



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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## A message from Mrs Alison Hine, Executive Headteacher, Long Itchington Church of England Academy

I would like to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher of Long Itchington C of E Academy. As you can see from the change of name of the school, it has been a busy and exciting time since I joined in September, as the school converted to become part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust on 1st October. As far as the community, children and families are concerned this will only serve to further improve this already thriving school. We had a wonderful welcome and commissioning ceremony led by the children and Bishop Christopher; supported by members of the community and parish.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and working alongside the superb staff team, led by Mrs Richards as head of school, and also the dedicated governing body. It has also been such a joy to meet and be welcomed by Reverend Jane and members of the congregation at Holy Trinity and we had a wonderful welcome service for our Reception children and those who have started in other year groups on Thursday 25th October. We will also be laying a wreath on Remembrance Day and attending the Beacon of Light service in the evening. It is so important to be a part of these community events in such a historic year.

I believe that schools are the heart of communities, and look forward to working with you and getting to know you over the coming months and years.

## School Open Day

Long Itchington C of E Academy is holding an open day for 2019 Reception starters on Thursday 22nd November, with tours of the school at 9.30am, 11.00am and 1.30pm. Please contact the school office if you wish to have a tour at one of these times on: ~ 814819. We are very proud of our school and look forward to showing you round.

## Welcome to our new councillor

We are delighted to welcome our newest councillor, Alex Smith, to the Long Itchington Parish Council. We now have a full complement of councillors.

## Neighbourhood Watch

A new Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme is being launched throughout the Parish of Long Itchington to address the increase in crime. The success of this NHW scheme will be determined by the amount of community involvement and participation in it. Six NHW Coordinators have been working on the creation of the NHW Scheme for the Parish and, **we now need you**, to get involved to ensure it is a success. Please contact us on: [longitchnhw@gmail.com](mailto:longitchnhw@gmail.com) or visit the Long Itchington Crime Prevention Facebook Group to register your interest. We will be working with the Parish Council and the Police to explore all options to reduce crime in the Parish. We have arranged community meetings to provide more information and sign up NHW members on the **22<sup>nd</sup> November from 5.30pm – 6.30pm at the Community Centre** and in **the Green Man on 26<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm**. If you wish to you can phone the parish office on: ~ 815216 to express your interest and someone will get back to you.

## HS2 Planning Application

There is a live planning application from HS2 regarding works to supply underground electricity for the tunnel boring machines during the construction of HS2 at Bascote Heath. As far as we can see there will be some disruption to roads and several traffic diversions. If you have views you can log them (**by 22<sup>nd</sup> November**) on the Stratford District website using the application number: 18/03045/FUL. For more information please contact: ~ 815216.

## Bus reductions

We were very shocked to learn very recently of the plans by Stagecoach to greatly reduce or remove our current bus service. We have been in touch with WCC to try and influence any future decisions with the ultimate aim of retaining a usable service for residents. This news was even more shocking following on from the two appeal decisions - Spinney Fields and Keeper's Meadow which relied heavily on the fact that extra monies would be put into an enhanced bus service for Long Itchington. The Parish Council will do everything we can to influence this decision, which would leave a large and rapidly growing community isolated from public transport. Anyone wishing to help us with this should contact the parish office on: ~ 815216. Letters (or emails) to Transport Operations, Communities Directorate, WCC, CV34 4RL may show strength of feeling.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Village pond annual tidy-up, the Pond, 2.00pm  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Primary School Open Day, tours from 9.30am  
 Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Community Centre, 5.30pm – 6.30pm  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bingo, Galanos House, 7.30pm  
 Neighbourhood Watch meeting, the Green Man, 7.30pm  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Carnival meeting, Buck and Bell, 6.30pm  
 Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm  
 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shopping Event, the Green Man, 6.30pm

### DECEMBER

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Market & Christmas Tree Festival, the Church, 11.00am – 3.00pm  
 Christmas Tree Lights switch-on, the Green, 6.00pm  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Tree Festival, the Church, 11.00am – 3.00pm  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Christmas Meeting, (pre-booking required), Community Centre, 7.30pm  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Cricket Club, Christmas Quiz, the Church, 7.00pm  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm.  
 Long Itchington History Group, 'Christmas Social Quiz & Refreshments', Community Centre, 7.30pm  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas visits on his sleigh, (details to right) from 5.30pm  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas visits on his sleigh, (details to right) from 5.30pm

### JANUARY

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day Walk, meet at the Green Man, 11.00am  
 Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm  
 Long Itchington History Group, 'Some Long Itchington History', Community Centre, 7.30pm  
 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

### Just a note to say...

*This diary goes out to every household in the parish (over 1000) – a great way to advertise future events for all village organisations.*

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

### Regular events at Holy Trinity Church:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity - 9.30am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity – 9.30am  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am

**For information about special services at the Church see page 3.**

### Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov & 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10.00am  
 Bible study on, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.45am  
 People's Hour, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec (carol service), 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, at 2.30pm  
 Coffee drop-in, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec & 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 10.00am – 12noon  
 Evening Worship on, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov & 13<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.15pm

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### When is Father Christmas visiting Long Itchington?

