



The Long Itchington Newsletter

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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 www.parishcouncil.org.uk in the section "policies and documents" to download a [grant application form](#) or contact: ~ 815216 to ask for one to be sent to you.

Annual Parish Forum – Community Centre

Our usual annual meeting had been booked for 14th October, but due to uncertainties about the road closure on Stockton Road we have decided to postpone to a later date.

The meeting will now take place on **Saturday 27th January 2024** at 10.00am and is an opportunity to hear about the work of the council and plans for the future. It is an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and visit stands for local organisations.

100 Club – message from Linda Clark

This is my last year as administrator of the 100 Club (last draw December). It began in 2013 and was run by Chris Hancock and Jeff Round. It financed many projects at the Community Centre. I took over in 2017 and it's been a privilege. I thank everyone who joined the 100 club over the years. If you have any queries, please contact me via email - linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com.

LIPC thanks Linda very warmly for all her hard work on this and for raising a considerable amount of money for the Community Centre.

If you would like to take over the running of the 100 Club, please contact Liz Bonney for more details: parishcouncil@longitchington.com

New editor for newsletter

We thank Barbara Purser for her fantastic contribution as newsletter editor. Her diligence and creativity have transformed our village communications. We will miss her greatly.

The post requires a full understanding of Microsoft Word, the ability to proof-read and précis contributions on four editions each year.

This role might suit someone studying English or who is looking for a career in writing or journalism. There is a need to work to tight deadlines.

For further information or to express an interest, please email – batkins5691@googlemail.com

Long Itchington C of E Academy - From Isla and Lillian, Year 6

It has been an exciting start to our school year. Already, there have been some exciting events that have taken place in school, such as our local PCSO visiting our Year 6 class. The police officer, Naomi Sutton, came to talk to us about anti-social behaviour and how this impacts on others in our community. We also learnt about the age of criminal responsibility and how that affects the consequences of antisocial behaviour.

On Friday 8th September, the whole school participated in a reading session. Adults came in and read with some pupils. In the school, children could practice reading instead of only doing 15 minutes, you got to do an hour. It was really fun.

Our school value this half term is Generosity. In our classrooms, teachers have created a "generositree". A "generositree" is a paper tree and every time someone is kind or generous, we will add a piece of fruit to show we have been kind and generous towards other people.

Open Morning

Please do come along to our open morning on **Wednesday 8th November** for prospective pupils starting in September 2024. We look forward to showing you around our school.



School Community Governor

Exciting opportunity for a resident to become an Academy Governance Committee member.

Long Itchington CE Academy is at an exciting stage in its growth and development. We have significant building works ahead which will increase classroom sizes and improve learning spaces. Whilst by no means essential, this might be an area you have an interest in.

We are looking for someone who will: (1) Support Church, community & stakeholder engagement & Trust strategy, approach, ethos & values, (2) Work within a clear code of conduct and (3) Receive and read key reports and documents, attend meetings & carry out monitoring visits to school.

The benefits to you are: (1) Ongoing training which is an essential part of the role and is provided free of charge, (2) An experience of strategic leadership for great personal development and (3) An opportunity to serve the local community, contributing to the future of the school.

To find out more and apply please contact: school.office@longitchington.covmat.org

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

EVENTS CALENDAR September 2023 - January 2024

(see page 4 for Christmas events). Main contacts are: 814850 or revrws@gmail.com (812634)

Saturday 30th September 7.00am -7.00 pm- Day of Prayer in Church

Sunday 1st October 09.30am Harvest Festival - donations suitable for the foodbank

Friday 13th October 7.00pm Harvest Supper. Tickets available at £10 (children under 10 free)

Saturday 21st October 10.00-1pm Messy Church

Sunday 5th November 09.30am All Saints Day Service: 3pm All Souls Bereavement Service

Sunday 12th November 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial (if weather very inclement – in church)

Friday 19th January - 7.00pm St Wulfstan Day Barn Dance in Church

Please see noticeboards and social media for further information re these forthcoming events

A message from the Vicarage

Last month we had a lovely visit to Moldova, where we went to visit more of our daughter-in-law's family and parental home. When our son said he was marrying a Moldovan we had to get the atlas out because we weren't sure where it was. Evidently Vodafone isn't sure of its location either, as when we arrived, we received a text saying: "Welcome to Ukraine.!"

