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DIARY DATES

The next Diary
will run from :

Sunday 16th Jan,
2011

to

Saturday 12th Mar.
2011.

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January 2011,
at the latest.**

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PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

Following on from the Parish Plan, the Parish Council will be carrying out a survey in January to find out what local people - from 11 years upwards - think about services, facilities and wishes for the future. A high level of response will ensure that the Council makes decisions which reflect the views of the community. The survey forms will be delivered and collected by volunteers, and if you can help please contact Barbara Atkins on ~ 814921

CENSUS - 2011

From 27th March 2011 Stratford District Council will be carrying out the National Census. Census figures are collected every ten years and used to help the government to distribute funding for healthcare, education, transport and other services. It is important for all to complete the form so that the authorities can respond to community needs effectively.

LILAC GRANT SUCCESS

The LILAC group has obtained a grant from Warwickshire County Council to carry out essential culverting work at the playing field as a precursor to developing the area for leisure and recreation uses. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Russ Wheatley on ~ 811181.

HIGH SPEED TRAINS (HS2)

The Parish Council has agreed that it should listen to, and represent the concerns of, our residents - to this proposal.

Formal consultation should start in the spring but the Council is monitoring the situation and would welcome the views of residents. 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

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council has made grants to the following organisations towards their costs:-

Youth Club – for coach hire for a trip - £100
Brownies – for Centenary Year costs - £100
Pre-School – for new equipment - £100
Guides – for sports equipment - £100
Congregational Church – for tables - £150
SAAG – HS2 - for information distribution £50

GOLF BAN - GREEN END PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council has again banned the playing of golf at the playing field - as it is potentially dangerous to others using the facilities.

WEB EDITOR NEEDED

The village website needs a creative and IT literate person to develop the community website and promote the village and the activities carried on in it. If you are interested, please contact :- Sue Jack or 815216 or liparishcouncil@aol.com

BANNERS ON POND RAILINGS

The Parish Council allows one local organisation at a time to advertise events by fixing a banner to the pond railings for one week only before the event. If you wish to do this please contact :- Sue Jack on 815216 or liparishcouncil@aol.com

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

The village notice boards, as with this Diary, are provided primarily for the display of official information from The County, The District and The Parish Council; and also for use by local, village, organisations to advertise their activities and events. 'Busy' notice boards – such as we have here in our village - are a sign of a vibrant village life; but unchecked 'busyness' can soon become untidiness or 'out-of-dateness'; and what impression does that give of us ?

Can we therefore ask all village organisations to follow some simple guidelines and help keep the notice boards in a condition that reflects well on our village. For example do not be selfish – keep your notice to A4, or smaller; pin it securely to the board, and remove it promptly once it is out of date. Also please make sure that the name of your organisation – and a contact name and land-line contact number are included.

RESIDENTS PAY FOR VANDALISM

There has been a spate of vandalism in the village recently with damage to the toilet block at Green End amounting to several hundred pounds and a fire in the bus shelter causing damage. Private property has also been damaged, especially fences. Repairs to public property are paid for out of money raised from Council Tax. If you see an act of vandalism taking place please report it to the police (415000) or to the Parish Council (815216).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Coordinators are needed for all areas of the parish to disseminate information to nearby residents and warn them about scams and other types of illegal activity. Useful feedback can be made to the police to enable them to catch criminals and make the parish a safer place to live. If you are interested please contact :- Allan Charles on ~ 812751.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Sun 14th Remembrance Service, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.
 Tue 16th Women's Hour meal at The Fox & Hen, 12:00noon.
 Wed 17th W.I. Annual Meeting, Community Centre 7:30pm.
 Fri 19th Carnival Committee Social Evening, Green Man, 8:00pm.
 Sat 20th Cricket Club Rummage Sale, Community Centre, 2:00pm.
 Sun 21st Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30a.m.
 Chapel Evening Worship, Revd. Marion Hartwell, Chapel, 6:15pm.
 Sun 28th Advent Carol Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
 Christingle Service, Chapel, 4:00pm.
 Tue 30th Church Meeting, at Chapel, 7:30pm.

