



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 11th November
– Saturday 20th January

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Monday 30 October

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Flood Action Group Meeting

Have you been affected by flooding? Are you concerned about your flood risk?

If yes, please come along to the National Flood Forum to discuss how we can support you to try to resolve flooding issues and reduce flood risk in Long Itchington.

The first Flood Action Group meeting is being held on **Monday 25th September at 7.00pm** in the Green Man pub, Long Itchington.

Come and have your say, be listened to, and share your ideas.

It will be an informal meeting. We welcome interested and concerned residents and businesses, or anyone who wants to know more.

For more information contact Rebecca Boulton on: 07518 430290 or rebecca.boulton@floodforum.org.uk

HS2 Meeting – postponed until October 21st

The forthcoming HS2 meeting has been postponed until **October 21st**.

The key speaker could not make the meeting due to personal reasons. The meeting **will now start at 2.00pm at the Community Centre**.

You will be able to meet representatives of HS2; there will be a presentation of the latest plans for the initial construction phase and the opportunity to ask questions.

If you prefer, please send questions in advance to liparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

Free First-Aid Training

Free first-aid training is available for residents who want to help others use the AEDs recently installed at the Shop in Leigh Crescent and at the Harvester pub. Contact the Parish Council if you are interested.

Delay to Spinney Fields Car Park Build

The intricacies of the legal process, which are out of our control, have delayed the build of a roadway between the new Spinney Fields car park and the school car park. We are working hard to resolve matters and get the car park up and running as soon as possible.

Vandalism in the Village

There have been many incidents of vandalism in the parish this summer; mostly low-level anti-social behaviour, but nonetheless very costly to the community. Picnic tables and benches damaged, bins set on fire, graffiti to the skateboard ramp, dangerous glass left on the Green End field and LILAC field etc...

This year the Parish Council is facing a bill in excess of £1000 to put matters right.

Please report crime

However small or large it is important that all incidents of anti-social behaviour and crimes are reported to the Police. It helps them to build up a picture. If we don't report things, there will be a perception that the village has no problems and we won't be able to make a case for needing additional police support.

If the incident has already happened then dial 101. If it is an emergency or a crime is in progress dial 999.

Please Park Considerately

Once again, some residents have been in contact to tell us that inconsiderate parking has led to wheelchair-users and parents pushing buggies having to use the roads rather than the pavements, putting themselves and young children in danger.

Please park considerately in the village – not on the pavements. There have been particular problems in Green End, Bascote Road, Leamington Road and Leigh Crescent.

Five Year Housing Supply

The most recent calculation for the housing supply in Stratford District 01/04/17 – 31/03/22 is 6.67 years.

This means that enough dwellings are being built to fulfil the housing needs of the District.

If we didn't have a minimum of a five year housing supply planning officers would be significantly less able to resist all but the most inappropriate housing. This should protect us from unwanted development at the moment.

Parish Council Grants

Local organisations are invited to apply for a grant from the Parish Council. The deadline is 30th October.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wed	20 th	WI: Life of a Canal Boatman, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	21 st	Carnival Committee meeting, Buck & Bell, 7.30pm
Sat	23 rd	Wildlife activity day, Bascote Road, 2.00pm
Mon	25 th	Flood Action Group meeting, The Green Man, 7.00pm
Fri	29 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 9.00am – 12noon
Sat	30 th	Deadline for LIEF grant applications (see page 3)

OCTOBER

Mon	2 nd	Pre-school AGM, Community Centre, 8.00pm
Wed	4 th	Parish Council meeting Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri	13 th	Pre-school Witches and Wizards party, Community Centre, 6.00pm
Wed	18 th	WI: A Crash Course in Resilience, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	21 st	HS2 meeting, Community Centre, 2.00pm
Sun	29 th	Local History Walk, meet at the Pond at 11.00am
Mon	30 th	Deadline for Parish Council Grants – contact: ~ 815216 Youth Club re-opens

NOVEMBER

Wed	1 st	Parish Council meeting Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri	3 rd	Carnival awards and social evening at The Green Man
Sat	4 th	Charity Christmas card sale, Holy Trinity, 10.00am – 12noon Long Itchington Bonfire, The Green Man, bonfire lighting at 6.30pm
Sat	11 th	WARMLI – afternoon tea and evening concert, Holy Trinity Church
Wed	15 th	WI: Annual General Meeting
Fri	17 th	Film Night, 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

HOLD THE DATE...

DECEMBER

Friday 8th December – Cricket Club Annual General Knowledge Christmas Quiz at the Community Centre. Doors open from 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. To enter a team contact Steve Mitchell at: mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or on: 07717 213182.

