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The next LI Diary will  
run from:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 to  
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## Unightly dust on Southam Road

The Parish Council is very aware that lorries leaving the Cemex site are depositing dust and dirt on the Southam Road and pavements making it unsightly and unpleasant to use. It has blighted the village. We are doing all we can to prevent this from happening. If you are being affected by this please contact the Parish Clerk on ~ 815216. Alternatively you can contact Cemex directly or phone Highways to complain.

## Retrospective Planning Application – Lilac Cottage, Bascote

On October 26th the planning committee of Stratford District Council turned down this application. Bascote residents and the Parish Council were delighted that the committee listened to the wishes and feelings of the local community to oppose this "hugely" unpopular and unsuitable development in our quiet rural Parish. Next-door neighbour, Ron Large, says: "Our grateful thanks go to all those people who wrote letters, sent emails, signed petitions or even just discussed the issues." Grateful thanks must also go to Ian Stilwell, Cllr. Christopher Spencer and Cllr Ian Briggs. We will be reporting the next steps as we feel this is not the end of the story.

## A new way to report crimes – dial 101

We were delighted to welcome our police representatives to our last PC meeting. We now have a much easier way to report crimes or suspicious incidents within our Parish - if there is an emergency dial 999 as before. If you wish to report a non-emergency please dial **101** and give all the details. It is imperative that ALL incidents (however small) are reported to the Police as this will determine the level of response they can give. They can see patterns emerging if all incidents are reported and this "intelligence" is used to apprehend those committing crime. If you are unsure what to do, please phone Allan Charles – our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – on ~ 812751. Our local Police will be visiting the village to talk to parishioners on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1:00pm – outside the Co-op.

## New Houses on Stockton Road

The new housing development planned for the piece of land opposite the school has been approved and will go ahead. This is a development undertaken by Orbit Housing. It consists of three bungalows, six two-bedroom houses and one three-bedroom house. If you are interested please contact Stratford District Council to ensure you have registered your need - see below:

You can get an application form by contacting the Council's Housing Advice Team (phone: 01789 260861/2 or email: [housingadvice@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:housingadvice@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or by fax: 01789 260895). Or download a form from: [www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk). Please fill in and return the form to: The Housing Advice Team, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warks, CV37 6HX.

## AUTUMN SHOW 2011

Congratulations to all those who entered exhibits in this year's annual Autumn Show and thanks to everyone who supported it. The auction of produce and sale of raffle tickets raised £1,088, which will go towards improvements to the Community Centre.

### Special awards

- Alan Washbrook – the Long Itchington Charity Trophy for most points gained in the Show overall and Parish Council Cup for most points in the Flowers section.
- Beth Williams - the Jim and Cathie White Rosebowl for most points in the Homecraft section.
- Alan Washbrook – the Management Committee Cup for most points in the Vegetables and Fruit Sections combined.
- Sue Law – the Carnival Trophy for most points in the Flower Arrangement Section.
- Tim Williams – the Eric Russell Memorial Award for the Best Exhibit in Show, a superb display of dahlias.

### Special awards to children

- Esme Dubois – the Pre-School Cup for under 5 yrs
- Charlene Byrne – the LIFE Cup for children aged 8 to 11 yrs.
- James Byrne - the "Harvester" Cup for children aged 5 to 8 yrs.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Service, Holy Trinity, 10:00am Remembrance Day Service with Communion, Chapel, 10:00am Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
Weds	16 <sup>th</sup>	Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm LIFE Committee Meeting, The Green Man PH, 7:30pm
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Christmas Bible Study, Chapel, 10:45am
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night, Galanos House, 7:30pm
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Club Annual Rummage Sale, School, 2:00pm
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
Weds	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Christmas Bible Study, Chapel, 10:45am
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	FROLIC Charity 'Promises' Auction, Holy Trinity, 7:30pm
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm Christingle Service, Chapel, 3:30pm
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bingo, Galanos House, 7:30pm
Weds	30 <sup>th</sup>	LI Community Centre Committee AGM, C'ty Centre, 7:30pm Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm

### DECEMBER

Thurs	1 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Drop-in/Gift Stall/NEW4YOU, Chapel, 10:00am – 12noon
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Baptism, Holy Trinity, 12:30pm Evening Communion Service, Chapel, 6:15pm
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Hour Bring & Buy Sale, Chapel, 2:30pm
Weds	7 <sup>th</sup>	Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm Parish Council Meeting, the Community Centre, 7:30pm
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Christmas Bible Study, Chapel, 10:45am
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Club Annual Christmas Quiz, The Green Man, 7:30pm
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Tree Festival, Holy Trinity, 10:00am – 4:00pm FROLIC Christmas Market, Holy Trinity, 12noon – 3:00pm
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am Christmas Tree Festival, Holy Trinity, 11:00am – 4:00pm All-age Service with Communion, Chapel, 10:00am Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity, 6:00pm
Weds	14 <sup>th</sup>	Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm Southam Community Forum, Southam Primary School, 7:00pm
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Christmas Bible Study, Chapel, 10:45am
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service followed by Mince Pies/cakes, Chapel, 3:30pm Carols by Candlelight, Holy Trinity, 6:00pm
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	FROLIC Carols, Bakehouse Court, Church Rd, 6:30pm
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Hour Carol Service, Chapel, 2:30pm
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS EVE Crib Service, Holy Trinity, 5:00pm Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 11:30pm
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas Celebration & Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 10:00am Christmas Day Celebration Service, Chapel, 10:00am

