



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 13th May –
Saturday 14th July
inclusive

Please send any
contributions by:

Monday 30th April

to:

Parish Clerk:

[parishcouncil@
longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

Or phone:
~ 815216

Annual Parish meeting Saturday 21st April 10.00am

The 2018 Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Community Centre on Saturday April 21st.

The meeting will start at 10.00am and there will be an opportunity for residents to find out more about local projects and issues that are affecting our local community.

We will also be making presentations to the winners of Long Itchington's first Community Awards during the meeting.

If you nominated one of the winners then please come along and share in the recognition of their achievements.

There will also be presentations about the work of the Parish Council and sub-groups.

There will also be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and to put forward your ideas about what the Parish Council should be tackling over the next 12 months.

Council Tax – Parish Precept raised by 81p

The Parish Precept is that smaller part of your Council Tax bill that is set and controlled by your Parish Council.

The Precept covers items such as street lighting, grass cutting, the community centre, play areas, minor running costs and repairs around the village as well as the clerks and their office.

For the year commencing April 2018 the precept has been increased by 81p per month (for a Band D property).

This will help to pay for the improvement of community facilities, such as some initial costs towards the installation of a new toilet block on the Green End playing field, for which the Parish Council is currently commissioning designs.

Bad weather – thank you to local volunteers

Thank you to all the 4x4 drivers and farmers in the area who responded to calls for help during the recent bad weather and who gave some of their time to assist other members of the community. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

Flood Monitoring WhatsApp Group

The Parish Council is looking for more people to get involved in a local WhatsApp group to monitor the river levels during heavy rain etc., and also to take part in the next flood pump testing exercise

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on: ~ 815216

Crime and policing

Southam has a dedicated group of police officers, police community support officers (PCSOs) and special constables who work with the local community and external organisations to improve the neighbourhood

Our local contacts are:

- Sergeant Simon Ryan
- PC Catherin Morgan
- PCSO Katrina Campion
- PCSO Lewis Barber

You can call them on: ~ 815158, or email: southam.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk, or follow them on Twitter at: @SouthamCops

It is really important to register crimes and incidents with the police so that they can build up a picture or pattern and we can make a case for additional support.

Always dial 101 to record a crime and get a crime number.

Please do not steal public flowers

Recently, two people were challenged as they attempted to dig up snowdrops on The Green.

Some of the snowdrops there were planted by local schoolchildren, and others through a community initiative to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

Plants and flowers in public areas belong to the community and must not be removed – to do so is an offence.

Cyclists reminded to dismount on footpath

Local residents are reminded that cyclists should dismount on the footpath from Leamington Road to Church Road – not to do so is dangerous for others.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Fri 23rd Film – “A United Kingdom”, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Tue 27th LI Cricket Club indoor practice begins,

APRIL

Sun 1st Folk 21: Chris & Hannah Tobin, The Harvester
Tue 3rd Work starts on new Parish Council Car Park
Wed 4th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 6th Film – “The Audience”, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 11th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
History Group, Talk on Southam’s pubs, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 21st Annual Parish Meeting, Community Centre, 10.00am start – includes first LI Community Awards presentation
Andreas Lazarov Piano Recital, Eathorpe Village Hall, 8.00pm
Sun 22nd Andreas Lazarov Piano Recital, Eathorpe Village Hall, 4.00pm

MAY

Wed 2nd Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 4th The Harvester Beer Festival starts – see article on this page
Sat 6th Cricket Club Book Stall next to The Harvester pub, 12noon
Folk 21: Willow and Tool Band and Friends, The Harvester, 5.30pm
Wed 9th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
History Group, Guided Walk of Southam’s pubs, 7.30pm
Fri 11th Film – “The Danish Girl”, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sun 20th Guided walk to Cubbington Pear Tree, meet at the Pond, 11.00am
Mon 28th Long Itchington Carnival, see page 3 for details.

Regular events:

Knit & Natter – every Monday at 7.30pm in The Green Man – all welcome
LI Brownies – every Tuesday at 6.15pm (term time) in the Community Centre
Zumba Fitness – every Tuesday at the Primary School at 7.30pm
Long Itchington Young Farmers – every Wednesday, The Green Man at 8.00pm
Yoga – Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (term-time ONLY) at the Community Centre
Guided walks (1 hour) – every Friday, meet at The Pond at 9.00am

SAVE THE DATE

June 3rd – Circular Walk of Southam and Bascote, meet at the Pond, 11.15am
June 23rd – Vintage and Craft Fayre at the Community Centre – please contact Safi on: ~ 819056 if you would like a stall.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

Regular events at Holy Trinity Church:

1st Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity - 9.30am
2nd Sunday Family Service, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
3rd Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
4th Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am

For information about special services see page 3.

