



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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



### Warm Hubs

A joint initiative between the Parish Council, Community Centre, Church and Chapel - we are offering a warm space every Thursday between **11.30 and 2.30** for companionship, warmth and a bite to eat. The first few events will, understandably, be just a "toe in the water" to see if there is a need. We have received a small grant for the Warwickshire Rural Community Council and more grants are in process. There is no charge. Donations and offers to help are very welcome. Please contact [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com) or phone 01926 815216. All very welcome.

### 2022 dates and venues

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Community Centre
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Trinity Church
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Centre
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Trinity Church
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Community Centre
8 <sup>th</sup> December	The Chapel
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Centre
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Holy Trinity Church
29 <sup>th</sup> December	TBC

### Neighbourhood Plan

After many years, the Parish Council is delighted to let you know that our Neighbourhood Plan will soon (in the New Year) be put to the community for approval (the technical term is "made") in a Referendum. We would encourage all residents to take part in this. For the Neighbourhood Plan to be fully ratified and relied upon in the future it needs more than 50% of all voters to say that they approve of its contents. Once "made", the Neighbourhood Plan can be used in deciding planning applications.

### Legal protection for Green End playing field and the Lilac field

The Parish Council has recently registered the Green End playing field and the Lilac field with the organisation Fields in Trust to provide legal protection for both fields. Fields in Trust evolved from The National Playing Fields Association and have been protecting recreational land since 1925.

Deeds of Dedication have now been signed for both fields – these are also registered with the Land Registry. Whilst there is no immediate threat to either of these fields, these Deeds provide a legal agreement between Fields in Trust and the Parish Council that they will be retained for use by our community as a green space, playing field or recreation ground in perpetuity. Further information is available on the Fields in Trust website.

### Still no Puffins (or Pelicans) Crossing!!

This is now beyond a joke. In the November issue of this diary in 2021 we promised you that work was starting on a Puffin Crossing on Stockton Road; so we now have all the necessary technology in place but still the lights are not working.

In essence the situation is as follows; three street lights were installed outside the School/ Community Centre as part of the Spinney Fields/Keepers Meadow estates to be close to an, as yet (in 2019) uninstalled lighted crossing. LI Parish Council was asked if we wanted to adopt (own) them and we declined. Eon supplied the electricity and the three lights worked. We have now been told that the crossing could not be linked to the three street lights because there was no electricity and the lights had stopped working.

We have been in touch with David Wilson Homes who built Spinney Fields/Keeper's Meadow, with Warwickshire County Council Highways and with Eon. We heard this week that all parties have spoken and a deadline to start the work has been agreed as 16th November.

Please contact the Parish Council if the lights are still not working by 21st November.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR READERS!**

## **COST OF LIVING – Help & Advice**

Please see a list of possible sources of help for those feeling the pinch this winter.

**Food and Energy Help** is available if you are struggling to afford food or pay household bills this winter. Information and support is online at [warwickshire.gov.uk/costofliving](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/costofliving) which features links to services to help with budgeting to meet the costs of food and energy. Alternatively, you can call 01926 410410. You might also might enquire of the Food Bank for some immediate help - [Southam Fosse Food Bank – Southam](#) Or phone – 07745 244493

**Emergency support at times of crisis** - the Local Welfare Scheme can help the county's most vulnerable residents who have no means of support by providing financial assistance and general advice. Call 0800 4081448 or visit [warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

**Warm and Well Warwickshire** offer • Energy saving and fuel bill advice • Referrals for energy saving measures such as insulation • Advice on funding support • Onward referrals for benefit checks. For more information visit [actonenergy.org.uk](http://actonenergy.org.uk)

They offer advice on all energy related issues from problems with bills to accessing grants. For more advice and information on anything related to energy call on 0800 988 2881

The government are giving every household **£400 off your electricity bill**. This is called the Energy Bills Support Scheme. You don't need to do anything to get the money and you won't have to pay it back. You'll get the £400 in 6 instalments starting from October 2022. Check here to see how this will be paid - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

If you need help to see **what benefits you are entitled to** go to -

[benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk](http://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk)

And finally, ask your GP if they are involved in **social prescribing** which can help people:

- with one or more long-term conditions
- who need support with their mental health
- who are lonely or isolated
- who have complex social needs which affect their wellbeing.

We hope this helps.

