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Bill Hammond – sadly missed

The recent death of Bill Hammond was a great loss to the village. He was a tireless contributor to village life since he moved here in 1968, and spent many years as a Parish Councillor, School Governor, Church Warden, member of the Community Centre Management Committee and Annual Show organiser.

Bill was warm and helpful, informed and articulate, caring and funny. He realised that the developing village and the vigour of its life was dependent on those who came for a while and stayed forever. He will be sadly missed.

Parish Council grants 2012-13

Any village organisation wishing to request a grant from the Parish Council should make the request, with details of its purpose, by 30th September so that a decision can be made at the Parish Council meeting on 3rd October. Call Sue Jack on: ~ 815216.

Community Forums

These are meetings where you can raise your concerns about local issues with your councillors, the County and District Councils, the Police, local health services and local groups. The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th September at Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam at 6.30pm.

Bascote Heath traffic incidents

There have been a number of traffic incidents through Bascote Heath recently, particularly relating to large vehicles, and it would be helpful if residents could record the details of any future incidents and pass the information to Sue Jack on: ~ 815216.

Noise nuisance

Recently there have been private events in the village that have been excessively noisy until the early hours of the morning, causing disturbance to residents all across the village.

If an organiser refuses to reduce the noise level when asked, contact the police on: ~ 415000 or Environmental Health on: 01789 267575 the following day to report the problem.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

These will take place on 15th November 2012.

Public rights of way

Many public footpaths cross private land and walkers should be considerate at all times, stay on the path and not trespass onto adjoining land or allow their children or dogs to do so.

Autumn Show 2012

Congratulations to all those who entered exhibits in this year's annual Autumn Show. Both the range and the standard of entries continue to excel. The children's classes and the new under-17 "Homecrafts and Flowers" section attracted some excellent entries showing not just enthusiasm, but real imagination and skill.

The overall winners are as follows:

Alan Washbrook – Long Itchington Charity Trophy (highest overall points) and **Management Committee Cup** (highest fruit and vegetable points)

Tim Williams – Parish Council Cup (most points in the Flowers section)

Beth Williams – Jim and Cathie White Rosebowl (most Homecraft points)

Sue Law – Carnival Trophy (most points in the Flower Arrangement Section)

Jeff Round – Eric Russell Memorial Award for the Best Exhibit in Show, a magnificent example of a Gentleman's Swiss Roll!

Special awards to children and under-17s were as follows:

Esme du Bois – the Pre-School Cup for under 5 years

Evie du Bois – the "Harvester" Cup for children aged 5 to 8 years

Jack and Ethan Trundley (joint winners) – the **L.I.F.E. Cup** for children aged 8 to 11 years.

The **WI Cup** for the best children's group entry was won by **Ruby, Iris and Lulu Skilbeck**

Emily Griffin produced the best under-17 entry

The awards were presented by the Long Itchington Carnival Princess, Lauren Grant.

Thanks to the many people who supported the show.

The day's events, including the auction, raffle and tombola resulted in a net profit of £888, which will go towards improvements to the Community Centre's facilities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sun	16 th	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Harvest Festival led by Chris Mellers, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Tue	18 th	Women's Hour, the Chapel, 2.30pm
Weds	19 th	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm WI – Could Do Better! Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thur	20 th	Teas at Holy Trinity, 2.00-4.00pm
Sun	23 rd	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity, 9:30am Café Church, the Chapel, 10.00am Young Families Church at Holy Trinity, 3:00pm Evening Worship led by Terry Morris, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Weds	26 th	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Thur	27 th	Teas at Holy Trinity, 2.00-4.00pm
Sat	29 th	FROLIC Coffee Morning and bric-a-brac sale, Holy Trinity, 10:00am
Sun	30 th	No service at Holy Trinity (Feldon Group Serv, Offchurch, 10:00am) Evening Worship led by Kath Shortley, the Chapel, 6.15pm

OCTOBER

Tues	2 nd	Women's Hour AGM, the Chapel, 2.30pm
Weds	3 rd	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. Community Centre Coffee Drop-in & NEW4U Sale, the Chapel, 10.00am -noon
Thur	4 th	Safari Supper, beginning Holy Trinity Church, 7:00pm
Sat	6 th	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Jubilee Tree planting by LIFE, LILAC field, 11.00am Evening Communion Service led by Marion, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Sun	7 th	Church Meeting, the Chapel, 7.30pm
Tues	9 th	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Weds	10 th	FROLIC Folk Concert, Holy Trinity, 7:00pm
Sat	13 th	Family Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Morning service with Communion, the Chapel, 10.00am
Sun	14 th	Women's Hour with Pauline Simpson, the Chapel, 2.30pm Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm Evening Worship led by Marion, the Chapel, 6.15pm WI – Members' Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Tues	16 th	Bible Study Course, the Chapel, 10.45am
Weds	17 th	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Evening Worship led by David Hudson, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Thur	18 th	Frock Swap, Galanos House, 7.30pm
Sun	21 st	Bible Study Course, the Chapel, 10.45am Morning Worship, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Young Families Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm Shoe box service with tea and biscuits, the Chapel, 4.00pm
Tues	23 rd	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Thur	25 th	
Sun	28 th	
Weds	31 st	

