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The next LI Diary will
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Sunday 18th September
– Saturday 12th
November

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Core Strategy for Stratford District agreed

By the time you read this, Stratford District Council should have a legal, sound and adopted Core Strategy. This sets out the development strategy for the district until 2031. What will this mean in practical terms for Long Itchington? Speculative, large scale developments should now stop by way of planning policy.

The idea behind having a local plan (in this case Core Strategy) is that planning decisions are very much back in the control of the local authority, and in turn, the local community. Which is why you should get involved in your local Neighbourhood Plan process.

This should mean that all current applications (and appeals) should be dealt with, in the knowledge and context of having both a 5 year housing land supply (5YHLS) and Local Development Plan in place. – *Cllr Dave Riches*

HS2 petition goes to House of Lords

Long Itchington Parish Council has formally petitioned Parliament on mitigation measures to the proposed construction of HS2.

Although we appreciate that opinion may be divided on the benefits of HS2 the actual construction of the line will bring with it significant changes to the local area including some permanent road closures.

Our petition is to be heard on the 20th July in the House of Lords where we seek agreement from HS2 Ltd to maintain local roads as near as possible to the current status quo, enabling ease of movement both out of and through the Parish.

Parish survey – can you help?

We will be carrying out a parish-wide survey in September as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process and need volunteers to distribute and collect the surveys. The weekend of 9th / 10th / 11th September has been pencilled in for distribution, with collection happening within 10 days of delivery. There will also be a briefing session the week before.

If you can help please send your email address and phone number to Barbara Atkins at: batkins5691@googlemail.com

New post office facility at Leigh Crescent shop

On June 8th the new post office facility opened at The Shop, Leigh Crescent. The opening hours are 9.30am – 11.30am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

This is great news for the village.

LI Neighbourhood Plan

Enclosed with this edition of the Diary is the Neighbourhood Plan Vision Statement, the content of which was pulled together from feedback parishioners gave at the launch meeting in October and from meetings with local groups.

We hope you find it informative.

The next step will be the completion of a questionnaire (one for each resident of the parish aged 16 and over) in September, which will directly influence the content of the policies in the plan and the future of our parish.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Village speed gun

Since January, the village speed gun, along with its team of dedicated volunteers, has led to 260 vehicle numbers being passed to the police for travelling in excess of 35 mph.

Could all local residents please stick to our speed limits on the main A423, Stockton Road and Leamington Road? This acts as a deterrent, encouraging other motorists to keep their speeds down.

There are currently a further six people waiting to be trained to use the speed gun.

If you are interested in this initiative please contact the Parish Council office on: ~ 815216 and someone will get back to you.

Planning application and appeal are both withdrawn

The Gladman planning appeal for 100 houses on Collingham Lane has been withdrawn.

The planning proposal to site a mobile phone mast at Colecraft has also been withdrawn. No explanation was given.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

Tue	12 th	War Memorial meeting, The Harvester, 8.00pm
Sun	17 th	Annual Open Day, LI Cricket Cub, 11.00am onwards
Wed	20 th	WI: Gardeners' Question Time & More, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	23 rd	Charity garage sale at the Old School House, The Square, 10.00am
Sun	24 th	Charity garage sale – see above for details
		Walk along the Grand Union Canal, meet at the pond, 2.00pm
Wed	27 th	Carnival Committee meeting, The Green Man, 7.00pm

AUGUST

		No Parish Council Meeting in August
Wed	10 th	Wednesday Club: Bingo, Community Centre, 2.30pm
Wed	17 th	WI: Lives on the Grand Union Canal, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	27 th	Summer Fete, Galanos House, 2.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed	7 th	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	14 th	History Group: the River Severn Story, Community Centre, 7.30pm Wednesday Club: Outing – to be arranged
Fri	16 th	Full Harvest Moon Walk – see www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk
Sat	17 th	40 th Anniversary Celebration, LI Cricket Club, 7.00pm
Wed	21 st	WI: Life of a Crown Court Judge, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sun	25 th	Harvest Festival Holy Trinity, 9.30am
Fri	30 th	Deadline for LIEF Committee grant applications

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
Yoga – Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (term time) at the Community Centre

HOLD THE DATE...

OCTOBER	Cricket Club Presentation Evening – date TBC
NOVEMBER	Cricket Club Rummage Sale – 12 th November
DECEMBER	Cricket Club Christmas Quiz, Community Centre – 9 th December

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

Evening Worship – 6.15pm every Sunday (Communion on 7th Aug and 4th Sept)
Bible Study and Prayer Time – 10.45am on Thursday 21st and 27th July
Women's Hour Harvest – 2.30pm on Tues 6th September
Café Church – 10.00am on Sun 24th July, 14th and 28th Aug and 11th Sept (Harvest)
Pilots for children aged 4+ meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm in **term time only**
Coffee Drop-In and NEW4U – 10.30am on Thurs 4th August and 1st September

Special services:

Sunday 11th September – Harvest Festival, 6.15pm
Sunday 17th July – Anniversary Service and tea, 3.30pm

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

Long Itchington Cricket Club events

Annual Open Day

The cricket Club is holding its Annual Open Day on Sunday 17th July. There will be cricket games/activities throughout the day and anyone interested in seeing what facilities the club has to offer please pop down to the ground in Stonebridge Lane anytime from 11.00am onwards until early evening. Refreshments will be available.

