



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

March - May 2022

Published
bi-monthly by the
Long Itchington
Parish Council
(Phone: ~
815216)
[parishcouncil@
longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

Editor
Barbara Purser

Front page

LIPC News

Pages 2/3/4

LIPC News

Local News

*Church & Chapel
News*

Local Groups

Contact details LIPC

DIARY DATES

**The next LI Diary
will run from:**

**Sat 14 May
to**

Sat 16 July 2022

Please send copy by
2nd May

Contact:
lipcdiary@gmail.com

This publication is
delivered to almost
every household in
our Parish –
including Bascote,
Bascote Heath and
Model Village.

It's free to advertise
an event or a group
activity. We welcome
your input which
helps to keep the
Diary and the parish
current and vibrant.

New electoral arrangements for Long Itchington proposed

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published its recommendations for changes to future electoral arrangements for Stratford-on-Avon District Council. They are proposing that Stratford-on-Avon should have 41 councillors. There will be 37 single-councillor wards, and 2 two-councillor wards across the district. They are also proposing that the boundaries of most wards should change with only two staying the same.

If the recommendations are accepted, this will be a big change for our immediate area. The recommendation is that Long Itchington will be part of a ward called "**Southam North & Long Itchington**". You can read the recommendations in more detail at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/24993>.

Long Itchington Parish Council welcomes new councillor

At the Parish Council meeting on March 2nd, councillors were delighted to co-opt Mark Dalton to the council. Mark has lived in Long Itchington since 2001 and we very much look forward to working with him in the next months and years.

Sustrans Virtual Meeting was well attended

On February 28th over 50 residents attended a virtual meeting where a Sustrans representative outlined the history behind the Lias Line and answered questions about the progress of building the Line and what the route will look like.

These are the key points:

The Sustrans track will extend from Leamington Spa to Rugby and is being built to accommodate walkers, cyclists, wheelers and horse riders, who will have their own trotting path to one side. The width of the track will generally be 3 metres; wider in some places. There is to be wheelchair and pram access. The ground surface will be fully permeable for effective drainage.

Sustrans is working with HS2 to ensure that the route enables users to travel away from any roads or vehicles. Where necessary, the Line will traverse bridges and crossroads. There is an ecology management plan to re-establish species and add to biodiversity.

There is still work to be done to ensure quad bikes and motorcycles are strongly deterred.

Current building works have necessitated that part of the Line is closed to the public until the summer. Participants at the virtual meeting learned that the old railway line is, in fact, privately owned and currently has no automatic public access. Once complete, however, the Lias Line will be officially part of route 41 and will enjoy full public access.

Sustrans would be delighted if any residents would like to volunteer to maintain the Line

For more information contact birmingham@sustrans.org.uk.

Would you like to receive regular updates on local issues by email?

We send regular updates of news, flood warnings, the diary in digital format, local planning news etc, via email to residents. If you would like to receive regular updates please let us know by emailing the parish office on:

parishcouncil@longitchington.com

News from District Councillor Adam

After some notable planning cases, the council is setting up a group to investigate local regulations around self-build properties. This is designed to review the current system and put in place guidance to help protect the district from over development. This should be up and running in March.

HS2 have opened a visitors' centre overlooking the cutting and tunnel works under Long Itchington Wood off Welsh Road which is open to the public by appointment. Please contact Dhiren if you are interested: dhiren.katwa@balfourbeattyvinci.com

At full council this month the budget was voted through. As part of an amendment a sum of £50,000 is set aside for practical energy advice to residents of the district.

For any district matters please feel free to get in touch:

Louis Adam

Email: Louis.adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Tel: 07971 342940

Decision on Ruby's Meadow delayed

Following on from Councillor Adam's article above, it appears that the decision on the Rosconn planning application for 9 self-build units at Ruby's Meadow has been delayed whilst Stratford District Council take steps to firm up their policy on self-builds in general.

The Parish Council have invested financially and emotionally in trying to stop this development. Our various legal letters to the District Council appear to have been effective but we shouldn't be complacent.

