

## COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS.

### Spring Show 2011

The sixth Long Itchington Spring Show took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and was the best ever!! Over 200 villagers came to see a superb range of arts & crafts, photographs, home fare - and wonderful children's contributions. It was lovely to see and welcome so many new faces to the Community Centre and we look forward to seeing more of you at future functions.

The new, improved Art Section was 'brilliantly' supported - having a total of 45 entries of a very high standard. This made it difficult for the 112 people who voted. Thank you for getting involved. But the biggest thank-you goes to those artists who took the time and had the courage to exhibit their work.

### Winners

The Art Section - **Tony Nicholls**, the Photography Section - **Cathy Welch**, the Flower Section - **Charlotte Griffin**, adults Spring Fare - **Beth Williams**. We saw 67 entries from 40 youngsters in the children's section. Congratulations to the class winners **Olivia Cooper**, **Hannah Wright**, **Ethan Trundley**, **Rebecca Fariss**, **Natasha Jennings** and **Will Cooper**. Congratulations, also, to both the **Pre-School** and **Toddler Groups** who submitted such creative entries.

Finally, huge thanks and appreciation to all contributors, hard-working judges, people manning stalls & making tea and the valiant volunteers who helped to clear up afterwards! The day made a fantastic profit of £492 which will go towards a **new sound system**. This will be freely available to all those who hire the Community Centre on behalf of village organisations or for private functions.

For further information on the Community Centre visit: [www.longitchington.org.uk/community-centre](http://www.longitchington.org.uk/community-centre)

### MARATHON QUIZ – THANK YOU

Steve & Adrienne Mitchell wish to thank everyone who attended last month's fundraising quiz at the Community Centre. It proved a very successful evening with a profit of just over £1,000 on the night, in Long Itchington; and a similar amount raised the very next night when it was repeated in Priors Marston. This makes a fantastic contribution to The Acorns Children's Hospice and The Cornelia De Lange Syndrome Foundation. The quiz was the easy part. Particular congratulations must go to Bev Breakwell, Jo Crosthwaite and Helen & Charles Maynard - who all ran the London Marathon.

### NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Following Bob Stevens' retirement from Stratford District Council, a by-election was called to elect his successor. There was only one candidate, therefore the Returning Officer declared that Chris Spencer had been elected unopposed as the District Councillor for Long Itchington and Ufton. Parishioners can contact him on 814060 or [Chris.Spencer@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Spencer@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

### 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: ~ 815216.

E-mail: [liparishcouncil@aol.com](mailto:liparishcouncil@aol.com)

Website: [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)

## L.I.F.E. LONG ITCHINGTON FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, EARTH

**L.I.F.E. Spring Tree Walk** is planned for Sunday May 22, to start in the village from the Green Man car park at 11.15am. Walkers will be able to see all trees planted in November 2009. A map will be provided showing the route and detailing the trees and the organisations that sponsored them. There will be a children's competition along the route. Tree sponsors will also be contacted directly. Sensible footwear recommended. For further information see village notice-boards in May or contact Charlotte on ~ 811892, or Jan on ~ 817000.

**L.I.F.E. Electricity Monitors** L.I.F.E. own a couple of OWL Electricity Monitors. They are available on loan (with instructions) and are easy to set up and can provide lots of information about your electricity use, which appliances are using most etc., It could help you save on your bills. Loan is free, but we do require a £20 returnable deposit. The monitors are available from Jill on ~ 815542.

### CRICKET IN LONG ITCHINGTON.

**Junior Registration & Practice – now taking place on Sundays as follows:**

Under 11's - 9:30am to 11:00am (we are very keen to recruit at this age group) - contact Stephen Rawbone, phone: ~ 815198 or 07867-987334.

Under 13's and under 15's - 11:15am to 12:45pm. Under 13's contact Andy Crump ~ 815745 or 07899 904189, under 15's contact John Breakwell ~ 633193 or 07541 340313.

Under 17's practice night has yet to be finalised (probably Friday's). Contact John Breakwell (numbers as above).

All juniors who register by 31/5 will receive a **free** ticket to Warwickshire v Surrey day/night 40 over game at Edgbaston on Wednesday 17 August. There will also be a number of free adult tickets available.

A special fixture in the calendar this year is to be held on **Sunday 29 May 2011**, marking the **playing retirement of Steve Mitchell** - who set up the current thriving junior section over 15 years ago. Literally 100's of youngsters have been provided with coaching with many contributing to the current senior sides.

