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DIARY DATES

The next Diary
will run from :

Sunday 18th July,
to
Saturday 11th Sept.
2010
inclusive.

Please send any
contributions by :

**Wednesday 7th
July 2010,
at the latest,**

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Thursday 27th May

Long Itchington is one of the few parishes in Warwickshire to have a contested election. This demonstrates the commitment and enthusiasm we have in our Parish. Please also show your enthusiasm and turn out to vote for your preferred candidates.

There are 13 candidates standing for the 9 places available. You can vote for up to nine. Details of each candidate are included on a separate sheet delivered with this Diary.

Polling will take place at The Community Centre and in The Church from 7.00 am – 10 pm. You will be receiving a polling card.

Anyone needing a lift should contact Sue Jack on 815216 or David Cobley on 817676.

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Whilst Long Itchington remains relatively crime-free there are some significant instances of crime within the Parish. The Parish Council is trying to co-ordinate the reporting of such events so that it can build a picture for the Police and obtain more useful evidence.

All incidents should be reported (however small they seem) either at the time or afterwards. Dial 01926 – 45 11 11 and give all the relevant details. You may need to say that we have been urged to do this by the Police.

You MUST obtain an incident number.

Please then phone Sue Jack (815216) or Barbara Atkins (814921). They are keeping a log of all such occurrences, to ensure Police cooperation.

HS2 – HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Some properties in the Parish will be affected by the proposed high speed rail route. A meeting to discuss the Exceptional Hardship Scheme was held in Southam on Monday 10th May. Further information can be obtained from the government website at www.dft.gov.uk or www.hs2.org.uk

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The County Council's Community Development Fund provides grants of up to £8,000 for small-scale projects that provide new opportunities for local people, particularly those who experience disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities. This could include setting up a new group, building the capacity of an existing group or running a new project or service.

Applications are invited by 5th July 2010. For more information Tel. 01789 290787, or e-mail stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS 2010-2011

Any parish organisation wishing to request a grant from the Parish Council should make the request, with details of its' purpose, by August 23rd, so that a decision can be made at the Parish Council meeting on September 1st.

HOUSING FOR OLDER RESIDENTS

Is there a need in the village for housing suitable for older residents ? Orbit Housing association and Stratford District Council have indicated that it **may** be possible to designate some single storey accommodation for use by older residents with a local connection **if** there is seen to be a demand.

A recent display at the Annual Parish Meeting had a very poor response; suggesting that perhaps there is no real unsatisfied demand. If you were unable to attend the APM but would be interested in finding more details, please contact the Parish Clerk – Sue Jack on 01926 815216.

She will be able to provide a definition of "local connection" as well as how to ensure that you are on the necessary housing lists. Without the necessary ammunition, it will be very difficult to argue the case.

LILAC

A meeting of the LILAC (Long Itchington Leisure and Community project) group was held at The Buck and Bell on 6th May, at which the following officers were elected: Russ Wheatley - Chairman, Christopher Purser – Treasurer, and Denise Wheatley – Secretary,. Some work has been done to the playing field, new trees have been planted, but now more money needs to be raised to develop a new pavilion, car park etc.

Village organisations and interested individuals are welcome to attend meetings and contribute ideas for the development for the benefit of all of the residents of Long Itchington.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30pm at The Buck and Bell. Contact:

russ.wheatley@btinternet.com

PARKING AT JUNCTIONS

There are several areas of the village where cars are parked on, or close to, junctions - making it difficult for cars pulling out to see if anything is coming, and also for emergency vehicle access. The problem is particularly bad at Leigh Crescent / Stockton Road, and outside the Buck & Bell / Leamington Road. Poor visibility could lead to accidents, particularly for young children, so please park safely and walk or, better still, leave the car at home.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2010

- Sun 16th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Worship, Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Mon 17th A day of quiet prayer in The Chapel 10am-4pm.
- Tues 18th Chapel, Women's Hour, Lillington Ladies Choir, 2:30pm.
- Wed 19th Pilots, Chapel, 6:15pm.
W.I. "Resolutions", Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sun 23rd (Pentecost), Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Morning Service, 10:00am.
Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm.
Chapel, Evening Service, Chris Mellers, 6:15pm.
- Sun 30th (Trinity Sunday), Patronal Service, with communion,
Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Service, B Blower, 6:15pm.

