



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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run from:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
– Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
November

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## Public Meeting about the Neighbourhood Plan

**26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**

A public meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July is your chance to learn the results of the questionnaire so many of you filled in last year and to understand the Neighbourhood Plan process going forward.

From these results, we will be presenting some policy areas for the parish – we need your views on these, so please do come along. The completed plan will reflect the views of the community and give further protection against opportunistic and large-scale development.

## Antisocial Behaviour causes damage

There have been at least two instances of serious anti-social behaviour, resulting in a lot of damage to equipment and facilities at the Green End field and at the LILAC field.

The cost to the parish has now exceeded £1000 with picnic benches demolished and graffiti all over the skateboard ramp. Not to mention glass and drug paraphernalia left where a child or pet could harm themselves.

The Parish Council is investigating the installation of CCTV cameras in these locations.

You can also help by reminding children and young people that their behaviour has consequences for all of us.

If we learn who is to blame we will not hesitate in taking action.

If you see instances of anti-social behaviour, please report it to 999 or, after the event, to 101. And please also tell the Parish Council.

## Noise nuisance and playground safety

The Parish Council has been contacted recently by residents affected by noise from bands playing at local pubs – if you have been affected then please report it to the Environmental Health team at Stratford District Council on: 01789 260835 or by emailing: [envhealth@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

In response to separate concerns about safety and inappropriate behaviour in the village playgrounds, the Parish Council will look at commissioning a risk review.

## The Long Itchington Memorial Garden is now open

Long Itchington residents regularly ask the Parish Council if they can have a dedication to the memory of a loved one somewhere in the village. Whilst these requests have always been accommodated willingly, suitable locations have become limited so the Parish Council asked the LILAC team if they could create a Memorial Garden.

Last year the team developed the design for the Garden, which enabled them to secure a grant from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme to cover the costs of groundworks and building the central structure – the Parish Council provided the additional funding for the plants and seating.

Long Itchington's new Memorial Garden is situated in the north-west corner of the LILAC field. With the seating installed and the final planting completed the Garden is now open.

If you wish to order a plaque to be fitted to the memorial wall and / or a tree or shrub to be added to the garden, please contact the Parish Council Office for further details.

## New defibrillators installed

The Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are now installed outside The Harvester and the Shop, Leigh Crescent.

A big 'thank you' to Simon and to Gita for allowing their premises to be used.

If you require use of a defibrillator, you will be given an access code on dialling 999. The operator will talk you through what to do.

Please then let us know what has happened at the earliest opportunity by ringing the Parish Council Office on: ~ 815216.

**First aid training:** if you are interested in going on the register of assisters, or having Basic First Aid training, including a demo of the new AEDs, contact the Parish Council.

## HS2 meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> September

**10.00am-12noon at the Community Centre**

We have invited HS2 to come and speak to our residents regarding what will be happening when work commences.

This is your opportunity to listen and ask questions regarding road closures, lorry movements and other issues.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Vintage hair and make-up, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Charity garage sale at the Old School House, The Square, 10.00am
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Charity garage sale – see above for details
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Junior Anniversary Event, Cricket Club, 1.00pm
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Neighbourhood Plan public meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

### AUGUST

Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club: Bingo, Community Centre, 2.30pm; open to all
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	Perseid Meteor Shower Walk, meet at pond, 9.30pm
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Vice President's Day, Stonebridge Lane, 2.30pm
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	WI: Summer Surprise, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fete, Galanos House, 2.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Full Harvest Moon Walk, meet at pond, 7.45pm
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Scarecrow Festival
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	Scarecrow Festival and Fruit & Veg Show – see insert
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	History Group: Midland Murders, Community Centre, 7.30pm Wednesday Club: Outing – to be arranged
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	WI: Life of a Canal Boatman's Wife, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	HS2 Meeting, Community Centre, 10.00 – 12 noon
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church, Holy Trinity
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for LIEF Committee grant applications

#### 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  
Guided walks (1 hour) – every Friday, meet at The Pond at 9.00am

## 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

Please note service on July 30<sup>th</sup> will be at Marston not Holy Trinity

To contact Holy Trinity please email: [psmyhill@btinternet.com](mailto:psmyhill@btinternet.com) or phone ~ 814050  
Please note there is no website at present.