Warwickshire v Worcestershire tickets

The club also has available some discounted tickets for a Warwickshire v Worcestershire 50 over match at Edgbaston on Sunday 24th July, which starts at 11.00am. Tickets cost just £5 for adults and £1 for under 16's. If anyone is interested, contact Martyn Rawbone on: ~ 332179.

40th Anniversary Celebration

Long Itchington Cricket Club is holding its 40th Anniversary Celebration at LICC Ground, Stonebridge Lane, Long Itchington on Saturday 17th September 2016 – 7.00pm for 7.30pm start with live music. Admission by ticket only – please contact Nick Brooks on: 07737101671 or Amanda Foster on: ~ 815432.

Carnival 2017 is ON!

After going through the results of the recent survey and speaking to people around the village, it has been decided that Long Itchington Carnival will go ahead next year on **29th May 2017**.

If you can help to make the event a success, please attend the next Carnival meeting on 28th July at 7.00pm in the Green Man.

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 for details, or call Christine on ~ 811143.

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

Although we have fewer meetings during July and August when Women's Hour and Pilots break up until September, we continue to hold our usual Sunday Services, which are Café Church at 10.00am on the second and fourth Sunday mornings and every week we have an evening Service at 6.15pm.

Our special services during the period of this Diary will be our Harvest Festival on September 11th. There will be services both morning and evening when gifts of food are donated. Women's Hour will also celebrate the harvest on Tuesday September 6th at 2.30pm.

Non-perishable foods and toiletries will be donated to the Fosse Foodbank in Southam and gifts of fruit and vegetables will be sold after the evening service, the proceeds of which will be donated to Christian Aid.

During this period we are also hoping to have the Chapel redecorated. We have been saving to have this done for a long time and look forward to it.

Please call in to see us anytime you are passing when we are open. We would love to see you and for you to see what we do. A free magazine with all the information about the work of the Chapel is available bi-monthly either from the Chapel or from Roger and Gwen Garrett's Car Boot Sale from the Hut in Southam, where they run a stall each Tuesday.

Everyone is invited to any of our services, but if you would like to know more, phone me on: 07812 804924.

Dancin' in the Moonlight

We have already had several successful events this year including The Farm Walk at White Hall Farm and The Orchid Walk. The Friday walks are now up and running – please feel free to come along. We meet at the Pond at 9.00am and walk together for about an hour.

A walk along the Grand Union Canal has been planned. Cars will transport us out of the village and then we will walk back to Long Itchington. The walk will take about two hours to complete at a leisurely pace. This will take place on Sunday 24th July, meeting at the Pond at 2.00pm. Plans are underway to offer a Full Harvest Moon walk on 16th September. Keep your eyes on our website for more details.

For more information about the rights of way and events taking place, look on the village noticeboards and the web site – www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk

'Thanks' from LI pre-school

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us and our fundraising efforts this school year.

Places are available in pre-school for children aged 2 years 9 months up to school age.

Please register now for places in the 2016/2017 school year.

Don't forget your child is entitled to 15 free funded hours from the term after their 3rd birthday. Please feel free to contact us to discuss on: ~ 811400 or email preschoollongitchington@gmail.com .

To find out more see: www.longitchingtonpreschool.org.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

We joined in the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations by having our BBQ on 11th June, and we held our Safari Supper on 9th July. Thanks to the many people who prepared food for both events, and to those who opened their homes for the Safari Supper; both events were really joyous occasions.

Squeezed in between was the Referendum, and whatever our thoughts and expectations were before 23rd June, we now have to go where no country has been before, and learn how to be an ex-EU member. We have not made a good start, with political in-fighting and racial abuse the predominant features. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York joined other church leaders to say:

"We must now unite in a common task to build a generous and forward-looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world. We must remain hospitable and compassionate, builders of bridges not barriers."

HOLD THE DATE....

Sunday 31st July	Communion at Wappenbury 11.00am
Friday 23 rd Sept.	Harvest Supper
24 th or 25 th Sept.	Messy Church
Sunday 25 th Sept.	Harvest Festival

Venture House opens to help local small businesses

Venture House, a small business incubator, has now opened up in Stratford Upon Avon. It allows fledgling and small businesses to 'hot desk' on a daily basis, with no long term commitment. For more information please see: <http://venturehoustratford.co.uk>.