DECEMBER

- Wed 1st Parish Council Meeting, The Community Centre, 7:30pm.
 Thur 2nd NEW4U Sale & Coffee Drop-in, Chapel, 10:00-12.30pm.
 Fri 3rd Shopping Night (for Primary School) Community Centre 7:30-10:00
 Sun 5th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
 Evening Communion, Chapel, 6:15pm.
 Tues 7th Women's Hour Charity Bring & Buy Sale, Chapel, 2:30p.m.
 Sat 11th Christmas Tree Festival, Holy Trinity, 10:00am – 3:00pm.
 Sun 12th Christmas Tree Festival and Service, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.
 All Age Service with Communion, Chapel, 10:00am.
 Evening Worship, Richard Higginbotham, Chapel, 6:15pm.
 Wed 15th W.I. Christmas Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
 Sun 19th Chapel Carol Service, 3:30pm.
 Carols by Candlelight, Holy Trinity, 6:00pm.
 Tues 21st Women's Hour Carol Service, Chapel, 2:30pm.
 Fri 24th Crib Service, Holy Trinity, 5:00pm.
 Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 11:30pm.
 Sat 25th Christmas Celebration and Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 10:00am
 Chapel Christmas Day Service, Revd. Marion Hartwell, 10:00am.
 Sun 26th No Service at Holy Trinity.
 Chapel, Carol Praise, 6:15pm.

JANUARY

- Sun 2nd New Year Praise, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.
 Evening Communion Service, Chapel, 6:15pm.
 Tue 4th Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm.
 Wed 5th Parish Council Meeting, The Community Centre, 7:30pm.
 Thur 6th NEW4U Sale & Coffee Drop-in, Chapel, 10:00-12.30pm.
 Sun 9th Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.
 All Age Service, Chapel, 10:00am.
 Evening Worship, Chapel, 6.15pm.
 Sun 16th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
 United Service, Chapel – with tea, 4:00pm.

LONG ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT - FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER.

Come to a Christmas Shopping Night in the School Hall and Community Centre. With a good variety of shopping and gift ideas on your doorstep, and a Licensed Bar, why trudge into town !?

Open 7:30pm - 10:00pm. Admission free.

Tickets for our **Grand Christmas Raffle** will be on sale shortly.

If any village organisations would be willing to donate towards the prizes, this would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Cathy Welch on:- 01926 - 817 986 or 07930 - 601 427.

We are currently raising further funds to add more computers to our ICT Suite.

L. I. Cricket Club

Rummage Sale

**Saturday November 20th
Community Centre 2:00 pm**

Donations to The Centre on the morning of the sale, or by prior arrangement with:

Carl Elkerton, Phone:810608.

Also teas and cakes on sale, and Tombola - bursting with prizes!

MacMillan Cancer Care

Christmas Sale November 29th

12:00 noon 'til 9:30pm.

@

The Buck & Bell

Details from: Paula Price
Phone: 07540 -725 930.

Galanos

**November 17th at 7:30pm.
Frock-Swop and Ladies Night**

includes jewellery, beauty products and treatments. It works by you bringing along an item of clothing of good, clean, quality, you either dislike, or its too big, or too small, or you wonder why you bought it.

You swop it for another good quality item, all you have to pay is £3 entrance for a good girlie night.

**November 29th at 7:30pm
Grand Public Bingo Night**

Great prizes all welcome.

For further details phone ~812185

Father Christmas

**Will switch on Southam Lights
on Monday December 6th**

He will also visit all local villages in the festive season.

Southam & District Lions are helping to organise his visits, and are collecting on behalf of:-

Acorns Childrens Hospice Trust

&

**The Tiny Tims Childrens
Treatment Centre**

CHAPEL NEWS. *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

Time to say thank you.

Thank you to village, to school, to Chapel members, to pilots, to brownies and all who contributed towards the magnificent array of 151 filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Added on to this total will be 100 boxes from Lillington Free Church. I've not been told where our boxes will go this year but we have seen a DVD showing deliveries in Africa and Romania in 2008 and the joy that a small shoe box brings to the children who receive them. Usually the box is their only Christmas gift so it's a very worth while project..