Steve is putting together a side of former junior players including village youngsters who are currently starring for local town first-teams - including David Bailey (Leamington), Mitchel Lowe (Kenilworth), and Dan Sutton (Stratford) to play against the village Sunday side.

All those who know Steve from coaching via the junior section as a player or parent are most welcome to turn up on the day (to bid a fond farewell to the infamous shot to the legside). Play begins at 2:00pm - and refreshments will be available.



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## DIARY DATES

The next Diary will run from:

Sunday 17th July, to Saturday 17th Sept. 2011 inclusive.

Please send any contributions by:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, at the latest,**

to the Editor:

**Ian Fletcher**

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# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

MAY – JULY 2011

### LONG ITCHINGTON CARNIVAL 2011 Spring Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May

The Fete Committee hopes that as many village organisations & families as possible will prepare motorised or walking floats for the carnival procession. Those responsible for floats should read and make sure they understand the Fete Committee's Safety Plan and guidance notes. Please then return the signed declaration to a member of the Fete Committee.

Raffle tickets are now on sale. You can help by donating a prize or by running a stall on the day.

#### Timetable for Carnival Day

**12.00 noon** Floats assemble in Church Road

**12:20 pm** Judging of floats takes place

**12:40 pm** Judging of Fancy Dress:

Under 5s, 5 – 10 years, under 15s, adults.

**1.00 pm** Procession sets off from Square

**2.00 pm** Fete opened at Community Centre by Carnival Queen Chloe Brown, with Carnival Princesses Rosie Rendall and Jess Wood

Come along and enjoy the many stalls and side-shows. As always, all profits will be distributed to village organisations. Full details are available from Fete Committee Secretary, Peter Myhill ~ 814443 - or any member of the Committee.

### PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

734 households (83%) took part in the survey, with 1,456 individuals completing questionnaires – a great response which means the results are a true representation of the views of the village.

The results show some improvements on the 2001 survey:

- street lighting & litter bins
- flood control & drainage
- speeding & road crossings (but still a problem)

Some aspects have got worse:

- dog mess
- children's playgrounds
- parking & litter in certain areas
- footpath from Model Village

Some other things remain big issues:

- facilities & activities for teenagers
- police coverage
- HS2

The survey also covered the LILAC project, and showed the clear appeal of leisure facilities as well as sports provision.

These results will be used by the Parish Council, and others, as they seek to respond to what people living in the Parish want.

Full results at: [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 16<sup>th</sup> April

About 80 villagers attended the APM to hear reports from Parish and County Councillors and to take part in much lively discussion on subjects ranging from football at Green End to HS2 – the high speed train project of great concern to many in the parish.

Specific items included planning, street lighting, highways, open spaces, communications, the Community Centre and finance including an explanation of this year's parish precept.

Following the formal part of the agenda, Jeremy Atkins presented the results of the Parish Opinion survey conducted at the beginning of February, and Russ Wheatley expanded on those results relating to the LILAC project. Further details are included elsewhere in this issue of the L.I. Diary.

A well-earned vote of thanks was accorded to Jeremy and his team who achieved the magnificent response rate of 83%.

Fifteen village organisations exhibited to keep us informed of their contribution to our well-being.

### LILAC: The LONG ITCHINGTON LEISURE AND COMMUNITY project

Thank you for your feedback to the LILAC project - through the Parish Meeting and village survey.

Over the next 2-3 months we will be assessing the survey results and then finalising some proposals. These will then be submitted to the Parish Council for their approval before going back to the parish again for consultation and ultimately adoption.

Fund-raising is going ahead and so far this year we have secured £22,000 - with hopefully more funding in the pipeline.

This is a great time to get involved with LILAC - if you want to know more, please contact Russ Wheatley at [russ.wheatley@btinternet.com](mailto:russ.wheatley@btinternet.com) or call 07540-454500.

### HS2

The consultation period has started. For more information on how to respond look at [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk).

The Parish Council will be making a submission in opposition to the plans.

**HS2 Roadshows** will be held as follows:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Bell Inn Car Park, Banbury Road, Ladbroke, Warwickshire, CV47 2BY.  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 0LY.

