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DIARY DATES

The next Diary
will run from :

Sunday 14th Nov,
2010
to
Saturday 15th Jan.
2011.

Please send any
contributions by :

**Wednesday 3rd
November 2010,
at the latest.**

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HIGH SPEED TRAIN (HS2)

This project affects our parish, and the Parish Council has agreed to join the HS2 Action Alliance - to ensure that the views of the parish councils along the route are taken into account

The formal consultation period is expected to begin in the Spring. The website for the local action group is www.hs2-southam.net, and there is information on the County Council website www.warwickshire.gov.uk.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS, CHURCH ROAD

Work to renew a failing and root infested brick culvert has commenced and should take approximately three weeks. Temporary traffic signals are needed, and parking will be restricted in this time. The works should help to reduce the effects of flooding in the area.

DOG FOULING ON PATHS

Once again complaints have been received about owners allowing their dogs to foul paths in various areas of the village - particularly along SM2, the footpath that runs from Short Lane, behind Galanos, through the allotments to Limes Croft. Offenders can be fined up to £1000 for allowing this, and the inconvenience to both pedestrians and wheelchair users is considerable. Please clear up after your dog and put any bags in the nearest bin, or take it home to dispose of there.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

These are advisory bodies that act as key vehicles for community engagement within the locality. Members of the public can raise issues of concern, and solutions to those concerns can be worked out. The next forum meeting in this area is at 7.15pm on 4th November at Southam Primary School, with a PACT meeting at 6.30pm to discuss priorities with the police. The last meeting prioritised problems with nuisance youths at Leigh Crescent and Church Road.

FLU JABS

The annual 'flu jab' clinic will be held on Thursday 28th October from 9 'til 11am in the Parish Council office at the Community Centre.

WHEELIE BINS

Please ensure your wheelie bin lid can be closed before putting the bin out for collection and be aware that there has been an incident of a large object being put in a bin overnight, causing a warning to be served on the owner.

ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING

The County Council is providing free testing for the over 50's in Warwickshire. Taking place at Nuneaton Fire Station on 4th October, Leamington Town Hall on 5th October, Rugby Library on 6th October, Kenilworth Library on 7th October and the United Reformed Church, Stratford on 8th October.

Don't miss this opportunity. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked.

Appointments must be booked by calling The Trading Standards Service on 01926 - 736477 between 9am-5pm, or by e-mailing - ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

TAKE CARE WHEN SWITCHING ENERGY SUPPLIERS.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Advice From

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service has had reports of "rogue" energy sellers operating locally who will say anything to gain access to your property.

One claimed to be a "council home energy surveyor"; another claimed that he had been sent out to check meters in the area because of a report of "overcharging on tariffs" and carried a device similar to those used to record meter readings; and a third claimed that the gas and electricity meters had been mis-calibrated.

New rules introduced earlier this year to protect consumers state that:

- Salespeople must carry a badge giving their name and that of the company.
- They must give you a written quotation before the sale goes through.
- If you have a pre-payment meter you can now owe up to £200 and be able to switch.

Trading Standards advises that:

If you really want to do business on the doorstep, do not switch on the first visit - get the written quotation, and then check out whether it really is a better deal by using a price comparison website eg. TheEnergyShop.com.

If it really is better for you, arrange for the agent to call back later - at a date and time to suit you.

For more advice on problems with shopping, or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 - 04 05 06

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 15th W.I. 'Topless in Stratford', The Community Centre, 7:30p.m..
 Sun 19th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Chapel Harvest Festival Revd Marion Hartwell, Chapel, 6:15p.m.
 Tues 21st Chapel Women's Hour, Peter Myhill, Carnival, 2:30p.m.
 Fri 24th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 9:00a.m. – 12noon.
 Sun 26th Morning Worship at Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Family Songs of Praise Chapel, 10:00a.m.
 Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00p.m.
 Evening Service, led by Terry Morris, Chapel, 6:15p.m.

