



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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DIARY DATES

The next Diary will run from :

Sunday 18th Sept, to Saturday 12th Nov. 2011 inclusive.

Please send any contributions by :

Monday 5th September 2011, at the latest,

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PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Following his election as District Councillor for Long Itchington & Ufton, Chris Spencer has decided to step down from his position on the Parish Council. Chris said:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Parish Council but I believe that this move will enable me to focus attention on my new role in supporting and representing the views of all our residents and as their voice in Stratford District. I will of course continue to work very closely with the Parish Council and attend Parish Council meetings."

David Cobley and the whole Parish Council wish to thank Chris very warmly for all his hard work over the last few years, not least of which his attention to detail on the Finances and his role at Vice-Chair. He will be greatly missed.

This means that there will be a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor and details will be published shortly on village notice boards. In the meantime, anyone who is interested and would like to discuss the role can call Sue Jack on ~ 815216, or any of the other parish councillors - whose details can be found in the village Information Sheet or on the website.

THE LONG ITCHINGTON OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Please take a look at our re-vamped website www.longitchington.org.uk, and give us your feedback on what you think. Linda Clark and Anne Fessi are working hard to include up to date and relevant material for residents and we always welcome contributions and comments at - linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com.

RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION – Lilac Cottage, Bascote

The Parish Council holds the latest retrospective planning application for this development. If you wish to view the plans, then please contact Sue Jack or go to www.stratford.gov.uk and search for 11/00064/FUL under "Planning".

The Parish Council gives its full backing to residents who are whole-heartedly against this particular development - which is seen as setting a dangerous precedent for unsuitable housing in rural areas.

You have the opportunity to express your views here, and support your fellow parishioners. There is also a petition against this development - should you also wish to sign it, contact Barbara Atkins (~ 814921) for further details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police have asked all residents to remain vigilant when walking around the village and to take note of anything unusual or anyone acting suspiciously. If appropriate please report such instances to Allan Charles (Neighbourhood Watch) on ~ 812751 or to the Police on 451111 or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. This information can assist the police in detecting crime in the area.

COMMUNITY FORUMS –

- are local meetings where you can raise your concerns about local issues and get answers from:- local councillors, the County and District Councils, the Police, local health services and local community groups. The next meeting is on Wednesday 21st September at The Graham Adams Centre, Southam.

HS2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A reminder that the HS2 Consultation period ends on July 29th 2011. Responses may be completed on line at government website:- <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk>, or for more information call 020 7944 4908. Further details may also be found on the local action group sites <http://www.hs2-southam.net/media.html> and <http://www.hs2actionalliance.org/>

LONG ITCHINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grand Summer Raffle

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our Grand Summer Raffle. The support for these throughout the village has been tremendous. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, together with the parent volunteers who have gone door to door, and local businesses who donated prizes. As the diary goes to print we still have a week before the draw but look set to raise around £1,200. We shall update on the total raised in the next issue.

2p Trail

Thanks to everyone who supported us, including the local pubs, by collecting 2p's for this annual event to line the playground with a trail of 2p coins. This raised a further £185.36 for school funds, and Year 6 pupils (and the treasurer) enjoyed counting it all up afterwards!

Thank you for your support of events throughout the year, including donations of Nestle Box Tops, Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers too. They all help to assist us with books and sports equipment for the children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2011

- Sun 17th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Rev. M Hartwell
- Wed 20th W.I. 'Members Night' Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thur 21st Bible Study, Chapel, 10:45am
- Sun 24th Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, All-age Service, 10:00am. Leader Rev. M Hartwell
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Mr. G Howe
- Sun 31st Feldon Group Service, 10:00 am. Radford Semele CC.
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Mr R Buchanan

AUGUST 2011

- Wed 3rd Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Thur 4th Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am-12:00.
- Sun 7th Service on the Green, 3:00pm.
Chapel, Evening Communion Service, 6:15pm.
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club, Prize Bingo, Community Centre 2:30pm.
- Sun 14th Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.
Chapel, All-age service, with communion 10:00am
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Rev. C Clewlow
- Wed 17th LICC visit to Edgbaston, coach from The Pond at 2:30pm.
W.I. 'A Surprise Evening, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
- Thur 18th Bible Study, Chapel, 10:45am
- Sun 21st Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Rev. M Hartwell
- Sun 28th Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, All-age Service, 10:00am. Leader Rev. M Hartwell
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Rev. M Hartwell

