



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 15th May –
Saturday 16th July
inclusive

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Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 9th April
Community Centre, 10.00am – 12noon

A representative from Severn Trent Water
will speak about their work in the parish.

If you would like a stand for your
organisation or group please contact Liz
Bonney on: ~ 815216.

Thank you to Long Itchington Against the Post Office Closure

Huge thanks to the group who organised a
highly successful petition and rallied the
troops in February, succeeding in getting
huge media interest.

A message from the group is on page 4.

Solar Farm Application refused

The proposal to site a solar Farm on the
Bascote Road has been refused by planners
at Stratford District Council.

There will be more information on the Long
Itchington website when we have it.

Long Itchington Carnival 2016

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 30th May

*Raising money for Long Itchington clubs and
organisations.*

Please assemble floats in The Square for
12noon. We plan to announce the results of
the judging of the floats and fancy dress at
12.20pm followed by the prize giving.

The procession will begin at 1.00pm and our
Carnival Queen will open the fete at the
Community Centre at around 2.00pm.

Some roads in the village will be likely to be
closed for periods up to a maximum of 90
minutes: Church Road, Short Lane,
Leamington Road, the A423 and Stockton
Road will be most affected as well as roads
adjoining them.

We apologise for any inconvenience, but
would be grateful for your understanding
and co-operation to help make this village
tradition a success.

Come along and make this a special day for
all of us to enjoy!

Summer Show

Saturday 25th June
Community Centre, 2.00pm

It's time to prepare your entries for the art
and photography competitions. The full
schedule will be distributed with the May LI
Diary, but we wanted to give photographers
a few months' notice of the photography
categories. These are:

- Not what it seems
- Transport of Delight
- Flora and Fauna
- Fashion

Watch out for more information nearer the
time in the Diary and on the Long Itchington
website.

Speedgun volunteers needed

The speed gun is being used frequently by
the team trained to do so. So far 50 letters
have been sent to speeding motorists.

The team needs more volunteers to train in
the use of the gun as well as volunteers to
scribe when a vehicle is caught.

Please contact Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751
or by emailing: acharles629@hotmail.com

Dogs out of control

One of the largest number of complaints
received by the Parish Council concern dog
fouling and/or dogs out of control.

Please ensure you clean up after your dog
and keep it on a lead around others.

There are large penalties for not doing so.
To find out more go to: [www.gov.uk/control-
dog-public/overview](http://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview)

UBus visits Long Itchington

The little-known UBus (a service for residents
who are stuck for transport) will be outside the
Annual Parish Meeting on April 9th.

Come and find out more about this subsidised
bus service for the Stratford district.

Parish Clerk – cover

We are delighted that Lin Rose has
accepted the position of relief Parish Clerk
when Liz Bonney is on maternity leave. She
will start in April and we wish her all the best
in this new post.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Wed 16 th	Long Itchington WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Mon 21 st	WI Annual Federation Meeting, Chesford Grange Hotel
Sat 26 th	Napton Art Group Easter Exhibition, Napton Village Hall, 10.00am
Sun 27 th	Napton Art group Easter Exhibition – as above

APRIL

Wed 6 th	Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 9 th	Annual Parish Meeting, Community Centre, 10.00am
Sun 10 th	French Market, Southam, 10.00am
Wed 13 th	History Group, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 20 th	Long Itchington WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Mon 25 th	Rotary Club Southam Whist Drive, Harbury Village Hall, 2.30pm
Fri 29 th	Start of the 2016 Long Itchington Beer Festival

MAY

Wed 4 th	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 7 th	Spring Fayre, Galanos House, 2.30pm
Wed 11 th	History Group, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 13 th	Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 18 th	Long Itchington WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 30 th	Long Itchington Carnival, procession starts at 1.00pm

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
Baby and Toddler Group – every Wednesday at the Community Centre at 9.30am
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

HOLD THE DATE...

Fri 27th May – 'Elvis' sings at Galanos House, 7.30pm
Sat 11th June barbecue in the churchyard – start time 5.00pm (to be confirmed)

CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

Regular events at Holy Trinity Church

1st 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

Special services:

Mar 6 th	Mothering Sunday service 9.30am
Mar 20 th	Palm Sunday service 9.30am
Mar 24 th	Maundy Thursday service 7.00pm
Mar 25 th	Music and Meditation 2.00pm
Mar 27 th	Easter Sunday 9.30pm

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

Regular events at the Chapel

Evening Worship – 6.15pm every Sunday (Communion on 24th & 27th March, 10th April 7th and 1st May)

Bible Study and Prayer Time – 10.45am on Thursday 17th March
Women's Hour – 2.30pm on Tues 15th March, 5th and 19th April
Café Church – 10.00am on Sun 10th & 24th April and 8th May
Pilots for children aged 4+ meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm in **term time only**
Coffee Drop-In – 10.30am on 7th April and 5th May (and NEW4U)

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

Film Night at the Community Centre

The next film night will be on **Friday May 13th at 7.30pm**, showing "*The Lady in the Van*" starring Maggie Smith.