OCTOBER

- Sun 3rd Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Evening Communion, Revd Marion Hartwell, Chapel, 6:15p.m.
 Tues 5th Women's Hour AGM & Quiz, Chapel, 2:30p.m.
 Wed 6th Parish Council Meeting, The Community Centre, 7:30p.m.
 Thur 7th NEW4U Sale & Coffee Drop-in, Chapel, 10:00-12.30p.m.
 Fri 8th Chapel Harvest Supper, 7:00p.m.
 Sun 10th Harvest Festival, Holy Trinity, 10:00a.m.
 Family Service with Communion, Chapel, 10:00a.m.
 Evening Service, Lillington Worship Group, Chapel, 6:15p.m.
 Tues 12th Chapel, Church Meeting, 7:15p.m.
 Sun 17th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Evening Service, led by Revd Marion Hartwell, Chapel, 6:15p.m.
 Tues 19th Chapel Women's Hour, M Jackson, The Amish People, 2:30p.m.
 Wed 20th W.I. Clarins, The Community Centre, 7:30p.m.
 Fri 22nd Family Bingo, The Community Centre, 7:00p.m.
 Sun 24th Morning Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00p.m.
 Shoe Box Blessing Service, Revd Marion Hartwell, Chapel, 4:0p.m.
 Sun 31st United Feldon Group Service, with Bishop Christopher,
 at Bishops Itchington, 10:30a.m.
 Evening Service, Chapel, 6:15p.m.

NOVEMBER

- Tues 2nd Women's Hour, Exmoor & Doone Valley, Chapel, 2:30p.m.
 Wed 3rd Parish Council Meeting, The Community Centre, 7:30p.m.
 Thur 4th NEW4U Sale & Coffee Drop-in, Chapel, 10:00-12.30p.m.
 Fri 5th Village Bonfire & Fireworks, Green Man, from 6:30p.m.
 Sat 6th Charity Christmas Card Sale, Holy Trinity, 10:00 – 12 noon.
 Sun 7th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Afternoon tea, and Bereavement Service, Holy Trinity, 3:00p.m.
 Evening Communion, Revd Marion Hartwell, Chapel, 6.15p.m.
 Sun 14th Remembrance Service, Holy Trinity, 10:00a.m.
 Chapel Family Service, with Communion. 10:00a.m.
 Chapel Evening Service, Mrs A Gale 6:15p.m.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

September 24th

sees yet again

The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning.

Long Itchington's contribution to this very worthy cause will take place at

**The Community Centre
from 9:00am until 12noon.**

Please come along there will be produce stalls and a raffle, but above all coffee and camaraderie.

GALANOS

Saturday September 25th. 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.

POPPY APPEAL, HELP NEEDED

Help wanted with door to door collection. If you can spare 2 Hours for one afternoon / evening in November, please contact :- **Ian Ramsay** (Poppy Appeal Organiser) on ~ **817493**

Cricket Club

Annual Presentation Dinner

Saturday October 9th

Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club

7:00 for 7:30pm

Tickets £25 per head

Non members welcome

Further information from:
Amanda Graney ~ 815432

Long Itchington Village Bonfire

The Long Itchington Village Bonfire will take place as usual at The Green Man on Friday November 5th. The bonfire will be lit at 6:30pm, and fireworks will be let off at 7:15pm. prompt. Beefburgers and hot dogs will be on sale and the School Association will run a pop and sweet stall. Entrance fees will be £2.00 per adult and £1.00 per child under 16. Pre school age children will be admitted free. After last year's event £1,750 was given to various groups and charities.

Bonfire Night Marshalls

The bonfire committee need more people to act as marshalls on the night. If you can help please contact J Setchell on ~ 813202 or see Mark or Sharon at The Green Man.

Guy Fawkes Competition

A competition for best Guy Fawkes will be held at The Green Man, at 7:00pm, on Thursday November 4th, and judged by a member of the bonfire committee. 1st 2nd and 3rd Prizes of £30 £20 and £10 will be awarded by the committee to the individuals or groups whose Guys are judged to be best.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Holy Trinity Church

**Saturday 6th November 2010
10:00am - 12noon.**

Annual Sale of Christmas Cards and other seasonal items, with all profits to the charities involved.

Refreshments available

**Buy your Christmas Cards and
Village Calendars here.**

CHAPEL NEWS. *Rev. Marion Hartwell*

I have been made aware that occasionally people have arrived at the Chapel at 10am and the advertised Service has not been taking place. I apologise and will ensure that on the 2nd and 4th Sunday Morning there will be a Service at 10am, and also on each Sunday Evening at 6-15pm. Exceptions being for the Shoe Box Blessing Service on October 24th & the Christingle Service on November 28th - both of which will be at 4pm followed by refreshments; and also for the Carol Service on December 19th at 3-30pm. These Services are for all ages and all are welcome.

