



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 12th March –
Saturday 13th May
inclusive

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Forthcoming Shows and Events to support the Community Centre

We are delighted to let you know that some new events are planned for 2017 to raise funds for the Community Centre.

Firstly, a table top sale on Saturday 11th February (see page 2 for more details).

Secondly, watch out for a **Quiz Night in March**.

Thirdly, a totally new event is planned for **June 24th – 'A Vintage and Craft' Fayre**. We are looking for potential stall-holders to come forward now and let us know what they sell. Please contact Mary on: ~ 813573 or Safi on: ~ 819056.

Fourthly, we are looking into the possibility of holding a pared-down **Fruit and Veg Show** at the Green Man in August / September.

This will be combined with a **Scarecrow Competition** throughout the parish; residents and visitors will be invited to walk the 'Scarecrow Trail' starting at the Community Centre and finishing with a prize-giving taking place at the Green Man.

All profits will go towards the up-keep of the Community Centre.

Jill Tooby 1933-2016

On Friday 6th January, the village said goodbye to Jill Tooby.

Jill was a lovely lady and a very active member of the community for 50 years, most recently running the History Group and helping Les with the Wednesday Club. She loved the WI and was delighted to be involved in the St Wulfstan celebrations.

Jill was kind and thoughtful and always had something interesting to say. We will miss her.

Les Tooby and his family would like to offer a sincere 'thank you' to everyone who has supported them and given help and consolation over the last few days, as well as for all the companionship Jill enjoyed over her life in the village. We are particularly grateful to everyone who helped with the funeral arrangements in all sorts of ways.

Litter outside the Co-Op

Following complaints from residents about the overflowing litter bin outside the Co-Op, LI Parish Council approached the company about providing an additional litter bin.

The Co-Op have agreed to this and we are now in discussion with them about where it should be placed, and arranging for it to be emptied by Stratford District Council.

The Co-Op Society has also committed to arranging for the bins to be emptied between rubbish collections if necessary.

Thank you to responsible dog owners

Although it is hard to change the behaviour of those who fail to clear up the mess left by their dogs we see plenty of responsible owners who always:

- have their dog on a lead when around other dogs and young people;
- always have sufficient mess removal bags with them; and
- always pick up their dog's mess.

As many dog owners and walkers frequent the pubs, some of our pubs keep a free supply of dog mess removal bags.

It is worth reminding others that the fine for failure to remove dog mess is now £1000.

LI Calendars

Copies of the 2017 Long Itchington calendar featuring wildlife in the parish are still available at £6.

To purchase, please either phone: ~ 814921 or email: batkins5691@googlemail.com.

All profits go to village organisations. In the last year, we have supported: LI Primary School, the Parent and Toddler Group, Scouts, Pre-School, WARMLI, the Wednesday Club and the Youth Club.

We look forward to supporting more organisations in 2017.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next public meeting will be on Weds 1st February. If you have any issues to raise for this meeting, or throughout January, contact the Parish Clerk on: ~ 815216.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Wed 18th Afternoon Tea in aid of WARMLI, The Harvester pub, 3.00pm

FEBRUARY

Wed 1st Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Fri 3rd Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Wed 8th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm

History Group, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Sat 11th Table top sale, Community Centre, 10.30am

Thu 16th Cricket Club AGM, Green Man, 8.00pm

Sat 25th Rummage Sale, Galanos House, 2.30pm

MARCH

Wed 1st Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Wed 8th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm

History Group, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Regular events:

Youth Club – every Monday (term time), 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Knit & Natter – every Monday at 7.30pm in the Green Man – all welcome.

LI Brownies – every Tuesday at 6.15pm (term time) in the Community Centre.

Zumba Fitness – every Tuesday at the Primary School at 7.30pm

Long Itchington Young Farmers – every Wednesday, the Green Man at 8.00pm

Yoga – Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (term time) at the Community Centre

Cricket Club AGM

Long Itchington Cricket Club AGM will be held on Thursday 16th February from 8.00pm in the back room of the Green Man pub.

All existing and potential new members will be made most welcome.

Please contact Chairman Steve Crosthwaite on: ~ 814971 or at: sandjcrosthwaite@btinternet.com for further details.

Afternoon Tea in aid of the LI War Memorial

**Wednesday 18th January
3.00pm – 5.00pm
The Harvester**

Come and help us raise money for a memorial to honour the 43 Long Itchington men who gave their lives in two World Wars.

SAVE THE DATE

The next Film Nights will be on: **24th March** (Suffragette) and **19th May** at the Community Centre.

March – Quiz in aid of the Community Centre (details will be publicised on the LI website and by email update).

