



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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The next LI Diary will
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Sunday 13 Nov to
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inclusive.

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New Parish Councillor

Linda Clark has been co-opted on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy. Linda already works as the bookings secretary for the Community Centre and manages the parish website. She will now bring her many skills and talents to the work of the Parish Council.

Local crime

There have been a number of incidents at the allotments in Church Road, where polytunnels have been slashed and shed windows broken. The banner on the pond was also slashed.

If anyone has any information that will assist the police in catching the culprits please contact either Sue Jack on 815216, Southam Police on 415000 or Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

Complaints have also been received about noise levels at an event at the Polo Grounds on Bank Holiday Sunday. If you wish to complain please write to Stratford District Council, the Licensing Authority, or the Police, who have the power to object to future events.

LILAC

Plans are progressing and the AGM will be held at the Buck and Bell at 7.30pm on Monday 26th September. The future siting of the football pitch will be one of the topics for discussion.

Affordable Housing, Stockton Road

A planning application has been made to build 10 new dwellings at Stockton Road, comprising three bungalows, six 2-bed houses and one 3-bed house. Plans are available to view at the Parish Council Office – Tel. Sue Jack on ~ 815216.

Parish Council grants 2011-2012

The Parish Council has awarded grants of £120 to the following parish groups: Brownies, Guides, Youth Club, FROLIC and the Congregational Church.

Community Forums

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 and the topics will be renewable energy and the state of the District.

New Planning Framework - consultation ends on 17/10

The National Planning Policy Framework is a radical streamlining of existing Planning Policy Statements, Planning Policy Guidance Notes, and some other circulars to form a single consolidated document accessible to everyone nationally who has an interest in contributing to the development of their local area.

The Framework sets out the Government's key social, environmental and economic objectives as well as the planning policies needed to deliver them. The Government hopes that these planning policies will provide local communities with the tools necessary to energise their neighbourhoods, meet housing needs, plan for a low carbon future, and protect environmental and cultural assets of amenity value. The consultation documents can be downloaded from the following link on the Communities and Local Government web-site:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftframeworkconsultation>. Responses should be made by 17th October 2011.

Misuse of footpaths

Public footpaths are rights of way only and walkers are not entitled to stray from the path or allow their children or dogs to roam free. Please respect the privacy of adjoining landowners and use the paths responsibly.

Pigeons/rats

Some residents have experienced problems with rats and pigeons, both attracted by leaving food on the ground, particularly in the vicinity of the pond. Please be careful not to leave surplus food in this area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 18th Harvest Festival, Holy Communion & Baptism, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Chapel Harvest Festival Service, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Tues 20th Chapel Women's Hour, 2:30pm
- Wed 21st W.I. 'Anna's Trip to Russia', The Community Centre, 7:30pm
LIFE Group meeting, 7:30pm, The Green Man
- Fri 23rd FROLIC, Cheese & Wine Supper at Holy Trinity, 7:30pm
- Sat 24th FROLIC, Putting Competition at 7 Odingsel Drive, 10:00am - 5:00pm
- Sun 25th Morning Worship at Holy Trinity, 9:30am
All-age Service, Chapel, 10:00am
Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm
FROLIC, Putting Competition at 7 Odingsel Drive, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Fri 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 9:00am – 12noon

OCTOBER

- Sat 1st FROLIC, Folk & Blues Concert at Holy Trinity, 7:30pm
- Sun 2nd Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Evening Communion, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Tues 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, 10:00am - 12noon
- Fri 7th Chapel Harvest Supper, 7:00pm
- Sat 8th Cricket Club Annual Dinner, Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club, 7:30pm
- Sun 9th Songs of Praise, Holy Trinity, 10:00am
Morning Service with Communion, Chapel, 10:00am
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Wed 12th FROLIC, Golf Day at Finham Golf Club
Wednesday Club, Quiz Afternoon, Community Centre, 2:30pm
History Group, A Look on the Lighter Side, Community Ctr, 7:30pm
- Thur 13th Chapel, Pre-Christmas Study, 10:45am
- Fri 14th Chapel, Scrabble Evening, 7:00pm
LIFE - An Evening with Jeremy Wright MP, Green Man, 7:30pm
- Sun 16th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Tues 18th Chapel Women's Hour, 2:30pm
Chapel, Church Meeting, 7:30pm
- Wed 19th W.I. RNLI, The Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thur 20th Chapel, Pre-Christmas Study, 10:45am
- Fri 21st FROLIC, Traditional Rustic Harvest Supper at Holy Trinity, 7:30pm
- Sun 23rd Morning Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm
Shoe Box Dedication Service, Chapel, 4:00pm
- Thur 27th Chapel, Pre-Christmas Study, 10:45am
- Sun 30th Joint Feldon Group Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm

NOVEMBER

- Tues 1st Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
- Wed 2nd Parish Council Meeting, The Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thur 3rd NEW4U Sale & Coffee Drop-in, Chapel, 10:00-12:00pm
- Sat 5th Charity Christmas Card Sale, Holy Trinity, 10:00 – 12noon
Village Bonfire & Fireworks, Green Man, from 6:30pm
- Sun 6th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Afternoon Tea, and Bereavement Service, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm
Evening Communion, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Wed 9th Wednesday Club, Birthday Lunch,
History Group, Canal Boatwomen, Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thur 10th Chapel, Pre-Christmas Study, 10:45am
- Fri 11th Chapel, Beetle Drive, 7:00pm
- Sun 13th Remembrance Day Service, Holy Trinity, 10:00am
Remembrance Day Service and Communion, Chapel, 10:00am
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday September 30th

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 there will be coffee and camaraderie.

Cricket Club

Annual Presentation Dinner

Saturday October 8th

Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Non-members, and particularly former players, are welcome.

Further information from:

Amanda Foster ~ 815432

POPPY APPEAL - HELP NEEDED

Help wanted with door-to-door collection. If you can spare two hours for one afternoon / evening in November, please contact: **Ian Ramsay** on: ~ 817493

Long Itchington Village Bonfire

The Long Itchington Village Bonfire will take place as usual at The Green Man on Saturday 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.

Bonfire Night Marshalls

The bonfire committee need more people to act as marshalls on the night. If you can help please contact 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 3rd and judged by a member of the bonfire committee.

1st 2nd and 3rd Prizes of £30 £20 and £10 will be awarded to the winners.

CHAPEL NEWS *Rev. Marion Hartwell*

From now until Christmas is a very busy period in our church.

Beginning on Sunday September 18th at 6:15pm with our Harvest Festival, which will be led by Mrs Pauline Simpson, a preacher, singer and pianist from Coventry. There will be activities for any children who come to the Service.

The Harvest Supper will be held on Friday October 7th at 7:00pm. Tickets are available from Marion – price: £4.50.

It is also time to start filling Shoe Boxes for the children in poorer countries. Leaflets are available from the Chapel if you wish to join in the scheme this year.

On Sunday October 23rd at 4:00pm there will be a Service to dedicate the boxes during which a DVD will be shown of children receiving them. Please join us for the Service and for light refreshments afterwards.

On Friday October 14th at 7:00pm you are all welcome to the Scrabble Evening at Eileen Miles' home even if you've never played before. It's a fun evening with supper.

Our pre-Christmas study group begins on Thursday October 13th for 8 weeks. Coffee is served at 10:45m followed by an hour of song, prayer and discussion. You are welcome to join us for all or some of these studies.

If you would like to receive one of our bi-monthly magazines please contact Marion on: 07812 804 924.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 5th November 2011
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

Club Scout leader needed in Stockton

Do you enjoy working with children?

Would you like to give something back to your community?

Would you like to develop your own skills?

Would you like to rediscover a bit of adventure?

Would you like something positive to put on your CV?

Then please consider joining 1st Stockton Scout Group as a leader.

Scouting is growing - both nationally and locally - so we are looking for new leaders to help in all Sections (Beavers: 6-8 yrs, Cubs: 8-10½ yrs, Scouts: 10½-14 yrs).

If you think you have something to offer or would like to find out more, please phone Gillian on ~ 815831 or email: gillian@firststocktonscouts.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS *Tim Britton*

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

Bereavement Service

If you have been bereaved and would like your loved one's name read at the service on November 6th, please contact Tim Britton or sign the list at the back of the church from mid-October.

sunday@10

The sunday@10 service in October will be a Songs of Praise in celebration of 400 years of the Authorised Version of the Bible (King James Version). The service in November will be our Remembrance Day service.

FROLIC – Friends for the Renovation of Long Itchington Church

Last month you may remember seeing a story about a village that had lost its heart and a little boy who painted happiness back into the community – by painting the Church back into the centre of the village to complete the picture. There was a time when everyone, churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike, saw the Church not just as a place of worship, but also as a place to hold events that brought the community together as a whole. We would like to see this happening again.

In order to raise the essential funds to keep the Church at the centre of our community and to have lots of fun doing it at the same time, FROLIC (Friends for the Renovation Of Long Itchington Church) has been set up to organise and stage fun events throughout the village and at the Church. We are calling this our 'Rhythm of Life' initiative and we are hoping that, between us villagers, we can run at least 100 such events over the next 100 weeks. Some of the latest events are listed in the diary; if any of these are of interest to you, please complete the detachable coupon in the accompanying leaflet.