Having mentioned Shoe Boxes, you might like to know how you can take part in this project which is to send gifts to children in poorer countries who otherwise would not receive a Christmas present.

Firstly, you need an empty shoe box which you cover the bottom and lid separately with gift wrap. Then choose and label GIRL, BOY & AGE RANGE. Now put in a selection of new or 'as new' toys, note-books, pens, crayons etc; sweets (not chocolate), toothpaste/brush, soap, flannel and gloves, hat & scarf. (no other clothing, no liquids, no war-related toys).

If you wish to make a donation to help with transportation please put it in an envelope inside the box.

Boxes can be left at the Chapel or phone 07812 - 804924 if you need someone to collect yours.

For all Congregational Church (Chapel) enquiries, please phone Marion on:- 07812 - 804924..

LONG ITCHINGTON BROWNIES

In this our Guiding Centenary Year, we celebrated Thinking Day in Church, and planted our Centenary Rose in the Church-yard. Then Leamington saw hundreds of us putting on a musical in one day in the park! Girl-guiding Midlands was our next venture, with a Carnival and parade at Drayton Manor Park –followed by the rides. We held a 'Picnic in the park' in Kenilworth, and visited Ryton Pools to complete our Centenary Badge.

In October, at the Polo Ground, the whole District will hold an event, when – together with Units from all over the country - we renew our promise. All the girls who have taken part in all or any of these events have received commemorative badges. This has all been good for the girls - as they now hopefully feel not just part their own little village pack, but a global one.

If you know someone (aged seven to ten) who'd like to join Brownies, we have a few places in September. Contact Jenny Allen ~ 814147, or Alison Byrne ~ 811857.

FOOTPATHS

The Footpaths Group would welcome new members to swell its dwindling ranks. The group monitors and looks after all Long Itchington's many footpaths, keeping them weed & branch free and installing signposts. The group tries to ensure that all residents, whether on two feet or four wheels, can use this unique amenity. Willing and able-bodied volunteers who can spare a few hours each month to restore our footpaths should - phone Russell Fowler on ~ 810774 or email russ@burbage.freeserve.co.uk.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS.

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

On 7th November at 3pm we will have our service for those recently bereaved. All who have lost their loved ones in the last year will receive an invitation to this service – in which their loved one's name will be read out. However, if you have been bereaved earlier and would like your loved one's name read, then please add it to the list that will be posted in the church from mid October – or contact me.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 14th November, when we would normally be having our Sunday@10 service. Our service will start at 10:00am., enabling us to observe the silence at 11:00am. This will not be the usual Sunday @10 service, but will be a Remembrance Service, including the traditional reading of names and laying of wreaths.

TERRY MORRIS (Churchwarden)

A LETTER

As you may know The Diary does not have, and does not intend to have a 'letters to the editor' section. However, I recently received a letter that I think most villagers will agree is a worthy exception to this rule. Ed.

It reads as follows:-

" Dawn, Nicola, Melanie and Steve would like to thank all who attended Pete's funeral. The church was so full, we did not get chance to see everyone. We were overwhelmed with all the sympathy cards, floral tributes, concern and kindness shown to us.

The donations to the Air Ambulance raised a total of £1,185.80, and I have received a letter in appreciation that we should think of them at this sad time. We are proud of all he achieved for our village, and to know how well thought of he was, by so many.

Nicola intends to carry on running the Youth Club, and being involved with the annual Carnival. She has also been asked to sit on the Educational Foundation. I am sure that Pete would be pleased that she has taken his place. Melanie makes sure the flowers on his grave always look beautiful. Steve looks after the house maintenance jobs. Dave and Ian help out where they are needed. I am lucky to have such a loving, helpful family. Thank you.

Dawn Adams. "

LONG ITCHINGTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The closing date for young people (age up to 25) from the village, 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 is September 30th 2010.

If you wish to be considered for a grant you should contact Peter Myhill (~ 814443) for an application form.

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.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS.