Regular events at the Chapel

Evening service on March 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 15th, 22nd and 29th – 6.15pm
Tuesdays March 20th, April 17th, May 1st – Women’s Hour (men invited) – 2.30pm
1st Thursday of each month: Coffee-Drop-in and Sale – 10.00am – 12noon
Thursdays of March 15th and 22nd, April 12th and 26th – Bible Time – 10.45am
Sunday mornings of March 11th, 25th and April 22nd, 29th Café Church – 10.00am

For information about special services see page 3.

Film Nights

The next film will be “A United Kingdom” on Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Friday April 6th – “The Audience” with Helen Mirren. Filmed live at the National Theatre. A film night special showing of this recording which has been made available to us for April only.

Friday May 11th – “The Danish Girl”.

Film showings are at 7.30pm at a cost of £5 per ticket.

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

Advance booking recommended.

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available and lifts can be offered to Long Itchington residents.

Harvester Annual Beer Festival

The Harvester Beer Festival will take place from Friday 4th to Monday 7th May.

From 12noon to 11.00pm each day a selection of 50 real ales and 20 ciders will be available. Food will be on sale and there will be Morris Dancing throughout the weekend.

As always, if you look under 18 please bring ID.

For more information please visit us on Facebook:
[@harvesterlongitchington](https://www.facebook.com/harvesterlongitchington)

Andreas Lazarov Piano recitals

This fantastic Bulgarian pianist is returning to nearby Eathorpe Village Hall on 21st April at 8.00pm and 22nd April at 4.00pm – fresh from Carnegie Hall, Pierre Boulez Hall in Paris and Munich Philharmonic Hall. He will be performing pieces by Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Liszt, Schubert and Brahms.

Tickets available from: Sue at 3, The Limes Croft, Church Road, Long Itchington on: ~ 811364; Maggy on: ~ 632564; or David on: ~ 632830.

CHAPEL NEWS

Revd. Marion Hartwell

Firstly I'd like to apologise for those of you who came to the Chapel and found it closed. This was caused by a number of reasons, the weather, the flu and bereavement.

I know many of you have been ill during Christmas and afterwards and hope you are now feeling well again.

Are you looking for a different way of worship? If so, try us

First of all, we are in the small Chapel on the corner of Church Road and Orchard Way. We keep an open door (that's the red one) to welcome everyone in.

Check carefully the dates and times of the services. Nothing stays the same. For regular services see page 2.

The following are our special services, which are also open to all:

March 29th at 2.30pm – Maundy Thursday Service

March 30th at 7.00pm – the Good Friday Contemplative Service

April 1st at 10.30am – Celebrating Easter, this includes Easter eggs and dressing the cross with flowers

APRIL 8th at 3.30pm – Songs of Praise with tea and cakes

Other events are:

Women's Hour (Men invited) on the following Tuesdays at 2.30pm

March 20th – Easter Tombola and Easter bonnets

April 17th – Beetle Drive

May 1st – Bring and Buy for Christian Aid week

For more information, please contact Marion Hartwell on: ~ 425999 or: 07812 804924.

Long Itchington History Group

Time marches on and we will soon be at the end of the current season of talks.

On Wednesday 11th April Linda Doyle will present "A Pint of Ale – the stories behind Southam's Public Houses".

This will be at The Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. As a follow up, Linda and members of Southam Heritage will lead a guided walk in Southam on Wednesday May 9th starting at 7.30pm and meeting at Market Hill.

Following a short break for summer the new season will start in September with details being available soon.

If you would like any more information, or arrange for transport, please contact David Williams on: ~ 812573.

Long Itchington Brownies

Brownies are still raising money for Molly Oily's Wishes and we hope to run a tea party to celebrate the Royal Wedding in May. Watch this space for more details and come along to buy a cake, all for a great cause!

We have spaces available for girls aged 7-10 years so please email: longitchbrownies@gmail.com if you know a girl who may be interested in joining us.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

Revd. Jane Everitt

A reminder that during the colder months, a warm welcome, tea, coffee and cakes are available in Holy Trinity Church from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on the last Thursday of each month.

During the summer months this happens every Thursday. Please look out for further details and why not pop in and enjoy a chat with residents and visitors to our village? You are all welcome and we hope to see you soon.

Special dates:

25th March: Palm Sunday worship – 9.30am followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

29th March: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in church 8.00pm

30th March: Walk of witness and Stations of the Cross, around the village, 2.00pm start at the pond.

