



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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### Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will  
run from:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
– Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January

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## Housing update

The latest position on housing is as follows:

- 150 houses will be built next to the school over a period of 4 – 5 years;
- 58 houses will be built on the Marton Road Farm site in the next few years.

The proposal to build 85 houses on the field opposite the school and down to the canal (Cemex land) is going to an appeal, having been refused by Stratford District Council planning committee – to be decided in December. If you wish to have your say on this please contact Barbara on [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com).

The Collingham Lane housing proposal has not yet been decided.

A **new planning application** for 45 dwellings on the Allen Ford site is currently open for residents to comment on. It is not yet decided and your views count. The planning application number is 15/02637/OUT and you can either write to Stratford District Council or send comments via their website.

For more information please either phone Liz Bonney on 815216 or look on the website [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)

## Film Nights

The film group continues to be successful with a sell-out for 'Paddington'.

The **next film night will be on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Community Centre, when we will be showing "Pride", starring Bill Nighy & Imelda Staunton.

Wine & beer available to purchase.

Tickets are £5 from 814921 / 817734 or by email: [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com)

## Speed Gun Training

Training of several volunteers will be taking place in the next few weeks and we will then have access to a speed gun for use in and around the village.

Watch this space and watch your speed!!

## Post boxes

After much cajoling the post boxes in the centre of the village and in Bascote have been replaced.

## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Anyone wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council can contact the Parish Clerk, Liz Bonney ~ 815216

We welcome residents from all walks of life who wish to make a contribution. No experience necessary.

## Youth shelter on the move

Having taken on board residents' concerns about the placement of the youth shelter, the Parish Council has agreed to move it to a preferred location near the skateboard ramp.

This is a big task and we need your help, we plan to start at 9:00am Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September (weather permitting) and we would welcome people to help with tasks such as breaking out the shelter, digging and transporting the concrete. Please bring any suitable tools or useful equipment.

Contact Liz on: ~ 815216 if you would like to help or find out more.

## Emergency planning

We are in the process of updating our records in case of an emergency, like a flood. If you have a four-by-four or a land rover or similar which could help during an emergency please let us know. We are also keen to hear from residents who have up to date First Aid qualifications.

Please contact Liz Bonney ~ 815216;  
[liparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:liparishcouncil@btconnect.com).

## Bus shelter – Short Lane

We are delighted to let you know that the bus shelter at Short Lane has been ordered and will be fitted in the next few weeks.

## LI charity calendar 2016

The 2016 nostalgic black and white calendar will be on sale at the Christmas Card Sale in the Church in November. We will be displaying the pictures online and at the Community Centre during October.

If you would like to pre-order please ring Barbara on: ~ 814921.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	WI: Technology to Challenge Poverty, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	District and Parish Council Surgery, Holy Trinity, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre,
Tue	29 <sup>th</sup>	LI Brownies Charity Bingo Night, Community Centre, 6.15pm
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for LIEF and Carnival Committee grant applications

### OCTOBER

Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Launch of the Neighbourhood Plan, Community Centre, 10.30am
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	History Group "Victorian Schools", Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	WI: Climbing Back, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Club presentation evening, 7.30pm

### NOVEMBER

Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Christmas card sale, Holy Trinity, 10.00am – 12noon
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	Service of Remembrance, Holy Trinity, 9.30am
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	History Group, <i>Talk by John Shenkman</i> , Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Club Rummage Sale, Community Centre, 2.00pm
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Bingo, Galanos House, 7.30pm

#### Regular events:

Yoga – every Monday at the Primary School at 7.30pm  
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  
Pilates – every Wednesday at the Primary School at 7.30pm  
Yoga – Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (term time) at the Community Centre

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – launch of the Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans are a way of influencing how you want the parish of Long Itchington to look in 2030 in terms of housing (types, location etc), employment, leisure facilities, open spaces, roads and communication links.

To give you an opportunity to tell us what you think, we will be holding events over the coming year, starting with Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Community Centre from 10.30am. Please come along, share your ideas and help create a vision for the future.

## Cricket Club Annual Rummage Sale

14<sup>th</sup> November  
at the Community Centre

Doors open at 2.00pm.

All donations to be delivered to the Community Centre from 10.00am.

