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## DIARY DATES

The next Diary  
will run from :

Sunday 12th Sept,  
to  
Saturday 13th Nov.  
2010  
inclusive.

Please send any  
contributions by :

**Wednesday 1st  
September 2010,  
at the latest,**

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### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS.

The following were elected Parish Councillors  
in the May Parish Council elections :-

Barbara Atkins	Frances Louise Heales
Ian Richard Briggs	Richard Stephen Jackson
Wendy Joy Charles	Adrian Peter McNally
David Noel Cobley	Christopher Spencer
	Russ Wheatley

Full contact details will be provided in the  
forthcoming village Information Sheet, but in  
the meantime are available from Sue Jack.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August, so that a decision can be made at the  
Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### ZIG-ZAG LINES

#### BIZZI TOTS NURSERY, CHURCH ROAD

We have been informed by the Police that they  
will not be enforcing the zig-zag markings on  
Church Road by the nursery. These markings  
date back to when the building was a school  
but are no longer enforceable. However, the  
Police will still take action against motorists  
parking illegally in other areas of the village:-  
eg. Beechcroft, Galanos, and Leigh Crescent.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The new local area co-ordinator is Allan  
Charles. In conjunction with the Parish Council  
he would like to recruit interested members of  
the community to assist with "watch keeping"  
in various areas throughout the parish -  
including Bascote, and the outlying farms.  
Contact Allan on 01926 812751 or e-mail :  
acharles629@hotmail.com

### BEWARE BURGLAR ALARM CON !!

A number of unsuspecting villagers have been  
approached by a company attempting to sell  
them home burglar alarms. They are very  
persistent and can feel intimidating especially if  
you live on your own. The company, "Direct  
Response", have been highlighted by BBC's  
programme Rogue Traders for their underhand  
sales techniques.

If you have any concerns over this phone Allan  
Charles (Neighbourhood Watch) on ~ 812759.

### SMELL AT LEIGH CRESCENT

Dowdeswell's have installed a new pump, and  
this should eliminate the on-going smell at  
Leigh Crescent. If the smell persists, residents  
please contact Sue Jack on 815216.

### COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Our long-awaited community website is now up  
and running at – [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)  
If any village organisation would like to have its  
own dedicated page on this website then please  
contact Chris Hancock – 815217, Linda Clarke –  
814255, or e-mail [linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com).

### VILLAGE PUMP

The Parish Council has bought a pump for use in  
cases of flooding in the future. It was done with  
the help of a grant from Stratford District Council  
and, whilst we hope we never have to use it, it  
will be invaluable should we be flooded again.

### HIGH SPEED TRAIN (HS2)

This project affects our parish, and the Parish  
Council will keep residents up to date with  
information and deal with residents' enquiries.  
The formal consultation period is expected to  
begin in the Spring. The website for the local  
action group is [www.hs2-southam.net](http://www.hs2-southam.net)

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ?

The Parish Council requested a pedestrian  
crossing, from the Buck and Bell to the opposite  
side of the Leamington Road, to improve safety  
for parents and children using the safe route to  
school. Following traffic counts at the site the  
County Council has decided that the volume of  
traffic does not justify a crossing.

### LONG ITCHINGTON CARNIVAL 2010

With the happiness of many tinged with the  
sadness at the recent passing of Pete Adams,  
who will always be associated with the Carnival,  
the villagers and many from further a-field came  
out to support this great annual event.

They lined the streets for the carnival procession  
before making their way to the Primary School  
for the afternoon fete.

The Fete Committee wishes to thank all those  
that contributed to the success of the event: to  
individual sponsors, and to those who donated  
prizes, prepared floats, ran stalls, who made and  
donated cakes for the refreshment stall, or who  
helped in the many ways that enabled the event  
to take place, and be such a success.

Harriet Jones was an excellent Carnival Queen  
and was assisted by the Carnival Princesses  
Kimberley Fariss and Gabriella Boyle. The plants  
which adorned the Carnival Queen Float were  
again sold during the fete and raised £126. The  
Fete Committee made this up to £250 to be  
donated to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire  
Air Ambulance.

For further details see page 2 :-

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY 2010

- Sun 18th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm.
- Wed 21st W.I. 'Members Night' Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sun 25th Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Family Service, with Baptism 11:00am.  
Young Families Church Teddy Bears' Picnic (BYOB),  
Holy Trinity, 3.00pm.  
Chapel, Evening Service, 6:15pm.

