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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January inclusive

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# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

September 2018 – November 2018

## War Memorial update

Progress is being made with construction of the new War memorial. The groundwork is expected to start in early September with the memorial itself being constructed towards the end of September.

The memorial will be dedicated during a formal ceremony led by the Reverend Jane Everitt at 1.00pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Bishop Christopher (Bishop of Coventry) will also be taking part. Everyone is welcome to attend. At 7.30pm that evening there will be a concert by the Dunchurch Silver Band in the Church. Tickets for the concert will be on sale in advance.

This year's Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.00am. At 10.45am there will be a procession from the church to the new war memorial, followed by the Last Post, formal silence and Reveille. Wreaths will be laid. At 7.00pm as part of the national commemorations there will be the lighting of a "Beacon of Light" on The Green.

## Community safety

Following a very well attended public meeting in August it has been agreed for the Parish Council to re-energise a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the parish.

We have received 14 offers from residents to become their area's representative. We need representatives in all areas. The more volunteers, the less onerous the task.

We are holding our first Neighbourhood Watch meeting on **September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre, 7.00pm – 8.30pm.** Anyone wishing to volunteer should email: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com), or come to the meeting.

## HS2 news

There is very little to report about HS2 at the moment. Surveying work continues – if you are concerned about this or feel notice for road closures has not been served please contact [hs2@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hs2@warwickshire.gov.uk). Funding from HS2 has provided us with a significant contribution to the new public toilets at Green End and we are working with Warwickshire County Council and Sustrans to bid for funds to improve local cycle routes.

The Parish Council HS2 group continues to meet regularly. A public meeting in Southam was cancelled and we are waiting for another date so that we can arrange our own meeting in Long Itchington.

## Macmillan coffee morning

Please come and join us for the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Community Centre, 8.30am – 11.30am. Every penny raised helps to make a difference to cancer sufferers and their families.

## Rural broadband

Stratford District Council are putting on a free drop-in open day to launch the Government's Gigabit Voucher Connection scheme. This takes place at Elizabeth House, Stratford upon Avon from 11.00am to 3.00pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, for more information on Gigabit: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

## Parish council grants

Any 'not for profit' village organisation can apply for a grant from the Parish Council. It would be helpful to say why the money is needed. Please apply in writing to the Parish Office or by email on: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com) by **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Neighbourhood Plan update

Many thanks to all those who submitted photos and comments for the Valued Landscapes Exhibition and to those who attended the event on 12th August. We received many valuable comments on both the landscapes and the draft Neighbourhood Plan policies which will prove very useful. Our next step in the process is to gather evidence (in addition to the survey results we already have) to support the policies. For example, we need to map all the green spaces within the parish. We will be asking for volunteers to assist with specific tasks in the evidence gathering process so please keep an eye out for requests for help in an area that might interest you. There will also be the opportunity to add comments to all the photos in a special gallery on the website. Make sure you are on our mailing list to find out more.

## Email mailing list

The Parish Council sends regular emails to residents who have signed up to be informed of parish events and/or like to keep up to date with all matters Long Itchington. If you would like your email address to be added please send an email to: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

## Flu vaccinations

There will be a flu vaccination drop-in session at the Community Centre on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November from 9.00am – 11.00am.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Broadband drop-in, Stratford-upon-Avon, 11.00am – 3.00pm
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Conservation afternoon, Bascote Road, 2.00pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Retro Revival, Southam, 12noon – 5.00pm
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Full Harvest Moon Walk, meet at the Pond, 7.45pm Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Community Centre, 7.00pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 8.30am – 11.30am

### OCTOBER

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm Long Itchington History Group, 'Plague, Pestilence and Pox', Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dedication Ceremony, War Memorial, The Green, 1.00pm Church Concert, at the Church, 7.30pm
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

### NOVEMBER

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu vaccinations, drop-in, Community Centre, 9.00am – 11.00am
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas card sale, the Church, 10.00am – 12noon
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bonfire Night, Green Man, bonfire lit 6.30pm
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday, Church Service, 10.00am 'Beacon of Light' Commemoration, 7.00pm
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm Long Itchington History Group, 'Stories behind Long Itchington War Memorial', Community Centre, 7.30pm

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Church Christmas Fayre  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Church Christmas Tree Festival

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

### Regular events at Holy Trinity Church:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity - 9.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Morning Worship, 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
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Joint Holy Communion, (30 <sup>th</sup> Sept), St Esprit, Marton, 10.30am

For information about special services at the Church see page 3.

### Regular events at the Chapel:

Evening Communion Service on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept and 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6.15pm  
Evening Worship on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.15pm  
People's Hour, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.30pm  
Café Church, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.00am  
Coffee drop-in and Sale, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct and 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at 10.00am – 12noon  
Bible discussion on, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.45am – 12noon

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## Brownies news

Last term the Brownies have been out and about as much as possible, walking along the canal, playing sports and looking after our planters. A big thank you to Willow Wren Training for running a canal boat evening for us as well.

