



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 15th September
– Saturday 16th
November

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September**

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Noise and anti-social behaviour

In recent weeks the Parish Council has received a number of complaints from residents regarding noise and nuisance occurring at the same time as other local events have been taking place, most notably around the time of the Beer Festival and when live music or large parties are taking place in the village.

We are always very concerned if residents are being inconvenienced by the behaviour of others. We would like to make it clear that the Parish Council has no direct influence over such events and no powers to allow or prevent them from happening. However, we can (and do) take this very seriously and are happy to help residents find the appropriate channels for expressing their concerns.

Useful contact numbers are:

- Stratford District Council Licensing Department (live music licences) – 01789 260211
- Environmental Health (noise issues) – 01789 267575
- Non-emergency police number – 101
- Emergency police number – 999

Gypsy site consultation

Warwick District Council is consulting on proposed gypsy traveller sites in the district. If you wish to comment on any of the proposals (by 29th July) contact ~ 410410 or visit the WDC website – www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan. One of the proposed sites is on the Fosse Way at the junction with Harbury Lane.

Meeting of local organisations

A meeting of representatives of all Parish organisations is planned for Saturday 12th October to discuss how we can all work together more effectively.

Parish Councillor vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Parish Council. If you are interested please contact Liz Bonney for further information. As no election is required until 2015 on this occasion the Parish Council has the power to co-opt. Please do consider this very worthwhile opportunity to contribute to the life of the community. Phone 815216 or email liparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

New Local houses available Adams Close

The new houses on Stockton Road are rapidly taking shape. If you would like to be considered for one of these 10 dwellings you **MUST** register your interest NOW at: www.homechoiceplus.org.uk/Data/ASPPages/1/51.aspx. Alternatively the Parish Clerk has application forms. There will be two houses for part sale/rent and eight properties for rent, including four 2-bedroom houses, two 3-bedroom houses and two bungalows.

Phone Warwickshire Rural Housing Association on 01530 278080 with any questions regarding the two part-for-sale / part-for-rent properties. Local people will be given priority initially but only if they are registered with Homechoice.

Village tidy-up day

After the success of our Pond Day in the spring, we are planning a village tidy-up day later in the year. There are two proposed dates depending on the weather – Saturday 17th August or Saturday 7th September. If you have suggestions for areas that need attention and / or would like to help, please contact Barbara on ~ 814921.

New village footpaths map

Thanks to the skills and effort of a local artist and resident and a generous donation from CEMEX we have been able to produce an illustrative map showing the Rights of Way in the parish free of charge. LI Footpaths shows all footpaths, bridleways and permitted tracks and roads, but is not intended to be a replacement for the Ordnance Survey maps which cover our parish (Explorers 221/222). These are more accurate and contain much greater detail. However, the map does show where paths are and the vast majority are clearly signposted. If you would like a copy contact Brian on ~ 815119.

Mobile library consultation

Warwickshire County Council is consulting on proposed reductions to the mobile library service. If you or someone close to you might be affected now or in the future you have until 31st July to have your say. Visit: www.warwickshirecountycouncil/mobilelibraries or phone: ~ 476938 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- Sun 14th Family Service with Baptism, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Family Service with Communion, The Chapel, 10.00am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Wed 17th Pilots, The Chapel, 6.15pm
 WI – Summer Surprise! Community Centre 7.20pm
- Thur 18th Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sat 20th Southam in Bloom – Open Gardens
- Sun 21st Holy Communion with children's activities, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Anniversary Service with tea, The chapel, 4.00pm
 Southam in Bloom – Open Gardens
- Thur 25th Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sun 28th Holy Communion with children's activities, Holy Trinity 9:30am
 Café Church, The Chapel, 10.00am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm

AUGUST

- Thurs 1st Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
 Collection for Leamington Christian Mission, The Chapel, 9.30am
 Coffee-Drop-in and NEW4U SALE, The Chapel, 10.00am – 12noon
- Sun 4th Holy Communion with children's activities, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Evening Communion Service, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Thur 8th Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sun 11th Family Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Family Service with Baptism, The Chapel, 10.00am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Fri 16th Church Barbeque, Holy Trinity, 7:00pm.
- Thur 15th Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sat 17th Battle of Southam Revisited, Market Hill, 11.00am
 Village Tidy-Up Day - TBC
- Sun 18th Holy Communion with children's activities, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Battle of Southam Revisited, Market Hill, 11.00am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Wed 21st WI – Ifakara Bakery Project, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Thur 22nd Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sun 25th Morning Worship with children's activities, Holy Trinity, 9:30pm
 Café Church, The Chapel, 10.00am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Thur 29th Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm.