JUNE 2010

- Tue 1st Womens Hour Lunch, at The Cuttle, 12:30pm.
- Wed 2nd Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Thur 3rd Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Sun 6th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Communion, Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Wed 9th Pilots, Chapel, 6:15pm.
- Sun 13th Morning Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
New sunday@10 - coffee etc. followed by
All Age service, Holy Trinity, 10.00am.
Chapel, Evening Service, Revd. B Bridges, 6:15pm.
- Tues 15th Women's Hour, Chapel, Entertainment & Tea, 2:30pm.
- Wed 16th Pilots, Chapel, 6:15pm.
W.I. "In House" Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sun 20th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, 183rd anniversary service, Revd. D Spriggs, 4:00pm.
- Sun 27th Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm.
Chapel, Morning Service & Baptism 11:00am.
Evening worship led by Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Wed 30th Pilots, Chapel, 6:15pm.

JULY 2010

- Thur 1st Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Sat 3rd Wedding, Simon Darcy & Suzanne Meadham, Holy Trinity 2pm
- Sun 4th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Communion, Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Tues 6th Chapel, Church Meeting, 7:30pm.
- Wed 7th Chapel, Pilots, 6:15pm.
Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sun 11th Morning Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
New sunday@10 - coffee etc. followed by
All Age service, Holy Trinity, 10.00am.
Chapel, Morning Service, Revd. M Hartwell, 10:00am.
Chapel, Evening Service, B Blower, 6:15pm.

Stop Press !

In the District Council Elections
- held on May 6th

Cllr. Bob Stevens

was re-elected to represent
The Long Itchington Ward
of
Stratford-on-Avon District Council

ANNUAL CONSERVATIVE STEAK & STRAWBERRY BARBECUE

Saturday 17th July 2010
at, Newfields Shakers Lane
Long Itchington.

by kind permission of
Mr & Mrs Richard Reeves

Tickets from :-
Jenny Allen 814147
Bob Stevens 814031
Tim Utley 813339.

Gentle Exercise for the over 50s

**At the Community Centre
Stockton Road.**

**Every Tuesday
10.30 – 11.30 am**

For more information contact
Kate on 01926 - 45 11 63

Thank You !

Adrienne, Jill, Jo & the 3 Steves,
wish to thank everyone who
last month supported their

Moonwalk Quiz.

On the night you helped them raise
£1,140, which - with £750 of match-
funding from Barclays - enabled
them to donate a total of £1,890 to
breast cancer charities.

LONG ITCHINGTON CRICKET CLUB.

Cotswold Hills League 2010.

All matches start at 1:30pm.

First XI – Division 2

May 15 th	Blockley	Away
May 22 nd	Woodbourne	Away
May 29 th	Bidford-on-Avon	Home
June 5 th	Catherine-de-Barnes	Away
June 12 th	Chipping Campden	Home
June 19 th	Winchcombe	Home
June 26 th	Temple Grafton	Away
July 3 rd	Exhall & Wixford II	Home
July 10 th	Bearley	Away

Second XI – Division 3

Alvechurch III	Home	May 15th
Ashton-under-Hill II	Home	May 22nd
Bidford-on-Avon II	Away	May 29th
Catherine-de-Barnes II	Home	June 5th
Broadway II	Away	June 12th
Kineton II	Away	June 19th
Wellesbourne II	Home	June 26th
Alcester & Ragley II	Away	July 3rd
Rowington II	Home	July 10th

CHAPEL NEWS. *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

The special events at the Chapel for the period of this diary include our 183rd Anniversary - which will be celebrated on Sunday June 20th at 4pm. This will be followed by a Chapel tea. The worship leader for the Service will be Revd. David Spriggs.

Also, on Monday May 17th, the Chapel will be open from 10am to 4pm for quiet prayer. This is for anyone, of any age, whether worshippers at the Chapel or not, to call in at any time to pray quietly – not with the Minister unless you specially request this, although she will be available all day. The kettle will be on for you to make yourself a cup of tea or coffee while you are in the Chapel.

COME FOR A MOMENT. COME FOR 5 MINUTES.
COME FOR LONGER, BUT DO COME AND PRAY.

Roger Garrett wishes to thank all of you who so kindly donate goods for his car boot selling and for our NEW4U Sale. We welcome all saleable items of Bric-a-Brac, toys, books, clothes, etc. – that are in good condition. As you will see from the diary the next Chapel sales will be on Thursdays June 3rd and July 1st.