For me, one of the joys of being a Christian is knowing that I am well placed in God's love and care thanks to Jesus. Life may get turbulent, be difficult, and none of us is immune to hardships. But our ultimate future, destination and location is secure.

THANK YOU to all who gave towards my "Three peaks challenge" for the new kitchen facility. To date £1,835 has been raised. For more contributions, please contact Richard Jackson 814306, or go justgiving.com/crowdfunding/richard-suffern

Many thanks

Rev Richard Suffern

Long Itchington History Group meetings – Wednesday evenings

11th Oct History of Kaye & Nelson Cement Works - John Frearson

8th Nov Warwickshire Home Guard - David Morse

13 Dec 'Bring and Tell' & Christmas Social (you are invited to bring an item and say a few words about it)

10th Jan Experiences of a Local Conservation Structural Engineer - Clive Haywood

14th Feb 2000 years of British Coinage – Colin Clay

All meetings in Community Centre, 7.30pm, £3 entry. Lifts available - 01926 812215

The Parish Council is working to **replace the current village noticeboards** as they are starting to wear out. The new boards will have additional Perspex covers to protect notices from rain. A board will be added in the Spinney Fields/Keepers Meadow area and a new one at Short Lane.

Introducing the Long Itchington Community Café

After a very successful year of Warm Hub events, we are now making some changes. Many have said that they want this initiative to continue, where neighbours can meet, chat over hot drinks and snacks, and forge new friendships.

Starting on **Thursday, October 5th**, we are re-branding the Warm Hub as the “Long Itchington Community Café”. The format will remain exactly the same, but we are streamlining the location to be exclusively at the Community Centre every Thursday from 11.30 am – 1.30 pm.

We would like to thank all the venues who hosted hubs during the last year – Holy Trinity Church, the Chapel, the Buck & Bell, the Duck on the Pond, the Green Man and the Harvester. Your generosity has been amazing. Also huge thanks to everyone who contributed with soup, cakes and other goodies.

Everyone is warmly invited to drop in – there is no charge. If you would like to go on a rota to make soup or cakes, please contact Wendy on 812751 / 07769 561650

Carnival Committee AGM

Everyone is welcome to join us at **7pm on Wednesday 18th October** at the Buck and Bell for our AGM. We are a friendly group who organise and run the village carnival and fete which is normally held on the end of May bank holiday Monday.

We are in need of committee members and volunteers for help in the run up and on the day of the event. This could be helping with the organisation of stalls and floats or helping run the raffle or in the cafe on the day. Any help is appreciated so that we don't lose this fantastic village event. (We are in discussion for the carnival in 2024 so please watch this space). If you have any questions or just want a chat about the volunteering opportunities then please contact our secretary, Stacey on 07882 742709.

From the Carnival Committee

Long Itchington WI has a busy autumn schedule. In addition to the monthly WI meetings, members are going on trips to the Belgrade Theatre and Worcester Christmas market and will be having a go at kurling and line dancing all before Christmas. The next WI meeting is on **18 October** with speaker Bob Clucas on Wildflowers, followed by the WI's Annual Meeting on **15 November** and the festivities of the WI Christmas meeting on **20 December**.

We are delighted to say that LIWI won the Warks WI Federation County Quiz in September (*Congrats from the Editor!*)

Long Itchington WI meets every third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre and School Hall and new members are always welcome. If you would like more information about the WI please contact Jenni Venn by emailing: president.liwi@gmail.com or phone: 812248.