2nd and 3rd December – Christmas Tree Festival, Holy Trinity Church

FEBRUARY

Friday 2nd February – Film Night 'La La Land', Community Centre, 7.30pm

CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

Regular events at Holy Trinity Church

1 st Sunday	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
2 nd Sunday	Family Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
3 rd Sunday	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
4 th Sunday	Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am

For other events see: <http://www.thefeldongroup.org.uk/longitchington.html#services>

Regular events at the Chapel

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month: Women's Hour at 2.30pm
1st Thursday of each month: Coffee-Drop-in and New4U Sale – 10.00am – 12noon
2nd and 4th Sunday morning: Café Service for all ages from 0 to 100+ years
Every Sunday evening except the 1st Sunday: Evening Service.
Sunday October 29th at 3.30pm: Shoe Box Blessing Service.
Tuesday October 10th Church Meeting at 2.00pm
Thursdays September 28th, October 12th and 29th: Bible Study at 10.45am.

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

Bonfire Night 2017

The 2017 Long Itchington Bonfire hosted by The Green Man will take place on **Saturday 4th November**.

The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm with fireworks at 7.00pm. Food will be available from 5.30pm.

Guy competition winners will be announced on the night. Please bring guys to The Green Man on Saturday the 4th by 12noon for judging.

If you would like to join the organising committee, or offer any time to help set-up/clean-up, then email: longitchingtonbonfire@gmail.com or leave your contact details at The Green Man.

We are purely volunteer run with all profits going back to the village

Charity Christmas card sale

A sale will be held in the Church on Saturday 4th November, for Christmas cards, calendars and other crafts from 10.00am – 12.00noon.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September
9.00am – 12.00noon
Community Centre

This annual event supports the wonderful nurses in their care of cancer patients.

Usual raffle and produce stall.
Donations of produce welcome.

Pre-school Witches and Wizards Party

Pre-school are holding a Witches and Wizards party in honour of all things magical on **Friday 13th October** (ooooo spooky!) at the LI Community Centre from 6.00 – 8.00pm. Offers of help very welcome – please talk to staff.

Film Nights are Back!

Friday 17th November – 7.30pm
at the Community Centre
'Papadopoulos and Sons'
£5 per ticket from Margaret on: ~ 814397 or Wendy on: ~ 812751.

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

I hope you have seen our Chapel door which is now a burgundy red colour to match the internal decoration.

This, however, is not the only change as except for special times of the year there will be no services, neither morning nor evening on the first Sunday of each month. The other change is that, after 28 years, the Pilots children's club is now closed for the time being.

All our services and events can be seen on our website and in the Chapel magazine, which is free to anyone who would like a copy, and in the Long Itchington Diary.

During the next two months please look out for the Harvest Supper (date to be confirmed) and the Quiz and Supper on October 27th at 7.00pm.

Get in touch: ~ 425999 or on my mobile: 07812 804924, or go to: www.longitchingtoncongregationalchurch.org.uk

Brownies

Brownies are looking forward to a term packed full of ADVENTURE! We'll be working on our Writers and Musician Badges, taking part in some engineering challenges, and rounding off this half-term with a sleepover at a soft play centre.

We'll also be holding a Halloween Party, which will be open to girls who are not Brownies, but who would like to come along to find out a bit more about Brownies and Girl Guiding in general. If your daughter would like to attend then please contact us at longitchbrownies@gmail.com.

We have vacancies for girls aged 7-10 so get in touch if your daughter would like to join our Brownies Adventure.

If I had a hammer...

During August our team of volunteers has been out cutting back vegetation, repairing stiles, litter picking and making sure footpaths are way-marked. There are always places for more volunteers so please phone: ~ 815119 or email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com to let us know your availability. In some cases, the work is beyond the scope of volunteers and we are currently talking to Warwickshire CC about some improvements we would like them to make – working alongside Long Itchington residents.

Do you walk briskly for at least 10 minutes/day?

Catch up on Friday mornings. We have a weekly Friday morning walk, for about an hour, which has age ranges from pre-10 years to post-70. We meet at the Pond at 9.00am. Find out more: www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk

Themed walks

The Meteor and Full Harvest Moon Walks were well supported. Thank you all for continuing to get involved. Our next planned event is on Sunday 29th October meeting at The Pond at 11.00am for a Local History walk.

Report a Problem

Warwickshire County Council has a new reporting procedure for any Rights of Way problems. Please use this to report issues, but in many cases it will probably be dealt with more quickly by contacting our local team of volunteers (see above for contact details).

The website map also shows the existing Rights of Way in the county: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting>

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

A new Vicar is on the horizon. Rev Jane Everitt will be joining us, although a date has still to be arranged.

Thursday Teas (2.00pm – 4.00pm) will change to the winter schedule, being on the last Thursday every month, as from the end of September.

However, All Souls Day this year falls on Thursday 2nd November, and there will be an extra Thursday Tea that day, when prayers will be said for those who have died.

If you would like someone to be remembered, write their name on a slip of paper and hand it in when you enter the church. If you cannot be there, you can let us know in advance, or get someone else to put their name in for you.

Further to the note in the last LI Diary about the proposed sale of Glebe land for housing development, the Church Council has lodged a formal objection.

Deadlines for LIEF Grant Applications

This is a final reminder that applications for grants from the Long Itchington Educational Foundation should be received by the Trustees by **30th September 2017**.

