [tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk](mailto:tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk))

### New village website

We are delighted to let you know that the village website [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk) has had an extensive make-over. Please take a look and let us know what you think. It is still work in progress with several sections awaiting input, but already has some very useful information.

There are opportunities on the new website to advertise a local trade or business and to make announcements or ask the community for help.

All feedback to [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com) or [liparishcouncil@btconnect.co.uk](mailto:liparishcouncil@btconnect.co.uk)

### Parish Council services – vacancies

#### Grass cutting contracts

The Parish Council is reviewing the current grass cutting contracts around the village. This includes the playing fields, the green and various grass verges.

If you are interested in providing a quote for delivering these services call Liz Bonney on: ~815216.

#### Grounds keeper needed

The Parish Council is looking for a replacement grounds keeper to mow the football pitch, paint the white lines, open and close the changing rooms for the teams and keep the pavilion tidy.

This would suit an active person with spare time, training will be given and you will be paid at national minimum wage, days and times flexible but 4-5 hours per match-playing weekend.

Please call Liz Bonney on ~815216 for further information.

## LI Cricket Club news

The Cricket Club AGM is taking place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 8.00pm in the back room of the Green Man. All new and existing members will be made welcome.

Indoor cricket practice takes place on Tuesday evenings at Princethorpe College from 17<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. Juniors from 6.30pm to 7.45/8.00pm with Seniors from 7.45/8.00pm to 9.30pm.

For further information about nets or the cricket club generally, please contact John Breakwell (juniors) on: ~ 633193 or Steve Crosthwaite (chairman) on: ~ 814971.

## Good turn-out for New Year walks

Thanks to everyone for the magnificent turnout to the New Year's Day walks. Over 50 people appeared, mainly from Long Itchington, but also welcome guests from surrounding villages, Southam, Leamington and Coventry. A special thanks to the leaders of the walks and also to Mark and Sharon and staff at The Green Man who provided mulled wine before the start of the walks and soup and rolls at the end.

Some people have asked that walks be provided on a more regular basis. We would be interested to hear people's views and suggestions for a flexible way in which this could be organised. Please speak with any of the Footpaths Volunteer Group (see the village website and [www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk) for contact details) or call: ~ 815119 or email [longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com).

## Film Night

Following the tremendous sell-out of the 2015 Long Itchington calendar, the Calendar Group now has sufficient funds to support Film Nights at the Community Centre. The first of these is going to be Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. This will essentially be an experimental evening to see if we have enough interest to run them on a regular basis.

Please keep your eyes on the website for more details – [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)

We are also running a competition to name this group. The person thinking up the best name will receive two free tickets to the first event. If you are interested in attending or have an idea for a name please let Wendy Charles know on [acharles629@hotmail.com](mailto:acharles629@hotmail.com) and she will contact you with some ideas for films.

## Speed camera training

The Parish Council recently secured the use of a hand-held speed camera and now needs some volunteers to attend a police-led training course and then take turns using the camera.

For more information call Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751.

## LI War Memorial proposed

Dave Berry is setting up a small committee to organise a war memorial to commemorate those villagers who lost their lives in conflicts since the First World War. This is in addition to the screen behind the altar in the Church. It is hoped that the memorial would be in place to coincide with the centenary of the ending of WW1 in 2018.

The Parish Council fully supports Dave in this venture and anyone who would like to help him with this project is asked to contact Barbara Atkins on: ~ 814921 or Dave Berry on: ~ 813602.

## LIYF charity scrap metal collection

The Long Itchington Young Farmers are organising a scrap metal collection in February for charity. A similar endeavour last year raised over £1,800 for charity, a target that they are hoping to beat this year.

If you have items for the collection then call Luke Crossman on: 07720 542770 or Rick Frogley on: 07976 393832 so they can arrange pick up.

## £75 fine for dog fouling

Due to the continuing problem of dog mess in the village, particularly on footpaths and pavements, the newly-appointed SDC dog warden has been contacted. They have the power to give on-the-spot fines of £75 for anyone who is caught or you could face prosecution in the Magistrates court.

Dog waste can be disposed of in a regular bin so there is no excuse. Please help to look after our parish by clearing up after your pets.

## Christmas tree thanks

Many thanks to Richard and Rosie Reeve who kindly donated and delivered this year's village Christmas Tree.

Thanks also to James Briggs and John Bonney who decorated the tree and set it up, and to Wendy Charles for organising the lights switch on and carol singing.

Finally, thanks to Adrian McNally who has set the tree up for many years, but has now handed the task on.

## Housing update

Events are moving and changing rather quickly at the moment. If you wish to read about housing issues in more detail please look on the website, where Dave Riches (District Councillor) has written a very informative piece, with answers to some frequently asked questions (FAQs).

This will be published under the latest NEWS section at: [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

The address for Long Itchington Parish Council is The Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, Southam CV47 9QP. The office is open **Monday to Thursday between 9.00am – 11.00am** and all planning applications relating to the village can be viewed there, although making an appointment is advisable to ensure the plans are on site.

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