NOVEMBER

Thur	1 st	Coffee Drop-in and NEW4U Sale, the Chapel, 10.00am-noon
Sat	3 rd	Charity Christmas Card Sale, Holy Trinity, 10:00am-noon
Sun	4 th	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Afternoon tea followed by Bereavement Serv, Holy Trinity, 3.00pm Evening Communion Service, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Tues	6 th	Women's Hour meal, the Chapel, 12.30pm
Weds	7 th	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. Community Centre
Thur	8 th	Bible Study Course, the Chapel, 10.45am
Fri	9 th	FROLIC Wartime Play and Sing-a-long, Holy Trinity, 7.00pm
Sun	11 th	Remembrance Day Family Service, Holy Trinity, 9:30am Remembrance Day Service led by Marion, the Chapel, 10.00am Act of Remembrance, Holy Trinity, 10:55am Evening Worship led by Marion, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Weds	14 th	Pilots Club, the Chapel, 6.15pm
Thur	15 th	Bible Study Course, the Chapel, 10.45am
Sun	18 th	Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, 9:30am
Weds	21 st	WI – Annual General Meeting

Village 2013 calendars

Please buy Long Itchington calendars at the **Xmas Card Sale on November 3rd in the Church** or from village pubs, Hairdresser or The Shop. You can view the photos and make orders by phoning **814921**. Last year we sold out so buy early and avoid disappointment. Calendars are £6 each and large envelopes 50p.

All proceeds go towards village organisations and activities.

Events at Galanos House

Frock Swap

Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm
Entrance £3.00 which includes nibbles and a Bucks Fizz. There will be a bar and a raffle
Bring in clothing, shoes or accessories (in good clean condition), which will be displayed and you can swap each item you bring for an item you want and go home with a new look.

Christmas Bingo

Monday 26th November at 7.30pm

All welcome – lots of prizes.
Bar open and refreshments available.

For more details contact: Galanos House on: ~ 812185

Anyone for tennis?

The Long Itchington Tennis Courts Association has friendly social sessions three times a week (Monday and Thursday 6.00pm, Saturday from 10.00am), beginners welcome.
Professional coaching also available. Annual fees start at £15 for juniors. Call Christine on: ~ 811143.

Long Itchington WI

Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month at Long Itchington Community Centre at 7.30pm. New members always welcome. Find out more: www.longitchingtonwi.weebly.com or call the Secretary on: ~ 814777.

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

For the Chapel News in this diary I thought I'd tell you a little more about Women's Hour.

Women's Hour is on the first and third Tuesday afternoons of each month except August. It starts at 2.30pm and is usually over between 3.45pm and 4.00pm.

It takes place in the Congregational Church, but is for the local community, in fact for anyone who would like to come. At present there are about 25 members who enjoy the friendly atmosphere at Women's Hour and the programme, which might include a variety of speakers, some showing DVDs, others sharing their talents and interests such as, flower arranging, craft work, nature, travel and many other topics. Occasionally we will have a quiz or a visit from a choir or musician.

The members come from Long Itchington and Southam and a few from Leamington Spa.

Financially, the membership cost is £1 a year, 20p for tea and there is a raffle, so it won't break anyone's bank to join, but it may give you or someone you know a friendly place to come to on a Tuesday afternoon.

Women's Hour contributes to the heating of the Chapel annually and holds two Bring & Buy sales each year for charity and also supports the Leamington Christian Mission and the Long Itchington Carnival. As a treat, the ladies enjoy two subsidised meals out each year.

The next meeting is on September 18th and new members are always welcome.

For more details phone Nan: on ~ 814443.

Jubilee Tree planting

A commemorative Royal Oak tree is being planted at the LILAC fields in Long Itchington on Sunday 7th October 2012 from 11.00am to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The tree will be planted by the Carnival Queen and Princesses and spring bulbs will be planted by the Brownies. The tree will be blessed by Rev. Tim Britton. All villagers welcome.

For further information about the work of the LIFE group visit their website at: www.longitchingtonlifegroup.org.uk

Messy Hour at the Community Centre

Do you look after children aged 0 – five years?
Parents – Grandparents – Carers – Childminders
Why not come along to Messy Hour at the Long Itchington Community Centre, Stockton Road?
Third Friday of the month from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Messy Play is an enjoyable, drop-in group for all children from birth to five years. With lots of space, messy play and craft activities a fun time for all children is guaranteed. No need to book, just turn up - £1.00 donation per family.

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 4th, please contact Tim Britton or sign the list at the back of the church from mid-October. Refreshments will begin at 3.00pm, followed by a short service for those who want to stay.

Vestry Work

Work will begin in September on the vestry. The stonework around the chimney needs to be repaired, and the boiler needs to be replaced. Our new boiler will not take up nearly as much room as the old one, and we are replacing some of the old furniture to make the room useful for small meetings.