## AUGUST 2010

- Sun 1st Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Evening Communion Service, 6:15pm.
- Wed 4th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Thur 5th Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Sun 8th Morning Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Family Service, with Baptism 11:00am.  
Chapel, Evening Service, 6:15pm.
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club, Prize Bingo, Community Centre 2:30pm.
- Sun 15th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm.
- Wed 18th W.I. 'Travelling Supper' Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sun 22nd Chapel, Morning Communion, 10:00am  
United Service, on the Green, 3:00pm  
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm.
- Sun 29th Feldon Group Service, Hunningham Vicarage, 11:00 am  
followed by picnic in the Vicarage Garden  
(bring your own picnic).  
Chapel, Evening worship 6:15pm.

## SEPTEMBER 2010

- Wed 1st Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Thur 2nd Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Sun 5th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Evening Communion Service, 6:15pm.
- Tues 7th Chapel, Women's Hour, 2:30pm.
- Wed 8th Wednesday Club, River Trent Cruise, with lunch. Leave 9:15.  
History Group, 'The Fairground Calendar', 7:30pm.
- Sat 11th Annual Show, Community Centre,
- Sun 12th Morning Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
New sunday@10 - coffee etc. followed by  
All Age service, Holy Trinity, 10.00am.

## LONG ITCHINGTON CARNIVAL 2010 --- continued.

The winners in the float competitions were:-

Adults Section: 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Trinity Church (Our Daily Bread)  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Young Farmers (Farming in Past Days)

Children's Section: 1<sup>st</sup> Pre School (Ladybirds and Butterflies).

The Nona Bishop Cup: The Youth Club (Army Helicopter)

Walking Floats: 1<sup>st</sup> Hairy Bikers (Women's Institute)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mediaeval Scene (Congregational Church Pilots)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lark Rise to Candleford (Wednesday Club)

There was another great turn out for the Fancy Dress Competitions.  
Thanks to Mary and David Adnit for carrying out the judging so well.  
Congratulations to everyone that took part!

The event was very successful financially and the profits will be distributed  
amongst village organisations later in the year. See note to right ...

## The Wednesday Club.

Prize Bingo,  
Community Centre,  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm.

Excellent Prizes,  
Open to all.

Refreshments Available

## The History Group

Meetings at the Community Centre, on  
the 'second Wednesdays'  
of the month at 7:30pm.

For autumn programme see calendar.

The on-going structure of this group will  
be discussed at a future meeting  
(to be arranged).

For further information please contact  
Jill Tooby on ~ 81 22 69.

## GALANOS

**Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Fete at 2pm.**

Stalls, entertainment, displays,  
barbecue, teas.

**Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Black Tie Charity Ball.**

Tickets £30 - for a 5 course meal,  
including two bottles of wine and  
evening entertainment.

For more information on either  
of these events please call  
Galanos House and ask for Jan on  
01926-812185.

## PreSchool Group

We are always looking for, any suitable  
collage materials - ribbons, textiles, paper,  
buttons, plastic bottle tops etc. Dressing-up  
clothes desperately needed. Donations can  
be collected. We are always looking to  
improve our community links so if you have a  
skill that you think would be of use to  
PreSchool then please let us know.

Phone: Karla Bennett ~ 811 400.

We are hoping to organise a  
Quiz'n'Chips night in September.  
Check notice-boards for details.

## Distribution of Carnival Proceeds

Village organisations wishing to benefit  
from Carnival proceeds, should send  
their written applications for donations  
from the Fete Committee not later than  
Thursday 1st October 2010 to:-

**Peter Myhill (Secretary),  
2 Lime Croft, Church Road,  
Long Itchington CV47 9PG**

## CHAPEL NEWS. *Rev. Marion Hartwell*

During the past twelve months we have - with the help of many of you in the village, and with generous grants from Cemex and the S.W. Area of Congregational Federation - been renovating the Chapel. We still have a long way to go, but the badly damaged wall which caused so much damp is now repaired, damp damaged floor boards have been replaced, and we are about to have a kitchen installed.

At one time the amount of work we needed to do seemed to be an impossibility; but we believe that with God, nothing is impossible, and we feel this is being proved.