### Regular events at the Chapel

These continue as normal; please see the Chapel magazine for details.  
Or go to <http://www.longitchingtoncongregationalchurch.org.uk>

#### Special services:

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival, at 10.00am and at 6.15pm  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Anniversary Service and tea with Windmill Singers 3.30pm

## Cricket Fixtures

### SATURDAY 1ST XI PREMIER DIVISION COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE (HOME GAMES)

22/07	Shipston on Stour	Home
29/07	Catherine de Barnes	Away
05/08	Alcester & Ragley	Home
12/08	Leek Wootton	Away
19/08	Tanworth/Camp Hill	Home
26/08	Leamington III	Away
02/09	Norton Lindsey	Home

All fixtures start at 1.30pm – see:  
[www.cotswold-hills-league.org](http://www.cotswold-hills-league.org) for  
details of Sunday fixtures.

## Fruit & Veg Show at The Green Man

This year the show is to be held at the Green Man on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the enclosed sheet with the schedule. It would be great to see lots of entries at the new venue. If you have any questions please ring Dave Williams on ~ 812573

## Scarecrow Festival and Competition

Start thinking about what scarecrow you're going to make for the Scarecrow Festival on the weekend of 9th - 10th September. £3 to enter your scarecrow, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and for the person who spots the most scarecrows. All proceeds to the Community Centre. More details on the inserted sheet within the diary. For more information please email Emma at ~ [red.inglefield@btinternet.com](mailto:red.inglefield@btinternet.com)

## Long Itchington Tennis

Friendly club sessions every week, new players always welcome.

Membership works out at less than £1 / week for adults (or £16 / year for juniors), which includes access to play any time. Professional coaching available.

See [www.litca.co.uk](http://www.litca.co.uk) for details, or call Christine on ~ 811143.

## CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

On Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Services will be at 10.00 am & at 6.15 pm.

Food suitable for Leamington Christian Mission can be donated and/or fruit and vegetables which will be sold for Christian Aid.

On July 16<sup>th</sup> we have an anniversary event and welcome the Windmill Singers at 3.30pm.

We are also asking for children's T-shirts, shoes & trainers. These will be sent to some of the poorest children in Guyana. If you can help with this appeal please contact me or give them to someone you know who is a member there.

We wish all of you who are taking a holiday, safe travelling and a refreshing break.

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### Catch a fallin' star

The next themed event will be the Perseid Meteor Shower Walk on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at The Pond at 9.30pm, and the walk is expected to take about two hours.

The following month we are again offering a Full Harvest Moon Walk meeting at The Pond on September 6<sup>th</sup> for a 7.45pm start and lasting approximately two hours.

We also walk in daylight! If you have an hour to spare on Friday mornings then join us at The Pond at 9.00am.

For further information visit the website [www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk) or email: [longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com) or phone ~ 815119.

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### Long Itchington pre-school

#### Volunteer Committee Members Needed

Our Preschool is run by a group of parent volunteers... our current committee of parent volunteers are getting ready to step down. To continue we need new volunteers. Please leave your contact details with Max if you are interested.

#### 30 hours free childcare for working parents

As of September 2017, we can offer 30 hours free childcare to eligible families. These places are limited. Parents not eligible for the 30 hours can still claim 15 hours childcare as before. To learn more, go to: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

#### Sports day and school leavers' party

This will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am-9:45am, followed by the pre-school leavers' party. Staff and committee trustees would like to wish all the children who are making the transition into primary school to continue their education lots of luck for their onward learning journey in September.

#### Register to secure your child's pre-school place

We have availability for children aged 2 years 9 months up to school age. Register now. And don't forget your child is entitled to 15 free funded hours from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. For more information call: ~ 811400 or email: [preschoollongitchington@gmail.com](mailto:preschoollongitchington@gmail.com), or visit our website at: [www.longitchingtonpreschool.org](http://www.longitchingtonpreschool.org).

## CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

*By Terry Morris (Lay Reader)*

### SALE OF GLEBE LAND

The sale of Church Commissioners' Glebe Land in the village is being considered by Coventry Diocese for development. It consists of two large areas, one between Leamington Road (near Russell Close), and Marton Road (Near Hill House), and another between Shepherd Close/Leather Street and Model Village. Holy Trinity PCC supports local choice and local need and are strongly opposed to potential large developments of four and five-bedroom houses. We will be making an objection to the Diocese. There is a petition against the proposal at the back of the church.

### Myths and Misinformation

Many of you will have read about the Church Commissioners' intentions regarding sale of lands in the Parish. There are some untrue rumours circulating.

The Parish Council wishes to make it clear that it wholeheartedly supports the wishes of Holy Trinity in resisting the sale and development of Glebe land. There is no truth in the rumour that Stratford District Council (SDC) supports this sale. No planning permissions have either been sought or granted for this land. Currently, there is a firm 5-year housing supply and a Core Strategy which preclude development on these lands. Anyone saying otherwise is misinformed.

Currently there is a proposal by SDC to draw a virtual black line around the settlement of Long Itchington village preventing any further development outside it during the lifetime of the Core Strategy.