Tickets are £5.00 from Wendy: ~ 812751 or Margaret: ~ 814397.

Southam welcomes back French Street Market

Southam will be saying a warm 'Bonjour' to welcome back the ever-popular French Street Market on **Sunday April 10th between 10.00am and 4.00pm**. Residents and visitors welcome.

LI Tennis

Friendly club sessions every week (re-starting on Monday evenings from spring), 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 is available.

See: www.litca.co.uk for details, or call Christine on: ~ 81114.

Whist Drive

The Rotary Club Southam Annual Whist Drive is on Monday April 25th at Harbury Village Hall – starts at 2.30pm.

Events at Galanos House Banbury Road, Southam

Spring Fayre – Saturday 7th May, starts at 2.30pm. Stalls of Homemade Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola and Raffle.

Yoga

Yoga continues every Thursday evening at the community centre, 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Call Loraine on: 07710 271596 for information.

Zumba

Zumba class every Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Community Centre – only £4.00.

March this year is the Month of Easter.

For us at the Congregational Church, known as the Chapel, it's the most exciting time of the Christian year. It's a time of remembering the suffering of Jesus as he was judged, condemned, physically abused, mocked and then crucified. So why so exciting?

On Easter Sunday the sadness turns to great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from death to life.

The stark wooden cross becomes alive with the flowers of springtime.

Come and join the celebration on Easter Sunday at 10.00am and at 6.15pm.

For more information, contact Marion on: 07812 804924.

Spring Fever

With plenty of evidence of spring, it is important to get out walking to help keep the Rights of Way in good condition – this is one of the most effective ways to ensure all our paths are well maintained.

We still intend to put down more anti-slip treads on footbridges, but we are awaiting delivery.

During the year we plan to continue to organise walks. The next one will be on Sunday 10th April meeting at 11.00am at The Pond. Further details will be on the village website and noticeboards and on www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk

Please look at the village web site and www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk for further information on past and future events along with information and links.

If you have any suggestions for walks or want to report a problem (and then offer help to rectify the situation) please get in touch by phoning: ~ 815119 or emailing: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com

LI Baby and Toddler Group

The LI and Toddler group is run voluntarily by parents to give mutual support and to provide fun activities for other parents and grandparents in the village.

Come and join our friendly group on a Wednesday morning 9:30am – 11.00am at the Community Centre. First session is free, then £2.00 per family, which includes drinks, snack for the children and activities.

More information can be found on our Facebook page 'Long Itchington baby and toddler group' or contact Suzanne on: 07801 534834.

Photos wanted for village calendar 2017

Next year's calendar will be of wildlife, flora and fauna in our Parish. Please send your photos to: batkins5691@googlemail.com.

We need them as soon as possible so that we can start to draw up a shortlist.

Easter Celebrations

On 20th March we will be celebrating Palm Sunday, when crowds of people headed into Jerusalem for the Jewish Passover celebration. Peter and John get the ass colt from Bethphage, and tents and camps were set up on the hillsides. It must have looked a bit like Glastonbury Festival. News spreads like wildfire that Jesus is coming for the Passover. They crowd round, lay down palm leaves, wave palms. It's all a bit chaotic. We try to re-create some of that chaos on Palm Sunday, with a donkey walking into Holy Trinity.

On Maundy Thursday March 24th, we remember Jesus' expression of service, when he, the one who the disciples followed, washed THEIR feet.

There is a service of music and meditation on Good Friday, as we contemplate the hours leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.

On Easter Day, we have Jenny and Peter Lister helping us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and new hope for us all.

Thursday Teas

We continue with our monthly Thursday teas on 31st March and 28th April, and then start the weekly teas on 12th May. There will also be teas on the Saturday and Sunday of the Beer Festival.

Tower Floodlights

If you want to do something a bit special for a birthday or anniversary etc., why not have the Holy Trinity tower floodlights on to mark it? Ring Maureen on: ~ 815255.

'Time for a cuppa' – thank you

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our open house on Friday 4th March, in aid of DementiaUK, donating to the cause as well as cakes, raffle prizes and help.

So far, £500 has been raised through your donations and gift aid. We will publicise the final figure when we know it.