Another thank you to all the many, and various people who have also given their time to us throughout the past year.

We've raised over £400 for Molly Olly's Wishes this year and are very proud of the difference that money will make to some very poorly children.

Brownies has some great activities planned for the autumn term. If your daughter is approaching seven then she can be registered as interested in joining Brownies.

Either email us at: [longitchbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:longitchbrownies@gmail.com) or go to: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

## 'Darkest Hour' Film Night

'Darkest Hour' (PG) is the next film showing at the Community Centre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm). Refreshments include beer, wine and soft drinks and transport for Long Itchington residents can be arranged. Tickets are £5, with all profits going to the Community Centre. There are limited tickets so booking is strongly advised; available from Margaret Bailey on: ~ 814397 or Wendy Charles: ~ 812751

## Retro Revival

The Retro Revival event returns to Southam on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the town centre. 12noon – 5.00pm.

There will be live music and dance, vintage stalls, food and drink, competitions, children's activities and gorgeous vintage vehicles, more than ever before!

Free entry and open to all – come and enjoy the sights and sounds!

(Please note: roads closed in the town centre from 9.00am – 7.00pm)

**CHAPEL NEWS**

*Rev. Marion Hartwell*

Following the summer break I would like to tell you about Women's Hour which I am going to refer as 'People's Hour' because in recent times we are delighted to have men from the village joining us. On the first and third Tuesdays each month we meet from 2.30pm to approximately 4.00pm. On each Tuesday there is something different with a variety of speakers and subjects. Twice a year we hold a luncheon together and occasionally there will be a quiz or an afternoon with a local choir. Twice a year we have a Charity Bring & Buy sale. In December the members work together to prepare a carol service. Refreshments complete the afternoon.

More information can be obtained from Nan Myhill on: ~ 814443.

**Special dates**

30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Festival, 3.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Church Meeting, 2.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Service at Galanos House, 2.45pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shoe Box Blessing Service, 3.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day Service, 10.00am

**Wildlife update**

If you have been wondering what the Bascote Road Community Nature Reserve is all about then there is a forthcoming wildlife activity day, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 2.00pm. It will be an afternoon of nature conservation work with the opportunity 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 what the project is about. Please 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 those wishing to attend could avoid arriving by car, as parking is very limited. You will find the reserve on Bascote Road just south of the old railway line.

In other news, earlier this year the parish wildlife wardens welcomed five young adults as volunteers to help with nature conservation projects within the parish. They have spent three months with us as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Their efforts will help to improve habitats and raise awareness of local wildlife. Many thanks must be given to both the young adults and their parents for the valuable contribution made.

**2019 Calendar**

We urgently need more photographs of Long Itchington for the 2019 calendar. Please send your best shots of the village to: [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com)

**Bonfire night**

The 2018 Long Itchington Bonfire night, hosted by the Green Man will take place on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm with fireworks at 7.00pm. Food will be available from 5.30pm. If you would like to enter the Guy competition, please bring Guys to the Green Man by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the winner will be announced on the night. If you would like to join the organising committee or offer time to help set-up/clean-up, please email: [longitchingtonbonfire@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonbonfire@gmail.com) or leave your contact details at the Green Man. We are purely volunteer run with all profits going to the village.

**CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS**

*Rev. Jane Everitt*

A lot is happening at Holy Trinity Church over the next couple of months, please don't forget that you are welcome to pop in to our afternoon teas, which happen every Thursday 2.00pm to 4.00pm until the end of September, when we will revert to our winter timetable of serving them on the last Thursday of each month.

Tickets for our 'Harvest Supper' on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm, are now on sale. They are £7.50 each and are available from the church or please ring Mary on: ~ 811958, Sue: ~ 814050 or Rhona: ~ 813602.

Our next 'Messy Church' is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. This is a chance for families to come and get crafty in church with various activities, we worship together before enjoying fellowship as we eat tea before we leave – everyone is welcome, but please remember that children must be accompanied.

Our all-age remembrance service on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November begins at 10.00am in church. Following this, at 10.45am, we will parade to the Long Itchington War Memorial for the act of remembrance at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of this special anniversary year.

If you have any questions about life events such as christenings, confirmation or getting married in Holy Trinity Church, please contact Revd Jane Everitt on: ~ 717909.

Holy Trinity Church is open every day 9.00am to 5.00pm for quiet reflection and prayer.

**Special dates**

21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Harvest Supper at the Church, 7.00pm (tickets on sale now)
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	'Messy Church', 3.00pm – 5.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival at the Church, 9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Parade Service at the Church, 10.00am (followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, 11.00am)

**Cricket club 'Christmas Quiz'**

The cricket club would like to issue another reminder for their popular Christmas Quiz, which this year will be held in the Church on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Anticipating there will be a decent demand, tables should be booked in advance via Steve Mitchell on: [mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk)

**Charity Christmas Card Sale**

A variety of festive charity cards will be on sale on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Holy Trinity Church from 10.00am – 12noon. Refreshments will be served. The Long Itchington calendar for 2019 will also be on sale at this event.

