



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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## Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will  
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## Annual Parish Meeting update

At a very well attended meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, residents were given the opportunity to learn about the work of the Parish Council and many other groups in the parish. The new Community Achievement Awards were presented to the very deserving Jenny Allen, Dave & Rhona Berry, Nicky Bodfish, Allan & Wendy Charles, Steve Crosthwaite, Jo Hill and Keith Turnecliff. Pictures from the day will soon be available on our new Facebook page.

## Thank you to Anne Fessi

After six years as editor of the diary, Anne is stepping down to concentrate on other communication platforms for the Parish Council, notably the website. Anne has been a fantastic editor always ensuring that the diary not only looks professional but that 99% of submitted articles are included. Thank you, Anne!

## The Parish Council bids farewell to Wendy Charles

Wendy Charles, who has served the community tirelessly for very many years has stepped down from the Council. We would like to thank Wendy for all her hard work, commitment and wisdom and wish her well for the future. We will really miss her wise counsel, valuable contributions and sense of humour.

## Parish Council Vacancy

The vacancy created by Wendy Charles' departure will be filled in June. Four residents have expressed an interest. The new councillor will be co-opted and will serve until May 2019 when there will be a full election for the next term of four years.

## HS2 Group

The Parish Council have formed a working group to keep an eye on all the many changes which may affect our parish over the coming years as a result of HS2 in its construction phase.

We will be arranging public meetings and acting as a voice for all residents. If you have a particular concern or question please contact Christopher Purser on: ~ 814315 or the parish office.

## Serious damage at Green End

There was so much litter and broken glass at the Green End field on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May that the Parish Council took the decision to employ the services of a security firm (at not inconsiderable expense to the parish) on Saturday and Sunday night in order to protect our public space from further incidents. The presence of broken glass was clearly a danger to adults, children and animals. Football games had to be cancelled.

A combination of factors meant that very large numbers of visitors were here, including the very hot weather, a Bank Holiday weekend and the perception that this year we are hosting a parish wide beer festival when clearly all the advertising was merely concerned with the Harvester Beer Festival. There were genuine concerns about damage to both the field and to parishioners and visitors. Whilst the various factors leading to damage are not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council we would like to work with everyone towards avoiding such incidents in the future.

Our thanks go to Ian Briggs and a team of helpers who cleared up the field making it safe for everyone and to Simon Mills for arranging security cover.

## Traffic and parking

Residents are asked to park considerately. Incidents of cars parked causing a danger to others should be reported to the police. You can take a photograph. Useful information is contained at the police website: [www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/6240/Parking](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/6240/Parking).

The Parish Council need the active support of residents to help us make a case to request yellow lines at particular "parking hotspots." In the longer term we are looking at trying to increase the amount of off road parking places.

## Annual General Meeting

At our recent Annual general meeting, Barbara Atkins and Jon Venn were re-elected as Chair and Vice-chair. We would like to encourage non-councillors to join our various working parties which include LILAC, Emergency Planning, HS2, and a newly created Recreations Group which will work specifically to improve and maintain play areas. If you have a specific interest, please phone the office on: ~ 815216.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night, Galanos House, 7.30pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Wedding Tea Party, Spinney Fields 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Guided walk to Cubbington Pear Tree, meet at the Pond, 11.00am
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Long Itchington Carnival, see page 3 for details
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

### JUNE

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Circular walk around Southam/ Bascote, meet at Pond, 11.15am
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Orchid Walk, meet at the Pond, 6.00pm Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket Club social event, including live band and BBQ, 7.30pm Vintage and Craft Fayre, Community Centre, 1.00pm – 5.00pm Swing Dance, Community Centre, 7.30pm – late
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

### JULY

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

#### Regular events:

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 ONLY) at the Community Centre  
Guided walks (1 hour) – every Friday, meet at The Pond at 9.00am

## SAVE THE DATE

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** – A special dedication ceremony is to be held at the new War Memorial on the Green, accompanied by a silver band concert at the Church in the evening, all to coincide with the official launch of the 2018 Poppy Appeal.

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

### Regular events at Holy Trinity Church:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity - 9.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am

**For information about special services see page 3.**

### Regular events at the Chapel

Café church, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am  
Evening Service on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm  
Coffee drop-in and sale, first Thursday of each month 10.00 – 12noon  
Women's Hour (men welcome) first and third Tuesday's, 2.30pm

**For information about special services see page 3.**

## Long Itchington Flickr Group

A group has recently been set up on Flickr that will enable residents to share images of what they like or find interesting about living in Long Itchington. The group is called '**Long Itchington Life and Land**' and can be found by entering the following address: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/4515979@N21/>.

