



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 17th July –
Saturday 17th
September inclusive

Please send any
contributions by:

Monday 4th July

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Carnival Cancelled

The Carnival Committee has decided to cancel the Carnival for this year due to a number of reasons.

However, we are hopeful that if sufficient numbers of volunteers come forward we will be able to return to a full carnival in 2017. Volunteers are asked to make contact with any of the committee members or come to the next meeting on **Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in the Green Man.**

Leave Our Village Alone

At the recent Cemex appeal, planning permission was granted for 85 houses on Stockton Road opposite the school. Many of us have been disappointed with this news, but please don't stop opposing the proposed over-development of our village.

The Gladman appeal for 100 houses on Collingham Lane takes place on 23rd August 2016, so if anyone wants to get involved in objecting to this application, please email: leaveourvillagealone@gmail.com.

Speed gun training

As some of you are aware, there is a team of volunteers operating a community speed gun to try to reduce the speed of vehicles passing through the village.

So far 101 vehicles have been referred to the police, who send an official letter to the vehicle owner showing the speed that the vehicle was travelling through the village.

To increase the number of checks we do need more people to train to use the speed gun or to register the details of the vehicle. It's not an onerous commitment, just an hour once a week / two weeks after training. Just the presence of the speed gun does slow down most of the traffic thus ensuring the safety of the community.

If you would like more information please ring Allan or Wendy on: ~ 812751.

Road closure – Green End

On 10th July, Green End will be closed due to man-hole repairs. Once we have more information residents will be informed. Please see website for more details nearer the time.

Was your house flooded on 9th March?

If you experienced flooding on 9th March please tell us as preventative help might be available for the future. Send photos if you have them. Email: news@longitchingtonparishcouncil.org.

Motorcycles on Sustrans track

The Parish Council is trying to stop the dangerous practice of motorcyclists riding on the Sustrans track. We need your help. If you see them **please take registration numbers and phone 101** immediately.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. The next step will be to send out to all residents our Vision Statement, closely followed by a thorough questionnaire asking the whole community for views on future land usage within the parish.

We will also be conducting a Housing Needs Survey (the last one was in 2007), as even though we are facing new housing developments we need to ensure that the community's specific needs for particular housing types can be met in the future.

If you would like to help with the distribution and collection of our surveys, please contact Barbara Atkins on: ~ 814921.

New mobile mast proposed

We have received notification of a proposed mobile mast to be sited on land at Colecraft on behalf of Vodafone.

If you wish your views to be taken into consideration, please contact the Parish Council by phoning: ~ 815216 or by emailing: liparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

Documents relating to this can be found at www.longitchington.org.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting

There was a good turn-out at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 9th April. Issues discussed included the possible refurbishment of the public toilets and the changing rooms. Thanks to everyone who attended or presented.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

Tue	17 th	Police property marking, Leigh Crescent garages, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Wed	18 th	Long Itchington WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	25 th	Carnival Committee meeting Green Man, 7.30pm
Tue	31 st	Guided walk around White Hall Farm, meet at the Pond, 6.00pm War Memorial Meeting, the Green Man, 8.00pm

June

Wed	1 st	Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	8 th	History Group, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	11 th	Barbecue in the churchyard – start time 5.00pm (to be confirmed)
Mon	13 th	Work starts on repair of church exterior
Wed	15 th	Long Itchington WI meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	25 th	Summer Show, Community Centre, 2.00pm

July

Sat	2 nd	Barn Dance and Ceilidh, Galanos House, 7.30pm
Tue	5 th	Clay Pigeon Shoot (for Galanos House), Weddington Farm, 6.00pm
Wed	6 th	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri	8 th	Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	9 th	Safari Supper, Holy Trinity Church, time TBC
Sun	10 th	Green End closed for man-hole repairs, details TBC
Wed	13 th	History Group, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	20 th	Long Itchington WI meeting, Community Centre, 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
 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...

August 14th – Cricket Club Vice President's Day, Cricket Ground, Stonebridge Lane

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

Special services:

Sun 15 th May	Pentecost
Sun 22 nd May	Trinity Sunday
Sun 29 th May	No service at Holy Trinity. Joint service at Hunningham, 11.00am
Sun 26 th June	Afternoon Messy Church celebrating Queen's 90 th birthday.