Santa Claus will be paying Long Itchington a visit on his sleigh on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December. Catch him on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at Model Village, Meadow Drive, Barley Way and Leigh Crescent from 5.30pm. He will be landing around Lilac View, Galanos, Dale Close, and Odingsel Drive on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm.

You can follow Santa's journey each evening, with up-to-minute details of where he is on the Southam and District Lions Facebook Page.

### Film Night

The next film showing at the Community Centre will be "The Greatest Showman" on Friday, 23rd November at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Refreshments include beer, wine and soft drinks. Transport for Long Itchington residents can be arranged but must be booked in advance.

Tickets are £5 with all profits going to the Community Centre. Limited tickets available so booking is strongly advised.

Tickets available from Margaret Bailey on: ~ 814397 or Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751.

### Book now for the Cricket Club Christmas Quiz

This year's Long Itchington Cricket Club Christmas Quiz is being held on Friday 7th December at a NEW VENUE, Holy Trinity Church, which will be open from 7.00pm for a prompt 8.00pm start to the quiz. Teams of four people are invited to attend this combined social and fundraising event, in aid of the newly laid practice nets area at the Stonebridge Lane ground.

Cost is £6 per head including free samosas, and there will be the usual well-stocked licensed bar plus a Christmas raffle. Please contact Steve Mitchell as soon as possible to reserve your table(s) – email: [mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk) or call: 07717 213182, alternatively : ~ 812210.

**CHAPEL NEWS**

*Rev. Marion Hartwell*

If you are new to Long Itchington I'd like to welcome you and tell you about the Long Itchington Congregational Church known as the Chapel. We are on the corner of Church Road and Orchard Way.

We are a small congregation but a very busy church. At the present time we have, with the help of the Brownies and the village, filled over a hundred shoe boxes which will be taken to children in various parts of the world. For many of these children the box of love will be their only ever gift. We are also a collecting point for the Fosse Food Bank. On the first and third Tuesday each month we have People's Hour at 2.30pm, a meeting with a variety of speakers, it is open to all. On the first Thursday of each month from 10.00 am - 12noon we hold a Coffee drop-in, which is also open to everyone. The times of Sunday worship can be seen in the diary and we issue our own magazine every two months. If you would like to know more please contact, Marion Hartwell on: ~ 425000 or 07812 804924

**Special dates**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Women's Hour Lunch, 12.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Christingle Service, 3.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol Service, 3.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Advent Communion Service, 3.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day Celebration Service, 10.00am
- 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols around the Tree, 6.15pm

**Brownies update**

Girlguiding has introduced a brand new programme this year and Long Itchington Brownies will be working on some of the new badges in the run up to Christmas. This has also given us a great excuse to use up our stock of the old badges, working on Brownie Traditions, Science Investigator and Fire Safety badges this term. We had an incredible visit to Warwick University a few weeks ago and coming up we'll be celebrating 100 years of Votes for Women!

Brownies has some great activities and opportunities for all girls aged seven - ten. If your daughter is approaching seven then she can be registered as interested in joining. Either email us at: [longitchbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:longitchbrownies@gmail.com) or go to: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

**Christmas Tree lights switch on**

The village Christmas Tree lights will be switched on following the Christmas Market on Saturday 1st December. Everyone is welcome to join. The tree will be situated on The Green, between Church Road and Leamington Road. Christmas Carols will be sung around the tree at 6.00pm following the lights being switched on. Fancy dress and lanterns are welcome, music will be provided by musicians living locally. Our thanks go to Richard and Rosie Reeve who have generously donated the tree.

**Christmas Shopping at the Green Man**

Christmas shopping event Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Green Man. Doors open at 6.30pm. Free entry with a variety of stalls, including toys. This year we are raising funds for Long Itchington Scouts to help them decorate and furnish their new meeting space. If anybody would like a stall please email: [Christmascharityshopping@gmail.com](mailto:Christmascharityshopping@gmail.com).

**CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS**

*Rev. Jane Everitt*

We are very busy at Holy Trinity Church in the run up to Christmas, we find our diaries getting fuller and our 'jobs to do list' getting longer, as we plan and prepare for the Christmas Tree Festival, Christmas Market, Messy Church, Christingle, Crib Service and Worship, including singing a lot of Christmas Carols.

However, the four weeks before Christmas is the season of Advent, which is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, when he took human form and was born as a vulnerable baby in a stable in Bethlehem. He is the reason for the season, so please do not rush into the festivities, but take this opportunity to reflect on those less fortunate. We will be collecting tinned goods and packet food throughout Advent to be passed onto the Foodbank and Leamington Night Shelter. Please feel free to help us with this task. The church is open each day from 9.00am to 4.00pm for reflection and quiet prayer and to drop off any food donations.