Everyone is invited to join since it will only work if we get perspectives from as many residents as possible. The idea of the group is to upload images that mean something to you; they should be within the Parish Boundary and can be of People, Places, Landscapes, Wildlife – anything that interests you.

## 'A wildflower that's waitin' on a sunny day' (guided walks)

There are plenty of guided walks to take part in over the next two months, coming shortly is the Cubbington Pear Tree walk, meeting at the pond at 11.00am on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. The walk will go through ancient woodland scheduled to be felled for HS2. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June there is a circular walk around Bascote, meeting at the pond at 11.15am.

Finally, a provisional date for the popular Orchid walk is planned for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June meeting at the pond at 6.00pm. The date may change due to the unpredictable nature of the weather. For further information keep an eye on the noticeboards, [www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk) or phone: ~ 815119

## Swing dance

Dig out your vintage gear, comfy shoes and dance the night away at the Community Centre on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 7.30pm onwards, with live music from Betsy Harmony all in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Food and drink available on the night, tickets available soon. For more information contact Maureen Mann on: ~ 07368 411837

Welcome to any new-comers to the village, and to all who may not know how to find us, we are on the corner of Church Road and Orchard Way.

Check carefully the dates and times of the services. Nothing stays the same. For regular services see page 2.

**The following are our special services, which are also open to all:**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost and Rededication Service at 3.30pm, and on July 15<sup>th</sup>, we have our Chapel Anniversary with the Windmill Singers choir, at 3.30pm followed by tea.

For more information, please contact Marion Hartwell on: ~ 425999 or: 07812 804924.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering group have been using all the information gathered from consultations with local organisations and businesses, and from the parish questionnaire that so many of you completed, to formulate draft policies. We have met with our Neighbourhood Plan expert from Avon Planning Services to make sure our policies will be robust and to receive advice on what evidence to include and how to present it effectively.

We aim to hold a meeting in public every month, alternating between daytime in the Community Centre and evening in one of the pubs. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings to observe. Meetings are advertised via email link and the LIPC Facebook page, or phone Sally on: ~ 813423.

Everyone will be able to have their say about the final draft and to ultimately vote on whether it should be adopted. It is our plan, our community and our future.

## Long Itchington Brownies

The brownies are in full 'Royal Wedding' swing, with the girls working on a very special Royal Wedding Challenge badge during the summer term. They will be designing wedding dresses, making bunting and raising money for our charity of the year, Molly Olly's Wishes.

On the day of the wedding, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, the brownies will be running a tea party at the Spinney Fields Sales Office from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Tea and cakes will be on sale and there will be some games to occupy the children. Please do join us!

We have spaces available for girls aged 7-10 years so please email: [longitchbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:longitchbrownies@gmail.com) if you know a girl who may be interested in joining us.

## Vintage Fayre

Due to the great success of last year's Vintage and Craft Fayre, another one will be held this year at Long Itchington Community Centre on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1.00pm – 5.00pm.

Join us for a Prosecco cream tea, have a go on the tombola and browse the many stalls selling crafts, vintage furniture, plants, art, cakes and much more! Donations for the tombola would be gratefully received. Contact Safi on: ~ 819056.

Our Thursday afternoon teas are now every week and everyone is welcome, so please feel free to pop into the Church and enjoy a cuppa and share fellowship, it would be lovely to see you.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 'Trinity Sunday' the Church holds its patronal festival, starting at 9.30am, this will be followed by tea, coffee and cakes in support of Christian Aid week, come and join us.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June is our next 'Messy Church', fun for children and families, so come along and let's get messy! Finally, if you are considering a church wedding or want to know more about booking a baptism/christening, please contact Revd. Jane Everitt on: ~ 717909.

Special services

20 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost – 'Said' Holy Communion Service, 9.30am – 10.00am
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Trinity Sunday, Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Church, Holy Communion 9.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> June	'Messy' Church in Holy Trinity Church, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Holy Trinity Church does not currently have a website. For information about events, contact the Church Wardens:

Sue Myhill – email: [psmyhill@btinternet.com](mailto:psmyhill@btinternet.com) or phone: ~ 814050

Maureen Mitchell – email: [maureen@mmts-itd.co.uk](mailto:maureen@mmts-itd.co.uk) or phone: ~ 815255

## Long Itchington Carnival

Not long to go! Arrangements are going well for Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and we are looking forward to a successful day. Anyone who is still thinking of putting in a float please get in touch. Could anyone who has a shield or trophy from previous years please return them to a member of the committee before the carnival.

All floats need to start assembling from 12.00noon by the Harvester pub. The Carnival will open at 1.45pm at the Community Centre. This year our PA system will be provided by 'Will Ball Music', Professional Musician, Singer Songwriter and Guitarist, who is donating this service for free.