Film Nights

We have just booked two films for the next few weeks. The first one will be shown at the Community Centre on **Friday 20th October at 7.30pm**. and is “Belfast,” about a 9-year-old boy who experiences love, laughter and loss as he becomes of age amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s.

The second film will be on **Friday 24th November**; “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry.” He is a seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties named Harold. One day he learns that his old friend is dying and embarks on a walk only to keep going for 724 Kms until he reaches Queenie's hospice.

Tickets cost £5, drinks are available. Booking in advance is preferred.
Tickets in advance from Wendy Charles 07769 561650 or Margaret Bailey 01926 814397.

Volunteers Sought - Flood Pump

The Parish Council is updating the list of volunteers available to assist with deploying the village flood pump. If you have a vehicle with a tow bar and are willing to help the Parish Council would like to hear from you. The pump is stored at Green End on a small trailer. All that is required is to be able to tow the trailer from the store to any site in the village where needed. There is no “standby rota” involved, we simply maintain a list of names who can be called upon when needed and if available. If you are interested and would like further details, please make initial contact with the Parish Office. Someone will then get back to you to discuss exactly what is involved. parishcouncil@longitchington.com or 815216.



Xmas Tree Lights switch on

Get ready for the Christmas magic when we light the Christmas tree on the Green.

We'd love to welcome you and your children as we celebrate the start of Christmas on **Saturday December 2nd at 5.30** (weather permitting)

Please join us a little earlier with warm clothes and torches ready to sing a medley of festive carols, accompanied by live music.

Book Now for the LICC Christmas Quiz

This year's Long Itchington Cricket Club general knowledge Christmas Quiz will be held on **Friday 8th December** at the Long Itchington Community Centre - 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.

Contact quizmaster Steve Mitchell by email: mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or call/text 01926 812210 or 07717 213182 to book your table(s).

Fireworks at the Green Man

The Long Itchington Bonfire hosted by The Green Man will take place on

Saturday 4th November. Gates open at 5pm. Bonfire to be lit at 6:30pm
Food and Beverage stalls. Tickets – www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for “Long Itchington Bonfire 2023”. For more information ring the Green Man - 811121

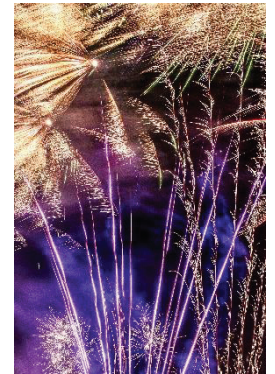


Photo – Malcolm Hepple

Christmas at Holy Trinity

Saturday 4th November 10.00am -12.00noon Charity Christmas Card Sale
Sat/ Sun 2/3rd December Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Market – organisations are invited to bring small, decorated trees to the church; more details from: itsjillandterry@btinternet.com
Tuesday 12th December Carols in the Green Man 7.30pm
Sunday 17th December 6pm Carol Service in church
Saturday 23rd December 4pm Crib Service in church
Sunday 24th December 11pm Midnight Holy Communion Service
Christmas Day 10.00am Family Service
Sunday 31st December 9.30am New Years Eve Service

2024 Calendars

Will be on sale on 4th Nov & 2nd Dec at the Church, £7 each or by pre-order from batkins5691@googlemail.com or by phoning Wendy on: 812751.

This will be the last year for the calendar, and we warmly thank all photographers and villagers for your support over the years.

Organisations wishing to apply for a grant this year, please contact us.

New Year's Day Walks

Once again, the traditional walking event on New Year's Day is planned for **January 1st 2024**. If you are a newly arrived villager, then please join in as it's a great way to meet people and learn more about our Rights of Way.

To join the New Year Day walks, meet at The Buck and Bell at 11.00am. There will be at least four rambles – of different lengths, ranging from two – six miles. 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).

If you are interested, please contact Brian Smith – 01926 815119/ email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com Numbers preferred in advance so that walks can be planned, and a food order placed with The Buck and Bell.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

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