Applications are open to those on both academic and vocational courses. Details of eligibility and application forms are on the LIEF website or public notice boards.

Completed application forms should be sent to: Peter Myhill 2 Lime Croft, Church Road, Long Itchington CV47 9PG.

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/>

Baby and Toddler group

Our Baby and Toddler Group (ages 0-5 years) continues every Wednesday (term time only) at Long Itchington Community Centre between 9:30am – 11.00am.

Everybody is welcome at our friendly group. Tea and coffee, art and crafts, healthy snacks, song time and much more!

There are lots of different crafts and activities to encourage and support early development in your little ones. Snacks and drinks included in the price for children and grown-ups. The first session is free, and then it's a £2.00 donation per family.

For more information contact Jo at: jo.merrick@yahoo.com or Amy at: amymorgan12@live.co.uk

Youth Club Takes a Break

The Long Itchington Youth Club will not be opening during September and most of October due to unforeseen staffing issues.

It will re-open on Monday 30th October.

Wildlife Activity Day – come and join us!

If you have been wondering what the Bascote Road Community Nature Reserve is all about? At **2.00pm on Saturday 23rd September** you have a chance to find out.

As part of the ongoing work to create a small nature reserve at Bascote Road, an afternoon of nature conservation work is being planned. It is a chance for anyone interested in wildlife to come along and get their hands dirty helping with some conservation tasks as part of the work to create the reserve. Or to just come along to find out the project is all about.

Bring along spades, secateurs, hand shears, loppers and most important of all a good sense of humour!

Activities will last no more than 2 hours, and are varied and suitable for all levels of ability.

If you wish to attend, please avoid arriving by car, as parking is very limited. You will find the reserve on Bascote Road, just south of the old railway line.

100 Club – lottery administrator needed

Our 100 Club lottery is now in its fifth year and has been extremely successful. Its 180 members hold 193 numbers and over £5,000 has been raised to support Community Centre capital projects and even more paid out in prizes.

Jeff Round and Chris Hancock are stepping down at the end of this year – so we are looking for someone to take over from Jeff as the lottery administrator.

If you are interested, contact Jeff on: ~ 817734 or come along to one of the monthly 100 Club Draws to find out what is involved.

Draw venues are posted on the website and noticeboards.

Copper beech tree

Have you got any ideas about how the village can make use of the bole of the copper beech tree that was recently felled? Contact the Parish Council office with your ideas.

Warwickshire Libraries Home Delivery Service

If you love reading, but you are unable to get to a library, then maybe the Home Delivery and Mobile Library Service can help. To find out more you can call: ~ 851031 or email: mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk or go online at: or online at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice

Consultation – proposed changes to Home to School Transport

Warwickshire County Council is proposing to make changes to its Home to School Transport Policy. Full details of the consultation can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask.

The 43 CLUB – WARMLI

November sees the completion of the 43 weeks of the 43 Club in Long Itchington and so it's time to return your 43 club bags.

On Saturday 11th November 2017 there will be two chances to return your bags to the WARMLI Committee.

From 2.00pm – 4.00pm come along to the Church for afternoon tea, free to those returning bags and for anyone else a donation would be nice.

In the evening of the same day you may also return your bags and attend a concert by the Dunchurch Silver Band together with a simple supper. This event is free if you are returning a bag, otherwise, please make a donation.

Ensure you write your name on the label or if it is so full you cannot draw the bag up, place the bag in an envelope with your name and address on the front. Please do not include the old £1 coins in the bags as these cease to be legal tender on 1st October 2017.

If you are unable to attend either of the above, pass your bag to any of the WARMLI Committee during the week before 11th November 2017 or ask us to collect it.

To assist with catering, if you are intending to attend either or both events on the 11th November please ring: ~ 813602 to book your place, or tell a committee member.

Thanks in advance for supporting the Long Itchington War Memorial by taking part in the 43 Club.

Big Changes at Pre-School

There are lots of changes coming to pre-school over the next few months that we are very excited about. All existing and prospective parents are invited to an Information Evening at the LI Community Centre on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm.

Preschool AGM

Our AGM will be taking place directly after our Information Evening on Monday 2nd October from 8.00pm onwards. If you are interested in helping to make a difference to your child's learning experience, please stay on after the Information Evening and attend our AGM. We are also looking for new parent committee members in order for our pre-school to continue to provide childcare.

30 hours free childcare for working parents

As of September 2017 we are able to offer 30 hours free childcare to eligible families however, these places will be limited. Parents who are not eligible for the 30 hours will still be able to claim 15 hours universal childcare as before. Go to: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

Places are available in pre-school for children aged 2 years 9 months to school age. Register now for a place.

Your child is entitled to 15 free funded hours from the term after their 3rd birthday. Get in touch to discuss on: ~ 811400 or email preschoollongitchington@gmail.com.

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

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.

Phone: ~ 815216

email: liparishcouncil@btconnect.com

Website: www.longitchington.org.uk