The Neighbourhood Plan team are striving to complete their work which would give Long Itchington further protections against opportunistic and large-scale development if that is what the community wants.

To learn more please attend the meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> and/or email [liparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:liparishcouncil@btconnect.com) and ask.

### Vintage Fayre success

This year's new venture, raised over £600 for Community Centre funds. It was enjoyed by many people from far and wide. A huge thank you to all who helped and who took part, especially the ladies serving the 125+ cream teas and the three very helpful children who cleared the tables.

### Wildflower meadow

Did you know that we have a small section of wildflower meadow in the village? It is located in the far corner of the LILAC field and at present there are about twelve species of wildflower flourishing including Cornflower, Yellow Rattle, Sorrell, Corn Marigold, Wild Carrot, Meadow Buttercup and Field Poppies.

You will also see butterflies, bees, moths, ladybird larvae and lots of insects that you probably have never seen before. Why not take a look?



## 'Thanks' from the Brownies

A HUGE 'thank you' to everyone who has supported the Brownies raising money for our nominated Charity of the Year – Acorns Children's Hospice.

We raised an incredible £310 through holding a Beetle drive, collections, a Bingo night and doing Good Turns. A representative of the Charity came along to one of our meetings to accept the cheque. They were so pleased and very grateful.

Another 'thank you' to everyone who came along to our Teas at Church where we raised another £144 for the WARMLI appeal. The girls worked really hard serving teas and cake and washing up all afternoon!

An amazing effort from everyone involved.

We will have vacancies from September so if you have a daughter aged 7 -10 years who would like to come along, get involved in village activities and have some fun please do get in touch at: [longitchbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:longitchbrownies@gmail.com).

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## The Green End Toilets and Sports Pavilion – volunteers needed

It's clear to anyone who uses the Public Toilets and Sports Pavilion at Green End that they are in a poor structural condition and in need of either serious refurbishment or a complete rebuild.

To undertake either option is a considerable project that requires expertise across a range of different skill sets.

To move this project forward, the Parish Council is seeking to form a working party of local residents to explore, detail and present the best options and to then support the ongoing works.

All volunteers for this project are welcome, particularly if you have expertise in any of the following areas:

- Construction / Contract Management / Project Management / Design / Architectural / Quantity Surveying
- Knowledge of Sports requirements
- Fund raising
- Facility Management
- Plumbing / Electrical

Please contact the Parish Council Office if you are willing to join this Working Group.

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## Calling all painters and decorators!

The Community Centre Management Committee is considering a number of options to refresh the internal appearance of the Community Centre, based on feedback from members of the community.

If you are a painter and decorator and could advise them on what could be done and give an idea of cost please contact the Parish Council Office in the first instance.

## Village Carnival 2017

A **BIG** thank you for supporting our Carnival in May, and to all the helpers; it was a happy and fun day.

Please note next year we are trialing a new date – Sunday 8th July, we hope to see you there! We need many more volunteers, to help beforehand, on the day and / or as committee members. Please contact us or come along and see us at to our next meeting 7.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We'd love to see you.

Applications are invited from organisations that had floats or stalls at this year's event for a Carnival "grant".

Please apply to Keith on: ~ 810488 by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Monies will be distributed at the Carnival awards social evening on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Green Man, more details in the next Long Itchington Diary.

## Education grants – apply now

The Trustees of the Long Itchington Educational Foundation (LIEF) are again inviting grant applications from young people from Long Itchington parish who are studying in higher education and in vocational courses.

If you have been accepted on a course at college or university for 2017-18 you may well be eligible. Students on GCSE and A level courses should not apply.

Applicants should be under 25 at 1st September 2017.

In order to get more details and application form, go to: <http://www.longitchington.org.uk/activities/interest-groups/l-i-e-f/>

Send completed forms to Peter Myhill (tel: ~ 814443).

**Closing date for applications is 30th September 2017.**

## Street Lights - we need your help

Please help us by checking on your local street lights. If you notice a street light is not working, please contact the Parish Clerks so that it can be reported straightaway and repaired. Contact details are:

[liparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:liparishcouncil@btconnect.com) or tel: ~ 815216

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## Mrs Lilian Clough

The family of Mrs Lilian Clough would like to thank all those people who send cards and condolences during and after her illness, we were overwhelmed by how many we received and humbled by the amount of friends who attended her funeral. She is now at peace.

*Alison Watt and Noel Clough*

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## 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 planning applications relating to the village can be viewed there, although making an appointment is advisable to ensure the plans are on site. Opening hours will be limited over the summer, so please phone and leave a message or email and someone will get back to you.

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