Autumn Show

If you see this before Saturday 11th September, don't forget to drop in at the Community Centre between 1.00pm and 3.30pm – otherwise we hope you came and enjoyed the Show!

Change of Lettings Secretary

A new arrival in the family and an expanding business has obliged Dave Buchholz to stand down as Lettings Secretary and pass the bookings diary and pen to Linda Clark. Our thanks go to David for his input and to Linda for taking over. Linda can be contacted at:- 13 Wulfstan Drive, Long Itchington CV47 9QR. Phone: (01926) 814255.

Further information concerning the Community Centre can be found on the Community website www.longitchington.org.uk. The site is available for use without charge by any formally constituted village organisation wishing to promote their activities.

L.I. W.I.

Women's Institutes are popping up all over the country in unusual places - including universities, workplaces, towns as well as villages, and even in pubs and a prison! Nationally it is a powerful group that campaigns for legislative changes on matters which concern people in their everyday lives. This year we are campaigning for mandatory country of origin labelling on meat and processed meat products, last year we drew the nation's attention to the plight of the honey bee.

Locally, Long Itchington Women's Institute is a thriving group of women of *all ages* enjoying their membership. There are lots of different interests and skills amongst our 50 members and opportunities to attend a huge variety of classes, talks, lunches and events. Recently members have been to The Loft Theatre in Leamington, a James Martin cookery course at Denman College, and a visit to the Sikh Temple. We've had a pudding evening, a fashion show, a night of opera and so much more!

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. in the Community Centre. If you would like to come along you will be very welcome, just phone the Secretary Yvette, on 814777, the President, Jean, on 812730 or speak to anyone you know is already a member. On 15 September we're having a talk entitled "Topless in Stratford". We look forward to seeing you there!

BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

This year three entries have been made to the Warwickshire Best Village Competition – Pubs of Long Itchington (see *forthcoming Fireworks at the Green Man, and The Harvester on TV in October*), LIFE projects (see *trees all over the village*), and the Calendar Group (see *new calendar for 2011*). The results will be announced on September 22nd. Good luck to all entrants.

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES. *by Tony Grimes*

We have finished harvesting and are now cultivating, ploughing and planting oilseed rape (OSR). Despite a wet August, the dry weather earlier in the year, has given us a harvest of above average quality, but lower yields than normal. However, OSR was an exception – with better than normal yields.

Unusual weather patterns are not confined to this country; Australia, Canada and Ukraine have also experienced serious weather problems. And because of drought, above average temperatures and serious fires, Russia has banned grain exports for 12 months – consequently grain prices have rocketed. However, this should not necessarily affect the price of food too drastically, because many farmers have sold forward at much lower prices.

All badger lovers please skip the next item. My favourite creatures are hares and bumblebees. Whilst out walking down one of our farm tracks earlier in the summer, within 100 yards I saw 6 bumblebee nests which had been ravaged by a badger. Even if the bees survived, there was no time for them to repair such damage. They therefore will go into next winter with insufficient supplies to see them through until spring. Another friend with a raised vegetable bed had a large hole dug in the corner by a badger after bees. With all the problems bees have at present the last thing they need is a rampaging badger.

A far more serious problem is bovine TB. – spread by badgers into dairy and beef herds. Cattle have been tested by your local vet for many years – which has gone a long way to controlling it, until about a decade ago when the Ministry of Agriculture decided to cut back on testing. There has been an explosion in the badger population which is confirmed by the number that you see on the road side which have been killed by a road vehicle. The cost of all this has risen to over £100million a year of taxpayers money (yours and mine). The £100million covers testing and compensation for the 40,000 cattle who are slaughtered every year. The badger population has been estimated at 300,000. Culling badgers is one way of partially controlling the situation – but not entirely.

The long-term solution is vaccination of the badgers orally – which is being worked on, but not expected to be completed for 4-5 years. Vaccination of cattle is not practical, because it interferes with the testing system. The heartache, financially and emotionally, this causes dairy and beef farmers who see their hard-work decimated by TB is unimaginable.

VILLAGE CALENDARS 2011

Long Itchington Calendars, depicting village organisations and activities, will be on sale at the Charity Christmas Card Sale on November 6th, 10.00 – 12.00 in the Church. As in previous years orders can also be taken at the Autumn Show, local pubs & hairdresser - or by phoning ~ 814921.

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.

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