For all Congregational Church (Chapel) enquiries,
please phone Marion on 07812 – 804 924.

LONG ITCHINGTON BROWNIES

TEAS ON THE GREEN: The Annual Brownie Teas on the Green will be held on **Saturday July 3rd** from 2pm–4pm on the Village Green. As always there will be plenty of tea and cakes served by the girls to raise money for Brownie Funds. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received. For more information please contact Jenny 814147 or Alison 811857.

VACANCIES: We currently have a number of vacancies for girls aged 7 -11. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Jenny 814147 or Alison 811857.

LONG ITCHINGTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees of Long Itchington Educational Foundation will be inviting grant applications again this year.

Applicants should be under the age of 25 years, in full time education at university or college, and have been given an unconditional offer of a course place for the academic year 2010-11.

Application forms will be available from Peter Myhill (Phone: 814443). These should be returned to the Trustees by 30th September 2010.

**See notice boards over the next few weeks
for further details.**

LONG ITCHINGTON CRICKET CLUB – FRIENDLIES

May	16	Exhall & Wixford	Home	2:00pm.
May	23	Cemex	Home	2:00pm.
May	30	Cookhill	Away	2:00pm.
June	06	Horley	Away	2:30pm.
June	13	Leamington	Away	2:00pm.
June	20	TBA.	Tbc.	Tbc.
June	27	Radway	Away	2:30pm.
July	04	Bourton & Frankton	Home	2:00pm.
July	11	TBA	Tbc.	Tbc.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS. *Tim Britton*

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

TRINITY AT TRINITY !

Sunday 30th May may well be part of the Bank Holiday weekend, but since it is the Carnival weekend we're all going to be around, so why not come to Holy Trinity church and celebrate Trinity Sunday, our 'patronal' festival! If you value having a parish church in the village, do come and show your support! And if you have ideas about how the church could better serve the village, please let us know what they are.

PETE ADAMS

Pete Adams' funeral was earlier in May, and the church was packed. What a great guy he was. Several people asked me, 'How can he be replaced?' He was so committed to the village and its people, especially most recently the youth group, the carnival committee, the history group and the educational foundation - he will leave a huge gap to be filled. Surely there are people in this village who can pick up his baton and continue the race! Maybe not doing all that he did (Pete was a 'one-off'). These organisations will continue, but more people could help with different aspects of his legacy, and perhaps even take them further.

Long Itchington has a great community spirit – but that only happens when there are 'givers' like Pete, as well as 'takers'. We can't give without cost; but the result is a village we love to live in. Well done, all those who get involved one way or another, and thank you!

TIM BRITTON (Phone: - 812 518, or e-mail:
tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk)

L.I.F.E.

WEBSITE: L.I.F.E. Group now has a website. You can find out more about LIFE, our environment, information and events, growing your own, saving energy, recycling etc.,. This is an ongoing project and we are continuing to improve update, and add more links as we go. Links from the recent bee talk and gardening for the bees will be added shortly. Keep in touch, visit. www.longitchingtonlifegroup.org.uk

RECYCLING UPDATE: There are plenty of places we can recycle our unwanted, but still wearable, garments etc. - helping good causes as we do: but what about textiles? Textiles that are clean, but are worn out /non reusable - eg. a tee shirt with holes in, - can be bagged and put in textile recycling banks at local recycling centres, supermarket recycling points etc.,. Also a reminder that any shop that sells batteries should have a special box to put old, flat batteries in . Rechargeable batteries are the green option.

KEEP UP THE TLC FOR THE TREES: A big thank you to all those people, including Trees Sponsors, who have come forward recently to help keep a check on their trees locally, and ensure they have got a much needed drink - especially in the recent dry spell. Trees need some tender loving care - especially in their early years. Please check their stakes are secure and that they are in generally good condition. A five litre plastic bottle of water, once a week, is sufficient for most trees in dry weather. If we can maintain this TLC they will continue to thrive and grow for us all to enjoy...

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS.

Spring Show 2010

The fifth Long Itchington Spring Show took place on Saturday 27th March at the Community Centre. Due to the timing of Easter, it was rather early in the year, and the hard winter (rather more than we have become accustomed to!) made the Committee somewhat apprehensive. However, the village excelled itself and the wonderful display of flowers and arrangements made it the best 'Flower Section' seen so far!