In September, our normal programmes will be resumed - Sunday Services on 2nd & 4th Sundays usually at 10am unless we have a Baptism and move to 11:00am.

Each Sunday evening service at 6:15pm

Women's Hour on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30pm

Pilots for children from 4 years on Weds. Is at 6:15pm and our monthly Coffee Drop-in & NEW4U Sale on 1st Thurs. each month from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

We are always pleased to see visitors when we are open.

More details from Marion 07812 804924.

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### LONG ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you everyone who has attended or supported our events over the last year. Our March Jumble sale raised £360, which will help with the modernisation of our ICT Suite. Our recent Scholastic Book Fair raised total of £637.41, entitling us to purchase books to this value.

### LIBRARY ART PROJECT

The first phase this project was unveiled on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - with a photographer from the Leamington Courier present. Thanks to our artist, Deborah Dutton, for working with the children on this ongoing project, they enjoy being involved and further walls will be tackled in futures.

### SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

If you have any Tesco Schools or Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, there's still time to let us have these before we break up on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The children have benefited well in previous years from additional sports equipment that these vouchers have enabled us to purchase.

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### LONG ITCHINGTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees of Long Itchington Educational Foundation invite young people from the village (up to the age of 25) who are at, or about to go to college or university on a full time academic or vocational course, to apply for grants from this village charity. Last year 27 grants of £150 were made to our young people - a total of £4,050.

If you wish to be considered for a grant, when you receive an unconditional offer for a course of study in the 2010/11 academic year you should contact Peter Myhill (Phone: 814443) for an application form. All completed forms should be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. GCSE, AS, and A Level students will not be considered. However, students attending full time vocational course at local colleges may be considered. You may apply for the grant for each academic year you are studying. The Trustees' decisions are final.

## CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS. *Tim Britton*

[www.thefeldongroup.org.uk](http://www.thefeldongroup.org.uk)

### WELCOME TO REV DAVID FORSTER

David Forster is well known to some in the village, having been a school governor for a time. For the last three years he has been training at Queen's College Birmingham for the Church of England ministry, and on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July he was ordained at Coventry Cathedral and joined us as our curate (assistant minister). He will continue to live in Southam, where he and Ann recently moved from Bascote. His first three years are regarded as training years, and he will not at first be able to do everything a vicar does; for instance, during this first year he will not be allowed to take Communion or Wedding services. David worked in the NHS as a manager before taking early retirement, and we are grateful that he is going to spend some of his time working for the church here and in the Feldon Group. David, you are most welcome!

### ROCKY'S PLAICE

WHAT IS IT? A Holiday Club for children aged 5-11 yrs, organised by churches in the Feldon group.

WHERE IS IT? At Weston-under-Wetherley Village Hall.

WHEN IS IT? From Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010, from 10:00 - 12:15 each day.

We are looking forward to lots of games, crafts, drama, music and Bible stories, so do encourage children to come and join us at Rocky's Plaiice! Registration forms were given to children at school, and are available from church or from me. If you know of any children who might be interested, please make sure their parents fill in a form!

### SERVICE ON THE GREEN

All Christians (and everyone else) are invited to come to a service on the Green on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm. Last year's service on the Green was very well received, and those who attended wanted us to repeat it, so here it is! Do join in!

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

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### LONG ITCHINGTON YOUNG FARMERS

Are you aged between 14 and 26, and like meeting new people? - then YFC could be for you. Long Itchington YFC have been busy over the past few months with the Carnival and the YFC County Rally, but all the effort and hard work that members put in it was worthwhile. The Young Farmers County Rally is a big competitions day where all clubs from Warwickshire compete in a variety of competitions ranging from cookery to tractor driving, from plucking and dressing a chicken to an obstacle course. L.I. came 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our summer programme is well under way with a trip to Quarry Park to play disc golf and a game of rounder's against Wormleighton YFC already taken place. Other meetings we have coming up include Aerobics, Masterchef YFC style, 3 legged football and a talk from the local Air Ambulance at which we'll present them with a cheque from last year's charity Ploughathon.

For more details about Long Itchington YFC and what other meetings we have coming up please visit our website <http://longitchingtonyfc.webs.com/> or go to our Facebook page 'Long Itchington YFC'.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS.

