



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 13th November
– Saturday 13th January

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**Monday 31st October
at the latest**

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~ 814921

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires for every Household PLEASE TAKE PART

Every home in Long Itchington, Bascote, Bascote Heath & Model Village will receive important questionnaires to fill in September. Your views will help to shape and influence how the parish will look over the next 20 years – what types of homes we will need and how land might be used for business and leisure.

Everyone can have a say in how land in the Parish is used to meet the community's needs and aspirations; how the area will look over the next 15 to 20 years; and what it will be like to live here.

If you haven't received your questionnaire yet don't worry, it will be delivered by the end of September.

If you need help filling it in or have a question, please ring one of the following numbers:

Barbara: ~ 814921; Sally: ~ 813423;
Andy: ~ 815522; Parish Office: ~ 815216

Housing Needs Survey

If you or a close relative has a local housing need, PLEASE fill in a Housing Needs Survey which will be delivered to your home.

Examples of a housing need are:

- A need to down-size
- A need for affordable starter accommodation
- A need for social (rented / shared ownership) housing
- A need for a bungalow

If a defined need is recognised the Parish Council can take steps to provide appropriate housing much like Adams Close. But we need to know what your needs are.

DIAL 105 if you have an electricity power cut

In the event of an electricity outage you can now just dial **105**

Flood Alleviation taking place in LI

If you were wondering what a large tanker was doing parked in Village Hall Car Park it is part of some large-scale flood alleviation measures taking place throughout Long Itchington. This can only be of benefit to us.

Bascote Solar Farm Appeal Upheld

We know some residents may be happy with this decision, but we believe that the majority will be disappointed. Despite the hard work of many the case for greater harm than benefit to the community was not accepted.

The full report, no.3146833 is at
<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Be Vigilant as Burglars strike in Long Itchington!!

Burglary can happen day or night – please ensure that windows and doors are locked appropriately and that car keys are not on view. Recently burglars used drills to bypass normal locking measures and stole a car, using keys they found in the property.

Please use bolts and alarms if you have them

Close all windows when you are out and at night particularly ensure that ground floor windows are shut. In an emergency dial 999.

New temporary clerk

We are very pleased to introduce Helen Stewart as our new temporary clerk until February. Helen will be in the office on Monday and Friday mornings during Liz Bonney's maternity leave. Messages can be left at liparishcouncil@btconnect.com or at: ~ 815216.

Vote to make speeding a police priority in our area

Follow this link and vote to ensure the police concentrate their efforts into speeding locally for the next three months.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/3313/Tea-Priorities>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 21st Southam Community Forum, Harbury Rugby Football Club, 6.30pm
 Fri 23rd Holy Trinity – Harvest Supper
 Fri 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 9:00 – 12:00

OCTOBER

- Wed 5th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
 Wed 12th Wednesday Club: Musical Afternoon, Community Centre, 2.30pm
 History Group, “Bandages & Fresh Air”. Talk by Val Brodie. 7.30pm
 Thurs 27th Drop-in Flu Clinic, Community Centre. 9:00am – 11:00am
 Sat 29th Napton Art Group Exhibition, Village Hall, 10.00am – 5.00pm
 Sun 30th Napton Art Exhibition (as above)

NOVEMBER

- Wed 2nd Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
 Sat 5th Charity Card Sale, Holy Trinity Church, 10.00am
 Bonfire & Fireworks at the Green Man – from 5.30pm
 Wed 9th Wednesday Club, Birthday Lunch, Community Centre, 2.30pm
 History Group, “Dear Mother - Humour and Sentiment WW1”
 Community Centre, 7.30pm
 Fri 11th Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.00 for 7.30pm
 Sat 12th Cricket Club Rummage Sale

Regular events:

- Yoga – every Monday at the Primary School at 7.30pm
 Youth Club – every Monday (term time), 7.30pm at the Community Centre
 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
 Baby and Toddler Group – every Wednesday at the Community Centre at 9.30am
 Long Itchington Young Farmers – every Wednesday, the Green Man at 8.00pm
 Pilates – every Wednesday at the Primary School at 7.30pm
 Yoga – Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (term time) at the Community Centre

HOLD THE DATE...