1st April: Easter morning – Holy Communion in church 9.30am

29th April: Messy Church in Holy Trinity Church 3.00pm to 5.00pm

10th May: Ascension Day – Holy Communion in church 8.00pm

27th May: Trinity Sunday, Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Church – Holy Communion 9.30am

Holy Trinity Church does not currently have a website. For information about events, contact the Church Wardens:

Sue Myhill – email: psmyhill@btinternet.com or phone: ~ 814050

Maureen Mitchell – email: maureen@mmts-itd.co.uk or phone: ~ 815255

Long Itchington Carnival

This year the carnival will take place on Monday 28th May.

Anyone who has not been asked to put in a float, walking or by vehicle, please get in touch.

We are changing our format this year – floats and fancy dress will still be judged down in the square, but prizes will be given out later at the Community Centre, so that less time is spent hanging around.

We are also going to be running a darts, dominoes and pool competition the week leading up to the carnival. Posters will be up soon on how to enter.

The competition events will start on the Monday in either The Green Man, the Buck and Bell or The Harvester, with the finals for each event being played on the Thursday 24th May.

We are hoping for a bumper year as we have so many new residents in the village and would ask for your support for this event even if only buying a raffle ticket!

Anyone wishing to run a stall, bake a cake for the teas, contribute a raffle prize, donate an item for the tombola or help on the day, PLEASE get in touch.

For more information contact Jayne Clark on: ~ 812404 or at: j.a.clark@hotmail.co.uk

Long Itchington Cricket Club update

Indoor practice begins:

Long Itchington cricket club indoor practice begins on Tuesday 27th March at Princethorpe College. All current and potential new players will be made most welcome.

For further information and timings for juniors and seniors and any other matters regarding the cricket club please contact Steve Crosthwaite at: sandjcrosthwaite@btinternet.com or: ~ 814971 or Martyn Rawbone at: martyn.rawbone@btopenworld.com or: ~ 332179.

Book stall at Beer Festival:

The cricket club will also be running a second hand book stall (fiction only – no children's books thank you) at the Beer Festival on Sunday 6th May from tables adjacent to The Harvester.

If you have any decent quality books to donate that require collection, please contact Steve Mitchell at: mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or on: ~ 812210 or drop them off at his house in the week leading to the event or deliver them to the stall on the day from 11:00am.

Match tickets:

Finally, the cricket club has tickets for a 50 Over Warwickshire cricket match against Northamptonshire on Wednesday 30th May, which has 2.00pm start.

Tickets are available for £5 for adults and £1 for under 16's. Please contact Martyn Rawbone on: ~ 332179 if you require any tickets.

How to book the Community Centre display cabinets

The display cabinets in the foyer of the Community Centre are shared between the school and village organisations, which can use them for 3 to 4 weeks at a time.

If your organisation would like to have a display or if you would like to advertise an upcoming event, please ring Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751 to see if the cabinet is available.

Live music at The Harvester pub

Willow & Tool's Music Parlour meets at The Harvester in Long Itchington on the first Sunday evening of most months.

You don't need to be a member or even pay admission to enjoy the local folk and acoustic acts on offer (although there is a jug collection for the guest act).

Visit the band's Facebook page to find out more:
www.facebook.com/WillowandTool

Sunny Afternoon

Hopefully, the recent cold weather can soon be replaced by the longer and warmer days of spring.

Our next walk takes in a site visit to "The Cubbington Pear Tree" which will become yet another victim of HS2. The day will commence at 11.00 am on Sunday 20th May at the Pond. Transport will be provided to and from the village.

To highlight some of the more peripheral paths, a circular walk taking in Southam and Bascote is offered for Sunday June 3rd meeting at the Pond at 11.15am. Transport will be provided to Bascote and there will be the opportunity to extend the walk if some would like.

For further information phone: ~ 815119 or email: longitchingtonwalks@gmail.com.

New Parish Council Car Park

Work to provide a vehicular access from the school car park to the new Parish Council car park at Spinney Fields will be taking place between 3rd and 13th April. There will also be a new safer footpath access to school provided. Please direct any questions to the Parish Council office on: ~ 815216.

Changes to grass cutting contracts

The Parish Council has recently undertaken a tendering process and will be changing contractor for the verges and greens around the village.

The Parish Council is responsible for some areas, with WCC, SDC, and local housing associations responsible for other areas so it can get somewhat confusing.

If you feel that an area is being forgotten, do get in contact with the Parish Council on: ~ 815216.

Also, be aware that it is a homeowner or tenants' responsibility to maintain any hedges or trees that overhang a footpath or highway, or that block a public street light.

The grass cutting season runs from the 1st of April until the 31st October.

Potholes

One of the consequences of the recent bad weather is the deterioration in some of the roads and an increase in potholes.

Please continue to report the bad ones, but expect a delay in their repair as the teams prioritise work across the whole of Warwickshire.

You can report potholes online at:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes>

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.

Phone: ~ 815216

email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com

Website: www.longitchington.org.uk