



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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DIARY DATES

The next LI Diary
will run from:

Sat 12 March
to
Sat 14 May 2022

Residents will
appreciate that, due
to the present
Covid-19 situation,
dates may be liable
to change.

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Council Tax – The Parish Precept for 2021/22

The Parish Precept is the small part of your Council Tax bill that is set and managed by your Parish Council. The Precept covers the running costs of our Parish including repairs and Parish administration.

Long Itchington Parish Council is holding a short meeting on January 12th to finalise and ratify this year's parish precept. The proposal is to raise the precept by 2% in line with last year, which equates to an increase of £2.02 over 12 months or 3.9p / week for a Band D property. We will, of course, communicate our final decision to the community by the end of January.

Parish Council Grants

Every year the Parish Council sets aside a sum of money to be distributed amongst local village groups. We would very much like to hear from your group with a view to receiving one of these grants. Take a look at the parish council website section "policies and documents" to download a grant application form or contact: ~ 815216 to ask for one to be sent to you.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

A Happy New Year from Holy Trinity to everyone in Long Itchington and the surrounding area.

Our Christmas and New Year celebrations were somewhat reduced due to the national pandemic and we hope we kept everyone as safe as possible. We now look forward to a much more positive and active 2022.

This month we celebrate the annual feast day of St Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, born in Long Itchington in 1008. See his circular memorial window in the St Wulfstan Chapel in the church.

1st March 2022 is Shrove Tuesday and we hope to hold our annual pancake day event in the church - more information on social media and noticeboards nearer the time. Ash Wednesday next day 2nd March marks the beginning of Lent when a short Communion service will be held at 7pm.

Our weekly 09.30am Sunday services will continue with Holy Communion with the exception of the third Sunday of the month when it will be a service of Morning Prayer. Details regarding the Easter services will be in the next Village Diary.

Stonebridge Lane Questionnaire

As we told you earlier in the year, we will be the recipients of some funds from the HS2 Road Safety Fund. This will be used by Warwickshire County Council to make improvements to the safety and tranquillity of Stonebridge Lane, amongst other key roads.

We will be asking everyone to respond to a short questionnaire regarding how you use Stonebridge Lane - by car or by foot, for example. There will be some suggestions for ways in which to make it safer for all users and deter large vehicles and motorists using it as a rat run.

The link to the questionnaire will be on our website so that residents who wish to do so can fill it in or download. For a paper copy please contact the parish office.

L.I. Community Centre 100 Club

The 100 Club's new year is starting in January. All monies raised goes towards capital projects, which improve the Community Centre's facilities and equipment to the benefit of all who use it. Our last draw of 2021 was in The Green Man on Saturday 18th. The winners were: Special Xmas draw: £100 R Atkins. December ordinary draw: £30 T Tibby, £10 D & J Welchman, £10 R Watt.

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club to get a chance of a win or two and at the same time help in improving the Community Centre's facilities, please contact Linda Clark via email linda.wulfstan.btinternet.com or phone 01926 814255. Further information can be found on the Parish website under 'Activities and Village Life'

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

The address for Long Itchington Parish Council is Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, Southam CV47 9QP. The office is usually manned **Monday to Friday between 9.30am – 11.30am**. Appointments are preferred.

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

Email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com Website: www.longitchington.org.uk

Cricket Club

The Long Itchington Cricket Club AGM is due to take place (in person) on Friday 25 February at 8.00pm in the back room of the Green Man, Church Road, Long Itchington. All existing and potential new members are invited to attend.

Advance notice re cricket events:

Indoor practice begins at Southam College on Thursday 24 March from 7.00pm to 8.25pm (for year 7s and above) and from 8.25pm to 9.45pm for seniors. Practice will also take place on 31 March and 7 April.

For any information required regarding the cricket club please contact Andy Hart on 07802 520302 or Martyn Rawbone on 01926 332179.

Long Itchington WI

Long Itchington WI continues to celebrate its 90th birthday year. At the Annual WI meeting in November, we recognised Long Itchington's six longest serving WI members and each was presented with a 50 years WI certificate, flowers and chocolates.

The December WI meeting included Christmas music and carols from the "Long Itchington Scratch Band", local musicians who kindly stepped in at very short notice. Many thanks to them and to the Community Centre team who help make our meetings possible.

Due to high levels of Covid-19 the WI will be holding its January 19th meeting online with speaker Monica Atkins talking about Skin care. February 16th sees the welcome return of Sue Morgan who will demonstrate a new craft project. On March 16th speaker David Fry will talk about the Marton Museum. WI meetings will continue online when necessary. WI on-line coffee mornings are held every Monday. For more about the WI please contact Ali Williams: aliwilliams1908@hotmail.co.uk 077 8000 7561.

Carnival

The Carnival Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Village carnival and fete is back for 2022. It will look slightly different from previous years, but you can still expect the same entertainment, stalls and family fun as always. We will be holding a fete on Friday 3rd June at the community centre. Times to be confirmed

Great Turnout – AGAIN

Thanks to the 77 people - and dogs – who supported this year's annual New Year Day Walks. Particular thanks to the leaders and their team of back markers along with the excellent hosting by Cheryl and Pete at The Buck and Bell.

A pre-Christmas Friday walk also saw great support with Sharon and Simon at The Harvester serving first class breakfasts on return. Thanks everyone.

Long Itchington History Group

Meeting dates are as follows:

9th February: Joseph Ashby's Victorian Warwickshire (rural life in the 1890s) - Anne Langley

9th March: Warwick's First Factory - Tim Clark

All meetings take place in the Community Centre. 7.30pm. £2 entrv. All welcome.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

If you are fed up with eating and drinking over Christmas, perhaps you would like to play tennis instead.

The village has a small, friendly group of tennis players of all ages and standards. For more details please contact Christine Williams 01926 811143 or at antony.pantling@sky.com

Rainbows needs you!

Rainbows is a fun and exciting programme of events for girls aged five to seven. We meet at the Community Centre on Tuesdays at 5.00pm.

Three of our current leaders at Long Itchington Rainbows will be moving on in the summer and the Unit will not be able to keep going after that without some new helpers (aged over 18). You don't have to do everything, but perhaps you could help out at the meetings, or keep the accounts, or do some of the admin like risk assessments and managing the waiting list. If you can help at all please email longitchrainbows@gmail.com.

Wildlife News

Woodland wildlife activities at Whites Spinney, Saturday 29th January at 2pm (subject to there being no changes to pandemic restrictions).

Help us look after a very special place and join the parish wildlife warden for an afternoon of wildlife conservation activities. To keep the spinney in good health some light woodland management is needed.

Come along and help prune some of the small trees to make room for more wildlife. Also, get hands on with a rural craft making hurdle fences. None of the activities are physically demanding and provide an enjoyable way to spend time in the great outdoors! Please bring loppers and secateurs, plus gloves, stout footwear and suitable outdoor clothing.

Whites Spinney can be found just off the Lias Line Cycleway between Bascote Road and Stonebridge Lane. Access is via the SM5a public footpath.

For more information, please visit the parish wildlife website: www.longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk

Long Itchington Open Gardens

A summer date for your calendars: the Long Itchington Village Gardens weekend is on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June when 14 gardens will be open to visitors as part of the charitable National Open Gardens Scheme (NGS).

Many of you will remember the first event in 2019 when an army of village volunteers helped make the weekend a great success. More details in the next diary. If you have any immediate queries then please contact group coordinators Adrienne & Steve Mitchell at mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or call 01926 812210.