### **Criminal Damage at Green End**

We are very disappointed to report that there have been two incidents very recently of criminal damage inside the toilets at Green End. Both included attempts to set fires. This is extremely serious and very dangerous. We have decided to close the toilets for the time-being, only opening for sporting events such as football. We are also making sure that CCTV cameras are positioned to pick up potential perpetrators outside. Should this continue, we will have to consider further actions.

Other incidents of criminal damage at Green End include further graffiti in the Youth Shelter and the destruction of newly planted trees. The police and local schools are aware, but we are also asking residents to report any suspicious behaviours in this vicinity. You can let the PC know if you see anything suspicious - if you witness a crime in progress please report directly to the police and get an incident number.

### **Long Itchington Community Centre 100 Club**

The gift that keeps on giving! Buy a friend or relative a number as a Christmas present.

Cost is £12 for the year and prizes are given every month. Or just treat yourself!

More details at [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)  
Email: [linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com) or phone Linda on 814255.

### **Pavilion Re-vamp**

We are delighted to say that the pavilion is to be much improved before Christmas. We received a very generous grant from Cemex which together with PC funds helped enormously to enable these works to take place.



### Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join together for the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Green on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 5.30pm**. A chance to get into the festive spirit and sing some carols with friends and family.

### WI News

Long Itchington WI is coming to the end of a year of 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Highlights have included a WI Craft and Produce show in the summer, a 1930s themed games evening, the WI walk, a visit to the Canalside Community Food project and making felt corgis for the Platinum Jubilee. There has been an interesting and enjoyable range of speakers, entertainers and activities at this year's WI meetings – including some great last-minute replacements after a number of last-minute cancellations due to Covid.

The WI year finishes with the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 16 November and its Christmas meeting on Wednesday 21 December. The WI speaker programme for 2023 is being finalised and will be available shortly.

If you would like to know more about Long Itchington WI, please contact Jenni Venn [president.liwi@gmail.com](mailto:president.liwi@gmail.com) or ring 812248.

### Long Itchington History Group

Long Itchington History Group meetings are held on Wednesdays at the Community Centre Stockton Road at 7.30pm. Admission £3 per meeting. Further details: David Williams Chairman 01926 812573. Gillian Phillips Secretary 01926 812215. [www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk](http://www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk). Email: [contact@longitchingtonhistory.org.uk](mailto:contact@longitchingtonhistory.org.uk)

#### 2022

9<sup>th</sup> November, **Coventry in WW1**, speaker David Fry  
14<sup>th</sup> December, **From this Ground – agricultural migration**, by Michael Luntley

#### 2023

11<sup>th</sup> January, **Back Tracks - detecting the Past**, by Colin Clay  
8<sup>th</sup> February, **Railways around Rugby**, by David Hanger  
8<sup>th</sup> March, **Warwick Metal Detecting Club – 'finds' in Long Itchington**

### Long Itchington Wednesday Club

The Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at Long Itchington Community Centre, Stockton Road at 2.30pm. We have a varied programme with a Christmas party in December. In January we are having Afternoon Tea at the Harvester with Bingo. Further details from Beth Williams - 01926 812573 or Lorna Hill - 01926 814376.

### Thoughts from Holy Trinity

**Cost of life and living.** Having just driven past our local fuel station and seen the price of fuel has gone up again, it's a stark reminder of the challenges facing everyone in relation to the cost of everyday things. We are inclined to see things that cost more as being worth more. Perhaps the cost of everyday things going up can lead us to value more highly those things we take for granted as being both affordable and available. Especially now that for some those things are not easily affordable or available. Right at the heart of the message and hope of the Christian faith and the Church is the truth that life is very valuable, sacred in fact. The Cross, death and resurrection of Jesus remind us of the cost of our being able to live both now and forever. These things show us both the value of life and of the cost of living as God makes possible. He has paid the ultimate price for the thing that costs so much, so that we can receive the gift freely. The season of Advent is almost here. A season of expectation based on promise and hope. The Church in our community is here to help. Holy Trinity is pleased to be one of the venues for a "Warm hub" this winter, and in case of need, both material and spiritual, please know that we are here for you.

### Rev Canon Richard Suffern

#### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH EVENTS

13<sup>th</sup> November: 10.30 am Remembrance Service to be held at the War Memorial

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Festival in Church from 10.00am

12<sup>th</sup> December: 7.30pm Carols in the Green Man

18<sup>th</sup> December: 6.30pm Church Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December: 11.00pm Midnight Eucharist

25<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Family Service with Communion

1<sup>st</sup> January: No service.

