



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will run from:

Sunday 18th March – Saturday 12th May inclusive.

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Friday 2nd March 2012
at the latest

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New footpaths co-ordinator needed

Long Itchington needs someone interested in footpaths to co-ordinate a small team dedicated to ensuring the continued up-keep of our many footpaths. We thank Russ Fowler for all his work in this area up until now. Please contact David Cobley (~ 817676) or Sue Jack (~ 815216) if you are interested.

Allotment Watch

Worried about damage to your allotment? We now have anti-crime packs to help you deter criminal damage. Contact Allan Charles on ~ 812751

LILAC Update

In response to the Parish Survey carried out last year when a nature trail / jogging track proved to be one of the most popular choices for the Green End fields, work is due to start in the next few weeks.

The initial phase will start just off the Marton Road entrance and continue along the perimeter of the 'new' field up to the current east / west hedgerow.

Phase 2 will be completed hopefully later this year when more funds become available. The plan is to provide a trail/track that does not disrupt either the football or the local housing - for more details of the plans contact Russ Wheatley (~ 811181) or Barbara Atkins (~ 814921).

The track itself is made from a rubber material derived from old car tyres. This is an ideal surface for jogging as it is very low impact and is virtually maintenance free.

We are also hoping to lay a hardcore surface for the car park now that new gates have been installed.

LI Police Surgery dates

All meetings take place outside Long Itchington Co-Op for 30 minutes.

- 26/01/2012 – 1:00pm
- 09/02/2012 – 1:00pm
- 23/02/2012 – 4:00pm
- 08/03/2012 – 1:00pm

These are all approximate times and may be changed or be cancelled due to operational reasons. Contact Claire Murray at the Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team for more information. Tel: ~ 684984

Cemex grant for skateboard ramp

We are delighted that Cemex has given us £4,000 towards repairs to the skateboard ramp.

Snow Warden Scheme 2011/12

Warwickshire County Council has a network of voluntary snow wardens and is asking Parishes/ Town Councils or Residents Associations for people to take part in the scheme. During severe weather conditions, snow wardens are responsible for providing information to the County Highways Team on the local situation and consulting with the Area Teams on local needs to determine jointly what local action to take.

To volunteer write to:

Bryn Patefield
Warwickshire County Highways
Old Budbrooke Road
Budbrooke

Warwick
CV35 7DP

Or email:

brynpatefield@warwickshire.gov.uk

Please include; your name, full address, organisation details, telephone and email details if available.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

New opening times at Stockton are:

Monday	9:30am – 3:15pm
Tuesday - Friday	Closed
Weekends (Winter)	8:30am – 4:15pm
Weekends (Summer)	8:30am – 5:15pm

The recycling site in Southam is now closed.

Christmas Tree 'thank you'

Once again a big thank you must go from the village to the Reeves family for donating the magnificent tree on the Green and to Adrian McNally (Mac) for putting up the tree and the lights.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Anyone interested in helping with a Long Itchington celebration should contact Frankie Heales on ~ 813057.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- Sun 15th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
United Service with tea, Chapel, 4:00pm
- Tues 17th Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
FROLIC, Evening of Stargazing, Green Man, 5:00pm
- Weds 18th Pilots Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
FROLIC, Evening of Stargazing, Green Man, 5:00pm
Young Farmers – Social Evening, Red Lion, Hellidon, 8:00pm
WI – Talk: RSPB (Action for Birds), Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thurs 19th FROLIC, Evening of Stargazing, Green Man, 5:00pm
- Fri 20th FROLIC, Wulfstan's Feast, Holy Trinity, 7:00pm
- Sun 22nd Holy Trinity – Morning Worship 9:30am / Young Families 3:00pm
Chapel – Morning Service 10:00am / Evening Worship 6:15pm
- Weds 25th Pilots Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
Young Farmers – Street Dance, Marton Village Hall, 7:30pm
- Thurs 26th LIFE talk, Wildlife Around Marton, Green Man, 7:30pm
- Sat 28th Elvis & Buddy Holly Night & Gospel Choir, Holy Trinity, 7:00pm
- Sun 29th Joint Feldon Group Service, Offchurch, 10:00am
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm

FEBRUARY

- Weds 1st Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
Young Farmers – EBLEX Lamb talk, Green Man, 7:30pm
Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thurs 2nd Coffee Drop-in & NEW4U Sale, Chapel, 10:00am – 12noon
- Sun 5th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Re-dedication Communion Service, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Tues 7th Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
- Weds 8th Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
LIFE Committee Meeting, Green Man, 7:30pm
Young Farmers – Public Speaking, Green Man, 7:30pm
- Sun 12th Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am
Morning Service with Communion, Chapel, 10:00am
Evening Worship, 6:15pm, Chapel
- Weds 15th Young Farmers – Decoration Making, Green Man, 7:30pm
WI – Talk: Victorian Fashion, Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Sun 19th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Evening Worship, Chapel, 6:15pm
- Tue 21st Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
- Wed 22nd Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 8:00pm
Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
Young Farmers – Business Meeting, Green Man, 7:30pm
- Thurs 23rd Lent Study Course, Chapel, 10:45am
- Sat 25th FROLIC Folk Evening, Holy Trinity, 7:00pm
- Sun 26th Holy Trinity – Morning Worship 9:30am / Young Families 3:00pm
Chapel – Morning Service 10:00am / Evening Worship 6:15pm
- Weds 29th Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
Young Farmers – Air Ambulance Talk, Green Man, 7:30pm

MARCH

- Thurs 1st Coffee Drop-in and NEW4U Sale, Chapel, 10:00am – 12noon
- Sun 4th Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Evening Communion Service, Chapel, 6:15pm.
- Tues 6th Women's Hour, Chapel, 2:30pm
- Weds 7th Pilots Children's Club, Chapel, 6:15pm
Young Farmers – Chubley's Pub Games, Green Man, 7:30pm
Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7:30pm
- Thurs 8th Lent Study Course, Chapel, 10:45am
- Sat 10th Lent Lunch, Chapel, 12noon
- Sun 11th Sunday@10, Holy Trinity, 10:00am
- Tues 13th FROLIC Night of Music and Food, Buck and Bell, 7:00pm
- Weds 14th LIFE AGM, Green Man, 7:30pm
Young Farmers – "Know Your Limits", Green Man, 7:30pm

Barn Dance

Friday 10th February 2012 –
featuring The Mean Fiddlers
ceilidh band

Southam College – 7:30pm

£10 per head including
Ploughman's Supper and bar

For more information contact
Peter Guy at: peter.guy@princes-trust.org.uk

Spring Show 2012

Saturday 31st March
At the Community Centre

Don't forget – Flowers,
Homecrafts and Handicrafts will
be accepted on the day, but
Photographs and Art entries must
be received by Thursday 29th
March at any of the designated
points.

**If you haven't already received
your schedule, please call
Chris Hancock on: ~ 815217**

This year, we have many different
sideshows and games - including
a Sweet Tooth Tombola, Teddy
Bear Tombola, Treasure Island
and many more. In addition, we
have the ever-popular LIFE
Potato Competition for children
under 12 years of age. Prizes will
be given at the Autumn Show for
the heaviest crop.

There are plenty of opportunities
to display your creative talents –
photographs for the 2013 LI
Calendar will be chosen from
Spring Show entries.

Events at Galanos House

Rummage Sale 25th February at
2:30pm

Donations needed – everyone
welcome.

Easter Bingo 26th March – eyes
down at 7:30pm. Bar open and
refreshments available.

Spring Fayre 21st April at 2:30pm
Various stalls and refreshments –
lots of fun for all the family.

All enquiries Tel: ~ 812815

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

All our usual Sunday Services, Women's Hour meetings, Pilots Club and Coffee-Drop-in and NEW4U times are listed in the Diary dates, so in this section I bring to you details of some special Services that I think you might be interested in and would like to come to.

