



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will run from:

Sunday 12th May – Saturday 13th July, inclusive

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place at the Community Centre on Saturday 6th April from 10.00am to 12.00noon. There will be a short presentation of the past year in the parish as well as a Community Award presentation and an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions for next year. All village organisations are invited to have a stand in the school hall displaying what their group does. The APM is a great opportunity for residents new to the village to meet others and see all that is on offer here. For organisations wanting a stand at the event, please email the parish office: parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

Neighbourhood Plan Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB)

Much of the boundary line between a settlement and the open countryside is clear-cut. Nevertheless, villages within the Stratford District all have a BUAB designated by the District Council in their Core Strategy. The Neighbourhood Plan for our parish is entitled to draw its own boundary with the benefit of local knowledge. The boundary line marks the point beyond which development is not allowed. At the moment the Neighbourhood Plan Group has designated a BUAB around the Long Itchington village settlement as well as around the settlement of Model Village to make clear the confines of further expansion.

If you would like to view the BUAB map for Long Itchington please go to www.longitchington.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/. If you have any questions about the Neighbourhood Plan please email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com and a councillor will get back to you.

Your opportunity to become a parish councillor

Parish Council Elections are to be held on 2nd May. Anyone wishing to stand to become a parish councillor in the parish of Long Itchington can ask for an election pack either at the parish office or through Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Prospective candidates will need two proposers who currently live in the parish. Forms can be checked by the parish clerk. For further information, please phone: ~ 815216 or email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

Traffic disruptions

No-one can have escaped the disruption which the closure of the A423 caused, and it seems that many more closures of various roads around the parish are planned in the coming months. The Parish Council is trying to arrange a meeting with Highways to influence the way these closures are handled and to urge that they are viewed as a complete picture rather than as individual closures. In the meantime, we ask residents to be mindful of the alternative routes they are taking which sometimes will disturb people living on roads not used to high volumes of traffic.

New lighted crossing

The new puffin crossing is near completion. Already there has been at least one incident of pedestrian users stepping out in front of moving traffic before the lights have changed appropriately. Please can parents remind their children of the importance of waiting until (a) the lights show green for them and red for the traffic and (b) even if they are green, that they do not walk out assuming traffic will stop!

Property marking event

Saturday 23rd March 2019 from 10.00am to 3.30pm. You are invited to attend this free property marking event, meet the Police Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe and your Safer Neighbourhood Team. This is a combined Police, Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch event. It will take place at Bizzy Tots nursery, Church Road for large items such as lawnmowers, chainsaws, bicycles etc and the Holy Trinity Church for smaller items for example laptops, iPads and hand tools. If you are housebound and wish to have your property security-marked please phone the office on: ~ 815216. Volunteers wish to help on the day should email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

Neighbourhood Plan – invitation to read the latest draft

As completion of the NP draws ever closer we invite residents to read the latest draft and make any comments if they so wish. Copies will be available from the parish office from Friday 22nd March or online at our website: www.longitchington.org.uk.

The new website

Please visit our new website: www.longitchington.org.uk for up to date information about our parish and useful contact details for many local organisations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- Mon 18th Start of Bascote Road closure
Wed 20th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 23rd Property marking event, 10.00am – 3.30pm, Bizzy Tots Nursery and the Church.

APRIL

- Wed 3rd Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sat 6th Annual Parish Meeting, Community Centre, 10.00am – 12noon.
Sun 7th 'Cubbington Pear Tree' walk, meet at the pond, 9.30am
Southam French Street Market, Southam, 10.00am – 4.00pm
Wed 10th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
Long Itchington History Group, AGM, followed by 'Stand and Deliver' – *Notorious Highwaymen*, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 17th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Sun 28th Village walk, meet at Spinney Fields, 11.00am

MAY

- Wed 1st Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thurs 2nd Elections – District and Parish
Fri 3rd – *Harvester Beer Festival*
Mon 6th
Sun 5th Village walk, meet at LILAC field, 11.00am
Wed 8th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
'Happy's Circus', Southam Rugby Club, gates open at 5.00pm
Long Itchington History Group, 'Ladbroke Village Walk', meet at **Ladbroke Village Hall Car Park**, 7.30pm
Fri 10th Film Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Wildlife book for sale

Dr John Shenkman (parish wildlife warden) has produced a small booklet about the nature that can be seen in and around the village. The booklet provides interesting descriptions and thoughts about aspects of nature that can be found within the parish. Dr Shenkman has illustrated the booklet with some of the many photographs he has taken over the years. Copies of the booklet can be obtained from Southam Office Supplies located on Market Hill in Southam and cost £3.50 each.

Film Night

The next film showing at the Community Centre will be 'The Children Act' on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm). 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 available so booking is advised. Tickets are available from Margaret Bailey on: ~ 814397 or Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751.

SAVE THE DATE

The Long Itchington Carnival takes place on the Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 27th May. More details will follow in the next edition of the diary.

The Brownies are holding teas in aid of Molly Ollie's Children's Charity, Saturday 6th July, 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Four Farthings, Church Road, (Jenny Allen's House). All welcome, donations of cakes welcome too.

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
Wednesday mornings in term time, Holy Communion, 10.00am

Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on 24th Mar, 14th Apr & 28th Apr at 10.00am
Evening Service, 17th Mar, 24th Mar, 14th Apr & 28th Apr at 6.15pm
Lenten bible study on 21st Mar, 28th Mar, 11th Apr at 10.45am – 12noon
People's Hour, 19th Mar & 9th Apr at 2.30pm

For special services at the Church and Chapel see page 3

Volunteers sought for flood pump

Residents may be aware that the parish council maintains a flood pump that is kindly stored by Mark and Sharon at the Green Man. The pump is available for use in any flood emergency within the parish. We are currently in the process of updating the list of volunteers who can be called upon to deploy the pump should the need arise. If you would be willing to be included on the list please contact the Parish Office on: ~ 815216 or email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

There is no "rota system" or requirement to be available, we are just seeking people who would be willing to help if they are available to do so. Full training will be provided. The parish council is particularly interested to hear from anyone who has a vehicle (ideally a 4X4) with a towing facility. For further information please contact Jon Venn on: ~ 812248.

At this time of year our thoughts are on the period up to Easter. Each Sunday of Lent, symbols of the trial of Jesus as He made His way to His death will be added to a cross made from our Christmas Tree. The Christmas tree reminds people that the birth of Jesus was just the beginning and adding the symbols gradually shows why God sent His Son to earth. After the Good Friday Service, the symbols will be taken away and on Easter Sunday, the date of resurrection – the Christmas tree cross will be brought alive with flowers.

Special dates

- 31st Mar Rededication and Mothering Sunday Service with Holy Communion, 6.15pm
- 7th Apr *No Services*
- 18th Apr Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 2.00pm
- 19th Apr *Good Friday readings and Service (to be confirmed)*
- 21st Apr Easter Sunday Service, 10.30am

Long Itchington Carnival Update

The carnival will take place on Monday 27th May, 2019. Anyone wishing to put in a float, run a stall, donate a raffle or simply help on the day can contact our secretary Stacey on: ~ 811244. There will be more updates nearer the time and notices will be on the boards around the village. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hope it will be bigger and better as our village increases in size. We will be selling raffle tickets and delivering programmes in the very near future.

Planned village walks

Now that we are into spring it is a particularly good time of the year to make use of the Rights of Way in the parish. The regular Friday morning walks, meeting at the Pond at 9.00am, continue to be popular and take about one hour. Two walks are being organised to welcome new residents to the area. On Sunday, April 28th a walk is planned to start from Spinney Fields. The following week, Sunday May 5th, a walk is on offer beginning from the LILAC field. Both walks start at 11.00am.

The famous Cubbington pear tree has managed to gain a temporary reprieve from HS2 and so a guided walk has been organised for Sunday 7th April, meeting at the Pond at 9.30am.

For further information go to:
www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk. Alternatively, telephone: ~ 815119 or email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com.

Community Centre News

We welcome our new Community Centre caretakers; Jo, Liz and John now that Frank and Fay are enjoying their retirement. The Community Centre is now open for business as usual, having been painted and fitted with its new flooring. New window blinds will be fitted before Easter and we are applying for funding for some new chairs and new lighting. We will be arranging an event to mark the Community Centre's 40th birthday in May and to publicly thank Fay and Frank for their many years of service.

We are currently arranging the date for our next 'Messy' Church, please keep an eye out around the village and on church notice boards for details on when this will happen.

As we approach the run-up to Easter, we are holding a special four-week Lent course based around the film 'The Greatest Showman'. The course, called 'From Now On' examines the film from its starting point and explores ways in which the themes of faith, hope and redemption run through our lives. This is offered at two different times:
Tuesday evening 7.00pm - 8.30pm, starting on Tuesday 19th March OR Friday afternoon, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, starting on Friday 22nd March.

We meet at the Long Itchington Vicarage on Leamington Road, postcode: CV47 9PL. We will see the relevant parts of the film, look at scripture, reflect and share our thoughts. Everyone is welcome and if you are interested in joining us, please either sign the sheet at the back of church or let Revd Jane know by contacting: ~ 717909.

Special dates

- 24th Mar Morning Worship, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 28th Mar Afternoon teas in church 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- 31st Mar Mothering Sunday - Joint benefice Holy Communion in Holy Trinity - 9.30am
- 14th Apr Palm Sunday worship - 9.30am
- 18th Apr Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service & the stripping of the altar - 7.00pm
- 19th Apr Walk of witness & Stations of the Cross, around the village, 2.00pm, start at the pond.
- 21st Apr Easter morning - Holy Communion in church, 9.30am
- 25th Apr Afternoon teas in church 2.00pm to 4.00pm

National Open Gardens Weekend

Plans are well underway for the 2019 Long Itchington Village Gardens weekend on the 15th and 16th June, when 14 gardens will be open to visitors from 12noon to 5.00pm as part of the charitable National Open Garden Scheme (NGS). Refreshments will be provided on both days by volunteers at Holy Trinity Church, but now the organisers are looking for further volunteers to spend an hour or two at some point over the weekend to help.

This would cover signage around the village, car parking, traffic marshalling, collecting entrance fees, making cakes and joining the catering team – and no doubt several other tasks we haven't yet thought of. Last year the NGS raised a record £3.1 million for nursing and health charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK and MS Society with over £70,000 of that coming from gardens across Warwickshire.

For further details and to offer any help, please email group coordinators Steve & Adrienne Mitchell at: mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or call: ~ 812210.

2020 Calendar – pictures needed

Following a very successful year, the 2019 calendar raised £950 for a variety of village organisations. We are now looking for photographs for next year's calendar. Please send your best shots to:
batkins5691@googlemail.com.

Cricket Club News and Early Fixtures

The cricket club has a busy few months ahead. Indoor net practice takes place at Southam College on Thursday evenings, 28th March to 11th April inclusive, from 7.00pm to 8.15pm for juniors (under 13's and older) and from 8.15pm to 9.45pm for seniors. All new and existing members welcome. Please contact Steve Crosthwaite on: 07540 969547 or Tom Perks on: 07792 006382, alternatively contact Andy Wood on: 07530 804020 for further details.

Junior practice this season will be on Friday evenings (not Sunday mornings as in previous years). Registration/first practice will be on Friday, 26th April from 6.00pm. For further details please contact Tom Perks (number above).

The cricket club have tickets available for a 50 over game (coloured clothing/white ball) between Warwickshire and Yorkshire on Good Friday, 19th April (11:00am start). Tickets cost just £5 per adult, £1 for under 16. Anyone in the village who would be interested in tickets please contact Martyn Rawbone on: ~ 332179.

Lastly please 'save the date' for Saturday 15th June, when the club host a live outdoor evening band event at the ground. Get your ticket order in early by contacting Nick Brooks on: 07737 101671.

Known early season home fixtures:

Sat 4/5 - 1st team v Lapworth

Sun 5/5 - Sunday friendly v Bishops Tachbrook

Sat 11/5 - 2nd team v Blockley

For further information see the club website:

www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk

Long Itchington Football Club

Long Itch. FC are a Sunday league team playing in Leamington & District Division 2 who are well established with a long history. We currently have around 20 players from in and around Long Itchington, and we are passionate about the game and enjoy having a laugh both on and off the pitch. Over the past three years, the club has seen promotion from Division 4 to Division 2 and we are striving to reach Division 1 and beyond!

WE WANT YOU! As a local club we really want to be the heart of the community. We would love to see as many people as possible watching our games on Sunday mornings (kick-off at 10:30am). For more information you can email: longitchingtonfc@gmail.com, or call: 07525 654959.

Upcoming fixtures:

17th Mar: Long Itch. FC vs. Ettington Rovers (Home), kick-off 10.30am

24th Mar: Long Itch. FC vs. Kineton (Home), kick-off 10.30am

Wildlife News

We would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help plant 250 tree whips during February. The tree whips have been planted to help restore old hedgerow along the boundaries of Bascote Road Community Nature Reserve and Whites Spinney. If you would like to know more then please visit our website: www.longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk, or email us at: mail@longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk

We would like to ask everyone to make room for hedgehogs in their gardens this year. Hedgehog numbers nationally are in severe decline, so if you can leave a hole under your garden fence to allow hedgehogs to move freely and keep a lookout for them crossing the roads at night, this would all help. Any sightings should be reported to the National Hedgehog Survey. A survey of hedgehogs will be taking place later this year at the LILAC field using footprint tunnels, if you find one of the tunnels please do not disturb them.

Fly Tipping

In the event you see or find an incidence of fly tipping follow this advice from Stratford District Council:

Do not approach the person carrying out the fly tipping but do try to remember and record any details including:

- date, time and location of the occurrence
- what the waste looked like and how much was there
- description of the person(s) or vehicle involved and registration details
- take a photograph if possible

Never touch the waste or remove anything from the area. Report information to the district council via phone on: 01789 260616, alternatively email: streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or go online.

Play Areas Refurbished

Green End and Short Lane play areas are being renovated and partly refurbished. Using monies from HS2, the Parish Council and from the new development at Lilac View we are able to provide safe and exciting play for the community's children. The design of the Green End play area has been greatly influenced by feedback from users. Please note that both play areas will be closed while works take place and this may last for three weeks.

Expanded Car Park – LILAC field

Plans are afoot to expand the car park at the LILAC field (Marton Road). Planning permission will be applied for and volunteers are needed to help with the work in the Spring. If you feel you would like to help with preparing the ground and other manual tasks, please contact the parish office on: ~ 815216.

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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Website: www.longitchington.org.uk