LI Brownie leaders wanted

After much thought Alison and Jenny will be standing down as leaders of Long Itchington Brownies in 2019. The search for new leaders has started well in advance of 2019 as there is 12 months' training to complete for anyone interested.

If you think you would be able to run this thriving pack of 30 girls and would like information on how to become a leader contact Alison on: ~ 811857 or Jenny on: ~ 814147.

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 this school year.

Don't forget your child is entitled to 15 free funded hours from the term after their third birthday. Please feel free to contact us to discuss on: ~ 811400 or email: preschoollongitchington@gmail.com

Visit our website at www.longitchingtonpreschool.org to find out more.

Cricket Club news

Indoor nets

Take place on Tuesday nights in the Sports Hall at Southam College on 5th, 12th and 19th April. Junior nets are for 13's and under 15's age groups from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Seniors nets – between 8.00pm and 9.30pm.

All new and current players will be made welcome. Qualified coaches will be in attendance. Kit will be provided if required.

Junior Registration

Junior registration will start on Sunday 24th April at the ground in Stonebridge Lane.

Under-11 training starts at 9.30am - 11.00am (split into 2 groups – (1) school years 3 and 4 and (2) school years 5 and 6) and under 13 and 15 at 11.15am until 12.45pm.

Upcoming fixtures

Friendlies:

Date	Team	Time	H/A
Sat 16 th April	Hunningham	1.30pm	Away
Sat 23 rd April	Kineton	1.30pm	Away
Sat 30 th April	Rowington	1.30pm	Away
Sun 8 th May	Bishops T'brk	2.00pm	Home
Sun 5 th May	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sun 22 nd May	Willow	2.00pm	Home
Sun 29 th May	TBA	TBA	TBA

Home League Fixtures (All Saturdays, 1.30pm start):

Sat 7th May - 2nds v Exhall & Wixford 2nds

Sat 14th May - 1sts v Bidford on Avon

Sat 21st May - 2nds v Norton Lindsey 2nds

Sat 28th May - 1sts v Wellesbourne

For further information on Long Itchington cricket club please contact Clive Haywood (juniors) on: 07967 830173 or clive@fwhaywood.co.uk and Martyn Rawbone (seniors) on: ~ 332179 or martyn.rawbone@btopenworld.com.

Long Itchington Beer Festival

This will take place between 29th April and 2nd May. There will be music, Morris dancing and plays by Coventry Mummers; also real ales and ciders from many local breweries.

Update on David Wilson Homes

The development on Stockton Road has been renamed "*Spinney Fields*". The existing hedgerow was removed to ensure the correct introduction of visibility splays. There will definitely be a reinstatement with new native species hedgerow planting in front of a footpath which in turn will be in front of the new houses. Reserved matters have been agreed with conditions and building is due to start early this year.

Co-op Post Office closure

Report from Post Office Closure Group

There were 1,228 signatures on the petition objecting to the Co-op's decision to close the Post Office. However, the Co-op still went ahead and closed the Post Office.

The Co-op senior management were invited to the petition presentation at the village Co-op, but said they could not attend and on the morning of the presentation they instructed their store staff not to accept the petition. However, BBC Midlands Today, ITV Central News, BBC Coventry & Warwickshire Radio and Touch FM all attended the presentation and reported on it. The Leamington Courier has published three articles about our Post Office closure.

The petition was posted to the Co-op Head Office and received on Wednesday 24th February. The covering letter requested an acknowledgement and asked a number of questions. Currently the Co-op has not acknowledged receipt of the petition or answered the questions.

The Co-op had stated that its Post Office closure decision was taken because Post Office Ltd had called for the conversion of the existing Post Office facility and that would require a substantial investment by the Co-op, it also mentioned the falling revenues from the Post Office.

However, Post Office Ltd have confirmed that Government funding is available to cover the cost of converting the Post Office and that conversion is optional, although where conversion doesn't occur the fixed remuneration would be replaced with transitional payments.

What can the community do to get the Co-op to take notice of the community's objections to the closure of our Post Office?

To get in touch with the Long Itchington Against the Post Office Closure group, contact:
mnpoclure@gmail.com

Register your domestic appliances for a safer home

A new domestic appliance registration scheme now provides access to the registration pages of 47 leading brands of domestic appliances.

If a manufacturer identifies a fault with a product, which requires a repair or product recall, consumers can be quickly contacted.

The scheme is supported by the government and RoSPA.

To find out more visit: www.registermyappliance.org.uk

The information consumers provide will only be used to notify them of product recalls and safety notices. The information cannot be shared or used for marketing purposes without their express consent.

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.

Please note: office hours may change once Lin Rose takes up her post.

Phone: ~ 815216

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Website: www.longitchington.org.uk