### 2010 Autumn Show

This year's Annual Show will be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September** in the Community Centre, Stockton Road and a copy of the schedule is included with this Diary. We hope that you will find it of interest and that, as usual, many villagers will come forward to exhibit their green fingers, culinary skills or artistic flair in an atmosphere of fun and friendly rivalry! If your copy of the schedule is missing, you can get one by ringing ~ 812126 or ~ 815217.

Please keep this schedule. Even if you do not take part in the show it will serve as a useful guide to the event if you decide to visit on the day. Following the success of last year's entries, the Children's classes are once again published as a section of the main Show schedule, and some revisions and alterations have been made to the arrangements for this section.

The event will, as always, end with the prize giving, raffle draw and auction of produce, with all proceeds going towards the maintenance of the Community Centre. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon and we shall do our best to keep both adults and children amused with suitable activities and pastimes. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

### Tidying up ...

The vast majority of villagers who hire the Community Centre for private functions or on behalf of village organisations leave it as tidy as they would wish to find it, for which we are extremely grateful. However, one or two recent bookings have resulted in quite a lot of clearing up being necessary before the next function could take place... Please remember to have a quick look round before you leave to make sure that all the doors are locked, windows closed and everything is as it should be – many thanks indeed!

### LONG ITCHINGTON COMMUNITY WEBSITE ...

... is now up and running! Have a look at <http://www.longitchington.org.uk/> and tell us what you think! The community website is free for village clubs and organisations who wish to have a simple facility for advertising or providing information about their group. This could range from a single page description of what they do, where and when they meet, etc. to a more comprehensive facility like the Community Centre section. The website is sponsored by (but independent of) the Parish Council and has links to its website and those of other local organisations.

If you would like to promote your group then please contact [chrisjhancock@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisjhancock@btinternet.com) with your ideas. The only pre-conditions are that your group must be formally constituted, open to all other like-minded villagers and run on a "not for profit" basis e.g. Brownies, History Group, St John Badgers, etc. It is hoped that every group not only prepares its own material but, in time, also maintains it.

## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES. *by Tony Grimes*

So far this year rainfall has been well below average, with some parts of the country, such as Cumbria, having their driest spring since 1929 – with just under 10" (250mm). Compare this with last autumn when their rainfall could be measured in feet rather than inches.

The very warm weather we have had for the last month has accelerated the start of the harvest, which - because of the dry cold spring - will nevertheless still be late. It is also very hard to determine the potential yields at harvest time because of present weather patterns.

Last winter small birds suffered very badly from the snow and frost, the smaller the bird the larger the problem. Wrens, Dartford Warblers, Goldcrests, and all species of Tits were under tremendous pressure – up to 90% could have perished. Sad to relate we have only one family of swallows this summer, they seem to have disappeared.

A friend who is a keen birdwatcher and works on a local farm has started feeding birds with grain – beginning in January and finishing towards the end of March. These 3 months are vital from a feed point of view. Small birds can starve at this time of year if they can't find sufficient food. He has seen up to 100 yellowhammers feeding with all types of sparrows and other grain eating birds. The yellowhammer is very gregarious in winter and likes to feed away from houses and buildings. This friend maintains that he has seen very few starlings recently, but the very next day I saw 20 or more in a friend's garden in L.I.

I was pleased to hear otters had been seen nearby in the river Leam. However, on speaking to the people who were supposed to have seen them they denied it – how rumours start. We did find a dead otter about 3 years ago which had been killed crossing the road from one watercourse to another. I think it very likely that there are otters in the district, because people who trap mink tell me that there are almost none in the area. It is well known that mink are deterred by otters, or possibly killed. The chances of seeing an otter is unlikely, they are very shy animals.

### KEEP UP THE TLC FOR THE TREES

Thank you to all in the village who have come forward recently to help keep a check on their trees, and to ensure they receive a much needed drink. In prolonged hot and dry weather this is vital, and everyone's help with this is much appreciated, not least by the trees themselves.

Trees do need this 'TLC' especially in their early years. Please check their stakes are secure and that they are in generally good condition. A 5 litre plastic bottle of water, once a week, is sufficient for most trees in dry weather. With vigilance they will continue to thrive and grow for us all to enjoy...If you have concerns please let us know by contacting:- Charlotte ~ 811892, Alison ~ 811857, Jan ~ 817000 or Christopher (Tree Warden) ~ 814315.

### 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.

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