June 24th – Vintage and Craft Fayre at the Community Centre (details TBC). Please contact Mary on: ~ 813573 or Safi on: ~ 819056 if you would like a stall.

Film Night

The next film will be “Eddie the Eagle” on Friday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Tickets at £5 are available from Wendy: ~ 812751 or Margaret: ~ 814397.

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available.

Lifts offered for Long Itchington residents.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

Regular events at Holy Trinity 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

Tue 28th Feb – Shrove Tuesday Pop in for a Pancake, 12noon – 4.00pm

Wed 29th Feb – Ash Wednesday Communion, 8.00pm

Regular events at The Chapel for January, February and March

Every Wednesday except in school holidays Pilots, a club for children from four years meets at 6.15pm.

On the first and third Tuesdays Women’s Hour meets at 2.30pm.

Sunday Services: on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of each month at 10.00am and Evening Services every Sunday at 6.15pm.

Coffee Drop In is on the 1st Thursday each month from 10.00am-12noon.

Sun 15th Jan – Prayer, Praise and Pudding Service, 3.00pm

Sun 5th Feb – Re-dedication Service, 3.30pm

Tue 14th Feb – Chapel AGM, 2.00pm

Thu 9th Mar – Bible Study, 10.45am

For other events see: <http://www.longitchingtoncongregationalchurch.org.uk>

Table top sale at the Community Centre

**Saturday 11th February
10.30am – 12.30pm**

A fund-raising and fun event for the Community Centre at the Community Centre, Stockton Road on Saturday 11th February 2017.

Sellers can set up at 10.00am and buyers can attend from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Each table will cost you £7.00.

For more information contact Wendy on: ~ 812751 or Safi on: ~ 819056.

Booking is essential to reserve a table.

Refreshments will be available.

Happy New Year to you all!

As we begin the New Year we look forward to more people trying the way of worship we enjoy.

Café Church Services – we have these Services on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

The Service begins at 10.00am and usually finishes about 11.15am. During the Service we sing, pray and have a short address on a biblical theme. The Service is made welcoming to all ages.

On the second Sunday in the month it will include a time of Communion and on all Sundays there is a time for coffee or tea, cake and fruit. During the refreshment time we are able to talk about needs for prayer and ask questions about the Bible reading. Sometimes, if there is time, we will work together on a simple craft. All are welcome.

For more information about services and events phone Marion on: ~ 425999 or: 07812 804924.

Successful film nights help to increase Community Centre funds

Over the past two years the new Film Nights initiative has been hugely successful, allowing residents and their friends to take advantage of the large screen and surround-sound experience just on their doorstep.

Overall this has raised well in excess of £1000 for the Community Centre – a very welcome injection of money for the Centre whose outgoings are not small, but which provides a brilliant community resource for the parish. What we might describe as a “win-win” situation.

Update from the War Memorial Group (WARMLI)

Following the successful launch of our project, we are now at the stage of finalising the design and materials for the memorial, which will not only remember the 43 men from our village who gave their lives in two World Wars, but will also reflect the past industries of Long Itchington including cement and bricks.

The proposed site has been agreed by the Parish Council and we will eventually have to apply for planning permission. Fund-raising continues in earnest and the main project is the ‘43 Club’, which now has over 100 members. The aim of this is to donate a coin a week for 43 weeks, which will take us up until Remembrance weekend in November. We welcome anyone who would like to participate – the committee will provide a collection bag for the coins.

Other events are being planned, which we will regularly advertise.

The next one is afternoon tea in The Harvester pub on Wednesday 18th January from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Please come and support us – all ages welcome. If anyone would like to organise a fund raising event – big or small – we'd be delighted to hear from you.

For more information contact Dave Berry on: ~ 813602 or at: davrho@tiscali.co.uk.

We had a record number of trees in the Christmas Tree Festival this year, with 28 local organisations and businesses taking part.

The WARMLI tree (War Memorial for Long Itchington), with specially dried leaves, each bearing the name of one of the 43 men from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars, attracted the largest number of votes from among the many visitors, maybe reflecting the large number of people who attended the Remembrance Sunday service in November.

It was good to see the newly formed Scouts, Cubs and Beavers each entering their own tree, and showing good imagination.

The woollen Pasada figures of Mary, Joseph and donkey travelled around the village, and beyond, during Advent, and arrived safely at the stable during the Crib Service. This was a joyous occasion, with over 30 children taking part in the Nativity play.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Community Centre 100 Club

A very big thank you to all villagers who have supported the Community Centre 100 Club!

This year £1180 was paid out in prizes and the balance of £1121 went towards project funds – to spend on future improvements to our Community Centre.

In 2016 there were 182 members holding a total of 191 numbers and 61 prizes were won this year.