**Special dates**

- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Afternoon tea at the Church, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Festival, 11.00am – 3.00pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 'Advent Sunday', the Venerable Sue Field, Archdeacon Pastor, will be with us to celebrate our Holy Communion Service, 9.30am  
Christmas Tree Festival, 11.00am – 3.00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 'Messy Church' for families, children must be accompanied by an adult, 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christingle Service, 6.00pm (followed by Christmas Carols at the Green Man)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Christmas Carol Service, 6.00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Crib Service, 5.00pm  
Midnight Holy Communion, 11.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Morning Holy Communion, 9.30am
- 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Joint Holy Communion Service at St Esprit, Marton, 10.30am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent Course, every Thursday at Long Itchington vicarage, 7.00pm

**Long Itchington Educational Foundation**

The trustees received 26 applications, (which was slightly down on last year) for grants towards higher education courses and vocational studies. In view of this the foundation increased the grant to £170 for the year 2018-19. As a courtesy to the trustees, they look forward to receiving acknowledgment of the grants and details of what the money is being used for.

**Long Itchington Youth Club**

Youth Club continues to run every Monday evening, 7.30pm - 9.00pm during term time for ages nine and over. Lots of activities on offer. £1 admission and well-stocked tuck shop available. For more information contact Nicky Bodfish on: ~ 815988

## Calendars for sale

The very popular Long Itchington calendar is available to buy for £6. Copies can be found at The Green Man, Snips or by phoning: ~ 814921, alternatively you can email: [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com). This year we are making a map of all the countries over the years where calendars have been sent for friends and relatives. If you have posted one abroad please can you let us know which country and which year by emailing above. And, finally, the calendar makes a profit every year which is available to local "not for profit" groups. If your group would like to be considered for a donation please do ask.

## Green End Update

Good news! The Parish Council Open Spaces workgroup has successfully secured grants from various sources including the HS2 Community and Environment Fund, the Lilac View Developer through '106' developer financial contributions and additional funding from the Parish Council. This means sufficient funds have been raised to refurbish and enhance the play area and also the public toilets.

The workgroup is now in the process of finalising the designs and equipment so that work can start within the next few weeks for the project to be completed early in the New Year. *Please note one of the swings is damaged and has been removed for safety reasons.*

## Long Itchington Village Bonfire and Fireworks 2018

The organisers of this year's bonfire and firework display would like to thank all who attended one of the best village displays in Warwickshire. As a result the bonfire committee will be able to put something back into the community by way of donations to village organisations that provide something for the youth of the village. Many thanks to everybody who contributed, it doesn't just happen on its own.

## An appeal from the Carnival Committee

At the last 'emergency' meeting we were again disappointed about the support we received, with no one new coming forward to join the committee, and as a result we do not have enough people to keep the carnival running anymore, **so this is a last chance appeal.**

Is there anyone in the village who would like to take on the running of this popular event, which has been a tradition of this village for a long time? There is plenty of support from the remaining members of the committee and others, who cannot commit to join, are always there to help with everything on the day.

Please come along to a 'last chance' meeting held at the Buck and Bell at 6.30pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. If no one attends the carnival will end.

## War Memorial News

Residents will have seen that the war memorial on The Green has now been completed. The new memorial was formally dedicated at a ceremony held on Saturday 27 October. The Reverend Jane Everitt led the event and over 150 people were in attendance, including both former and active members of the armed forces, together with relatives of some of the fallen commemorated on the war memorial. The ceremony featured as the lead news item on BBC Midlands Today on Saturday 27 October.

The aim had been to complete the war memorial and formally dedicate it in time for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November 2018 that would mark the 100 years Anniversary of the Armistice of the First World War. This aim was successfully achieved and for the first time the people of Long Itchington were able to honour the 54 men from the village who gave their lives fighting for their country during the two World Wars at a permanent public memorial placed in the heart of the village.

The war memorial was also the focus for the "beacon of light" ceremony that was held on the evening of Sunday 11 November at The Green. This was part of a national event where thousands of beacons across the country were lit at exactly 7.00pm to mark the 100 years anniversary of the end of the First World War, as well as to remember and pay respect to all those who had lost their lives.

The parish council would like to formally say a big thank you to the WARMLI Committee who raised the funds and oversaw the project from the design stage through to the construction of the memorial. Thanks must also go to residents of the village (and indeed individuals across the world), village organisations and groups, and companies who generously gave their time with fundraising events and with donations.

Finally, although there are many people who made a significant contribution to the war memorial project, the parish council would like to express its particular thanks to Dave Berry (Chair of the WARMLI Committee) whose vision, drive and determination ensured that the war memorial finally became a reality. Thank you Dave!



## Christmas Market

The Church Christmas Market takes place on Saturday 1st December from 11.00am - 3.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls including Jewellery, Up-cycling, Make-up, Cakes, Hats and Accessories, Christmas Gifts, Long Itchington Calendars, plus a Wood-Working stall. The 'Ladies of the Village' will have a stall selling craft and knitted items as well as home-made cakes. Father Christmas will be paying a visit to the Church to see the children during the day. So please do come along and start your Christmas shopping while enjoying a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie! Tea and coffee will also be served.

## 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 **Monday to Friday between 9.30am – 11.30am** 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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