SEPTEMBER 2011

- Thur 1st Coffee Drop in & NEW4U sale, Chapel, 10:00am -12:00.
- Sun 4th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Evening Communion Service, 6:15pm.
- Tues 6th Chapel, Women's Hour, Harvest Songs & Readings, 2:30pm.
- Wed 7th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm.
Wednesday Club, Outing to Wheelbarrow Castle.
- Sat 10th Annual Show, Community Centre,
- Sun 11th Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am.
Chapel, All-age service, with communion 10:00am
Chapel, Evening Worship, 6:15pm. Leader Mrs. A Gale.
- Wed 14th Solar Panels & Feed-in Tariffs talk, Green Man 7:30pm.
History Group talk, 'Postmans Knock', Community Centre 7:30
- Sun 18th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am.
Chapel, Harvest Thanksgiving, Mrs P Simpson, 6:15pm.



SOLAR PANELS Are they for you ?

Come along and find out more at a
SOLAR PANEL EVENT & TALK
The Green Man, Long Itchington
Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7:30pm.

Has there ever been a better time to buy electricity-generating solar panels Suppliers make payments back to you for electricity generated! Learn how Feed-in Tariffs work, & can benefit you.

Generate your own electricity, and earn money too. Come and learn how you / we can benefit from community bulk-purchase schemes!

This evening is being arranged by **L.I.F.E. Group**, working with Action - 21 (Local Sustainability Group), and The Energy Savings Trust.

Contact Charlotte ~ 811 892.

Long Itchington Cricket Club

We are organising a coach trip to Edgbaston in Birmingham, to watch Warwickshire play Surrey in a '40-over' game, on - **Wednesday 17th August**.

The match will be a 'day & nighter' with coloured clothing, white ball etc. The coach will be leaving the Pond at 2.30pm and be returning immediately after the game. The cost of the trip, which includes a match ticket AND a seat on the coach is £10 for adults and £6 for anyone under 16. (GREAT VALUE).

If you are interested please phone **Martyn Rawbone** on :- **01926- 332 179**.

**Advance notice of annual dinner,
Saturday. Oct 8th 2011.
More info in next issue.**

First and second XI fixtures for the period of this diary are shown here below. For further fixtures and details see the club web-site - www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk

LONG ITCHINGTON CRICKET CLUB.

Cotswold Hills League 2011.

All matches start at 1:30pm.

First XI – Division 2

July	16 th	Leek Wootton	Away
July	23 rd	Exhall & Wixford II	Home
July	30 th	Chipping Campden	Home
Aug	6 th	Warwick CC Staff	Away
Aug	13 th	FISSC	Home
Aug	20 th	Winchcombe	Away
Aug	27 th	Leamington III	Home
Sept	3 rd	Catherine-de-Barnes	Away

Second XI – Division 5

Welford-on-Avon	Home	July	16 th
Exhall & Wixford II	Away	July	23 rd
Alvechurch III	Away	July	30 th
Rowington II	Home	Aug	6 th
Bidford-on-Avon II	Away	Aug	13 th
Claverdon	Home	Aug	20 th
Henley-in-Arden II	Away	Aug	27 th
Catherine-de-Barnes II	Home	Sept	3 rd

CHAPEL NEWS. *Rev. Marion Hartwell*

At the recent National Assembly of the Congregational Federation, Long Itchington Congregational Church, known locally as the Chapel, was presented with The Child Friendly Church Award. Many of you reading this will wonder what the Award entails.

Anyone bringing their child to a Church Club will want to be sure that it is a safe place. Each Church must have a Child protection policy, and any person over the age of sixteen who is involved with children in the church must complete a self disclosure form and then apply for a CRB Certificate from the Criminal Records Bureau.