There is still time to contribute with either a raffle prize or a cake donation for our tea; or to help set up on the day. Raffle tickets and programmes will be at your door very soon. **PLEASE** do support the event this year.

**APPEAL!** *Anyone who has been a previous Carnival Queen and would like to take part this year, we have a number of three wheeler motorbikes taking part in the procession who are willing to transport you in the parade to the Community Centre. It doesn't matter if it was three years ago or 33 years ago – we would love to see you!*

For more information contact Jayne Clark on: ~ 812404 or at: [j.a.clark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j.a.clark@hotmail.co.uk)

## Anyone for Tennis?

The new season has started and we have social tennis on Saturday mornings from 10.00am and Monday evenings from 5.30pm. Players of any standard are welcome. For further details contact Christine Williams on: ~ 811143

## Long Itchington Cricket Club fixtures and news

### SATURDAY 1ST XI

#### PREMIER DIVISION COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE (HOME GAMES)

19 <sup>th</sup> May	Overbury
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Leek Wootton
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Shipston on Stour
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Tanworth in Arden
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Exhall & Wixford

All other fixtures can be found at  
[www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk](http://www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk)

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** BBQ and live band at cricket ground; tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the gate, from 7.30pm onwards (please bring your own drinks), phone Nick Brooks on: ~ 07737 101671

### War Memorial Update

The War Memorial Group (WARMLI) is pleased to confirm that Stratford District Council have granted planning permission for the war memorial on The Green. The memorial has now been ordered and construction is scheduled to take place later in the summer on the piece of land near the Beechcroft wall between the postbox and the bus shelter (avoiding the canopy of the lime trees).

The plan is to hold a series of events in October including a dedication ceremony on Saturday 27 October to coincide with the official launch of the 2018 poppy appeal. A silver band concert will be held in the Church on the evening of Saturday 27 October. Discussions will also be taking place with the Church and other groups regarding the marking of Remembrance Sunday on 11 November. Further information providing details about all the various events will be published nearer the time.

### Primary School news

The governors of Long Itchington primary school are delighted to announce the appointment of Alison Hine as the next Executive Headteacher of the collaboration between Long Itchington CE Primary and Southam St. James CE Primary, following Mrs. King's retirement at the end of the academic year in August 2018.

Alison is a passionate leader who is committed to providing the best education possible for all the children within the collaboration. She is looking forward to working with Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Palmizi who will continue in their roles as Heads of School.

After a period of consultation, the governors have also taken the decision to join Coventry Diocese Multi-Academy Trust. The legal processes for this to happen are currently being undertaken with a view to become an Academy in the autumn term (September 2018).

## Farming Notes by Tony Grimes

Strange things have been happening down the Leamington Road going out of Long Itchington at night. Every three or four months a large section of our roadside hedge disappears. Nobody ever sees anything; no ambulance or police car, no flashing lights. Nobody comes down the next day to offer to replant the hedge, no insurance company contacts you; the police do nothing – we have drawn a complete blank. I am beginning to think it could possibly be Martians, perhaps trying to land a spacecraft on the road and making a bit of a hash of it, although even they haven't contacted me.

Somebody I used to know would, I am sure, have the answer. Unfortunately, he died many years' ago. His name was Bert Turner and he lived in a cottage by the pit called (rather grandly) Lake View. Older locals will remember that the pit is now generally called the pond. He was a very interesting character who used to take his dog for a walk every day. Nothing remarkable in that you would think, but he had a very ingenious way of achieving this. He would get in his car to drive to the Hunningham turn and back, with the dog running alongside. The dog was very fit but not Bert. Can you imagine trying to achieve this particular manoeuvre nowadays?

### High Speed Wi-Fi broadband

Our district councillor, Dave Riches has been successful in securing £550k to enable Wi-Fi broadband to be installed in remote parts of the district. If you have difficulty achieving usable broadband speeds you can apply to Stratford District council via the LI Parish Council.

### Community Centre 100 Club

Plans are afoot to resurrect the very successful 100 Club, raising much needed funds for the Community Centre. Members pay £1 per month, committing to a year's membership at a total of £12. Draws take place monthly with each prize amount varying according to the number of members. Please contact Linda for more information: ~ 814255.

### Facebook page

The Parish Council has just created a Facebook page – "Long Itchington Parish Council", where you can view a short video summarising what's been going on over the past year.

### New email for diary articles

A dedicated email address for submission of articles to the Long Itchington Diary has been created. All future articles for consideration from contributors should be sent to:

[lipcdiary@gmail.com](mailto:lipcdiary@gmail.com)

### 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 Friday between 9.30am – 11.30am** 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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