FROLIC is about involving as many people as possible in the fundraising. You can help your community, the future community and enjoy yourselves at the same time by attending any of these events and by coming up with your own events too. The events can be small and exclusive – a coffee morning for friends raising £5 – or large and inclusive. You can run these independently or with the help of the FROLIC committee. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Pete Allen at Four Farthings or on peterallenh@me.com

Together we will put the church back into being the heart of the village and in doing so will have fun coming together as a community.

Find out more at: www.longitchingtonchurch.co.uk

TIM BRITTON (Tel: ~ 812 518, or e-mail: tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk)

Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests FREE OF CHARGE, for people aged 50 or over, between 3rd – 7th October 2011 at venues in Leamington, Stratford, Rugby and Kenilworth. Tel: 01926 414004 or e-mail ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk to book.

LI Cricket Club News

Our season has virtually finished with the Saturday league programme having resulted in the first team finishing 2nd in Division 2 of the Cotswold Hills League.

This means promotion for the first time into Division 1, which will mean quite competitive cricket. In Division 5 our second team had a great start and a great finish, but a few mishaps in the middle combined with poor weather meant a third place finish. Still, a good achievement.

All our junior sides did well playing enjoyable cricket with the under 11's and under 17's winning their respective Rugby and District league titles.

The club is always looking for support and assistance especially now we are climbing the ladder and need to improve our facilities. If anyone feels they can offer financial support by sponsoring the team or a match ball or volunteer help (i.e. cutting the outfield) all will be much appreciated.

We are certainly looking for at least one scorer for the 2012 season when we will be visiting some very picturesque grounds with great teas!

Please contact Steve Crosthwaite on: ~ 814971 or Martyn Rawbone on: ~ 332179 if you feel you have something to offer or want to find out more about the cricket club.

LONG ITCHINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Long Itchington Youth Club meets at the Community Centre every Monday evening in term-time from 7:30pm – 9:00pm for all children aged from 9 -16 yrs. Activities include: Wii console, X-box, Playstations, Snooker, Table Tennis, Music, Crafts, Games etc. and a tuck-shop. There is an admission charge of 75p. We are a very friendly club, and welcome new members. For more information please contact Nicky Bodfish: on ~ 815988.

Youth Club Bingo Night - We would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who came to our Bingo Night, or who donated time or prizes for the evening – held in memory of PETE ADAMS, who was Youth Club Leader for 23 years, and involved in lots of organisations within the village. We raised an amazing £1,540 on what was a very emotional, but very enjoyable, evening. A special bench (costing £1,500) from Oxford Memorial Benches is due to be delivered in mid-late October, and will be placed in the churchyard. We hope that many of you will use the bench and think of Pete and all he did for the village.

Another recent fund-raising event is a 'sponsored haircut' by Dan Shinnars (The Lollipop Man). Dan has been growing his hair for many years, but decided to have it cut to raise money to plant some trees in Pete's memory around the village. We haven't got the final figure of money raised yet, but would like to thank all those kind enough to sponsor him; it is much appreciated.

LIFE - Long Itchington for Environment, Energy, Earth

An evening with Jeremy Wright MP

We are pleased to advise that the new date for this event (due to be held in April) is **Friday 14th October** at **The Green Man** starting at **7.30pm**.

Entitled "How Green are we?" Jeremy's talk will pick up on David Cameron's election pledge that his government would be the greenest ever; how well are they doing 17 months in? He'll concentrate on issues around rural communities and environmental sustainability and take questions. This should be a very interesting and popular evening so get there early! This evening has been arranged by LIFE Group, contact Charlotte on: ~ 811892.

Are you aged 10 to 26 and looking for something to do?

Young Farmers' Clubs are run by the members for the members and are open to all young people who have similar interests in the rural environment and communities. Our 'new members' meeting is on the 21st of September held in the back room of the Green Man, which will entail a "Quiz with a Twist" - so why not come along to discover the twist? Contact us on longitchington_yfc@hotmail.com

Tree of Lights – help to raise the next £10,000

The Tree of Lights appeal has so far raised over £10,000 for Acorns Children's Hospice.

The Rotary Club of Southam wishes to thank everyone who has made this possible, but the work must go on.

Please support us again this year.

Leaflets giving full details of the Tree, and how to commemorate your loved ones this Christmas, will be available in some local shops and the Southam Library.

For more information please contact: Peter. L. Jackson on: ~ 864234 or Mike Gaffney on: ~ 811028.

New editorial team for the LI Diary

Ian Fletcher is retiring as editor of the Long Itchington Diary after two years of stalwart work. There is now a new editorial team – Barbara Atkins, Sue Jack and Anne Fessi. In future all copy needs to be sent to the team using the contact details on the front of the newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian for all his hard work on the Diary over the last two years.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

The address for Long Itchington Parish Council is The Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, Southam CV47 9QP. 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 the plans are on site.

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