- DECEMBER** Film Night, Community Centre – 2nd
 Cricket Club Christmas Quiz, Community Centre – 9th
(Book in advance: ~ 812210 / mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk)
 History Group, Memorials and Memories + Cheese and wine – 14th

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

25th September Harvest Service, Holy Trinity Church, 9.30am
 Messy Church, Holy Trinity, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Harvest Supper at Holy Trinity Church on 23rd Sept. 7.30pm – tickets £7.50 in church. Please contact Sue Myhill on: ~ 814050 or Maureen Mitchell on: ~ 815255 for tickets. Pet Service, 9th Oct. Messy Church 25th Sept. 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

Regular events at the Chapel

- Evening Worship – 6.15pm every Sunday (Communion on 2nd Oct)
 Bible Study and Prayer Time – 10.45am on Thursday 13th & 20th Oct; 10th Nov.
 Women’s Hour 20th Sept, 4th / 18th Oct, 1st Nov
 Café Church – 10.00am on Sun 25th Sept, 9th Oct, 23rd Oct,
 Pilots for children aged 4+ meets each Wednesday at 6.15pm in **term time only**
 Coffee Drop-In and NEW4U – 10.30am on Thurs 6th Oct & 3rd Nov.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September
9.00am – 12:00 noon
Community Centre

This annual event supports the wonderful nurses in their care of cancer patients. A great occasion to meet friends over coffee & cake. Raffle and produce stalls. Donations welcome.

Long Itchington

Email communications

There are now 250 residents who receive email updates on news from the parish. If you would also like to receive these please email:

news@longitchingtonparishcouncil.org

Wulfstan Dynamos

We are looking forward to another enjoyable season in the Mid Warwickshire football League at the Under 14 age group, and continuing our strong home form at Green End. We are hoping to build on last season’s success of finishing second in the league, and winning the Supplementary Cup. Fixtures will be held on 18th / 25th Sept and 16th/23rd/30th Oct.

See us on Facebook.

Cricket Club Rummage Sale

This is scheduled for Saturday 12th November at the Community Centre. Doors open from 2.00pm. Usual tombola and refreshments. Donations of jumble can be delivered from 10.00am onwards. For collection please contact: Steve on: ~ 814971 or Andy on: ~ 815745 or email:

sandjcrosthwaite@btinternet.com
 or andycrump@btinternet.com

Advertise your event on our website

news@longitchingtonparishcouncil.org

CHAPEL NEWS *Revd. Marion Hartwell*

The highlight for us during the weeks of this diary will be the collection of shoe boxes filled with fun and practical gifts for children who live constantly in poverty. For those children to receive what some call, 'Love in a box' it will probably be the only gift they receive during their childhood years. If you would like to take part in 'Operation Christmas Child' but haven't an empty shoe box, just phone: ~ 425999 leaving your address and one will be delivered to you with a list of ideas of what you might fill it with.

If possible, filled shoe boxes should be at the Chapel by November 6th when there will be a blessing service before they are taken to the countries where the children live.

To find out more, phone Marion Hartwell on: ~ 07812 804924.

The Long Itchington Memorial Garden

Long Itchington residents regularly ask The Parish Council if they can dedicate a tree, a bench or some other feature in the village to the memory of a loved one. Whilst these requests have always been accommodated willingly, suitable locations have now become very limited.

Earlier this year the LILAC project team successfully won a grant from the **Tesco Bags of Help** scheme to fund the development of a new Memorial Garden to be situated in the north west corner of the LILAC community field.

Over the next few months, the LILAC team will be creating the new Garden. It will be landscaped with trees, shrubs and seating to enable quiet contemplation in an attractive peaceful area. Residents will be able to dedicate a feature to the memory of loved ones and add to the planted areas within the overall scheme – further details will be available from the Parish Office in due course.

LI Baby and Toddler Group

Long Itchington Baby and Toddler group is run voluntarily by parents to give mutual support and fun activities for other parents / grandparents in the village. Come and join our friendly group on a Wednesday morning, 9:30 am – 11:00am at the Community Centre. The first session is free; afterwards it is £2 per family, which includes drinks and snack for the children plus activities. More information can be found on our Facebook page – "long itchington baby and toddler group".

A heartfelt thank you from a local family

Alan Ball – Senior course show jumping designer, died aged 84 on August 22nd

Pat, Tracey, Mark and Dale wish to thank the people of Long Itchington for their kind messages of sympathy. The flowers, cards and letters were a great comfort to the family at their loss of Alan.

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

The Harvest weekend is getting closer: 23rd – 25th September. Please see page 2 for all our events.

The New Vicar – "I haven't met the new vicar yet!", you may say. The reason is we don't have one and it is a long process, made longer by a re-organisation of the Feldon Group. Long Itchington is now in partnership with Marton and we are working together to create a Parish Profile, which will form the basis of an advertisement for a new priest. This will be half-time post covering two churches

Pews and Chairs – When a church wishes to make changes to its building or fittings permission from the Diocese must be obtained. Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council applied to change its pews to wooden chairs with fabric seating. With objections from Historic England and the Victorian Society, the matter was taken to a higher body – the Consistory Court. Their ruling was that pews could be removed but that fabric covered chairs were "*overly casual and not compatible with a house of God*". Two types of chair have so far been tried in church, neither with much enthusiasm. This is still a matter of on-going discussion.

Community Centre News

We have gratefully received a generous donation of £1,000 from David Wilson Homes (Spinney Fields) to fund new tables, due to arrive soon. These will replace the old tables which have served us well for the past 37 years. A reminder: booking information for the Community Centre can now be found on the village website.