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 5th June)
 Bible Study and Prayer Time – 10.45am on Thursday 19th May
 Women's Hour – 2.30pm on Tues 17th May, 7th and 21st June and 5th July
 Café Church – 10.00am Sun 22nd May, 12th June (Communion), 26th June, 10th July
 Scrabble and Lunch – 10.30am on Tues 24th May
 Pilots for children aged 4+ meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm in **term time only**
 Coffee Drop-In and NEW4U – 10.30am on Thurs 22nd June and 7th July
 Church Meeting – 2.00pm, Tuesday 12th July

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

Cricket Fixtures

SATURDAY 1ST XI PREMIER DIVISION COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE

Date	Opposition	Venue
07 May	Exhall & Wixford	Away
14 May	Bidford on Avon	HOME
21 May	Shipston on Stour	Away
28 May	Wellesbourne	HOME
04 Jun	Cath'ine de Barnes	HOME
11 Jun	Tanworth/Camp Hill	Away
18 Jun	Leamington III	HOME
25 Jun	Earlswood	Away
02 Jul	Alcester & Ragley	HOME
09 Jul	Alcester & Ragley	Away
16 Jul	Exhall & Wixford	HOME
23 Jul	Bidford on Avon	Away
30 Jul	Shipston on Stour	HOME
06 Aug	Wellesbourne	Away
13 Aug	Cath'ine de Barnes	Away
20 Aug	Tanworth/Camp Hill	HOME
27 Aug	Leamington III	Away
03 Sept	Earlswood	HOME

All fixtures start at 1.30pm
www.cotswold-hills-league.org

SATURDAY 2ND XI DIVISION 3 COTSWOLD HILLS LEAGUE

Date	Opposition	Venue
07 May	Exhall & Wixford II	HOME
14 May	Ashorne	Away
21 May	Norton Lindsey II	HOME
28 May	Shipston on Stour II	Away
04 Jun	Woodbourne	Away
11 Jun	Cookhill	HOME
18 Jun	Bretforton	Away
25 Jun	Earlswood II	HOME
02 Jul	Stoneleigh	Away
09 Jul	Stoneleigh	HOME
16 Jul	Exhall & Wixford II	Away
23 Jul	Ashorne	HOME
30 Jul	Norton Lindsey II	Away
06 Aug	Shipston on Stour II	HOME
13 Aug	Woodbourne	HOME
20 Aug	Cookhill	Away
27 Aug	Bretforton	HOME
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Summer Show – 25th June Community Centre, 2.00pm

Please take a look at the Summer Show schedule and do come along and take part.

The doors open for visitors at 2.00pm when we will be offering cream teas, musical entertainment, a raffle, model railways display, face painting and more.

If you've noticed that there are services every Sunday evening, but only two morning services in the Chapel each month, you may have wondered why.

The morning services are special in that we gather as a family of all ages from small babies to... there is no age limit at either end of the scale.

We worship Jesus Christ in a more relaxed way with children and adults sharing their beliefs with one another. If you would like to experience a different kind of church, the Café Church meetings during the period of this dairy are on May 22nd, June 12th and 26th and July 10th starting at 10.00am with a break for refreshments and sharing.

All are welcome, come when you can.

The evening services are usually more traditional, beginning at 6.15pm.

On July 17th we will celebrate our 189th Anniversary. This service will be at 3.30pm when we will be joined by the Windmill Singers and the speaker will be George Jones from Coventry. The service will be followed by a Chapel Tea, and again, all are welcome.

For more information about the Chapel services and events phone Marion on: 07812 804924.

Walking on Sunshine

As we move into summer, you might want to participate in some of the activities provided by the Footpaths Group. A guided walk around White Hall Farm, led by Tony Grimes, is taking place on Tuesday May 31st. (meet at The Pond at 6.00pm). We are trying to set up an informal walking group that will meet every Friday at 9.00am and then walk for about an hour. There are no prearranged routes and the aim is to make the arrangements self-sustaining.

We have also been exploring the possibility of organising local walks for those with limited mobility or are wheel chair users. Transport would take the form of U Bus (mentioned in the last LI Diary). If you are interested in taking part please phone: ~ 815119 or email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com

Further information about the Rights of Way in the parish can be found on the Long Itchington parish web site and www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk

The LI Brownies need you!

Should no one come forward to lead the Long Itchington Brownies, the pack will fold in 2019.

We have had a Brownie Pack here for over forty years, and it is still going strong. Full training is given and not only are you supporting a wonderful organisation, you will gain all sorts of new skills, as well.

Interested? Call Alison on: ~ 811857 or Jenny on: ~ 814147 for a chat, or email jenniferm1@live.co.uk.

You are welcome to come up and see what we are all about.

Pentecost

When you get this copy of the LI Diary it should be a few days before Pentecost, which we celebrate on Sunday 15th May. We used to call this Whit Sunday, but the event that we celebrate, when Jesus' apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, took place on the Jewish festival of Shavuot or Pentecost. The Rev. Barbara Clutton will lead our celebrations this year.

Trinity Sunday

The week after Pentecost, Holy Trinity celebrates its patronal festival, when we think of the oneness of God in three different ways.

Tower Floodlights

Don't forget you can have the tower floodlights on to mark a birthday, anniversary etc. Ring Maureen on: ~ 815255.