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 1st Holy Communion with children's activities, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Evening Communion Service, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Tue 3rd Women's Hour, The Chapel, 2.30pm
- Wed 4th Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm, Community Centre
 Pilots, The Chapel, 6.15pm
 FROLIC Pop'n' Rock evening, Holy Trinity, 7:30pm
- Thur 5th Collection for Leamington Christian Mission, The Chapel, 9.30am
 Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
 Sponsored Ride and Stride, The Chapel
- Sat 7th Village Tidy-Up Day TBC
- Sun 8th Family Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
 Family Service with Communion, The Chapel, 10.00am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Wed 11th Pilots, The Chapel, 6.15pm
- Thur 12th Afternoon tea and produce stall, Holy Trinity, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sat 14th Autumn Show, Community Centre (see attached flyer)
- Sun 15th Holy Communion with children's activities, Holy Trinity, 9.30am
 Evening Worship, The Chapel, 6.15pm

NB : Midweek Worship / prayer for Long Itchington, Holy Trinity every Wednesday at 9.30 am.

Autumn Show 2013

Take a look at the schedule with this Diary. Even if you are not entering any of the classes please do come along in the afternoon to enjoy the exhibits, take part in the raffle and auction of produce. Children who picked up sunflower and potato seeds at the Spring Show – now's your chance to show us how you've done! The September 100 Club Draw will also take place.

Calendar photos wanted

The Calendar Group is still on the look-out for photos for the 2014 Long Itchington Calendar – contact Barbara on: ~ 814921.

Southam in Bloom – open gardens

**Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st
July, from 11.00am to 5.00pm**

There will be 24 gardens to visit
 Entrance will be by programme
 (£3.00 adults, school age children
 free)

Programmes available from
 Jacqueline the Florist prior to the
 event, by phoning Lesley on: ~
 813986, from St James Church or
 any of the gardens on the day.

Yoga in Long Itchington

Yoga in Long Itchington begins again on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. All abilities are welcome to come along and join us. We meet every Thursday evening during school term times.

Please call Loraine for further information on: 07710 271596.

Long Itchington tennis

Summer's here and the tennis season is in full swing! New players welcome, friendly club sessions. Membership works out at less than £1/week for adults (or £15 / year for juniors), which includes access to play any time. Professional coaching available.

See: www.litca.co.uk for details, or call Christine on: ~ 811143.

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

The following excerpt is taken from the latest letter from Geoff and Steph Devlin of the Leamington Christian Mission: "We are seeing a big increase in homeless people begging in the town (Leamington Spa). It has become a problem for some people but do we have any answers? The one thing we try to do is to give out a hamper of food which helps the immediate problem."

Our Chapel, on the corner of Orchard Way and Church Road is now a collection point for non-perishable foods to help the Leamington Christian Mission with their work. The Chapel is open on the first Thursday of each month from 9-30am to 12.30pm for collection of the food. If you would like to help by donating tins or packet food but can't bring it on a Thursday morning some of the Chapel members are also prepared to receive it.

Please phone Marion on: 07812 804 924 for details of where the food can be taken.

On Sunday, July 21st we will be celebrating the 186th Anniversary of the opening of Long Itchington Congregational Church, known locally as the Chapel. The Service will begin at 4.00pm, the Service will be led by Reverend Chris Clewlow and the Windmill Singers will be taking part.

After the Service there will be a Chapel tea which is always enjoyed by everyone and of course, every one is welcome to this special Thanksgiving Day for the Chapel. Please come along, we will be pleased to welcome you all.

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

District Councillor moves on

Chris Spencer has been the District Councillor for the Ward of Long Itchington and Ufton for about two and a half years. Chris and Marion are shortly moving to Warwick and this will preclude him from standing for re-election in early 2014.

During his time on SDC he has worked to represent the interests and concerns of residents both at an individual level and at the District level through membership of the Planning and Audit Committees and the Parish Council wishes to thank him very warmly for all his hard work and help in the community.

Chris is happy to discuss the vacancy with anyone wishing to stand – phone him on 07890 584633 or e-mail: cjls pencer@me.com .

You don't need to be a member of a political party to be a councillor. Anyone can stand as an independent candidate. For more information from Stratford District Council phone 01789 260208.

Elections

The next Parish Council Election, should it be needed, will take place in 2015.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS *Tim Britton*

www.thefeldongroup.org.uk

CHURCH BARBEQUE

Our annual barbeque will be held in the churchyard this year, on Friday 16th August. The more people the merrier! Please look out for further details nearer the time.

CALLING ALL PRAY-ERS

We have a weekly prayer service in Holy Trinity on Wednesdays at 9:30am; everyone of whatever denomination is welcome to join us to pray, especially for the village and its needs.

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

Long Itchington Brownies

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Teas on the Green a success, even though it was held in the Church due to the bad weather!

In total we raised £212.79 which will go towards our Brownies Funds helping us to make guiding fun in Long Itchington.