While the work is going on we will keep the church locked when the workers are not in the building or there is no service taking place. We are sorry about any inconvenience this might cause, but hopefully it won't be long before the church will be open all day as usual.

We are very grateful to all of you who have helped raised money through FROLIC to enable these repairs and improvements to take place. We expect the major work on the tower to begin next year.

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

Long Itchington Primary School Association news

The School Association AGM is due to take place on Thursday 27th September 2012 at 7.00pm in the school, with the first meeting of the new academic year due straight afterwards at 7.30pm. If anyone would like to join School Association we would be pleased to hear from you and look forward to seeing you there. Any help at our fundraising events is greatly appreciated.

Free electric blanket safety testing

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide FREE electric blanket tests for people aged 50 or over, between Monday 1st October and Friday 5th October 2012.

Testing is available only to Warwickshire residents, by appointment only, at the following venues:

Leamington Town Hall - Monday 1st October 2012
Nuneaton Fire Station - Tuesday 2nd October 2012
Rugby Library - Wednesday 3rd October 2012
Kenilworth Library - Thursday 4th October 2012
Stratford Fire Station - Friday 5th October 2012

To book an appointment, call the Trading Standards Service on: 01926 414016 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm) or e-mail: ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

Long Itchington Educational Foundation – application deadline

Just a reminder to young people from the village (and Bascote) to get their applications into the Long Itchington Educational Foundation before **30th September 2012**.

This applies to those in full time university or college education, but excluding GCSE and A and AS level courses.

Application forms are available from the Parish Council website at: www.longitchington.org.uk or from Peter Myhill on: ~ 814443.

Carnival Social Evening

The Carnival Social Evening will take place on Friday 23 November at 8.00pm during which cheques will be distributed to village organisations from the proceeds of the 2012 Carnival

Applications from village organisations should be made to Peter Myhill (tel: ~ 814443), Secretary of the Fete Committee, before 30th September.

Young Farmers' Update

I would like to begin by welcoming all new club officers into their roles for 2012-2013 and wishing them the very best of luck! Also a huge thank you to our President and long-standing Advisory Members who are there whenever we need them - the club is very grateful for your continued effort and support. Finally, I would like to thank Mark and Sharon at the Green Man for letting us host our meetings in the back room throughout the year and their continuous support and generosity towards the club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite anyone who is interested in joining the Young Farmers to come along to one of our meetings and try it for yourself - I can honestly say it's one of the most rewarding organisations I've ever been a part of.

Whether you're from a farming background or not, Young Farmers is open to anyone aged 12 to 26 who has a love of the countryside and wants to meet new people, so please come along and join us on a Wednesday evening at the Green man! Find out what's going on at: www.warksyfc.org.uk

Georgia Frogley (Secretary of LIYFC 2011-2012)

Horse watch – protect your property

Warwickshire Horse Watch website has crime prevention information to help you protect your horse, tack and property. See: www.warwickshire-horsewatch.co.uk

Farming Notes by Tony Grimes

Harvest has been a long drawn out business this year; some people have still got quite an appreciable acreage to do. Yields' quality have been considerably reduced as expected, but luckily we planted a variety of wheat that has contended with the cold, wet summer better than most. One farmer who farms in the Pershore area had a yield of 1.4 t per acre, the sort of yield common 60m years ago. The only bonus from our point of view is the price, which has risen considerably; unfortunately this means your loaf will be more expensive. The rise in the price of wheat has much more to do with the catastrophic drought in mid-West America and a poor harvest in the Ukraine.

We have just finished planting winter oilseed rape. Slugs particularly like oilseed rape so we are going to have an ongoing battle with them. I'm sure all gardeners will understand the problem.

At the moment we have a flock of swallows and House Martins assembling to return to their winter home in Africa. I haven't seen a flock of this size for many years. We have been very lucky to see an incredible flying display, possibly 300 birds in total. One day I saw House Martins landing on the side of a vertical wall; very difficult to understand how they did it. It was raining very hard one day and they were flying about 18 inches off the ground catching flies; it was surprising because you would have assumed that insects would be sheltering from the weather.

At Christmas time I went with my family for a walk along the canal to the Blue Lias and back and was reminded about a character who used to live in the village - known as Fatal Moore; a somewhat unusual nickname. His proper name was Bill – his brother was a hairdresser in the village. Bill had been a regular soldier fighting in the Boer War and First World War. He was a lovely man except when he had been drinking which was fairly regularly. He would then raise hell in the village going up and down the street banging on peoples' doors challenging them to come out and have a fight; there were no takers. One night after having a drink or two he was making his way home down the towpath when he tripped and fell into the canal and drowned. There was a rumour going round at the time that he was pushed in by some people from Stockton – I'm quite sure that was an apocryphal story.

Electricity monitors for hire

LIFE owns a couple of OWL Electricity Monitors that are 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, but they do require a £20 returnable deposit. The monitors are available from Jill on: ~ 815542.

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