The Church is visited by a Children's Officer of the Congregational Federation - who checks and reports to the Ministries Committee whether the church has met all necessary criteria, before the award can be made.

To us, at the Chapel, it is an honour to have received the award, but also a responsibility to continue to be a welcoming, safe and happy place for children of all abilities to learn about the love of Jesus.

Our main Children's work is our Pilots Club for children from 4 years of age which meets each Wednesday in term time from 6:15pm to 7:30pm.

Phone Marion on 07812-804 924 for further information, or 'visit': www.longitchingtoncongregationalchurch.org.uk

HARVEST THANKSGIVING at the CHAPEL.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday September 18th at 6:15pm. The Preacher will be Mrs. Pauline Simpson from Coventry, who is also a pianist & soloist. The organist is Peter Myhill.

We welcome you all to this special Service during which Marion will have activities for any children who come with you. The Chapel will be dressed in the traditional way and contributions for the Harvest table can be brought to Womens Hour on September 6th, or on Saturday afternoon September 17th between 2&3pm - or during the Service on September 18th, after which the fruit and vegetables will be sold for Christian Aid, and the Tins and packets of food will be donated to Geoff and Steph - for The Leamington Christian Mission.

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 32 grants of £150 were made to our young people - totalling £4,800.

If you wish to be considered for a grant, when you receive an unconditional offer for a course of study in the academic year 2011/12, you should contact Peter Myhill. Please phone him on ~ 814 443 for an application form. All completed application forms should be received by 30th September. Please note that the Trustees' decisions are final. The Trustees of the Foundation are:- Alan Bailey, Nicola Bodfish, David Cobley, Andy Jack, and Peter Myhill.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS. *Tim Britton*

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

CHURCH REPAIRS

In the last Diary we reported that our architect had warned that urgent repairs were needed to Holy Trinity, especially to the tower and the porch. We have now had his official report, and need to take action.

The most urgent repairs are needed to the porch, where stones are falling out of the wall behind the holly bush; this will cost about £3,000, and we hope that we can sort that out over the summer. The tower repairs are a much bigger job; the architect reckons they will cost nearly £120,000. We have applied for a grant from English Heritage, but we won't hear from them until later in the year, and it is likely that work won't start until next year or even the year after - when English heritage are involved there is a long process to work through.

Meanwhile, there are other urgent repairs to be addressed - £24,540 worth of work in the next 12 months, according to the architect's rough estimate. If we do all the work he has identified this will cost about £148,000 (in addition to the £123,000 needed for the tower and porch).

I am hopeful that the architect's estimates of the costs will turn out to be much more than we will actually spend - but he has to think of the worst case scenario, and that could happen! We will of course try to raise as much as possible through grants and charities, but there will still be a lot for us to raise at this end.

The Church of England's wealth mostly goes on pensions (and isn't enough for that either), so keeping the church alive is up to us.

I really appreciate all the concern and offers of support that we have had from the village. The church building is such a significant place, having been part of village life since Saxon times probably (the present building dates from the 13th century), and I would love to think that everyone in the village felt they had a stake in it, whether or not they were part of the worshipping congregation. Pete Allen has kindly agreed to chair a small fund-raising committee, and I know they would love as many people as possible to be involved in the activities they suggest, however much or little.

SERVICE ON THE GREEN

On Sunday 7th August we plan to have an open air service on the Green at 3pm, to which everyone is invited, from any church or none. There won't be morning service in Holy Trinity that day.

SUMMER TEA AT HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity are now serving tea and coffee, usually with cakes, every Thursday afternoon until the end of August. There's no charge, although donations are welcome. Just call in any Thursday between 2 and 4pm.

TIM BRITTON: ~ 812518, or e-mail: tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk

LONG ITCHINGTON GUIDES - LEADER WANTED

Unfortunately, for personal reasons, Sue who currently runs Long Itchington Guides is having to stand down - from September. As no-one else has come forward to take over running the Guide Patrol, it will have to close. However, if you are interested in keeping this Patrol open and taking on the running of it, please contact the Girlguiding District Commissioner, Amy Richards, at amyrichards.home@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

2011 Autumn Show

This year's Autumn Show will be held on **Saturday 10th 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 phoning ~ 813 057 or ~ 815 217.

