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

Sat 12 November

Contact:
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with your articles by
1st November

**If you want to
keep in touch
with parish
matters.....**

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)

Queen Elizabeth II

We were very sad to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on September 8th. On behalf of Long Itchington Parish Council and our parishioners, we offer our heart-felt condolences and sympathy to all members of The Royal Family.

There is a book of remembrance in the Church for anyone to sign and if you wish to do so, please leave flowers at the War Memorial.

Monday 19th September is the day of the Funeral.

Ruby's Meadow - the latest

Residents will be aware that on 22 June Stratford-on-Avon District Council Planning Committee considered an application for the construction of nine self-build houses on Ruby's Meadow, the small pasture with the stream and willow trees on the north side of Collingham Lane. The Parish Council managed to persuade the Committee to refuse the application on the grounds of the damage that would be done to this unusual and undisturbed meadow.

The applicant (Rosconn Strategic Land) has lodged an appeal against the decision which will be considered by a Planning Inspector from the government Planning Inspectorate. Because Stratford Planning Committee rejected the application (against the recommendation of officers) the District Council will be defending the appeal and arguing for it to be rejected. Within the appeal process the Parish Council is designated as an "interested party" and we have submitted a detailed statement of case setting out the planning grounds we believe strongly justify the rejection of the appeal. A copy of our statement can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The appeal process will be conducted by written representations only so there won't be a formal public hearing. It is likely that it will be weeks (possibly months) before a decision is known. We will keep the community updated as soon as we hear any further news. Finally, it is important to stress that the Parish Council is not opposed to self-build housing, our strong objection is to any development on Ruby's Meadow which is entirely unsuitable for housing of any kind.

Inappropriate parking - please think before you park

As numbers of vehicles increase within the parish and places to park remain constant, it has been noticeable that some car owners are parking inappropriately and, in some cases, illegally.

Particularly of note are vehicles parked on the pavement, across and obstructing dropped kerbs, on corners, opposite or too close to junctions. This also then becomes a hazard for pedestrians. We ask that residents do not park on grass verges as this, too, can make visibility for other motorists very difficult and dangerous as well as stopping grass verges from being mown.

Please consider others when parking.

Message from Cllr Louis Adam – Missed Bin Collections

The most impactful thing at district level is the totally unacceptable amount of missed bin collections over the past few weeks.

The new 123+ system was introduced at the beginning of August which changed the regularity of collections and introduced the new food waste caddy. But it also led to our area being serviced by new Biffa contractors working out of a Warwick depot, being that SDC & WDC partnered for the contract.

These changes, along with impacts from the weather, staff shortages and inadequate new equipment have led to a chaotic and unreliable system of collection that has still not been fixed. Also due to the temperatures and length of time waste has been standing, insect infestations have been widespread.

I am furious at the appalling service we have had to endure and have been in regular contact with both officers and the, now new, portfolio holder to try and rectify this for residents.

There are clearly issues with communication as Biffa reported no missed collections when so many were reported and still outstanding. I believe this has now been identified due to my complaints and the missed collections that people have reported will now be registered like they should have been.

I have been helped by people keeping me up to date with missed collections so that I can pass this on and have them addressed, thank you. Please continue to report missed collections, via the app if possible, and to leave missed bins out until they are collected. I know this is frustrating and I will continue to push for this service to be fixed until it is.

However, if you have experienced problems in the last few weeks with bin collections or food caddies which are still not resolved, please contact me as I am compiling a list and will be working on your behalf to try and get this resolved.

Please send me:

- Your name and address
- Which bins (or caddy) have not been collected
- What action you have taken so far (eg: have you contacted SDC to log this?)

It would also be very useful to know if you haven't received a **food caddy** and collection timetable. If you believe your address or where you leave your bin might be difficult to find, please also mention this.

Contact me by email at louis.adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk or telephone 07971 342940

Financial Help for Students - Final Reminder!

If you, a member of your family or a friend will be starting or returning to higher or vocational education/training in the coming year there's still time to apply for help with expenses from LIEF, your local educational charity. Trustees are inviting applications for grants to help local young people. For details, visit www.longitchington.org.uk/L.I.E.F including eligibility and a downloadable application form.