To date, 68% of numbers have now won at least one prize; 10 numbers have won £100 or more!

We have a few numbers left. If you would like to join please contact Jeff on: ~ 817734. Why not join us at the monthly draws? See village noticeboards or the Long Itchington website for details.

Southam Academy Consultation

There is a proposal for Southam College to become part of a new Multi-Academy Trust. The current **consultation ends on 31st January**.

If you wish to comment or send views through have a look at the consultation document, which can be downloaded from the Southam College website or from the Long Itchington website at: www.longitchington.org.uk. Alternatively, call: ~ 814921 for more information

You will see that Long Itchington Primary is NOT included as one of the primary feeder schools for the proposed new Academy. This does not necessarily mean Long Itchington children will not be able to attend Southam College, but could put our children at a disadvantage in the future.

Make your views heard by commenting during the consultation process – write to The Board of Trustees, Stowe Valley Multi-Academy Trust c/o Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam, CV47 0JW.

You'll never walk alone...

Despite the wet conditions, 25 people turned out for the walks offered on New Year's Day. Thanks to everyone for refusing to be beaten by the weather. Hot soup and rolls at the Green Man afterwards restored spirits (thank you Sharon and Mark).

Fortunately, in our parish a loyal band of volunteers who undertake maintenance, and very supportive landowners, means that we are not facing the problems in keeping Rights of Way open as experienced in some parts of the country.

There is a planned programme of walks for 2017. Details will appear on: www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk as well as the Long Itchington website along with posters on parish notice boards.

For further information on Rights of Way, to report problems or volunteer for maintenance work, phone: ~ 815119 or email longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com.

New residents of Spinney Fields – welcome to the village

A very warm welcome to our new residents at Spinney Fields. We hope you will soon feel very much part of the village – a flavour of village life can be found here in this month's Diary.

And for all our residents who may be wondering where the promised Pelican crossing is – apparently, there will be a period of consultation before traffic lights are installed at our zebra crossing.

Finally, the long-awaited extra car park, gifted to the Parish Council by David Wilson Homes is hoped to be in operation by the summer.

Long Itchington Pre-School

Happy New Year from Long Itchington Pre-School!

The Pre-School had its latest Ofsted inspection in September 2016 and was rated 'Good' across all areas of assessment. We would like to thank our amazing children, parents, staff and managers for helping achieve such fantastic results.

Places are available for children aged 2 years 9 months up to school age. Register now to secure your child's place.

Don't forget your child is entitled to 15 free funded hours from the term after their 3rd birthday.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss either by email: preschoollongitchington@gmail.com or on: ~ 811400.

To find out more go to: www.longitchingtonpreschool.org

Farming notes

Believe it or not it has been a relatively dry year with 22.8 inches (579 mm) of rainfall. 2009 was slightly drier.

All the autumn and winter work (ploughing etc.) has been completed; just a few maintenance jobs to finish off. With the spring approaching, we will be moving some of last year's harvest. The first crop to go will be winter beans, closely followed by winter wheat – our main crop. The value of the beans and wheat are on a par with last year's.

Many of you will have seen the earth bund being constructed down the A426 between Stockton and Southam on the Stockton side of the road. This is the start of a very large project to open up a new quarry adjacent to Stockton. At the moment, they are moving 5,000 tons a day to get low enough to construct a tunnel under the road to transport quarried stone up to the old cement works in Long Itchington. The stone will then be blended with stone out of Long Itchington quarry and transported to Rugby for processing. The stone will be moved by a conveyer belt across both quarries under the road.

The initial quarrying will take 30 acres of land which will last them about 10 years, followed by two further tranches of 30 acres. They hope to start the whole project within 6 to 12 months.

With HS2 on the horizon they will have a ready-made market for the cement as the railway sleepers are now concrete.

New members always welcome at LI Youth Club

Long Itchington Youth Club runs every Monday evening from 7:30pm – 9:00pm – during term time.

It is for all children aged from 9-16 years. Activities on offer include: Wii console, X-box, Play-stations, Snooker, Table Tennis, Music, Crafts, Games etc. There is also a tuck-shop stocked with various drinks, crisps and sweets. There is an admission charge of 75p.

We are a very friendly club, and welcome new members. For more information contact Nicky Bodfish on: ~ 815988.

Neighbourhood Plan survey

The data from the recent Neighbourhood Plan survey has been analysed and although we don't yet have a date for feeding the information back to you, this will happen as part of an on-going consultation exercise very soon.

Thank you to everyone who filled in questionnaires so thoughtfully.

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. All parish planning applications can be viewed there. Opening hours will be Monday and Friday mornings. At other times, please phone and leave a message or email and someone will get back to you.

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