Long Itchington Pre-school

Places are available for children aged 2yrs 9 months to school age. Register now for the next school year.

Your child is entitled to 15 free funded hours from the term after their 3rd birthday. Please contact us to discuss on: ~ 811400 or email: preschoollongitchington@gmail.com.

Visit our website: www.longitchingtonpreschool.org

Scouts arrive in Long Itchington

It is with great excitement that we can announce the Long Itchington 1st Scouts are returning to the village.

We will be meeting in Model Village at the old cricket facility, solely leased to us from Cemex.

Beavers, 6 – 8year olds: Monday evenings
Cubs, 8 – 10 year olds: Thursday evenings
Scouts, 10 – 14 year olds: Wednesday evenings

An exciting and varied programme is planned – hammocks, fires, trips and marshmallows!! The group is actively seeking local businesses to sponsor tents and camping equipment, from £2 - £200.

If you would like to help or want more information, please email - Llscouts@yahoo.com

BONFIRE NIGHT – Saturday 5th November, Volunteers needed

Last year the event went ahead but it was “touch and go” right up to the last minute due to lack of helpers.

To keep this long-standing tradition going WE NEED YOUR HELP with setting up on the day, at the event in the evening or for the next day clear-up. If you would like to help please give your contact details to the Green Man or phone: ~ 07584 573073

All the profits go straight to eight of the youth groups in the village and to the Air Ambulance.

If your children attend any of the many groups in the village it would be great if you could spare a little time to help out and in turn help support your child’s activities.

We’re looking forward to another successful and fun event with the best firework display in the county. Doors open at 5.30pm. Bonfire is lit at 6.30pm and fireworks start at 7.00pm. Food is available on the night.

Flu Clinics 2016

Flu vaccinations will be available at Southam Surgery, Stowe Drive from October to all our patients over the age of 65 and/or suffering with the following conditions – asthma, COPD, diabetes, kidney problems, heart problems, immuno-suppressed or pregnant

Saturday morning Clinics will be held as follows on 8th and 15th October. From 8.30am – 12noon. To make an appointment please call: ~ 815842.

Or drop in on **Thursday 27th October at Long Itchington Community Centre between 9.00am – 11.00am.**

Education grants – apply now

The Trustees of the Long Itchington Educational Foundation (LIEF) invite applications for grants from young local people on academic and vocational courses.

If you are under 25 and have an unconditional offer from a university or college, you may be eligible for a grant.

NB: Students on GCSE and A level cannot be considered.

For further details and application form, see: www.longitchington.org.uk/activities/interest-groups/l-i-e-f/

or contact: Peter Myhill, Pathways, 2 Lime Croft, Long Itchington CV47 9PG – tel: ~ 814443.

All applications should be received by 30th Sept 2016.

Wildlife Notes by wildlife and pond wardens

As the summer draws to a close all wildlife has a new sense of urgency to make preparations for winter, so it is a great time to get outdoors and enjoy the natural world.

Wildlife warden, John Shenkman writes: “*The Sparrowhawks are back; returning from holiday I found one beneath my shed window (unfortunately dead) with “recycling” well underway. Once buried, the soil recyclers can do their job – such is nature’s way.*”

The village pond has been the focus of attention for Pond Warden John Davies: “*We have not had many ducklings this year; there is plenty of cover so I guess it is due to predation. The terrapin is still present and looks in rude health; there is a mallard population and Henry the Aylesbury and his pals seem well. The examination into the return of the swans continues.*”

“*Wildlife needs our help. Hedgehogs, once commonplace are now rare. It is in gardens that they have the best chance to thrive. If we can make room for nature in our gardens we can help the Hedgehog and other threatened species to survive*” – Phil Claydon.

Volunteers for the annual pond tidy-up would be much appreciated. If you would like to help send a message to: mail@longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk.

Website: www.longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk

2017 Long Itchington Calendars

Wildlife in the Parish

Next year’s calendar shows the great variety of wildlife within the parish – all photos were taken here and represent the beauty of our rural community. Please come along to the Xmas Card Sale on November 5th to buy your very own copy – still only £6. Order by phone: ~ 814921. Make great Christmas presents!

Warwickshire County Council Councillor Grant Fund 2016-17

Each County Councillor has £5,000 to award to local voluntary & community groups for projects that will benefit their community. For information about the funds in your area see the Warwickshire County Council website.

Parish Council grants 2016/17

Any village organisation can apply (it must be in writing) for a grant from the Parish Council. Please apply by October 15th for a decision at the November meeting. Call the Parish Clerk at: ~ 815216 for further information.

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. All parish planning applications can be viewed there. Opening hours will be Monday and Friday mornings. At other times, please phone and leave a message or email and someone will get back to you.

Phone: ~ 815216

email: liparishcouncil@btconnect.com

Website: www.longitchington.org.uk