**8am - 8pm in both locations**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY 2011

- Sun 15th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Evening Worship, Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Tues 17th Chapel, Women's Hour, Speaker Rev J Harris, 2:30pm.
- Wed 18th W.I. – AGM, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sun 22nd Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Morning Service, 10:00am.  
L.I.F.E. Spring Tree Walk - meet Green Man car park 11:15am.  
Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm.  
Chapel, Songs of Praise, led by Miss S Stevens, 6:15pm.
- Sun 29th Feldon Group, Joint Service, Wappenbury 11:00am.  
Chapel, Evening Worship, led by R Higginbotham, 6:15p

### JUNE 2011

- 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, Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Tue 7th Womens Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm.
- Wed 8th Wednesday Club, Mercy Ships, Community Centre 2:30pm.
- Sun 12th PENTECOST Sunday@10 with Baptism, Holy Trinity, 10:00  
Chapel, Service for Pentecost, led by Mr R Clarke, 6:15pm.
- Wed 15th W.I. "In House" Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Sat 18th Deanery Festival Day, Warwicks Exhibition Centre. Fosse Way
- Sun 19th TRINITY SUNDAY Deanery Festival Service, WEC Fosse Way  
Chapel, Baptismal Service, led by Revd.M Hartwell 11:00am.  
Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 6:00pm.  
Chapel, Evening Worship, led by Revd.M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Tues 21st Women's Hour, Chapel, Lillington Ladies Choir, 2:30pm.
- Sat 25th Teas on the Green, from 2 'til 4pm, by the Brownies.
- Sun 26th Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm.  
Chapel, 184th anniversary service, 4:00pm.

### JULY 2011

- Sun 3rd Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Communion service, led by Mr D Hudson, 6:15pm.
- Wed 6th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Thur 7th Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Sun 10th Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.  
Chapel, Morning Service, Revd. M Hartwell, 10:00am.  
Chapel, Evening Service, led by Miss B Blower, 6:15pm.
- Tues 12th Chapel, Church Meeting, 7:30pm.
- Wed 13th Wednesday Club, Social afternoon, Community Ctr. 2:30pm.
- Sun 17th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.  
Chapel, Evening worship, led by Revd. M Hartwell, 6:15pm.
- Wed 20th W.I. – Members night, Community Centre, 7:30pm.

## ANNUAL CONSERVATIVE STEAK & STRAWBERRY BARBECUE

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 @ 7:00pm.

Four Farthings, Church Rd,  
Long Itchington.

Tickets - £12.50 ea. from:-  
Jenny Allen ~ 814147  
Bob Stevens ~ 814031  
or Tim Utley ~ 81339

### Long Itchington Brownies

Brownies are holding "Teas on the Green" on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00 – 4.00**. All proceeds are in aid of Brownie funds. Cakes very welcome on the day.

### Friendship Project Coffee Morning The Green Man – Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30 – 12.00

Registered charity supporting disadvantaged children in our community.

For more info. : Cheryl Rawbone – 332179  
[www.friendshipproject.co.uk](http://www.friendshipproject.co.uk)

## GALANOS

Open weekend Sat 21st & Sun 22nd May, from 12:00 - 4pm. Come and visit the home and look round the new dementia unit.

Clay Pigeon Shoot June (date t b c)

Village Voices Concert Sat 11th June @ 7:30pm.

Veterans Day Sat 25th June 2:30pm.

Further details from Janet Finch ~ 812185

### ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Small, friendly group meets Mons. & Thurs. at 6.00 pm. Annual fees start at £10 – includes unlimited access to tennis courts. More details from – Christine Williams 811143.

## CHAPEL NEWS. Revd. Marion Hartwell

On Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the 184<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Long Itchington Congregational Church - known locally as The Chapel. So many small Chapels have closed down in the past half century that it is by the grace of God, and the dedication of those who have been committed to worship and service in the Chapel over the years, and those who still do, that we continue to be 'alive and kicking'.

You may have seen the work that we have been able to do to renovate the Chapel building and if you keep watching you will continue to see the work progressing both inside and out. We are grateful for all the help we have been given and welcome all who would like to become involved with us in any way.

The Anniversary Service will commence at 4pm and be led by Mr. Terry Morris and we are delighted that The Windmill Singers will be with us again. There will be tea after the Service and all ages are welcome.

If you would like to receive one of our bi-monthly magazines please contact me, or one of the Chapel members, my mobile no. is:- 07812 - 804 924. Finally please don't forget Pilots Club, for children from 4yrs – held every Wednesday (in term-time), 6:15 to 7:30pm.

### LONG ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you everyone who supported our Annual Jumble Sale in March, it raised a staggering £416 for school funds. An Easter Egg Tombola, and Mothers Day 'wrapping room' contributed a further £275. The children are delighted with the upgraded ICT suite, and we remain optimistic of reaching our fundraising targets this year.

### DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

If you would like to further assist our fundraising, please consider making [www.schoolfunds.co.uk](http://www.schoolfunds.co.uk) your home page. Click to 'locate your school', select West Midlands, then Warwickshire, then scroll to Long Itchington CofE Primary School. Then, whenever you shop, just select the store you require and shop in the normal way. This assists the school by raising credit points towards equipment. Purchases from major supermarkets, stores, Amazon, Vistaprint cards, and even Ebay will all count.

### GRAND RAFFLE

In the summer we are holding a raffle with printed tickets. Prizes already include cash, family days out, meals out, and various other goodies. Tickets will be sold locally, door to door from early June. Any prizes will be gratefully received and your name /company mentioned (with your permission). For further information please contact Cathy on ~ 817986.

The School Association thanks you for your support.

### APPOINTMENT

The Governors of Long Itchington CofE Primary School require a Clerk to attend Governing body meetings (approx 5 per year) to take and type minutes, draw up and distribute agendas and supporting documentation and advise on procedural matters. Applicants must have basic clerical skills, ability to work on their own initiative and good inter-personal skills but specific training will also be provided. The position pays approx £500pa. Request for further details and all applications addressed to Nicole Wicks c/o the School.

## CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS. Tim Britton

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

**THANK YOU, Noggin** Clontith who gave a generous donation towards the new lighting of the path and tower.

**CHURCH REPAIRS** - Our architect has identified some urgent repairs needed on the church. Most urgent is a wall of the porch which is falling down, and the parapet of the tower, the stonework of which needs to be firmly fixed. These repairs may be quite costly. A report will tell us more.

**OUT OF THE BLUE** - is our Deanery Festival Weekend, at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre on the Fosse Way from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June. On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** - an evening with Adrian Plass, a humorous Christian writer and speaker; tickets at £6 include admission to the Saturday activities.

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4pm** - a Family Fun Day, an afternoon of games, sideshows, stalls, face painting and an open stage where schools will be performing. A local brewery is providing a unique beer for the day. We also hope to run a Scalextrix "Top Gear" style race, with prizes provided by Mr Clarkson. You will have the chance to throw a wet sponge at a vicar!! Tickets cost £1 for adults, 50p for children over five. **4:30 to 5:30pm** – a free Praise Party, a lively activity for youngsters run by Capt Graham Nunn, a Christian Magician (also visiting L. I. school on 15<sup>th</sup>), which will also involve the Pilgrim Puppets. Then from **7:30pm** there will be a free concert of brass and choral music.

On Sunday we have a special Deanery Festival service with Graham Nunn, the Bishop of Warwick, and the Pilgrim Puppets, followed by a Deanery picnic (bring your own). All the proceeds for the Festival go towards the restoration of Radford Semele Church. There will be no service in our church that morning, but we will have one in the evening.

**TIM BRITTON 812518 or [tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk](mailto:tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk)**

### PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Village maintenance person needed

The Parish Council is looking for a self-employed person to carry out a variety of jobs around the parish, including some grass-cutting & strimming, litter picking and the routine maintenance of play areas, seats and noticeboards.

If you are interested please contact Sue Jack on 815216.

#### Housing development, Stockton Road

A planning application will soon be submitted by the Orbit Housing association for 10 houses on this site, not 12 as previously stated. Once permission is obtained funding can be confirmed and hopefully building work will start later this year. Detailed plans can be viewed at the Clerk's office in the Community Centre.

#### Police Presence at Southam Library

From 10 May, Warwickshire Police front office services including the reporting of crimes, incidents, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance, will be delivered from Warwickshire Direct at Southam Library.

Lost and found property enquiries, applications for pedlar's certificates, firearms licences and data protection requests will also be available at the Library, where staff will be able to put you in touch with local officers and access the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### LONG ITCHINGTON CRICKET CLUB.

Cotswold Hills League 2011.

All matches start at 1:30pm.

#### First XI – Division 2

#### Second XI – Division 5

May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Exhall & Wixford II	Away
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chipping Campden	Away
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick CC Staff	Home
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	FISSC	Away
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Winchcombe	Home
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leamington III	Away
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Catherine-de-Barnes	Home
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blockley	Away
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Blockley	Home
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leek Wootton	Away

May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Exhall & Wixford II	Home
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Alvechurch III	Home
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rowington II	Away
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bidford-on-Avon II	Home
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Claverdon	Away
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Henley-in-Arden II	Home
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Catherine-de-Barnes II	Away
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Broadway II	Home
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Broadway II	Away
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Welford-on-Avon	Home

For further fixtures and details see club website – [www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk](http://www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk)