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Do you have ideas about improving things in the local community?

Why not become a Parish Councillor?

Parish Council elections take place in May 2019

Parish councils have responsibility for many different issues and facilities, including allotments, bus shelters, community centres, footpaths, lighting on certain roads, litter bins, acquisition and sale of certain lands in the parish, tree planting, toilets, recreation parks in some areas, public seating, open spaces, ponds, signs and place names as well as responding to planning applications, dealing with flooding and liaising with other agencies.

Each year part of your council tax goes towards the annual precept – that is the money that each parish council is able to spend for the good of the community.

As a councillor you would have a say in decisions on how that money is spent.

Your village needs you!

Find out more

If you are interested in standing as a parish councillor, several events have been planned so that you can find out more information:

- Thursday 7th February: 6.30pm - 8.30pm at The Grange Hall, Southam, CV47 1QA.
- Monday 11th February: 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Elizabeth House, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6HX
- **Long Itchington Parish Council is hosting an information evening on Tuesday, 26th February in the back room of the Green Man between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. This is a drop-in event.**

If you are interested in attending either the Southam or Stratford events, please go to the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils website for more information:
www.walc.org.uk/prospective-councillor-briefings

Application forms to become a councillor will be available at the parish office from early February 2019.

For more information contact the parish office on: ~ 815216 or by emailing:
parishcouncil@longitchington.com

Council Tax – The Parish Precept for 2019 - 2020

The Parish Precept is the small part of your Council Tax bill that is set and managed by your Parish Council.

The Precept covers the running costs of our Parish for items such as grass cutting, street lighting, play areas, general maintenance, repairs and Parish administration.

At the January Parish Council meeting the budget for the 2019/20 financial year, which starts on 1st April, was finalised which enabled the precept to be set at £96.90 for the year for a Band D property.

Whilst general running costs have risen over the last year and central support grants for Parishes have been further reduced, the Parish Council has managed to keep the overall increase to 2% which for a Band D property equates to 15.8 pence per month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- Mon 21st Deadline: applications close for LIAS club play-workers
Sun 27th Deadline: to volunteer for Neighbourhood Watch scheme
Tues 29th Carnival Meeting, the Buck and Bell, 6.30pm
Wed 30th Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm
Women's Institute Visitor Evening, the Green Man, 7.30pm
Thurs 31st Deadline: applications close for Caretaker vacancy

FEBRUARY

- Wed 6th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 8th Cricket Club AGM, the Green Man, 8.00pm
Wed 13th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
Long Itchington History Group, 'Riot and Revolution', Community Centre, 7.30pm.
Wed 20th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 27th Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

Mon 11th - Mon 25th Community Centre closed for refurbishment

MARCH

- Wed 6th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Fri 8th Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
Wed 13th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
Long Itchington History Group, 'A Trip Down the River Avon, c.1900', Community Centre, 7.30pm

SAVE THE DATE I

The first May bank holiday weekend (3rd May – 6th May) the Harvester Beer Festival will take place showcasing the best real ale from both Warwickshire & brewers nationwide. We will also have plenty of great cider too. For more information please contact the pub direct.

SAVE THE DATE II

The Long Itchington Carnival returns in 2019, it will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 27th May. Not to be missed.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

Regular events at Holy Trinity Church:

- 1st Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity - 9.30am
2nd Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
3rd Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
4th Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am
5th Sunday Benefice service, please see Church noticeboard for more details

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

Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on 27th Jan, 10th Feb, 24th Feb & 10th Mar at 10.00am
Bible Study on 21st Feb, 28th Feb, 14th Mar at 10.45am
Coffee drop-in & sale on 7th Feb & 7th Mar between 10.00am – 12noon
People's Hour, 5th Feb, 19th Feb, 5th Mar at 2.30pm
Evening Worship, 20th Jan, 27th Jan, 10th Feb, 17th Feb, 24th Feb, 10th Mar at 6.15pm

Thank you, Fay and Frank

After over 35 years of devoted service as caretakers of the Community Centre, Fay and Frank Sheasby are retiring for a more relaxing life away from the role of caretaker. Fay started in around 1982 and continued right up to today with Frank by her side.

Both Fay and Frank have worked tirelessly in all weathers and were totally reliable throughout decades of locking and unlocking, cleaning, tidying and advising Community Centre users.