On Sunday 15th January at 4:00pm invitations have been sent to the local churches to come together at the Chapel for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Service will be followed by a Chapel tea.

On Friday 2nd March, the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at the Chapel beginning at 7:00pm. The speaker and soloist will be Pauline Simpson from Coventry. Ladies from the local Churches will be taking part in the Service, which this year has been prepared by women of Malaysia.

On Saturday 10th March we will be holding a Lent Lunch beginning at 12noon, during which Stephanie Devlin will speak about the variety of work done by the Leamington Christian Mission in the area. There will be no charge for the lunch, which will consist of soup, bread and a cup of tea or coffee, but there will be a collection for the work of the Leamington Christian Mission.

For more details of any of these events please contact Marion on: ~ 425999 or 07812 804924.

Hire the Community Centre for your events in 2012!

The Community Centre and the school hall in Stockton Road are available to hire for your parties, meetings and other events in 2012. Last year the Community Centre was used for parties (children's and adults), meetings, quiz nights and as the headquarters for several cycling events.

The Community Centre has a fully equipped kitchen – you only need to bring the food. The hire charges are the same for 2012 as they have been for some time. You can find out more about the Community Centre on the Long Itchington website: www.longitchington.org.uk .

Booking forms can be found on the Long Itchington website or from the top of the cupboard in the Long Itchington Primary School and Community Centre foyer. You can also contact Linda Clark, the lettings secretary, on: ~ 814255 to check availability and request a booking form.

Local Guide group seeks members

Guiding can open up huge opportunities for girls and young women between the ages of 10 - 14 years. Our local friendly group of Guides meets at the Community Centre each Tuesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. If you are interested you can even go along for a "taster evening."

Contact Anna Hedges on: ~ 814147 (evenings) or email: anna.hedges2@btinternet.com for further information about the group and what it can offer you.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS *Tim Britton*

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

Diary Events

The Diary lists events as far as we know them at the time of writing – before Christmas! There will be lots more happening, such as a Lent Course, which will take place in Holy Trinity on Tuesday evenings. Please check the diary on the website for new events or changes to previously publicised ones – and check the FROLIC website as well at: www.longitchingtonchurch.org.uk

Thank you

There have been a lot of special events and services in Holy Trinity recently. Many have been organised by FROLIC, some have been traditional events such as the Crib Service, which this year attracted nearly 300 people – a record for us! We are very grateful to everyone who has supported these events, especially the organisers and helpers. Thank you, one and all.

Find out more at: www.longitchingtonchurch.co.uk
TIM BRITTON (Tel: ~ 812 518, or e-mail: tim@thefeldongroup.org.uk)

A 'thank you' from FROLIC

To date, FROLIC has raised nearly £25,000 toward the renovation of Holy Trinity church. Thank you to all of those villagers and friends who have created, helped and supported all of the FROLIC events of 2011. We still need to raise a further £100,000 and can only do this with your support. As always though, we want your support to be rewarded by having a good time. Find out about FROLIC events for 2012 at: www.longitchingtonchurch.org.uk

Young Farmers update

We would like to begin by wishing you all a happy and healthy start to the New Year! Over the festive period as well as partying hard, we have worked extremely hard to raise money for some great local charities. On Friday 16th of December we held a quiz at the Green Man, which was well supported by locals and Young Farmers alike. We have raised just under £500 pounds, which will be split between our chosen Charity's the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire air ambulance and our local first aid group "Southam First Responders". Thanks to all those who helped out or donated raffle prizes and especially Mark and Sharon at The Green Man.

Over the next few months we are going to be busy preparing for the Spring Competitions including: Public Speaking, Hockey, Fencing and much more. For these competitions the club has decided to invest in a set of team shirts to be sponsored by local companies. If you are interested in helping us, contact Georgia Frogley.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January, which will be a skittles match with our neighbouring Club Wormleighton at the Red Lion in Hellidon. Prior to this, meetings will be held in the back room of the Green Man as usual. We look forward to seeing some new faces in the New Year!