There is also a 'Question Time' drop in event on July 25th, 9.30am until 12noon where you will be able to pose any questions to the Venture House team, or the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise and Revenues - *Cllr Dave Riches*.

Japanese Knotweed awareness

Japanese Knotweed has spread across most of the country over the last few decades and now presents a serious hazard to local wildlife, as well as damaging to property. This non-native invasive plant species is now becoming more widespread within the parish.

How to spot it:

- Purple zig zag stems
- Shield shaped leaves
- White shoots
- Bright orange inside stem

If you spot Japanese Knotweed, do not cut it down – this can make things worse as new plants can grow from a small fragment. Only careful application of the correct weed killer will work and it can take between 2 to 3 years to take effect. Also you cannot place any of the plant remains in the green bin as this is illegal. It is best to dry out and then burn or dispose of as contaminated waste.

For more information, visit longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk or www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants.

Summer Show 2016 is a huge success

The Summer Show on July 25th saw record numbers of visitors and stunning exhibits in all sections, with some highly original entries in the Art and Photographic competitions complemented by the splendid children's sections as well as flowers, flower arranging and home-crafts. The show raised a record amount over £600.

The prize winners were as follows:

Jim and Cathie White Rose Bowl, for the best entry in the Homecraft section – **Jeanette Cobby**

The Parish Council Cup, for the best entry in the Flower Arrangements section – **Sue Law**

The Bill Hammond Memorial Trophy, for the most popular entry in the Art section – **Tony Nicholson**

The Carnival Trophy, for the most popular entry in the Photography section – **David Hannan**

The Eric Russell Memorial Award, for the Best Exhibit in the Summer Garden Produce section – **Dave Williams**

The Pre-school Cup for children in Reception and Pre-School – **Tabitha Bonney and Faye Tidmas**

The Harvester Cup for children in Key Stage 1 – **Eva Hill**

The LIFE Cup for children in Key Stage 2 – **Hope Barlow**

The WI Cup for the Family /Group Challenge – **Terri duBois and Esme duBois**

The Summer Show Committee would like to offer sincere thanks to everyone who participated or helped in any way. These events rely on help from so many people and this is very much appreciated.

If we start thanking everyone individually then we are bound to miss someone out as it is such a long list! It includes everyone who participated, and/or helped on the day, in setting up and tidying away afterwards.

The tombola stall was really successful this year and we would like to thank everyone who donated very attractive prizes. Also, our thanks to the Women's Institute for providing the cream teas – absolutely delicious!

The winners of the Photographic Competition are currently on display in the School/Community Centre foyer – do take a look!

Parking problems

Can motorists please be considerate when parking especially parking on footpaths or over dropped curbs, as this can cause difficulties for mobility scooters and prams / pushchairs.

Be mindful that emergency vehicles find it difficult to drive through cars parked on both sides of the road as it reduces the width of the road, which could seriously delay them when attending an emergency.

Farming notes by Tony Grimes

In June we had above average temperatures, but a higher rainfall, so less sun than usual. There is an old farming saying, 'a dribbling June, puts everything in tune'. This year has excelled itself, but what is required now is some sunny, warm weather to mature the crops. The harvest is going to be very late this year.

Butterflies seem to be in very short supply this year. I have barely seen any since the start of summer. Wet weather is very bad news for young birds and butterflies. If young birds get wet, they die quite rapidly.

It's not all bad news, swallow numbers are up this year. As I am writing this article a swallow has just flown through an open door, I hope he doesn't think he's going to build a nest in here!

We have a robin who regularly flies in here, but he leaves fairly quickly. Robins do nest very often in domestic situations though, such as sheds, workshops and outbuildings.

Education grants – apply now

The Trustees of the Long Itchington Educational Foundation (LIEF) will again be inviting applications for grants from young people in the village on academic and vocational courses.

If you are under 25 years of age and have an unconditional offer of a course at university or college, you may be eligible for a grant.

Please note that students on GCSE and A level cannot be considered.

For further details and application form, see the LIEF web pages on the Long Itchington website at: <http://www.longitchington.org.uk/activities/interest-groups/l-i-e-f/> or contact: Peter Myhill, Pathways, 2 Lime Croft, Long Itchington CV47 9PG – tel: ~ 814443.

All applications should be received by 30th Sept 2016.

Message of thanks from Colin and Sandie Timms

After the sudden tragic death of our daughter Sarah on June 19th, we wish to express a heartfelt thank you to our friends and the wider community of the village for their love, compassion and support. It means everything to us at this very difficult time.

Colin and Sandie Timms

Charity garage sale at the Old School House

There will be a garage sale at the Old School House, The Square, Long Itchington on Saturday 23rd July and Sunday 24th July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Part proceeds to the British Diabetic Society. For more information contact Carole at: carole.manley@yahoo.co.uk or on: ~ 810112.

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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