### Galanos

#### Christmas Bingo!

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 7.00pm

#### Cuppa with a Copper

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am

#### Dementia Café (Free)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 2.00pm - 4.00pm

#### Silver Sunday supported by Winter Warm Hub (Free)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm - 4.00pm

#### Sporting Memories (Free)

Every Wednesday's 10:30am - 12:30pm



### Netball News

We are so pleased to share that Long Itchington now has 2 ladies netball teams! Our teams are currently playing in a midweek "Back to Netball" league at Copswood Sports and Social Club, in Coventry. Our teams are Long Itchington Lightning and Long Itchington Thunder. Our aim for the future is to have our own court in Long Itchington. This will enable us to be even more inclusive, having extended options such as children's teams as well as walking netball sessions! To do this we'll be asking for community support. If you could spare a few minutes to fill in a very short questionnaire, please go to [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk) after **December 1st** and give us your thoughts – this will help enormously with our grant applications to the Landfill Communities Fund and HS2. Alternatively you can request a questionnaire by phoning 815216. We're on Facebook – Long Itchington Netball Club

### Netball Winter Ball

We are hosting a Winter Ball to raise money for a new court which will be shared with Basketball players at Green End. Having our own village court will enable us to train locally and introduce new sessions such as walking netball and a team for children.

This black tie event will take place at Hilltop Farm on **Saturday 3 December** at 19.00 and will include a three course meal and live band. Tickets are now on sale at **£55 per person**. A full table of 10 people will receive a complimentary bottle of prosecco. For more information and tickets, please email [LINCXmasballrequest@outlook.com](mailto:LINCXmasballrequest@outlook.com).

### Long Itchington Calendars

The much-loved Long Itch calendar will be on sale at the Christmas Market in the Church on Saturday, 3rd December from 10.00 am or by emailing: [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com). Each calendar is £7 and this year profits will go towards local village organisations and the Warm Hubs initiative. Calendars will also be available at Snips, the Hairdresser. Don't miss out....

### New defibrillator for Bascote

A defibrillator has been fitted to the outside of the Serenity Barn in Bascote. Many thanks to Amy for allowing us to do this. There are now three defibs in the parish - The Harvester, The Shop (Leigh Crescent) and Bascote. In the event of an emergency dial 999 and they will take you through the procedure. Training has taken place at the Community Centre and was attended by 17 residents. Anyone interested in training, please contact the parish council.



### Still Room at the Quiz Inn!

**Cricket Club:** There is still room at the Long Itchington Community Centre to attend the Christmas Quiz on Friday 16th December, which will be open from 7pm for an 8pm prompt start to the quiz. Teams of four people (or fewer, as you can be matched up if necessary) are very welcome to enter this combined social and fundraising event, which will feature the usual well-stocked licensed bar plus a Christmas raffle. Cost is £6 per head (i.e. £24 per team of four), including the half-time flier. Please contact quizmaster Steve Mitchell by email to [mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk) or call/text 01926 812210 or 07717 213182 to reserve your table(s).

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WALKS

The now traditional walking event on New Year's Day is planned for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Many people have taken part in the walks over the years - last year over seventy people of all ages turned up. If you are a newly arrived villager, then please join in as it's a great way to meet people from the wider community and to learn more about the Rights of Way in the parish.

To join the New Year's Day walks, meet at The Buck and Bell at 11.00am before heading off on one of at least four rambles – each of different lengths. Walks range from approximately 2 to 6 miles. Once again, a Dog Walk is included so that four-legged villagers can take part. Hot soup and a roll are a welcome delight on return. (£1.50).

**Friday walks from The Pond** (meeting at 9.00) have continued right through the year. Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> has the added reward of a breakfast at The Harvester on return at 10.15. Orders will be taken before the walk starts.

If you are interested in joining any of the above please contact Brian Smith – 01926 815119, email: [longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com) It is useful to have numbers in advance so that walks can be planned and to place a firm order for food with The Harvester and The Buck and Bell.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Address for Parish Council is Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9QP. Office is manned **Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 11.30am. But limited hours over holidays.**

Emails and ansaphone are checked regularly.

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

Email: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com) Website: [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)