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Sunday July 19th –
Saturday September
19th

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Housing update

Following the acceptance of 150 houses (Rosconn) on the Stockton Road next to the school, we have just heard that Cemex are appealing against the decision to refuse the building of 85 further dwellings on the other side of the Stockton Road.

If you wish to be kept informed of all further developments you can receive updates from batkins5691@googlemail.com

Affordable Housing

Residents wanting affordable housing in the parish may be interested to know that 35% of the Rosconn 150 dwellings will be 'affordable', approximately 50 homes, and for people with a local connection.

In order to qualify you MUST register with Home Choice Plus, by filling in an application form which you get by contacting the Council's Housing Advice Team (by telephoning 01789 260861/2/4, by email to: housingadviceteam@stratford-dc.gov.uk or by faxing: 01789 260895)

More information from:
www.stratford.gov.uk/housing/community-2087.cfm. Length of time on this list will be a factor in who is chosen, so register ASAP.

New housing at Allen Ford Site

A public exhibition for a proposed brownfield housing development of 44 new dwellings off Marton Road in Long Itchington will be held on **Saturday 30th May, 1.30pm – 4.30pm in the Community Centre**. We are told that letters will be delivered to all households.

There will be a dedicated phone number and online exhibition for those unable to attend.

Parish Council election and District Council election

There are nine places on the Long Itchington Parish Council and just nine prospective candidates have all been successful.

These are (in alphabetical order): Barbara Atkins, Ian Briggs, Wendy Charles, Linda Clark, Richard Jackson, Rosie Reeve, Sally Shillitoe, Russ Wheatley and Jon Venn.

The first meeting will be on May 19th at 7.45pm.

Dave Riches was returned as the District Councillor for the enlarged area of Long Itchington, Ufton and Stockton.

Commenting on planning proposals

It is important, if you have views about potential housing developments, that you send comments through to the SDC planning department. They are all read and taken into account.

If you have not already done so you may wish to comment on the housing development at Marton Road Farm – 14/03065/FUL as this is being considered now. The deadline is 12th May, but comments may be read after this date.

Similarly the Collingham Lane development reference is 15/00562/OUT. If you need help contact Liz Bonney on: ~ 815216.

Long Itchington Carnival 2015

The next Carnival will take place on Monday 25th May. Floats should assemble by the Harvester at 12noon.

After the judging, the procession will set off around the village at 1.00pm and the Carnival Queen will open the event at the Community Centre at 2.00pm.

Some roads will be closed for a short period during the procession.

If you would like to help in any way please call Loraine on: 07710 271596 or James on: ~ 811613.

News round-up

Security marking

The security marking initiative at the allotments was well supported. If we get enough interest in the future we will try to arrange another event. Allan Charles also has some marking pens if anyone requires one. Please phone: ~ 812751.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has started the mammoth task of organising our Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be involved please ring the Parish Clerk on: ~ 815216.

Solar Farm, Bascote

We have not received any more news about this potential venture. When we do we will inform residents.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Mon	18 th	WI Group Meeting, Napton Village Hall
Tue	19 th	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.45pm
Wed	20 th	WI meeting, Priors Hall, Shuckborough Rd, Priors Marston
Mon	25 th	Carnival Procession from The Square at 1.00pm and Fete at the Community Centre at 2.00pm
Sat	30 th	Housing Exhibition, 1.30 – 4.30 pm, Community Centre

JUNE

Wed	3 rd	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	4 th	NFWI Annual Meeting, Royal Albert Hall, London
Wed	10 th	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm History Group, speaker TBC, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sun	14 th	100 Club draw, The Duck on the Pond
Wed	17 th	WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	20 th	Brownies Teas, Holy Trinity Church, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Sat	27 th	Summer Show, Community Centre, 2.00pm
Sun	28 th	Cricket Club – New Pavilion Open Day

JULY

Wed	1 st	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	4 th	Barbeque, Holy Trinity Church,
Tues	7 th	Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot in aid of Galanos House
Wed	8 th	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm History Group, speaker TBC, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	15 th	WI meeting, the Community Centre, 7.30pm

Regular events:

Long Itchington Young Farmers – every Wednesday, the Green Man at 8.00pm
 Zumba Fitness – every Tuesday at the Primary School at 7.30pm
 Yoga – every Monday at the Primary School at 7.30pm
 Pilates – every Wednesday at the Primary School at 7.30pm
 Youth Club – every Monday (term time), 7.30pm-9.00pm, Community Centre

HOLD THE DATE....

OCTOBER Cricket Club Presentation Evening – date TBC

NOVEMBER Cricket Club Rummage Sale – date TBC

DECEMBER

Dec 18th Cricket Club Christmas Quiz at the Community Centre

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

See: www.thefeldongroup.org.uk/longitchington for more Church events.