### JANUARY

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 10:00am New Year's Walk & shepherd's pie lunch, Holy Trinity, 11:30am New Year's Day Communion Service, Chapel, 6:15pm
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am All Age Communion Service, Chapel, 10:00am Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
Weds	11 <sup>th</sup>	Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm Parish Council Meeting, the Community Centre, 7:30pm

### Anyone for tennis?

The village has a small, friendly group of tennis players of all ages and standards.

- Membership includes unlimited access to two carpeted courts.
- Annual Fees start as low as £10 for juniors.
- Professional Coaching is also available.

For more information contact Christine Williams on ~ 811143.

### Cricket Club Events

#### Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – from 2:00pm at the school – includes tombola and raffle. Please keep any jumble, which can be dropped off on the day or can be collected. Contact Andy Crump on ~ 815745 for more information.

#### Annual Christmas Quiz

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 7:30pm in the back room of the Green Man. Call Steve Mitchell on ~ 812210 or Steve Crosthwaite on ~ 814971 for more information.

### Events at Galanos House

#### Frock Swap

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm. Entrance fee is £3.00 - includes nibbles and a Bucks Fizz. Donate at least one item of clothing to swap – includes accessories and shoes. Each item is worth a ticket to swap for items you want – or you can buy items on the night. Changing rooms will be available at the event.

#### Quiz Night

Rotary Club of Southam is holding a Quiz Night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open 7:30pm for 8:00pm start. Entrants pay £10.00 per team of four people – please book with Bill Pease on ~ 813873. Licensed bar.

#### Christmas Bingo

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 7:30pm All welcome. Bar open and refreshments available.

**All proceeds to Galanos House**

## CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

Thank you to all who packed a shoe box with Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children. The Blessing Service was held on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> by which time 71 boxes had been collected with the expectation of many more to come.

This year's DVD from Operation Christmas Child showed the delight of children in Liberia and the Ukraine when they were given a shoe box of gifts - the only present many of those children are likely to receive throughout their lives. Besides the two countries shown on the DVD, boxes were taken to 12 others and the total number of boxes distributed in 2010 was 1,114,269.

We, in the Chapel are now looking forward to celebrating Christmas with the Christingle Service on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, the Carol Service when we will be joined by The Windmill Singers at 3:30pm on December 18<sup>th</sup> and the Women's Hour Carol Service at 2:30pm on Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>.

We invite you to join us for any or all of these services.

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### LI Educational Foundation

This year, 33 grants of £150 are being made to young people of the parish on full-time University and College courses. These payments 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 who should be taking part.

If you know of individuals or organisations that may benefit from the Educational Foundation's help please get in touch with one of the trustees. These are: Alan Bailey (Tel: 01327 260590); David Cobley (Tel: ~ 817676); Andy Jack (Tel: ~ 815216); Nicola Bodfish (Tel: ~ 815988) and Peter Myhill (Tel: ~ 814443).

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### Santa's on his way!

Santa – courtesy of Southam Lions - will again be visiting the town and surrounding villages in the days leading up to Christmas to raise money for local children's charities.

#### When you can see Santa:

Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Model Village/Marton/ Birdingbury	6:00pm–8.20pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Long Itchington	6:00pm–8.20pm
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Stockton	6:00pm–8:30pm

For information about other times and dates please contact Peter Guy on: 0116 2550400.

**Southam Lions thank everyone for their support!**

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### SPRING SHOW 2012

The Spring Show will take place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 in the Community Centre on Stockton Road and schedules will be distributed with the January Diary.

## CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS *Tim Britton*

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

### CHURCH PORCH

Work on the renovation of Holy Trinity Church has begun! The east wall of the porch was falling down, and has now been repaired – and we have enough funds to pay the bill! Thank you, all who contribute to the church and to FROLIC.

### CHRISTMAS

Let's make Christmas a great celebration this year! Let's banish the winter blues, not by hiding our heads in the sand or drowning our sorrows, but by focusing on the real hope for the future, the coming of Jesus the Messiah and Saviour of the world. God is at work, and all will be well; and he calls us to work and celebrate with him.

### Christmas Tree Festival

Holy Trinity Church is holding its second Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December (including a Christmas Market) and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December (including Festival Service 10:00am) from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Local organisations and businesses are invited to place trees in the church, decorated to demonstrate what they do in our community. Refreshments available throughout. For more information call Terry Morris on ~ 814910.