Completed application forms must be returned to Andy Jack at 1 Brakeley Cottages, The Green, Long Itchington CV47 9QJ by **30th September 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.

For help or further information contact Andy Jack on 01926 815522.

Community Centre

As well as our regular bookings from village organisations and classes, we take bookings for one-off events such as parties. With confidence in social gatherings growing after the Covid restrictions, the Community Centre is receiving an increase in enquiries for weekend and evening bookings. If you are planning an event please get in touch well in advance of your proposed date to avoid disappointment.

Details of our facilities and how to book are available at <https://longitchington.org.uk/community-centre-facilities-and-how-to-book/> or telephone the Parish Clerk on 01926 815216 (email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

Long Itchington Calendars

After fourteen years selling calendars at £6, we have reluctantly decided to raise the price to £7. Increases in printing and all other costs have been the determining factor. All profits are distributed amongst villagers and village organisations. Pre-orders can be taken from mid-October. Please check the Long Itchington PC website for further details nearer that time.

Long Itchington CE Academy

Following the summer holiday we have been so pleased to welcome the children back into school, including our new intake class of reception pupils and also children in some other year groups. We look forward to formally welcoming them in a special service at the end of the half term.

It is also very exciting for us to welcome our new vicar and we look forward to rebuilding our really strong relationship with Holy Trinity Church during the coming year. Our school is a vibrant and happy place of learning - please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to come and join us, working at everything with all our hearts!

In the following weeks, we have two mornings set aside for any families who are looking for reception places in 2023/2024. These will be on the mornings of 17th October and 21st November. Please do contact the school office if you would like to attend one of these sessions.

Rebecca Richards
Head of School

BRITISH LEGION - GALANOS HOUSE EVENTS

Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club (AFVBC)

Saturday 24th September 10.00am > 12noon

Galanos House Dementia Café (A free dementia support group open to everyone)

30th September, 28th October, 25th November, 2:30pm

Silver Sunday (Celebrating Older People)

Sunday 1st October, 2:30pm

FREE event, contact us to reserve your place.

20 years on site Galanos Party

Saturday 29th October

Details / Times TBC

Christmas Craft Fayre

Sunday 30th October & Sunday 6th Nov

10.00am > 4.00pm

Men's Health Talk with local GP

Friday 18th November 6.00pm > 8.00pm

FREE event, contact us to reserve your place.

Mayor's Quiz Night

Friday 25th November 7.00pm > 10.00pm

£12 per ticket, available from the Town Council

Galanos House Bingo!

Monday 28th November

7.00pm

For a full list of events visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/RBLCommunityHub

or contact us on 01926 812185 Ext 5365

Welcome the Reverend Canon Richard Suffern to Holy Trinity

Richard and Jacqui are delighted to be joining the Parishes of Long Itchington and Marton and being part of both the Church and local community. Richard is from Yorkshire and Jacqui from Reading. Before ordination Richard worked in rural land management in Norfolk and then in East Africa for five years with TEAR Fund, managing a Youth Polytechnic and engaged in evangelism and church planting. Jacqui is an Occupational Therapist and now a homemaker and spends lots of time listening to and chatting to people over a cup of something.

Following a curacy in Weymouth, Richard and Jacqui served in St. Barnabas, Cheltenham and then St. Margaret's Whitnash. "We expected to become fully retired from Parish Ministry when I reached 65, but when we heard of the "part-time" vacancy here, we sensed something like the call of Paul and his companions in Acts 16 to 'Come and help us' and so here we are!" When not working Jacqui makes music on her flute, and both enjoy a good walk in the country. Richard chairs both the Coventry Diocesan Companionship link with Kapsabet, Kenya, and the trustees of the African Pastors fellowship, a charity which began in this Diocese.

Thank you for the warm welcome we have already received. We are glad to be joining the strong communities that are Long Itchington and Marton, we look forward to getting to know you and we hope to make a positive contribution to your lives.