The Flower Section was won by **Charlotte Griffin** with her beautiful novelty arrangement of flowers and **Ann Cadwallader** won the adults' Spring Fare section with a very tasty Battenberg cake. There were nearly 60 entries in the children's Spring Fare section and thanks go to all those who took part and the grown-ups who supported and gave encouragement. The evidence of care, originality and imaginative invention was widely remarked on and the quality of the entries was a credit to all those who took part. Congratulations to the class winners **Rebecca Fariss, Charlene Byrne, Ethan Trundle** and **Hannah Wright**. Congratulations, also, to both the **Pre-School** and **Toddler Groups** who submitted such creative entries.

The Handicrafts Section was rather less well supported this year but **Jan Leech** was a worthy winner with her room decoration made from recycled materials. The number of entries for the Photography section continues to rise and the standard of both pictures and original captions just gets better and better! It was a close-fought competition but there was no doubt that the overall winning entry was **David Hannan's** picture of the canal entitled "Life's at a standstill".

The organisers congratulate the winners and thank all those who took part in the event. Thanks are due also to those who gave support to the event in practical ways, especially the hard-working judges, and to the many villagers who attended. As a result of the raffle and the side attractions, we cleared £247 on the day and this will go towards replacing the emergency exits with better insulated and more secure units.

Annual Show 2010

The date for this year's Annual Show is **Saturday 11th September**, when we hope to see you all again. Schedules for the Show are currently in preparation with a village-wide distribution planned to accompany the next Diary in July. Further information is also available, as usual, from Bill Hammond (812126) or Chris Hancock (815217).

Spring Show 2011

We have provisionally set the date for Saturday 2nd April 2011 and hope to confirm this later in the year. In the meantime, we would welcome all suggestions for class titles to Paul Shepherd (814265) or Chris Hancock (815217). Alternatively email chrisjhancock@btinternet.com.

LONG ITCHINGTON CARNIVAL 2010

In the announcing of final arrangements for Carnival 2010, we are all greatly saddened at the passing of Peter Adams whose love for his village was manifest in his work, preparation and commitment to the Carnival over the years, and more recently as Committee chairman.

For his sake, and in remembrance of him, the Fete Committee is determined to make this year's event a great success, and preparations proceed for Carnival 2010 on Spring Bank Holiday Monday - 31st May.

If you can help with running a stall or attraction, entering a carnival float, making a donation or donating a raffle prize, and have not already completed the form, please contact a Committee member Tim Williams (Acting Chairman Tel 817488) or Peter Myhill (Secretary Tel 814443). Whether you are a member of a village organisation, a family group or an individual, please give active thought to preparing a float, (motorised or walking). There are lots of trophies to be won!

Raffle tickets are on sale now and helpers will be selling these and also distributing the free colourful carnival programmes throughout the village.

On Carnival Day, Floats should assemble at 12.00 noon in Church Road for judging at 12.20pm. The Fancy Dress competitions (categories include children under 5, 5 to 10, under 15, and adults) will be judged from 12.40pm

The Carnival procession will set off from the Square at 1.00pm and the Fete will be opened by Carnival Queen Harriet Jones - accompanied by Carnival Princesses Gabriella Boyle and Kimberley Fariss - at 2.00pm at the Community Centre, Stockton Road.

A full afternoon of entertainment, stalls and sideshows has been arranged for the enjoyment of all including the Great Barloni children's entertainer, dancing displays, fairground organ, miniature steam engine rides, slide and roundabout and LOADS MORE!!

Cakes etc, donated for the refreshment stall should be brought to the Community Centre on the morning of Carnival Day.

Please support and give generously to Carnival 2010.

All profits are distributed to village organisations.

Let's hope for fine weather and lots of support!

As the daffodils have died, and the dandelions are fading; the trees around the green, as if by magic, have taken on a colour to match our Diary change from yellow to green. Look out for the 'blue' edition in July. I hope that it will reflect the blue skies of summer rather than our individual or collective mood. But somehow - in a village as vibrant as ours - I don't think we have time to feel blue.

Ian Fletcher, Editor.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ARE :-

The Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, Southam CV47 9QP. Contact: **Sue Jack, Parish Clerk**. The office is open five mornings a week and all planning applications relating to the village can be viewed there, although making an appointment is advisable - to ensure that the plans are on site.

Phone: - 815 216.

E-mail: liparishcouncil@aol.com

Website: www.longitchingtonparishcouncil.org.uk