We thank them wholeheartedly and look forward to welcoming a new caretaker very soon.

Film Night

The next film showing at the Community Centre will be 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri' on Friday 8th March at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Refreshments include wine, beer 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 are available so booking is advised. Tickets are available from Margaret Bailey on: ~ 814397 or Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751.

Cricket Club AGM

Long Itchington Cricket Club are holding their AGM on Friday, 8th February at the Green Man, Church Road, at 8.00pm. All current and potential players will be made most welcome.

The club currently runs two teams on a Saturday in the Cotswold Hills League (Premier Division and Division Three). At the club we also play local friendlies on a Sunday, have a senior 20/20 midweek side and three junior teams.

For further information regarding the Long Itchington Cricket Club, please contact Club Chairman Steve Crosthwaite on: ~ 814971, or 07540 969547, alternatively email: sandjcrosthwaite@btinternet.com

As we come into a New Year the media seems to encourage us to look back over the past rather than looking towards the future, which I prefer. Following the business of Christmas the calendar dates seemed slightly thin on the ground, so looking ahead we will have a Lent Bible Study every Thursday morning except for the first one of the month which is when we hold our Coffee Drop-in and sale. Please see page two of the diary for dates and times.

Speaking of the calendar, we are grateful to the Calendar Group for the grant we have received to help us repair the wooden floor of the Chapel; and also for the grant from the Fireworks Committee. To all who read this newsletter, we wish you all hope in 2019.

Carnival update

We are pleased to confirm the Long Itchington Carnival and Fete will be running again in 2019. It will take place on the Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 27th May. There will be all the usual fun, with floats, stalls, fancy dress competitions, entertainment and rides. Any help on the day, and in the run up, is always greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting is at the Buck and Bell on Tuesday, 29th January at 6.30pm. Any willing volunteers are welcome to attend.

Brownies news

We had some great Christmas fun at the end of last term with a visit from Father Christmas himself and a brilliant Christmas performance from all of the girls meant they all earned their performance badge.

This term we are going to a Girlguiding exclusive viewing of Mary Poppins Returns, offering a trip to Girlguiding HQ in London and organising a sleepover at a soft play venue. All that plus badges, games, fun and friendship!

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 Brownies. Either email us at: longitchbrownies@gmail.com or go to: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Part-Time Caretaker Vacancy

Long Itchington Community Centre are seeking a part-time caretaker to work Monday to Thursday day and evening with occasional annual leave cover at the weekends.

- Competitive scaled salary with annual leave entitlement.
- Nine hours a week (timetable dependent on Community Centre bookings).
- £4034.16 per annum or £8.62 an hour.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a DBS check.

Please contact the Parish Office on: ~ 815216 or email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com for the full job description and an application form. Deadline for applications is **Thursday 31st January** with interview dates to follow.

A Happy New Year from all at Holy Trinity Church, Long Itchington. As we move forward into 2019, we look towards what the future may bring, what with Brexit deadlines moving ever closer, new technologies being developed and perhaps saying hello or goodbye to loved ones, we see change happening, not just in our village community, but further afield. Change can be scary, but it can also be positive. As we pick up the rhythms of the season and look towards Lent and Easter why not join us at Holy Trinity Church and spend time with the One who made time. From Ash Wednesday (6th March) onwards, we are also introducing a short, 'said' service of Holy Communion mid-week on a Wednesday morning at 10.00am in term time. Our afternoon teas are currently following the winter timetable of 2.00pm to 4.00pm on the last Thursday of each month and the church is open every day for quiet reflection and prayer.

For further information please contact Revd Jane Everitt on: ~ 717909, Jane's working days are usually all-day Wednesday & Thursday and part days Friday and Sunday.

Special dates

5 th Mar	Shrove Tuesday, pancakes in church from 12.00noon – 4.30pm.
6 th Mar	Ash Wednesday morning said Holy Communion Service, 10.00am. Ash Wednesday evening Holy Communion Service, 7.00pm.
9 th Mar	Massive 'Messy Church', 11.00am – 1.00pm at The Grange, Southam.
13 th Mar	Every Wednesday said Holy Communion Service (term time only), 10.00am.

Afternoon Teas at the Church:

31 st Jan	2.00pm – 4.00pm, all welcome
28 th Feb	2.00pm – 4.00pm, all welcome
28 th Mar	2.00pm – 4.00pm, all welcome

New Year's Day walk update – record broken (again!)