Find out more at: [www.longitchingtonchurch.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonchurch.co.uk)

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

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### District Councillor's Column - Chris Spencer

I have asked the editors if I could produce a periodic Column in the Diary to help keep villagers informed and abreast of current issues.

Housing - at the time of writing, plans have been submitted to build 10 new homes in Stockton Road opposite the school (see front page). Importantly, there will be a condition attached to these properties that priority is given to people who live in the village or have a local connection. These will make an important contribution towards the needs identified in the Village Housing Survey.

There has perhaps been some confusion over local eligibility. Generally speaking all newer developments now have this condition (for example Russell Close) whereas older developments such as Beechcroft do not. The housing "maze" is not straightforward and if anyone needs any help in negotiating it please let me know.

Policing - I and other local councillors have initiated liaison meetings with Sgt Thomas who is responsible for our Safer Neighbourhoods Team. They have started regular 'surgeries', which in our case are held outside the Co-op. These offer a great opportunity to discuss any concerns and to just meet and get to know them (see front page). Times and dates will be published on the noticeboards.

If you would like to discuss any matter in more detail, please email me on: [Chris.Spencer@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Spencer@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or phone: ~ 814060.

## Clamp down on bogus charity bags

Warwickshire Trading Standards Services are concerned that householders are being duped in to donating clothing etc. to private traders instead of registered charities.

They want to investigate these bogus collections and are calling on Warwickshire residents to help by sending bags or flyers to the Trading Standards Team.

Post bags or flyers to: Freepost CV1898 Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick CV35 7BR or scan and email to: [tradingstandards@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Long Itchington 2012 Calendars

Now available at £6 each or £5 if you buy two or more. Orders taken at Snips, the Green Man, the Harvester, the Two Boats & The Shop, Leigh Crescent.

Or phone: ~ 814921.

## LI Carnival Social Evening

There will be a Social Evening at 8:00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Green Man when profits from Carnival 2011 will be distributed. Carnival 2011 was a remarkable event and very well supported despite the rain! The Fete Committee will be giving £80 to each of 16 village organisations that applied; a total of £1,280, in addition to £200 already sent towards the Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

The cheques will be presented at the Social Evening by Chloe Brown, the Carnival Queen, and Rosie Rendall and Jess Wood, the Carnival Princesses at the Social Evening.

There will be a quiz, refreshments and a display of photos from past events – bring along your own photos too!

The Fete Committee is always looking to encourage new people, and particularly younger families, to get involved with the Carnival, by entering floats and preparing and running stalls and attractions. We also need new faces to help on the Committee and bring fresh ideas to the event.

Village organisations that receive donations from the carnival are obliged to take part in the event.

### LIFE Wildlife Talk

A date for your new diaries! Graham Robson will be giving a talk about "Wildlife around Marton" on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the Green Man. More in January Diary.

## Long Itchington Community Centre

The AGM of the Long Itchington Community Centre Management Committee will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. All inhabitants of Long Itchington Parish are entitled to attend.

### 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.

Phone: ~ 815216

email: [liparishcouncil@aol.com](mailto:liparishcouncil@aol.com)

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

## Farming Notes by Tony Grimes

The weather has been very perverse this year. April was the warmest since records began in 1659. October was one of the warmest in the last 100 years. As far as rainfall goes this year could be the driest since records began – a meagre 12" until the end of October. In 2007 we received 30 ½ ", 2008 31 ½ ", 2009 22 ¾ " and 2010 22 ¼ ". All of which adds up to 26 ¾ " – our long term average. Therefore, we would need to have two record breaking months to bring us near to our long term average – a recipe for flooding.

The harvest was better than expected – quality was good because of the dry weather and prices have been quite buoyant, but very erratic.

We have been lucky to see a large covey of French partridge, 14 or so, a Kingfisher on the river behind the Green Man and more interestingly a short-eared owl in our OSR – we haven't seen one for about 14 years.

### Coffee "Plus" Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee "Plus" morning on 17<sup>th</sup> September – a cheque for £313.40 was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee Famine in Africa Appeal.

## Superfast broadband – update

The Government is making £4.07m available for superfast broadband in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire with a requirement that this amount should be match-funded from Local Authority capital funds.

Data is still being collected and the Local Broadband Plan will be submitted to Government in April next year.

### What can you do to help?

Complete the broadband survey – a key component of your Local Broadband Plan will be evidence of where specific problems exist across the sub-region. Fill in the broadband survey at: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband) – and encourage your neighbours to do it as well – areas with the highest response will be given the highest priority.

Help map locations of BT cabinets - this a green box by the side of the road which provides telecoms to a village or group of properties. You can do this at: <http://4sfb.crowdmap.com/>.

Find out more at: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband) or email: [econdev@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:econdev@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### LIFE Electricity Monitors

LIFE has two OWL Electricity Monitors available on loan (with instructions). They are easy to set up and can provide lots of information about your electricity use, which could help you save on your bills! Loan is free with a £20 returnable deposit. Contact Jill on ~ 815542.