Thank you too, to those who had a fun evening out at the Family Bingo organised by Carolyn Clennell and her team. With your help £300 was raised for the work of the Chapel.

Thank you to the Parish Council for the grant given to help us to purchase folding tables and a storage trolley.

At our NEW4U Sales we have a selection of good clothes, some new at very reasonable prices. Call in for a browse from 10am to 12. on Dec. 2nd & Jan. 6th. The coffee & cake is good too.

We invite you to join us for any of our services or events during this Christmas Season: and wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

LONG ITCHINGTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees are happy to announce that they have been able to make financial awards again this year to young people of the parish on full time University and College courses. These payments are able to be made as a result of the payment of dividends from investments from the benefactors of old village educational charities which were amalgamated into the Long Itchington Educational Foundation.

This year over 30 grants of £150 are being made. The grants are made to support students on both academic and vocational courses, although because of sheer numbers involved, awards cannot be made to CGSE, A and AS level courses.

The Trustees wish to make leaders of village organisations working with children and young people aware that financial help may be available from the Educational Foundation, particularly if the cost to individuals of taking part in any specific activity is an obstacle to those children taking part.

If you know of individuals or organisations, which may benefit by help from the Educational Foundation, please get in touch with one of the trustees. The present Trustees are: Alan Bailey (Phone 01327-260 590); David Cobley (~ 817676; Andy Jack (~ 815216); Nicola Bodfish (~ 815988); Peter Myhill (Secretary ~ 814443).

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS.

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

In Advent, we focus on the approach of Jesus' birthday, and this year we start with an Advent Carol Service on 28th November. We also look forward to our first Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity, when local organisations will be decorating trees for display in the church during the weekend of 11th-12th December. We are blessed with many organisations and businesses based in the village. We will give thanks for them, and celebrate the work that they do, in our service on the Sunday morning of the festival.

On the last Sunday in Advent, 19th December, we have our Carols by Candlelight service, and maybe we'll sing "He came down to Earth from Heaven, who is God and Lord of all..." - as we anticipate our celebration of God coming amongst us as that baby in Bethlehem.

As the excitement builds up, we have our usual Christmas services. These include the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, when we explore the Nativity and put together the scene of Jesus in the manger, surrounded by Mary and Joseph and all the others, including the sheep - familiar onlookers in our village still today.

May you all have a wondrous Christmas.

TERRY MORRIS (Churchwarden)

LONG ITCHINGTON CARNIVAL SOCIAL EVENING

The Fete Committee will be holding a Social Evening at 8.00pm on Friday 19th November 2010, at the Green Man.

This is the occasion when profits from Carnival 2010 are distributed. This year, as a result of the very successful Carnival, 16 village organisations will each receive cheques for £100 - a total of £1,600. This is in addition to the £250 already sent to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

The cheques will be presented by Harriet Jones, the Carnival Queen, and Kimberley Fariss and Gabriella Boyle, the Carnival Princesses at the Social Evening. In addition to the distribution of this year's Carnival proceeds, the Social Evening is an opportunity to reminisce about Carnivals past and present, in an informal and friendly atmosphere, and generally have a good time.

However, the Committee is anxious to encourage more new people, and particularly younger families, to get involved with the Carnival, by entering floats, and preparing and running stalls and attractions. There is also a need for new faces to help on the Committee, and to bring new and refreshing ideas to the event. The entries of floats in Carnival 2010 were of a very high standard, but without more entries the future of the procession will be in jeopardy. If village organisations receive donations from the carnival, they should feel obliged to take an active part in the carnival

Photos of past events will be on show at the Social Evening. Please bring any of your own photos, etc. as well - and there'll be a quiz! Light refreshments will be available.

All are welcome. Please come and commit yourself or your organisation to Carnival 2011.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS.

For latest information – see separate insert.

LONG ITCHINGTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We have recently received funding from the Heart of England Community Foundation to buy new chairs and tables for the children to use. We were also really grateful to receive a donation from the Green Man which enabled us to buy some new toys and craft supplies.

Babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents and carers are all very welcome to come along to our friendly group. We meet every Wednesday (term-time only) from 9:30 'til 11:00 am, at the Community Centre in Stockton Road. Each session costs £1.50 per family, and includes snacks, crafts, singing and lots of toys for your little ones and tea and coffee for you.

For more information, please phone Nikki on 07929 -744250, or just come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

BROWNIES

Since announced in the Diary a year ago, the Brownies have been collecting old glasses for Vision Aid Africa. In this time they have collected 135 pairs of specs for this worthy cause. The Brownies wish to thank all who contributed to this total.

In return I think that the village should congratulate and thank the Brownies for this magnificent effort – it could perhaps even be described as 'spectacular'! Ed.

BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

As mentioned in the last diary, the village submitted entries in 3 of the 6 categories in the Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) 2010 Best Village Competition. The awards ceremony took place on 22nd September with over 40 villages submitting and exhibiting an amazing variety of projects.

Unfortunately we missed out on the awards for the Calendar Project or Pubs entries (under Community projects & Community Heroes) - a reflection on the high standard of competition. However, we are pleased to announce that the L.I.F.E. Community Tree Planting Project won the Gold award, in the Environment Section - a fantastic achievement for Long Itchington. The WRCC judges recognised the amount of work involved and it's success as a community and environmental project. Thanks to all involved in this; and congratulations to our neighbours in Marton for being the best village overall.

VILLAGE CALENDARS - 2011

Calendars featuring local groups are now on sale. You can view the calendar and place orders at :- The Green Man, The Two Boats, The Harvester and the hairdressers, or by phoning ~ 814921 or ~ 815216. The calendar features:- the Carnival, Brownies, Chapel ladies, and the school - plus many other events. £6 for one, or £5 each for 2 or more.

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES. *by Tony Grimes*

This year rainfall has been a little below average. In fact we would need another 6" (150mm) in the next two months to attain our average. Winter ploughing has just started - along with fencing and machinery maintenance. These will keep us 'ticking over' until the new-year.

I am seriously thinking about a drastic change in my career in farming. I have just read that dustmen in Birmingham can earn £32,000 per year. The average British farmer earns £22,000 per year, and if you are a hill-farmer it can be as little as £8,500 per year – so you can see why sons of farmers, particularly hill-farmers, are not following in their fathers footsteps.

Back in early summer a local farmer, Norman Reeve, recorded the dawn-chorus - it is far and away the best such recording I have ever heard. The chorus is so loud that he has to keep his bedroom window closed. It puts into perspective some of the criticisms we farmers receive from bodies such as RSPB. If you know Norman I am sure that he will let you listen to this recording.

Blue-tits use medicinal plants to disinfect their nests. Researchers have found that the birds line their nests with aromatic plants, such as mint or lavender, which kill bacteria. This creates a more sterile environment for their young – increasing their survival rate. Individual blue-tits are quite 'picky' about which plants they use; and its not clear how they pass this knowledge on to their off-springs.

In the late 1940s, when I walked up to the village, I would occasionally see, sitting on a chair outside her cottage, a lady always referred to as 'old lady Hales'. She was always dressed from head to toe in black – as was the custom when you were widowed in Victorian times – although this was the forties! She would invariably be smoking a clay-pipe. The cottages were situated on the corner of Short Lane and Church Road. Firstly there was a row of outside toilets, then about four cottages – which were in a very dilapidated state. She lived in the first one, and ran a small shop from the second one. This was all very Dickensian, and yet in the lifetime of many living in the village.

INFORMATION SHEET UPDATES

Since publication of the Information Sheet, the following errors and updates have been notified :-

Page 2, Doctors Coker and O'Mahony: Phone ~ 810 939.

Page 4, Neighbourhood Watch contact,

Allan Charles: Phone ~ 812 751.

Page 4, Baby & Toddler Group contact,

Nikki Field: Phone 07929-744250.

Page 4, Parochial Church Council contact,

Sam Salt: Phone ~ 812 730.

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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