Any items that need collecting please contact Andy Crump on: 07899 904189 or Steve Crosthwaite on: 07540 969547

## HOLD THE DATE...

### DECEMBER

Cricket Club Annual Christmas Quiz at the Community Centre – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Doors open from 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. If you want to enter a team please contact Steve Mitchell at: [mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk) or on: 07717 213182.

Christmas Tree Festival, Holy Trinity Church, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### JANUARY

New Years' Day Walk – meet at the Green Man at 11.00am.

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

### Regular events at Holy Trinity Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Family Service, 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 other events see: <http://www.thefeldongroup.org.uk/longitchington.html#services>

### Regular events at the Chapel

Evening Worship – 6.15pm every Sunday (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – no service)  
Bible Study – 10.45am on Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Oct and Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
Women's Hour – 2.30pm on Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct (AGM), Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Café Church – 10.00am on Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Oct  
PILOTS for children aged 4+ meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm in term time  
Coffee Drop-In, New4U Sale – 10.30am on Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Oct and Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Time for Prayer – 10.00am–10.45am on Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Oct and Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

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

## Charity Christmas card sale

A sale will be held in the Church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, for Christmas cards, calendars and other crafts from 10.00am – 12.00noon.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

In support of Macmillan nurses.  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
9.00am - 2.00noon  
Community Centre

## Cricket Club Annual Presentation Dinner

Leamington & County Golf Club  
October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Further information and tickets from Amanda Foster on 815432

## CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

Autumn is quite a busy time at the Chapel so I'm highlighting some of the events that readers might be interested in. You will see the full list in the diary on page 2.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm is our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**. A traditional Harvest Festival - fruit and vegetables will be sold for Christian Aid.

The service will be followed by light refreshments. Non-perishables will be donated to the Southam Food Bank.

**The Harvest Supper** is on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm.

**The Annual Quiz and Supper** will be on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm at the Community Centre.

This is also the time when we gather in the SHOE BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

**The Blessing Service with a DVD** showing children receiving the boxes is on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm followed by light refreshments.

**All are welcome** to any Chapel events and services.

Contact Marion on: 07812 804924 for further information.

### Leave Our Village Alone campaign

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the Leave Our Village Alone campaign, especially those who came to be photographed by the Courier newspaper to highlight all the recent planning applications in the village.

Keep updated via our website: [leaveourvillagealone.co.uk](http://leaveourvillagealone.co.uk)

### Ramble on

Thank you to everyone who came to the two most recent walks where we saw wild orchids and make our way back to Long Itchington using local Rights of Way.

Next walk is on **Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>**; meet at 11.00am at the Pond. It will take about 2 hours. This walk will make use of part of the Blue Lias network of paths heading out towards Birdingbury before returning to the village.

We are currently reviewing our work for this year including maintaining the Rights of Way and the walks that have been organised. Any suggestions would be most welcome. If you have time to help with some maintenance work or with any walks – car drivers to help with linear walks would be particularly welcome – then please let us know.

Further information can be found on the footpaths web pages of the village web site and on [www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk)

In addition you can contact Brian Smith on: ~ 815119 or email: [longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com)

### Community Centre 100 Club

We now have 187 members! Prize money for 2015 totals £1170 (including the £100 Super Draw in December). £1048 is set aside for Community Centre use to replenish capital funds. A big "thank you" to all our members. New members for 2016 warmly welcomed – contact Jeff on 817734. It costs just £1 per month to join.

## CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

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

### Thursday Teas

Our summer season of weekly Thursday Teas ends on 24<sup>th</sup> September, but we will continue through the winter on the last Thursday of each month. The next one after this will be 29<sup>th</sup> October. There will not be one in December.

### Tim and Frances – update

Tim and Frances have finally settled in to their new home in Cromer at 49, Clifton Park, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9BG.

### Harvest Festival and supper

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am. Harvest Supper is on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Contact Sue Myhill: ~ 814050.

### Safari Supper

Safari Supper has been postponed until early next year.

### Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

A reminder that contacts are now:

- Weddings: Churchwardens: ~ 814050 / 815255
- Baptisms: Louise in Parish Office: 07955 184495
- Funerals: Funeral director

### Bonfire Night 2015

Long Itchington bonfire night will be back again this year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Green Man.

Further information will be on village noticeboards closer to the date.

