



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

July - September 2022

Anti-social Behaviour in Long Itchington

Following on from our recent email and Facebook post regarding increasing levels of anti-social behaviour in the village, the police have been very helpful and have reviewed our CCTV footage and will be talking to Southam College and the parents of children involved then reviewing what action to take.

Multiple incidents have been logged as 'anti-social behaviour incidents', including vandalising the public toilets (twice), graffiti on play equipment and serious damage to a narrow boat. The police have urged all residents to report any incidents of criminal or anti-social behaviour, however minor it may seem. This will help the police to spot any patterns of behaviour and help us tackle the issues. You can report non urgent crimes on 101 or you can complete a short on line report form that can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

We are also very concerned to hear that some young children are fearful of going out to play in case they are confronted by certain older young people who are intimidating them. We encourage parents to talk with younger children to see if this is the case for them. Please talk to us if you have any worries.

Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan has reached an important stage; it has now been through an extensive external examination. The Examiner has made certain recommendations and concluded that it now proceeds to Referendum. He said: "Long Itchington Parish Council is to be congratulated on its extensive efforts to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for their area that will guide development activity over the period until 2031."

We hope that this referendum will take place in the Autumn and that, by the end of 2022, Long Itchington and Bascote Neighbourhood Area will have a Plan representing the views of residents and a document which can be relied upon when considering planning applications. We encourage everyone to take part in the referendum.

Parish Accounts

The parish accounts are currently going through the annual audit process and electors who are resident in the parish are welcome to make an appointment to view the invoices and financial records if they so wish.

The public period for inspection will run until 29th July 2022. Please contact Liz Bonney (Clerk to the Parish Council) on 01926 815216 or email parishcouncil@longitchington.com for information.

Ruby's Meadow – the latest

The long-standing planning application to develop 9 self-build dwellings on a much loved and beautiful meadow has faced a significant challenge. But Planning Committee members earlier this month voted 5 : 2 against the development.

Whilst, this was not the decision we were expecting, we were delighted that District Councillors were swayed by powerful arguments that this unique part of our parish must be preserved in its natural state. But, this is not the end, it is highly likely that Rosconn Strategic Land (the developer) will appeal this decision.

We wish to warmly thank Cllr Chris Kettle for speaking so effectively on our behalf, making some vital points. We also pay tribute to Cllr Jon Venn who spoke very convincingly on the night and who has worked tirelessly for the community on this important issue.

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will run from:**

**Sat 17 September
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Sat 12 November**

Contact:
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**If you want to
keep in touch.....**

We send regular updates of news, flood warnings, events etc, via email to residents. If you would like to receive them please let us know by emailing the parish office on:

[parishcouncil@
longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

Community Centre Update

The Community Centre is continuing to see a return to more normal use after COVID and it is lovely that group activities and parties are returning to the Hall. While most weekday evenings are busy with regular activities, there are opportunities during the weekdays for regular or one-off events.

If you run an early years' group or an exercise class, for example, why not get in touch with the Clerk and see what's available. Call Liz on 01926 815216 or email parishcouncil@longitchington.com

Wildlife News + Update on the car in the pond

It's a great time to explore the many natural resources in our parish. In the **LILAC field** the change to the grass cutting has provided small mammals with new places to live and find food. The long grass now provides extra visual and nature interest, while helping to reduce carbon emissions and maintenance. One highlight is the arrival of Common Spotted Orchids in the field which is very positive.

The **community nature reserve at Bascote Road** has new bird boxes and the start of a new pond.

The **village pond**: vegetation damaged from the road accident is recovering well. There was no oil pollution from the car. Ducks and the swan seem none the worse for their scare.

At **Whites Spinney**, there is an ongoing programme of thinning out of the epicormic growth from the lime trees, to help create a more diverse woodland habitat.

If you want to get involved, volunteers are needed this autumn! Dates for September and October to be announced. These are just some highlights of the wildlife conservation activities; For more information go to: www.longitchintonwildlife.org.uk.

Please prune your over-hanging hedges

A reminder that it is the home-owner's responsibility to prune hedges & foliage which over-hang public footpaths, pavements or lights.

If foliage is obstructing your property but doesn't belong to you, please phone us on 01926 815216 for advice as there are specific times of year when radical pruning is not advisable.