Over 70 people turned out for the annual New Year's Day walks – the highest number of people to have attended. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the event a success and to Sharon and Mark at The Green Man for looking after the large numbers so well, before and after the walks.

More walks are planned for the coming year. Keep your eyes open for information on noticeboards as well as the Parish Council website and the village Rights of Way website at: www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk

W.I. Visitor Evening

The Women's Institute will be holding a special visitor evening at the Green Man at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 30th January. New to the village? Or just want to meet new people? Please pop along for the evening and enjoy some drinks, nibbles, fun games and meet our vibrant group of women. If you thought the W.I. was 'fuddy duddy' then think again...

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

To achieve a proactive and effective Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Parish we need residents to volunteer as Community Contacts to operate NHW in their small local area. To ensure that the Community Contact role is not onerous each one will only cover their 10 to 15 neighbouring properties.

To ensure the NHW scheme operates throughout the whole Parish we need about 100 people to volunteer as Community Contacts. Currently 30 residents have volunteered as Community Contacts which means that, at the moment, some areas in the Parish will not be covered by the NHW scheme.

To volunteer as a Community Contact please email Long Itchington NHW at: longitchnhw@gmail.com by Sunday 27th January, thank you.

LIAS Playworker job opportunities

Long Itchington After School (LIAS) Club are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join their team as Playworkers. Working hours are 3:00pm - 6:00pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

The club provides before and after school care for four to eleven year olds. The role involves planning and supervising a range of play activities including outdoor games and crafts for different age groups, preparing a light tea/ snack for the children and providing high-quality, stimulating after school care for children in a safe and fun environment.

Relevant Level 2 NVQ (or equivalent) or above, preferably in Early Years or Play work would be an advantage but not essential as training is available for the right candidates. Experience of working with four to eleven year olds in a play environment also preferable. This is a demanding but very rewarding role, with competitive rates of pay dependent on individual's experience and qualifications.

If you are interested in applying please email: adminlias@welearn365.com for a job description and application form. Application forms are also available to collect from Long Itchington Pre-School and LIAS club.

All posts are covered by the Childcare Act 2006 and are subject to receipt of a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure for a regulated activity and reference checks.

The closing date for applications is: **Monday, 21st January 2019.**

Ever felt "out of the loop"?

Did you know you can receive up-to-date information about village activities by signing up to our Email contacts list? You'll only receive two or three emails a week and can unsubscribe at any time. Email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com to sign up.

An important reminder to follow the Countryside Code

There have been reports that ramblers and dog-walkers are not always observing the Countryside code when enjoying the rural environment in and around the village. Please remember and respect that Rights of Way do cross private land, much of which is devoted to agriculture. We are lucky that local landowners are very supportive by keeping paths clear.

The Countryside code key points:

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protects plants and animals, and take your litter home
- **Keep dogs under close control.** From 1st March to 31st July (and at all other times around livestock) dogs must be on a short lead so breeding animals and birds are not disturbed.
- Consider other people

For further information about the code please visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code.

Footpaths - Grand Union Canal

If you are new to rural life (or even if you're not) you may not realise that the footpath for walkers and cyclists only extends on the northern village (i.e. Two Boats) side of the canal. You are not permitted to walk on the other side. Please can walkers respect this and not walk past narrow boats moored up on the "other side" of the canal. This is private property.

Community Centre reaches a milestone

In May 2019 the Community Centre celebrates its 40th birthday with a fresh new look, (more news to follow). The centre will be closed for two weeks from 11th February – 25th February for decorating and new flooring. Celebrations are planned for later in the year. Watch this space!

New Bus route 664

A reduced bus route has been retained for Long Itchington. The revised timetable should soon be available on the Stagecoach website. Following a meeting with WCC transport division, representatives of Stagecoach and the Parish Council it has been agreed that the new 664 route will not travel up Stockton Road or into Spinney Fields at the moment.

A new turning circle is being built at Keeper's Meadow and will be utilised once finished. Once the route has formally been changed there will not be buses entering the Spinney Fields estate. But, when the turning circle is finished there will be a service operating up Stockton Road. Until then bus users are encouraged to use the bus stop on the Southam Road.

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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