We're always looking for volunteers, so any village organisations that is seeking a charity donation, or any individuals who would like free entry to the event in return for helping out, please get in touch with Nathan Wells on: ~ 07584 573073.

### Deadlines for LIEF and Parish Council Grant Applications

#### LIEF Grants

A final reminder that applications for grants from the Long Itchington Educational Foundation should be sent to Peter Myhill (tel: ~ 814443) by **30<sup>th</sup> September**.

Full details on eligibility and how to apply are on the Long Itchington Parish Council web site at: <http://www.longitchington.org.uk/activities/l-i-e-f/>

#### Parish Council Grants

Any village organisation wishing to request a grant from the Parish Council should make the request in writing, with details of its purpose by **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September** so a decision can be made at the October meeting.

Call the Parish Clerk, Liz Bonney, on: ~ 815216 for further information.



## LI Brownies Bingo night

Long Itchington Brownies are holding a Bingo night to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from 6.15pm -7.30pm at the Community Centre.

Entry is £1 per person and there will be a raffle as well. All welcome.

### 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 in the 2015/16 school year. Please contact pre-school for more information on: ~ 811400 or email –

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

To find out more visit our website at: ~

[www.longitchingtonpreschool.org](http://www.longitchingtonpreschool.org)

## Flu Vaccination Clinics 2015

**Southam Surgery, Stowe Drive, Southam**

Flu vaccinations will be available from October to all our patients over the age of 65 and/or suffering with the following conditions – asthma, COPD, diabetes, kidney problems, heart problems, immunosuppressed or pregnant.

Saturday morning clinics will be held at the surgery on **3<sup>rd</sup> October** and **10<sup>th</sup> October** between 8.30am-12.00noon.

To make an appointment please telephone: ~ 815842. If you have any queries, please contact the surgery.

We will also be holding clinics at the following dates and locations:

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Stockton Village Hall 9.00am-11.00am, no appointment necessary.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Napton Village Hall 9.00am-10.00am, no appointment necessary

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Long Itchington Community Centre 9.00am-11.00am, no appointment necessary.

## Electric blanket testing

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is providing FREE electric blanket testing for over-50s living in Warwickshire and will be at Leamington Spa Library on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Book today by calling the Trading Standards Service on: ~ 414016 between 9.00am – 5.00pm or by emailing: [ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## Farming notes by Tony Grimes

The harvest has come to a stop after several days of rain; we still have 60 acres of winter beans to combine, but we shall have to be patient, which is difficult at this time of year. We have just managed to plant our Oilseed rape between the showers. Yields this harvest have been slightly above average which has surprised us; we were expecting lower yields because of a dry, hot July.

Whilst looking through several old suitcases of family photos I came across a newspaper article about the visits of Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> to “*Itchington*” in 1572 to 1575. The article was by local historian Mary Dormer Harris. The paper was the Coventry Herald, which I have never heard of, and it was dated the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1936.

Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> was well known for travelling around the Coventry area with a very large entourage of people, who would go ahead to erect tents, cook meals and arrange entertainments such as hunting etc. There has always been conjecture as to which village and which house she stayed in.

She made two visits to “*Itchington*”. The first was on her way to Warwick Castle in August 1572 and the second to Kenilworth in 1575. The 1572 visit was definitely Bishops Itchington as records show an Edward Fisher living in the manor House there. And she definitely stayed with an Edward Fisher.

The 1575 visit to Kenilworth was, therefore, to Long Itchington. Whitehall Farm was owned at the time by Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, a great favourite of the Queen, so it would have been the obvious place to break her journey.

To quote from the newspaper article:

*“She was entertained by Leicester in a tent, which for and shift of large and goodly rooms might be comparable with a beautiful palace... the erection was so spacious that it had seven cartloads of pins... After feasting her Majesty went a hunting, so that the summer day was drawing in by the time she could receive her welcome at Kenilworth.”*

## Keeping paths and footpaths clear

Please ensure that any overhanging branches from your property do not impede footpaths and pavements. Just a quick trim can help walkers and people using mobility aids to get around the village more easily.

## Stay in touch with what's going on

If you would like to keep in touch with current community affairs and receive instant updates on housing, policing, roads and much, much more sign up for email alerts by emailing: [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.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 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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