Thursday Teas

Teas will be every Thursday again during the summer, starting on 12th May – apart from on the 23rd June, when the church will host voting for the European Referendum.

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: www.longitchingtonpreschool.org to find out more.

Leigh Crescent play area to be up-dated

The LILAC group is working hard to secure funding which will change the Leigh Crescent play area.

If you live close to the play area, you will have received a questionnaire with this LI Diary. Please take a few minutes to fill it in. Residents living further away from the site can obtain a questionnaire from the parish office or from the village website.

War Memorial Long Itchington

The group met on 26th April to progress plans for a village war memorial. The next meeting to further develop a project plan is Tuesday 31st May 8.00pm at the Green Man. Please come along if you want to be involved. A Facebook page is coming soon to keep you informed of the project – including any fundraising events.

Community Centre Management Committee

The Community Centre Management Committee needs some new blood – and some practical help to run this important village institution. The Community Centre does not run itself – decisions have to be taken and funds have to be raised. We meet about six times in each year, for only about an hour.

So if you might be interested in helping in any way please call the Chair, Jeff Round, on: ~ 817734 to find out more.

Play area tractor 'face-lift'

The tractor at Green End play area is having a face-lift.

No Botox is involved, but quite a lot of welding and re-painting is being undertaken by the Young Farmers. The tractor will return soon. Many thanks to the Young Farmers for carrying out this work.

Speed limits have their limits!

The speed limit is the absolute maximum permitted in law. It does not mean it is safe to drive at that speed irrespective of conditions. Driving at speeds too fast for the road and traffic conditions can be dangerous.

You should always reduce your speed when:

- the road layout or condition presents hazards such as bends
- sharing the road with pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders
- weather conditions make it safer to do so
- driving at night as it is harder to see other road users

We have received many reports of cars driving much too fast for the conditions along Stonebridge Lane and Bascote Road.

Zebra crossing to be upgraded

The current pedestrian crossing on the Southam Road will be upgraded to a Puffin Crossing before the first new resident moves into their home at Spinney Fields. Puffin crossings have traffic lights that are sensor-operated.

Green End Toilets – cleaner needed

After many years of unstinting service to the community, the current cleaner, Judy Brown, is taking a well-earned break. If you are interested in taking up this 'paid' position, contact the Parish Clerk, Lin Rose on: ~ 815216.

Swans to return to the pond?

Our pond warden, John Davies, would like to know if residents would welcome the return of swans to the pond. Please send your thoughts to:
news@longitchingtonparishcouncil.org

Police – property marking

Police are offering a property marking service on Tuesday May 17th between 5.00pm – 7.00pm at the garages by the canal, Leigh Crescent, Long Itchington.

Local area administrator vacancy

Warwickshire County Council has a vacancy for an Area Administrative Assistant, 25 hours a week, based in Stratford on Avon – see: www.wmjjobs.co.uk for more information.

Farming Notes

April has been quite a remarkable month weather-wise. It has rained on 20 days out of 30, of which 14 were consecutive. The total, although, was about average at 52mm (2"). Frosts have been fairly frequent holding back crop growth as anyone with a garden or greenhouse will confirm.

On the farm we managed to take advantage of a dry period in the middle of March that allowed us to plant the spring barley and get up to date with other field-work. Some parts of the country are very behind with the spring work, which will have a knock-on effect at harvest time.

I think many "older" people will have a great affection for Dad's Army. I recently found out that my father was second in command of the local brigade – the Sergeant Wilson figure. The commander was Mr Bradshaw, the Long Itchington station-master at the time. They would occasionally go on route marches which ended up at the bottom of The Duck on the Pond (New Inn) car park; soon as they were dismissed there would be a stampede for the bar – very similar to hiking.

On another occasion two of them were on railway patrol; it was a very windy night and they saw what they presumed to be an unidentified object or person. When they challenged there was no response, so they fired a couple of warning shots only to discover it was a loose railway gradient sign. Railway banks in those days were kept in pristine condition with no bushes allowed to grow, so as to avoid fires.

In the Second World War at the top of White Hall Farm drive there were two slit trenches, one either side of the road. It's quite easy to envisage the German army advancing down the Leamington Road towards the village; the undoubted bravery of these men was never put to the test.

Sheep worrying and the law

Please keep your dog on a lead while in fields, particularly this time of year when ewes are lambing.

It is every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually obedient and good with other animals.

Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to sheep, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of worrying by dogs can cause sheep to die and pregnant ewes to miscarry their lambs.

It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep. Worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep and, in some circumstances, farmers are legally entitled to shoot dogs if they are endangering their sheep.

It is vital that you keep your dog on the lead around livestock, even if you can usually trust it to come to call. If you live in or near a farming area, you must make sure that your dog cannot escape from your property, as it may find its way onto land containing sheep.

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 **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 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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