Fishing is not permitted at the Pond

Fishing in the pond is prohibited. Fishing without permission of the landowner is an offence under Schedule 1 of the Theft Act 1968, regardless of whether fish are taken or not. Further information regarding rules and licences can be found at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>

CPR/defibrillator training

West Midlands Ambulance Service is offering to run a CPR and defibrillator training session here in Long Itchington. This is part of a current project to raise awareness of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) and how to do CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). With three PADs in our community these potentially life-saving skills are ones we should all think about learning.

The session would last for c.1.5 hours with a demonstration and time for a practice. No date has yet been fixed but we're thinking a Saturday morning in the autumn in the community centre.

The first task is to gauge interest. If you are interested in taking part or would like to know more then please contact Adrienne Mitchell mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk 01926 812210 or 07717 213183.

New 123 Waste Collections from August 5th

The way your waste is collected is changing

You should all have received food bins and caddies and a leaflet explaining the new service. If you haven't, please contact **01789 260616** or go to

www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm

In brief, the new service is as follows:

1. A **food waste** collection, **every week** using a food caddy
2. A **recycling** collection, **every two weeks** using your **blue** bin.
3. Your **black** refuse bin collection for all **non-recyclable** waste will be **every 3 weeks**.
4. Garden waste (**green** bin) collection **every two weeks**.

Waste Collection Diary August & September

August	September
5 th Food waste	2 nd Food and Black Bin
12 th All 4 bins	9 th Food, Blue & Green
19 th Food waste	16 th Food waste
26 th Food, Blue & Green	23 rd All 4 bins
	30 th Food waste

For those people in financial hardship

Here are some useful organisations:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme or phone: 01926 359182.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport

<https://actonenergy.org.uk> for those struggling with heating bills or phone: 0800 988 2881

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Open Gardens – a great success!

Messages of thanks

From Steve and Adrienne Mitchell

Thank you to everyone who got involved – garden owners who opened their gardens, villagers who visited them and the army of volunteers who made it all happen: people setting up signage, doing car park duty, selling tickets, making cakes and helping in church. The event attracted over 650 visitors, some local but many had travelled from further afield, and has raised a total of £4564.63 for National Garden Scheme nursing and health charities.

From the Parish Council:

Very special thanks to **Mary Heath** who so efficiently recruited and organised a large team of volunteers for the teas & cakes over two long days in Church. A big thank you to **Sue Myhill** for the overall co-ordination of the Church as the “Teas” venue. Both of you now deserve to put your feet up!

This very enjoyable event was such a success because of the enthusiasm, energy and organisational skills of **Steve** and **Adrienne**. We thank you both very sincerely on behalf of the whole community.

Long Itchington Educational Foundation (L.I.E.F)

Applications invited for **grants to help local, young people** pursue their higher or vocational education and training in the coming year.

Visit www.longitchington.org.uk/L.I.E.F for details.

Trustees are keen to help as many young people from the Parish as possible so if you, a member of your family or friends might be eligible, please tell them about this opportunity. In 2021 individual grants were set at £200. This varies every year.

Applications should be returned to Andy Jack at 1 Brakeley Cottages, The Green, Long Itchington CV47 9QJ by **30th September 2022**. Late applications will not be considered unless Trustees agree there are exceptional circumstances.

For more information contact Andy Jack on 01926 815522 or 07805 506115.

Royal British Legion opens new community hub in Southam

The RBL has opened a new community hub and Café in Southam. It is situated next to Galanos House and will offer support for those eligible for its services. There is a large hall, treatment room and a meeting room which are available to hire. The café is open to the public from 9am – 5pm.

To contact Galanos House, phone 01926 812185 or to contact hub manager, Alison Byerley on abyerley@britishlegion.org.uk.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Firstly, may I reiterate our thanks to all who contributed in whatever way to the success of the teas in church during the recent Open Gardens event. It was a truly wonderful effort and enjoyed by everyone.

Great News - on Wednesday September 7th the Licensing service for the Rev Richard Suffern led by the Bishop will be held in Holy Trinity Church, after which he will officially be our new Priest in Charge. Further details about the service coming soon.

In preparation for Richard and Jacqui moving to the village there will be a considerable amount of work undertaken in the vicarage which we trust will cause minimal disruption nearby.

Thursday Teas continue on the first and third Thursday of the month
7th & 21st July; 4th & 18th August; 8th & 22nd September.

Many of you will have noted the repairs to the Church wall are well underway and should be completed soon.

Annual Church BBQ Sunday 11th Sept. 12.30-3.00pm.

Our Autumn programme will soon be available including Harvest Festival, Harvest Supper, Christmas Card Sale and Christmas Tree Festival and Market.