Regular events at the Chapel

Evening Worship – 6.15pm every Sunday
 Women's Hour – 2.30pm on 19th May, 16th June,
 Pilots – 6.15pm on 20th May, 3rd, 10th, 17th June, 1st, 8th, 15th July
 Café Church – 10.00am 24th May, 14th June, 28th June, 12th July
 New4U and coffee drop-in – 4th June and 2nd July

Tuesday 2nd June – Women's Hour meal out
 Sunday 5th July 3.30pm – Church Anniversary

See: www.longitchingtoncongregationalchurch.org.uk for more Chapel events.

Cricket Club Fixtures

May – July 2015

SATURDAY 1ST XI PREMIER DIVISION COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE

Date	Opposition	Venue
23 May	Alcester & Ragley	Away
30 May	Wellesbourne	Away
06 June	Earlswood	HOME
13 June	Leamington III	Away
20 June	Shipston on Stour	HOME
27 June	Exhall & Wixford	Away
04 July	Exhall & Wixford	HOME
11 July	Broadway	Away
18 July	Bretforton	HOME
25 July	Bidford on Avon	Away

All fixtures start at 1.30pm
www.cotswold-hills-league.org

SATURDAY 2ND XI DIVISION 3 COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE

Date	Opposition	Venue
23 May	Cookhill	HOME
30 May	Earlswood II	HOME
06 June	Woodbourne	Away
13 June	Ashorne	HOME
20 June	Shipston on Stour II	Away
27 June	Exhall & Wixford II	HOME
04 July	Exhall & Wixford II	Away
11 July	Lapworth	HOME
18 July	Tanworth & Camp Hill II	Away
25 July	Badsey	HOME

All fixtures start at 1.30pm
www.cotswold-hills-league.org

Long Itchington Tennis

Summer's nearly here and the tennis season is in full swing.

Regular friendly sessions – new players always welcome.

Membership works out at less than £1/week for adults (or £15 / year for juniors), which includes access to play any time.

Professional coaching is available.

See www.litca.co.uk for details, or call Christine on ~ 811143.

LI Women's Institute meetings

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI meetings listed in this month's LI Diary, then visit their website at:

www.longitchingtonwi.weebly.com.

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

Apparently many people don't know where the Chapel is. You can find us on the corner of Church Road and Orchard Way. We are a small, friendly church with regular services and activities.

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 10.00am we have an all-age Cafe-style Service and each Sunday evening at 6.15pm we have Evening Worship.

The one exception to those times will be on Sunday July 5th when we will celebrate our 188th Anniversary with the Windmill Singers and David Hudson as the speaker beginning at 3.30pm. The service will be followed by a special Chapel Tea. All are invited.

Our other regular events are in the diary, but please note that the Women's Hour and Pilots meetings do not take place during the school holiday.

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

Community Centre

Deputy Caretaker vacancy

We have a vacancy for the deputy caretaker of the Community Centre.

The deputy will help to fulfil the caretaker's duties, which include opening and closing the Community Centre for events at the times agreed with the event organiser; and ensuring the Community Centre and the areas shared with the school are clean before and after an event.

Hours are by agreement; the pay should be not less than £136 per month in return for occasional duties.

Please contact the chairman Jeff Round on: ~ 817734 or email: jround@hotmail.com for further details if you are interested in filling this vacancy.

New Pond Warden appointed

We would like to announce a new member of the parish wildlife team.

John Davies has very kindly taken the role of volunteer Pond Warden. Working alongside the wildlife and tree wardens, John will be taking on the task of looking after the long-term health and well-being of the village pond.

John has for many years acted as a guardian for the pond and its wildlife, and will bring his experience to help improve the pond for the future.

As the pond is an important part of the village, the pond warden will help to keep the pond healthy for everyone to enjoy.

To keep up to date on news about the pond and the wildlife within the parish please visit the Wildlife Warden website via the village website or visit: longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk

You can email John at: johndavies1952@hotmail.co.uk or call him on: ~ 812013.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

Messy Church

We have just had another memorable Messy Church. Look out for details of the next one in the summer.

Thursday Teas

The weekly Thursday Teas have started again, after the winter monthly version. Call in any Thursday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Pentecost 24th May

Pentecost was an important Jewish festival, marking the end of the cereal harvest. At such a celebration in Jerusalem, shortly after Jesus' ascension (Ascension Day this year 14th May), the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. The Holy Spirit comes into a damaged world to share and bear the pain with us, enabling and guiding us. Pentecost, then, is a festival of hope, a day of praise to God for our receiving of the Holy Spirit.

Weddings and Baptisms

The first point of contact is now Louise Green on: 07955 184495.