We will keep you updated.

Leigh Crescent Footpath

Very sadly we have just learned that the appeal lodged by the owner of the garages at Leigh Crescent has found in his favour and removed the condition to retain the footpath when three dwellings are built.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill in a Footpath User form. We have informed the WCC Rights of Way Team of this decision, which was taken with the awareness of our Rights of Way application.

L.I. Community Centre 100 Club

The 100 Club's new year has begun with lottery draws taking place at The Diner (January) and in The Harvester (February). All monies raised goes towards capital projects which improve the Community Centre's facilities and equipment to the benefit of all who use it. To see who the lucky winners were please look at the parish Council's website under 'Activities and Village Life'.

As the year draws on the annual cost of participating reduces. It's now a nice round £10.

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 at linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com or phone 01926 814255.

The more people we have in the lottery the more lucky winners we will have and obviously more money to provide extra equipment or facilities for the Community Centre.

Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday 14th May

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Community Centre rather than virtually. We invite village organisations to book a place for a stall – please contact our Clerk, Liz Bonney on 01926 815216. You can view stalls from 9.30 and there will be presentations by councillors about the previous year in Long Itchington from 10.00. The event will finish at 12.00pm.

Community Centre News

Bookings are steadily increasing.

We now have a new screen courtesy of the Community Centre 100 Club - and our thanks to Linda Clark for all her hard work with this fundraising initiative, as well as all those who take part! (See separate article above).

The dishwasher is up and running, with instructions. As well as the CO2 monitors and Air Purifiers in the Community Room and in the School Hall.

We are maintaining our hand sanitisers and enhanced cleaning regimes and would remind all users that the Government still advises wearing a mask in busy places and ensuring good ventilation. We are hopeful that it will not be too long before we can progress the replacement of the windows which should improve both the energy efficiency of the Community Room as well as improving air flow when ventilation is needed.

Long Itchington Village Gardens

Volunteers needed

Plans are underway for the 2022 Long Itchington Village Gardens weekend on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June when 14 gardens will be open to visitors from 12 noon to 5pm.

Can you spare an hour or two to help? Tasks will include signage around the village, car parking, traffic marshalling, collecting entrance fees, handing out leaflets, making cakes, joining the refreshments team and no doubt many more jobs we haven't thought of yet. Even if you can't help at the weekend there will be plenty to do in the weeks and days leading up to the event.

It's all in a good cause. Entrance money goes direct to the National Open Garden Scheme to support nursing and health charities including Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK and Parkinson's UK. Last year the NGS donated over £3m to its beneficiary charities.

For further details and to offer any help, please contact group coordinators:

Steve & Adrienne Mitchell Tel 01926 812210
Steve 07717 213182 Adrienne 07717 213183
E-mail mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Hello from Holy Trinity where we are gradually returning to normal following the pandemic and looking forward to the Spring and Easter services this year.

Prior to that our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on the March 20th, 2022, at 10.30am following the morning service. All Parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting.

During Lent the Church will be collecting donations for the Southam Food Bank throughout the six weeks, so if anyone would like to donate items, please contact anyone on the PCC or ring 01926 814050 and we will collect.

Mothering Sunday – 27th March 2022 at 09.30
(clocks go forward this weekend)

Maundy Thursday 14th April – Holy Communion Service at 7.00pm

Good Friday – 15th April - time of the service to be announced

Easter Day - 17th April – Holy Communion with Baptism at 09.30am

Do please come and join our services during this very special period in the church.

Long Itchington WI News

The WI had a very busy February meeting back at the Community Centre, including a flower craft demonstration by speaker Sue Morgan and mass bunting making. The next WI meeting is on Wednesday 16 March when speaker David Fry will be talking about Marton Museum and members will be bringing in their own unusual objects.

The speaker at the meeting on Wednesday 20 April will be Luke Chittenden from the Warwickshire Fire Service.