**Long Itchington Educational Fund**

This is a final reminder to anyone under 25 years old on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, and in full time higher education or vocational training at university or college, to apply for grants from the Long Itchington Educational Foundation. **The deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.** Details and applications forms can be found through [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk) or contact Peter Myhill on: ~ 814443

## 'UBUS' Community Transport Service

UBUS is a dial-a-ride community transport service operating within Stratford District. The service is available to anyone in the district who struggles to access public transport due to mobility issues, health problems or who lives in an area with no, or infrequent, public transport. Passengers can travel between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

UBUS will collect passengers from their door, drop them off at their destination, pick up again at the agreed point and drop off back at home. Drivers can assist passengers to get on & off the bus and will help with up to three shopping bags, or a trolley if necessary, and all vehicles can accommodate a wheelchair. The transport can be used to visit friends, attend social groups, leisure activities or go shopping. It cannot be used to attend medical appointments.

Depending on where residents live in the district a single journey costs £2.10, £2.70 or £3.40. Return journeys £4.20, £5.40 or £6.80. Residents living in an Orbit property are eligible for a £0.60 discount on their journey.

Journeys need to be booked in advance. Passengers can book up to seven days in advance.

UBUS provides transport in different parts of the district on specific days. **For Southam and surrounding areas it operates on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Residents interested in registering with the service should contact: (01789) 264491. For further information contact Marie Darwen at Stratford District Council on: (01789) 260108.

## Veterans ride out to say "Thank you"

100 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1918, the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. In 2018 The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying 'thank you' to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

At the end of October, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, residents, staff, relatives and supporters of Galanos House will be aiming to complete a distance of 270 miles; equivalent to riding from Southam to the Armistice Glade, Compiegne, France, where the Armistice was signed nearly 100 years ago. Using state-of-the art static recumbent bikes, (donated by RBL St James's Branch), Galanos House will be a hive of pedal power to cover the distance.

"The Galanos House Armistice Ride" will raise funds for the care home's Amenities Fund, which provides the residents with opportunities (trips, entertainment, personal care support) to further enhance their lives at this multi-award winning Royal British Legion Care Home.

For further details on how you can support/sponsor or take part in this exciting event, please email: [newseditor@rbl-stjames.org.uk](mailto:newseditor@rbl-stjames.org.uk) or contact Galanos House directly on: ~ 812185

## Farming Notes by Tony Grimes

2018 has been an unusual year for farming. Snow earlier in the year followed by a long summer period of high temperatures to match 1976 and a lack of rain at important growth stage times.

The harvest on this farm was between 10% and 20% below average because of weather conditions at critical times of year.

Arable farming has, in general, got off more lightly than stock farmers. Farmers who have dairy herds have had a very tough time. A shortage of grass has reduced milk yields and quality. Many dairy farmers are having to start feeding their winter food rations much earlier than usual because of slow grass growth in the summer.

We have for many years followed a traditional pattern of farming which goes back hundreds of years, but new methods are being perfected. When we plant cereal crops we plough the ground, cultivate it, plant and then roll it to finish it off. This year we are going to spray any regrowth since harvest and then drill directly into the stubble, not only will this be a much cheaper method but also more beneficial to soil conditions over a long period of time.

I expect many people will have noticed the profusion of berries especially on the hawthorn and rowan. In the "old days" we would have said we were in for a hard winter. There seems to be in our area a dearth of small birds; perhaps the dry hot summer has been responsible. Swallows and House Martins have also been noticeable by their small numbers – they came late and went early.

My son Mark has just been in to tell me we have had a "visit" from the hare coursers. They come early morning or late evening, they drive over all the arable fields looking for hares to chase. They are very unfriendly people not to be approached. Short of having locked gates at every field entrance there is very little we can do. We know from where they come, which is a no-go area for the police.

## Long Itchington village gardens 2019

A group of village residents will be opening their gardens over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019, as part of the National Open Gardens Scheme (NGS), we think for the first time in the village's history.

At the time of writing a total of 12 gardens were planning to register for the charity fundraising scheme, further details of which can be found at <https://www.ngs.org.uk/>. The gardens, which will be open from 12noon to 5.00pm on each day, cover all types including gravel, tropical, vegetable, cottage and contemporary.

The church has already offered to organise refreshments and the organisers will be hoping to recruit volunteers in due course to help support the event. More details to come, so watch this space... in the meantime, if you want to know more please email: [mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk), or call group coordinators Steve and Adrienne Mitchell on: ~ 812210.

## 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.

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