Our 50th birthday celebration plans are now under way and on Saturday 19th October 2013 between 3.00pm and 5.00pm we will be having a party at the Community Centre and would love all past Brownies and helpers to come along with any memories and photos of the last 50 years they may have.

The design for our 50th Celebratory badge has now been chosen, congratulations to Millie Waters. If you would like one of these very special badges please contact us to place your order. They will cost £1.50 each. Please call Alison on: ~ 811857 or Jenny on: ~ 814147.

Frolic farewell finale

All good things come to an end and FROLIC intends to end a fabulous two years of fundraising and fun-making with the FROLIC event you will not want to miss.

Join us on Wednesday 2nd October for a fabulous farewell finale where, in keeping with FROLIC fun, we will be entertained by the WORLD NUMBER ONE Michael Jackson impersonator. Navi (King of Pop) IS Michael Jackson!

Contact Keith on: ~ 810488 or email: friends@longitchingtonchurch.co.uk for tickets – £20 to include food and a bottle of bubbly per couple on arrival. We're going out in style...

Horse passports

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is urging horse buyers not to purchase horses that do not have valid horse passports following an investigation in to horse sellers. See: <https://www.gov.uk/horse-passport/overview>

Long Itchington Educational Foundation

The trustees of Long Itchington Educational Foundation are again inviting young people from the parish, who are or will be engaged in full time academic or vocational education at university or college for the 2013 – 14 academic year to apply for grants from the Foundation. Last year 30 grants of £150 were given out.

Grants are not available for GCSE or A or AS level courses.

For more information visit the Long Itchington Educational Foundation web page at: <http://www.longitchington.org.uk/l-i-e-f/>, see village notice boards or contact Peter Myhill on: ~ 814443 for an application form.

Please make sure you have an unconditional offer for your course before applying. Applications must be submitted before 30th September 2013.

Youth Club news

We have had a very busy few weeks with lots of new members joining so fortunately, because we have actually had some good weather, we have been able to spread outside and play rounders.

We took part in the village fete dressed as characters from the Wizard of Oz and, although entries were very thin on the ground, we were over the moon to win The Peter Adams Shield for outstanding effort for the third year in a row. So all the organising was very worthwhile.

We are already planning next year's entry when it will be a proper Carnival again so let's hope lots more people take part.

We are well under way with organising our summer trip to Pailtons Park. We hope to take around 60 people and we are hugely grateful to L.I.E.F for their generous donation towards our coach travel which has made the trip more affordable to our Youth Club members and their families. Now we need to hope the sun shines for us.

New members are always welcome from the age of nine upwards. We meet every Monday evening during term time from 7.30pm – 9.00pm at the Community Centre.

For more details contact Nicky Bodfish on: ~ 815988.

Warwickshire Oil Syndicate

Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate is now offering reduced prices for LPG (liquid petroleum gas). Email: oil@wrccrural.org.uk for further information.

Farming Notes by Tony Grimes

There is an old country saying that “a dribbling June puts everything in tune” and that's exactly what we are having at the moment – helping to bring the crops along. The crops have been struggling with the cold wet Spring and harvest is going to be fairly late.

A dribbling June is good for farmers and gardeners, but not if you are going to Silverstone, Wimbledon or Glastonbury, although many people at the latter event seem to enjoy the mud!

A newspaper headline caught my eye the other day – “Traditional rural life dying out”. The traditional way of life in rural Britain could disappear within 20 years, a study warns. An analysis of census data found that less than one per cent of the entire working population of England and Wales is now involved in farming or fishing – a tenfold decline over the past century. When I started working on a farm in the mid fifties we employed six or seven men; now we don't employ anyone, just my son, with a little assistance from me. In the Fifties nearly every family in the Parish would have had someone in their family working on a farm.

Back in May there was a workshop course in the Community Centre entitled “In search of medieval Long Itchington”. The earliest mention of Long Itchington was in the 800s. By the early 1300s it was a very important village, having two priests, one to look after our souls – a tough job – and, one to look after Church business. Then the population numbered about 1300 – a remarkably high figure. By the end of the Fourteenth Century it had declined to 450 or so. There are two reasons for this: a series of very wet summers and poor harvests and, therefore, famine, followed by the Black Death.

Village Fete 2013

We were pleased to see so many of you enjoying the village fete this year. The weather was kind and lots of great prizes were won in the raffle.

A big THANK YOU to all the local organisations and individuals who donated the fantastic range of raffle prizes.

The committee will retain the funds from the fete this year with the intention of having a very special event for 2014. We anticipate running a full carnival procession for 2014. There are many opportunities both big and small for creative and / or enthusiastic individuals to help so do consider giving a little time now to keep this village tradition alive for the future.

Let's get the party started for 2014! The next meeting of the committee will be held on 1st October at 8.00pm in the back room of the Green Man.

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 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm 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

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Website: www.longitchington.org.uk