For more information please contact Georgia Frogley on: 07896 224521 or email; georgia_frog@hotmail.com

2012 Calendar is a sell-out

The Long Itchington Calendar has had a very successful year with profits of £600. A special thank you goes to The Green Man, The Harvester, Snips and The Shop for helping to publicise and sell calendars.

Please enter your photos of Long Itchington into the Spring Show this year and you may find they get a wider audience in the 2013 calendar!

Monies raised are used for village events. For example: this year's very successful Wednesday Club Christmas party (a lovely combined event with young and old) was sponsored by the Calendar Group.

LI Women's Institute events

If you are interesting in finding out more about the WI events listed in this month's LI Diary, then visit their website at: www.longitchingtonwi.weebly.com

LIFE talk – Wildlife around Marton

The next LIFE talk is on Thursday January 26 at 7:30pm, in the back room of the Green Man, Church Road. Graham Robson of Marton will be presenting a collection of film and photographs with commentary on "Wildlife around Marton".

All welcome, members or non-members. Free entry. Donations may be made to Myton Hospice. For more information contact Charlotte on: ~ 811892.

LI Tennis Club

The village has a small, friendly group of tennis players of all ages and standards. Annual fees start from £10 for juniors. Contact Christine Williams on: ~ 811143.

Bogus charity collection bag update

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has received huge numbers of bogus 'charity' collection bags for its recent campaign. Officers now have details of around 50 different collectors operating across the County.

The collection phase of the campaign has now ended and the investigation phase is now underway. Trading Standards Officers no longer need residents to send in collection bags, but would like to thank everyone who helped to get the project off to such an excellent start.

For advice on charity bags, visit the WCC website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams. You can still report any dubious collector to Action Fraud by calling: 0300 123 2040 or visiting: www.actionfraud.org.uk

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

Website: www.longitchington.org.uk

Farming Notes by Tony Grimes

Our average rainfall over the last 35 years since I began keeping records has been 26.76 ". This year rainfall has amounted to 14.75 " – 55% below average. The long-term consequences are hard to judge. Two years of above average rainfall might put things right. The reservoir at Draycote has islands showing, which haven't been seen since it was first filled. We have some friends who live in Bascote who have a well in the garden. Normally the water would be 4ft below ground level; at the moment it is 18ft. They have never seen the bottom of the pump before which is 8 ½ ft below ground level. The total depth of the well is 25 ft.

The topsy-turvy weather patterns this year has given us bees working in December, also shrubs and flowers such as hawthorn, white campion, nettles, tobacco plants and clematis all flowering for a second time.

On the wildlife front we often see three roe-deer around the farm; they are very shy and soon disappear when they become aware of you. When we were doing our autumn ploughing we had a visit from about 300 lapwings for about two or three days, quite an unusual sight.

Perhaps the most gratifying crop we have grown this year has been a wild bird seed mixture aimed at giving small seed-eating birds something to feed on in December, January and February, the latter months being when these small birds are at their most vulnerable. You only need a very small area of this type of crop to satisfy them. The mixture consists of about six different seeds, depending on your soil type – one or other of these seeds become dominant; in our case Fodder Radish, Quinoa and millet.

Trying to get near to these birds to identify them is rather tricky as they are very shy. They mainly consist of linnets, green finch and yellow hammers. Last year, because of the snow, this crop, because it stands up well, would have been very beneficial.

Tree of Light 2004 – 2011

The Rotary Club of Southam would like to thank the Long Itchington Diary and all its readers for the excellent support received in the seventh year of the Tree of Light in Southam. This year £1,859 was raised for the Acorns Children's Hospice. Over the last seven years they have donated over £11,500 to Acorns Children's Hospice from the Tree of Light.

The club look forward to your help and support in 2012 and hope to meet its annual target of £1,500 once again.

For further information please contact Mike Gaffney on: 01926 811028 or email: mike@mandggaffney.plus.com