Long Itchington WI welcomes new members, If you would like to know more please contact Ali Williams: aliwilliams1908@hotmail.co.uk 07780 007561.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A full weekend of celebrations is planned for the four-day Bank Holiday starting on Thursday June 2nd. First of all, we would be delighted if as many houses as possible were adorned with bunting from the 2nd to make us the "buntingest" village in Warwickshire!

At 9.15 pm on June 2nd, we will be lighting a Beacon. The Carnival takes place of Friday 3rd. On Saturday and Sunday, a parish-wide event is planned; more details to follow soon.

We are planning to use a large slice from the beech tree, previously at the pond, to mark key events since 1952 in the rings of the wood. We would then like to display this artefact prominently in the village.

The Parish Council is sponsoring a celebratory Tea Towel designed by our resident artist Jeni Neale. It will depict many aspects of Long Itchington as well as making reference to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These will be on sale from the beginning of June.

The Parish Council will be supporting the Queen's Green Canopy project by adding additional trees to the Orchard on the Lilac field and naming the Orchard in the Queen's honour.

Housing Needs Survey

A lack of suitable housing is an issue for many households and can often lead to local people moving away. To assess whether or not this is a problem in the local area the Parish Council is conducting a housing needs survey to identify the homes that local people need. Please look out for the survey and do consider the needs of all your family even if they are currently away at college.

Long Itchington Tennis

The tennis season will soon be in full swing. The tennis courts are open to everyone at less than £1 per week. No masks or tests needed.

Christine Williams 01928 811143 or antony.pantling@sky.com

Long Itchington History Group

Meeting dates as follows:

13th April: Illustrated Post Cards of Coventry and the UK – David Fry

11th May: Guided walk around Marton - please check our website, <https://www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk>, for meeting details.

We close for the Summer and reopen on Wednesday 14th September. Unless advised otherwise, meetings are held in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

All welcome.

Easter Art Exhibition.

After missing a year due to the pandemic Napton Art Group is back this year with their even bigger and better Easter Exhibition of members' work at Napton Village Hall (CV47 8LS) on 16th and 17th of April between 10am and 5 pm.

There will be about 200 paintings in all mediums including oils, watercolour, acrylics and pastels and greetings cards of some of these will be available. Admission is £1 with free entry for children and there will be light refreshments in the pop-up cafe. Everybody who comes can vote for The Best in Show.

The nominated charity this year is Myton Hospice.

The art group has a growing membership that now stands at over 60 and meets every Thursday afternoon at Napton Village Hall and has a programme featuring a wide range of demonstrations and weekend workshops.

Green Waste Service

Green bins are only emptied if the resident has registered for this service and paid £42 per bin. You can renew for the next year now at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm>

Cricket Club

Indoor practice/nets will be held at Southam College on three consecutive Thursdays, 24 and 31 March and 7 April. Juniors in school year 8 and above from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Seniors from 8:30pm to 10:00pm. All existing and prospective new members will be very welcome. For further information please contact Club Captain Tom Crosthwaite on 07746 979206 or Junior Section organiser Tom Perks on 07792 006382.

Outdoor junior net practice/training begins at the ground in Stonebridge Lane on Friday 22 April and continues to the end of July. For more information on getting involved in junior cricket, age groups etc please contact Junior Section organiser Tom Perks on 07792 006382.

For information on all Long Itchington cricket club fixtures please visit the club website – [Long Itchington CC \(play-cricket.com\)](http://LongItchingtonCC.com)

Save the date/Advance notice of Party On The Pitch. Once again this fabulous outdoor event will be held at the ground in Stonebridge Lane on Saturday 10 September. Numbers will be strictly limited as previously. More details on how to pre-order tickets to follow shortly.

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.

Carnival News

Long Itchington Carnival is fast approaching! We have secured lots of amazing stalls and entertainment, as well as some incredible raffle prizes for you all on June 3rd. The Carnival is planned to take place from 12.00 – 4.00 pm.

If anyone else would like to be involved, please contact one of the carnival committee members on 07882 742709 or 07539 294798

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