Holy Trinity Events

Harvest Supper **30th September** with music from the BBC Chorister of the Year - tickets available soon.

Harvest Festival 09.30am **2nd October** in Church

Charity Card Sale **5th November** in Church 10-12.00

Remembrance Sunday **13th November** - further details to be announced

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us for the world's biggest coffee morning on **Friday 30th September** from 8.45 – 11.30am in the Community Centre.

Macmillan's Coffee Morning is their biggest fundraising event to support people living with cancer. We all know someone who has been affected by a cancer diagnosis and for many Macmillan will have been an invaluable support through a difficult time.

Any donations of cake, biscuits and raffle prizes are also very welcome.

Bring your friends and family along for a warm welcome, a cuppa, cake, and a chat. Hope to see you there.

Getting Ready for Autumn and Winter

We are grateful to both local residents and landowners who continue to keep the Public Rights of Way clear where their property has paths across their land or have fences, walls and hedges adjacent to them. Our team of volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks clearing vegetation and replacing way marker discs. Much of the work is completed by volunteers except where professional advice or help is needed and, in such cases, this is reported to The Rights of Way Department at Warwickshire County Council. If you come across a problem, please do not hesitate to report this to us at longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com or call 01926 815119. Alternatively, you can report the issue directly to WCC Rights of Way using their website.

It will soon be January 1st, 2023, and the annual New Year Day walks! Plans are being made for this popular annual event – last year over 75 people turned out. More details in the next Diary.

New LGBT Group

Hello, I'm Richard and I would like to introduce myself to all my fellow residents of Long Itchington and to our surrounding villages and towns. My husband James and I moved to Long Itchington two years from Manchester where there is a very vibrant and well-established LGBT community with an excellent support network.

Although Birmingham has all the LGBT amenities one would expect to find in any major city, living in a beautiful rural community such as ours can be very different for those who are LGBT. At times some may feel lonely and extremely isolated from the community. This can be especially so for those who maybe single or may have lost a spouse or friend.

For this reason, I have taken the initiative to start a localised LGBT support and friendship group. If you would like more information, please email me at: longitchington.lgbt@gmail.com

Church Christmas Card Sale

This popular event returns on **Saturday 5th November**, 10.00 - 12.00 am at Holy Trinity. Charity Xmas cards, craft, cakes & calendars on sale.

Refreshments and mulled wine on offer.

Long Itchington History Group

Long Itchington History Group meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month September – April, at the Community Centre, Stockton Road at 7.30pm. Admission £3 per meeting. Further details: David Williams 01926 812573, Chairman. Gillian Phillips, Secretary 01926 812215. www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk. Email: contact@longitchingtonhistory.org.uk

12th October, 'St Mary's Church Warwick', speaker Tim Clark

9th November, 'Coventry in WW1', speaker David Fry

14th December 'From this Ground – 19th Century agricultural migration', speaker Michael Luntley.

Book now for the LICC Christmas Quiz

This year's Cricket Club Christmas Quiz will be held on **Friday 16th December** at the Long Itchington Community Centre, which will be open from 7pm for an 8pm prompt start to the quiz. Teams of four people are invited to enter this combined social and fundraising event, which will feature the usual well-stocked licensed bar plus a Christmas raffle. Cost remains at £6 per head (ie £24 per team of four), including the half-time flier. Please contact quizmaster Steve Mitchell by email to mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or call/text 01926 812210 or 07717 213182 to reserve your table(s).

Bonfire Night

We will be bringing back the much-loved village bonfire, on the **5th November** at the Green Man. Gates open 5.00pm. Bar open from 5.00pm. Delicious food on site. Fire lit 6:30pm. Fireworks at 7.00pm.

Early Bird tickets online only:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/long-itchington-village-bonfire-and-fireworks-2022-tickets-414050755957>

Adults £3.50

Under 12yrs £2.75

Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 under 12yrs) £11

NB: Tickets in advance only

Diary will be changing in the New Year

The Parish Council is exploring ways to modernise the Diary – Watch this space.....!!

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**. Emails and ansaphone are checked regularly.

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

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