Please hold onto the schedule. Even if you don't 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, but some revisions 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.

L.I.F.E. & THE AUTUMN SHOW

Autumn Show-Potato & Sunflower competitions: Children who collected seed potatoes and sunflowers are reminded to return these (potatoes still in their containers) and sunflowers (complete plants please) on the morning of the show, Saturday September 10th. The grand weighing, measuring and the prize-giving will take place in the afternoon when the show is open to the public.

THE VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

One of our aims when setting up this group was to involve as many local people as possible: for instance, if you have a collection that could be shown in the 'Mini-Museum' – ie. the display cabinet in the foyer of the Community Centre, or at a meeting. As an example the Long Itchington Football display attracted a lot of interest. Those old toys that you have in the loft, or boxes of post cards could be of great interest to others.

Some members are already gathering material for a display about the Old Village Hall, this will include old concert tickets and programmes, as well as photographs. Content doesn't necessarily have to be about the village – a collection of Coronation Mugs for next year's Diamond Jubilee for example.

If you have an idea, then please phone Jill Tooby on ~ 812 269. She and the committee will be delighted to hear from you.

Our 'Autumn Season' starts on September 14th with a talk 'Postman's knock' by Alan Godfrey. Admission is free, but a donation to help defray costs is always appreciated.

LONG ITCHINGTON CARNIVAL - 2011

Despite appalling weather, villagers turned out in force to support the biggest carnival procession for many years. Thirteen floats competed for eight trophies - this year for the first time including a new shield, The Pete Adams Memorial Shield, for Outstanding Effort. The judges of the floats and fancy dress were Sharron & Simon Underwood from Claverdon – who, appropriately, chose the Youth Club as the first winners of this new trophy, for their walking float *Batmobile*. The walking float category was, however, won by the Congregational Church Pilots Group - with their theme of *The Wizard of Oz*.

In the adult motorised float section, the winners were the musicians from the Duck on the Pond pub, second prize went to Holy Trinity Church's '*Feeding the Five Thousand*' float, and third prize went to the Young Farmers. Among the children's motorised floats, the winners were the L. I. Pre-School with their '*Aliens*' theme, with second prize going to the Brownies. The Judges' discretionary trophy – The Nona Bishop Cup - was awarded to the Wednesday Club with their float of flowers.

The flowers decorating the float that carried Carnival Queen Chloe Brown, and Princesses Rosie Rendall and Jess Wood, were later sold, and with donations, raised £200 for Air Ambulance. The Carnival Procession took its usual route through the village to the Primary School and Community Centre led by the Bodicote RBL Youth Band.

Crowds managed to cram into the Community Centre and School Hall to enjoy excellent refreshments from Frankie and her team, and the many side shows, games and attractions put on by the many supporters of the event.

Committee Chairman, Tim Williams, thanked everyone who supported the event by entering floats, taking part in the fancy dress competition, running stalls and attractions, donating money and raffle prizes. All contributed to the success and safety of this highlight of Long Itchington's year. The net income of the event was just under £1,800 – an excellent result considering the weather.

Village organisations wishing to apply for donations from the Carnival should write to Peter Myhill, Secretary, Long Itchington Fete Committee, 2 Lime Croft, Church Road, Long Itchington CV47 9PG. Phone ~ 814443. Applications should be received by 30 September 2011.

Long Itchington Bosom Buddies... say...

"Thank You so much" to everyone who supported our Quiz in April, the Beer Festival Weekend Events, buying raffle tickets, children's T shirts, sweets etc., AND to those who have sponsored us individually and as a Team. We have raised £1,765 as a team, and individually £2,519, making a grand total of £4,284 in aid of Walkthewalk - helping vital breast cancer causes. This is fantastic and we are so appreciative; it means a lot to each of us, helping a cause close to so many people's hearts.

From:- Alison, Banu, Charlotte, Julia, Louise & Sharon.

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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