Our Sunday Services continue each week at 09.30am and a warm welcome awaits you all.

Fund-raising Event. August 13th, 12-4pm Long Itchington Community Centre

For a local family whose 15-year-old daughter was diagnosed with ALCL Lymphoma. Monies raised will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital and the Oncology Ward for equipment and toys for children. This promises to be a very worthwhile event including raffles, tombola, bric a brac etc.... and lots of refreshments. Two amazing raffles on the day – one for the chance to win a free week at a villa in Cyprus.

Please help by attending this event and /or donating items for the bric a brac table or the jumble sale. Contributions for the tombola also needed.

For more information and to contribute please contact Maria on 07745 700858.

Events at Galanos House

29th July, 6.00 – 7.30pm: Menopause Evening at the Community Hub - a free event where Dr Kirti Viswa will talk about the menopause and treatment options. To register your interest phone 01926 812185 Ext 5365.

18th August at 7pm, Curry & Quiz Night, £6.50 per person. Bar will be open.

3rd September at 2pm, Summer Fete, free entry. Stalls, cakes, games and entertainment etc

Long Itchington Tennis

Have you been inspired by watching Wimbledon? We cannot promise that standard of play or even that prize money, but you can have some exercise and fun! For further information please contact - Christine Williams on 811143.

Calendar photographs urgently needed!

We are putting together the calendar for 2023.

Please send pictures taken when you've been out and about in the parish. Please send to batkins5691@googlemail.com.

Please send the highest spec you have so that the clarity does justice to the photo.

Mobile Library returns to our village

It was positive to see the mobile library returning to the village on Fridays. The library stopped visiting due to lack of use and it would be good to support the reinstatement of this service.

It will be visiting the community centre car park every 3 weeks from 9:45-10:15 and our next few visits will be 15th July, 5th & 26th August and the 16th September. You can contact the mobile library team on 01926 851031.

FULL HARVEST MOON WALK

The next organised walk is on Saturday 10th September. Meeting at The Pond at 8pm. This has become a traditional and popular event which is often helped by perfect weather conditions. For further information and to express an interest please email longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com or phone 01926 815119

WI News

WI has been busy making little felt corgis to give away as part of the national WI "Where's Winnie" project – we're told Her Majesty really liked this idea. The corgis were hidden round the village over the Platinum Jubilee weekend, and they all seem to have found a good home.

The May WI meeting continued our 90th birthday celebrations with a 1930s theme and the June meeting featured actor Margot McCleary who entertained members with her clever sketches and monologues. The **next WI meeting on Wednesday 20 July** will have speaker Jo Goldby's talk on "The Domestic" and the WI meeting on **Wednesday 17 August** will include our own WI Craft and Produce Show.

WI meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Community Centre and new members are always welcome - contact Jenni Venn for more information: president.liwi@gmail.com phone 812248

Jubilee Tea Towels – almost sold out! All profits go to Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

LIPC has many communication platforms

Recently, we've been hearing that some residents are not aware of village events or notices.

To stay in touch with us these are the following sources of information:

Bi-monthly Diary – delivered to every household.

Information Sheet – updated every 12 – 18 months

Website – www.longitchington.org.uk

(Also gives local information for Warwickshire)

Facebook page – Long Itchington Parish Council

Noticeboards – there are seven throughout the parish

Email mailing list – you can sign up to receive regular notification of events, road closures, meetings and village groups activities etc

You can email us with questions/suggestions – see contact details below.

CRICKET NEWS

LI Cricket Club thanks both Allen Hickling and Steve Crosthwaite for their years of dedicated commitment to the development of our village cricket club. They have now passed that baton onto Andy Hart (Chairman) and Steve Mitchell (President), who will continue to build upon the solid foundations of the club.

All upcoming fixtures for LICC can be viewed via our website: <https://longitchington.play-cricket.com/home>. Also search for Long Itchington Cricket Club on Facebook.

LICC Under 15s have won the Rugby & District Cricket Club Cup. Congratulations to them all!

Party on the Pitch, Saturday 10th Sept. 7 pm – 11pm

Tickets in advance: liccpartyonthepitch@btinternet.com
Or for those without email, phone : 07802 520302.

£10 per person over 16, Under 16s, £5. Family ticket, £25. There will be a band playing – "Wired". Please bring your own drinks.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Address for Parish Council is Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9QP. Office is normally manned **Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 11.30am. But limited hours over summer holidays.** Emails and ansaphone are checked regularly. Please book in advance over the summer period if you wish to visit the office.

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

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