Trinity Sunday 31st May

This year, for our patronal festival, we will have a short service at 9.30am, to enable us to get to Marton for 10.30am for the joint Feldon Group service with Team Mozambique and the Pilgrim Puppets.

Youth Club

This long-standing club always welcomes new members aged 9 and over. We meet every Monday during term-time from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Entry is £1 and there are lots of games and activities on offer.

We are currently making preparations for our Carnival entry. Come and give it a go... Ring Nicky on: ~ 815988 for more information.

Long Itchington Pre-school

Places are available in pre-school for children aged 2 years 9 months up to school age. Please register now for places for September 2015. Please contact Pre-school for more information on: ~ 811400 or email: preschoollongitchington@gmail.com.

To find out more visit our website at: www.longitchingtonpreschool.org.

We would like to thank Lulacreative and DC3 Design for help and donations made to us this year.

Teddies needed

Pre-school is trying to raise funds for some new equipment, and we are organising a teddy tombola at the village carnival again this year. We need donations of teddy bears or other soft toys in reasonably good condition.

Please drop any suitable soft toys into Pre-school or give to Alex Feasey - 15 Short Lane.

Thanks from the Cricket Club

The Cricket Club would like to thank everyone who has bought a 'brick' or contributed in any other way in the building of their new pavilion. There is a 'grand opening' on Sunday 28 June and all those who have bought bricks will be invited. If you wish to buy a brick (£20 each) please contact Steve Crosthwaite by 31st May.

All residents are very welcome to sample cricket played in the village. Just visit the club website for information on fixtures: <http://www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk/>

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

Footpaths – upcoming events

Following a successful and well-attended Nature Walk in April further events are on the way. A two-hour Midsummer Day Walk is planned for Sunday 21st June starting at the Green Man at 4.00pm. Also an evening walk organised for 6th August, meeting at The Pond/Green at 6.30pm. We want to provide an Orchid Walk around the end of May. Small maintenance work is being undertaken on Saturday 23rd May.

To express an interest in attending any of these events or to get further information on any events please contact Brian Smith on: ~ 815119 or at: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com.

We are always pleased to make use of the many talents and knowledge we have in our parish. If you have any ideas or are prepared to lead a walk/organise an event or to get involved in maintenance work contact Brian Smith.

Film Night success

The very successful Film Night (it was a sell-out!) means that Film Nights will become regular events. The first venture was under-written by the Calendar Group.

From now on these events will be solely organised by the Community Centre and all profits will be given ploughed back into funds. Watch this space for a second film to be shown in July. For regular updates please email: batkins5691@googlemail.com

Speed camera training

We still need volunteers to make this venture worthwhile. Training will be given by the Police. Please call Wendy to volunteer on: ~ 812751.

Missing post boxes

The post boxes removed in Bascote and by the pond in Long Itchington will be replaced in the near future. We hope they will be of a similar design to the originals.

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.

Phone: ~ 815216

email: liparishcouncil@btconnect.com

Website: www.longitchington.org.uk

Leave Our Village Alone campaign (LOVA)

The organising committee of this new independent publicity group would like to thank everyone for displaying posters and supporting its campaign to raise awareness of the unprecedented number of housing development applications targeting our village. There was a fantastic response to the Gladman (Collingham Lane) proposal with over 175 objections received by SDC.

We believe the 150 new houses next to the school will more than cover the village's current and future housing needs. Please object to applications you do not want.

If you would like to join our group, please email: leaveourvillagealone@gmail.com

LILAC

LILAC (Long Itchington Leisure and Community) has been busy with new projects to improve leisure facilities within the village. These include providing more gym equipment on the playing field, the creation of a wetland area on the LILAC field and improvements to the Leigh Crescent play area.

Your views on all of these are important, and you will soon have the opportunity to make your comments known through a consultation process. If you are interested in learning more about the work of LILAC, or would like to join the team, please contact Russ Wheatley at: russ.wheatley@btinternet.com

Think of others when you park

We have been contacted by a disabled resident who lives on the Stockton Road and often finds his way blocked by vehicles parking on the pavements or across the dropped kerb at the bottom of Stockton Road.

Please be considerate when you park in the village and think about residents with pushchairs, or those using wheelchairs or disability scooters to get around.

Police – fraud warning

Recently there have been numerous attempted courier frauds in Leamington Spa, where offenders have called victims pretending to be from the police.

They will state that the victim's bank cards have been used fraudulently, and then ask them to contact their bank. The fraudsters then stay on the line, in order to obtain bank details before sending a courier to collect the bank card, and use it to obtain cash.

Warwickshire Police are issuing the following advice: if you receive a call like this, please hang up immediately and call 101 from a different phone. If there is a crime in progress, please call 999.