



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

May 2019 – July 2019

Published
bi-monthly by the
Long Itchington
Parish Council
(Phone: ~ 815216)
[parishcouncil@
longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

INSIDE

Calendar of
Events p2

Church and
Chapel News .. p3

Other
Community
News p4

Diary Dates

The next LI Diary will
run from:

Sunday 14th July –
Saturday 14th
September, inclusive

Please send any
contributions by:

Tuesday 2nd July

to:

**Victoria Baker
the editor:**

lipcdiary@gmail.com

**Or phone:
~ 815216**

Election Result for the Parish

The election for Long Itchington Parish Councillors was uncontested. Seven councillors were elected to serve for another four years: Louis Adam, Barbara Atkins, Ian Briggs, Linda Clark, Richard Jackson, Sally Shillitoe and Jon Venn. Alex Smith has stepped down and we thank him very much for his contribution over the last few months.

There are two vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. More information will follow in due course. People interested in this should ring the parish clerks on: ~ 815216.

Thank you, Anne Fessi

After four years as a parish councillor, Anne Fessi has stepped down as she is moving out of the village. We wish to thank her very sincerely for all her hard work and thoughtful ideas. She will be missed.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, which reflects the feedback we have received from residents and local businesses, has now been sent to Stratford District Council for an initial review. Once this is completed and any alterations made, the next step will be formal submission to Stratford District Council.

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM held on Saturday 6th April 2019, was very well attended and had displays from 13 village organisations – a record for this meeting! We were delighted to present Les Tooby with a Community Award and one posthumously for his wife, Jill, as well. The presentation charts for the event can be found on our website:
www.longitchington.org.uk

Reporting Crime

Please can residents ensure that as well as highlighting crimes on social media they also directly report to the police. Dial 101 after the event or to report suspicious behaviour. If you see or know of a crime in progress dial 999.

Even if there is no obvious follow-up, all calls and information are logged and it helps to build up a picture. This can help with the investigation of other crimes and may help police to understand patterns of crime in the parish.

Election Result for District Council

Four applicants stood to become the next district Councillor for the ward of Long Itchington and Stockton and Louis Adam was duly elected to serve on behalf of the Liberal Democrats.

The Diary

Over the last few months we have received fewer and fewer articles for the Diary. It is the only means of getting your message or event into every household in the Parish. Please support it or it may not be worth continuing.

Carnival Day, Monday 27th May

Please see the enclosed flyer which explains everything you need to know for the Carnival this year. It would be great to see lots of people supporting this long-running event and making it another successful year.

Property Marking events

We have had two successful property marking events in Long Itchington and have distributed more than 50 lots of smart water and security marked many bicycles. More events will follow.

We were surprised that no-one came forward to ask for a home visit because of being house-bound. This service is still on offer. Just phone: ~ 815216 to enquire.

Fly-tipping

It is very annoying to see fly-tipping continue to spoil our beautiful village. You can report it to Stratford District Council, and they are very quick to respond. Go to:
www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/fly-tipping.cfm

Car Security

Before the Easter break, a car was accidentally left unlocked outside the Community Centre. On returning to the car, the driver found the driver-door open and the glove compartment and visor were down, so obviously someone had been searching the car for valuables.

Nothing was taken, but we urge all visitors to the school and the Community Centre to ensure that cars are securely locked and all valuables are either removed or placed out of sight.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- Sat 18th Nature conservation session, Bascote Road Scrubs Community Nature Reserve, 2.00pm
Napton Golf Society Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Thurs 23rd European Elections (*to be confirmed*)
- Mon 27th Long Itchington Carnival, all floats assembled by 12noon at the Harvester Pub
- Wed 29th Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

JUNE

- Wed 5th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Fri 7th 'D-Day Dash', Galanos House, 10.00am
- Wed 12th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
- Thurs 13th 'Wild Orchid' walk, meet at Community Centre, 6.00pm (*provisional*)
- Sat 15th 'Party on the Pitch', Cricket Club, 7.00pm
- Sat 15th – Sun 16th Long Itchington Open Gardens, 12noon – 5.00pm
- Wed 19th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 26th Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

JULY

- Wed 3rd Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 6th Brownies Teas at Four Farthings House, 2.00 – 4.00pm
'Warwickshire Singers' concert in the Church, 7.00pm
- Wed 10th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
- Wed 17th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

SAVE THE DATE

The History group returns from its Summer hiatus on 11th September with the talk '*Fetch the Engine, Southam Volunteer Fire Brigade*', 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

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 Joint benefice service on 30th June, will be held at St Esprit Church, Marton, 10.45am

Wednesday mornings in term time, Holy Communion, at Holy Trinity, 10.00am

Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on 26th May, 9th June (with communion), 23rd June, 14th July (with communion) at 10.00am.
- Coffee drop-in & sale, 6th June, 4th July, 10.00am – 12noon.
- Evening Worship on 19th & 26th May, 9th June (with communion), 16th June, 23rd June, 30th June & 14th July (with communion) at 6.15pm.
- People's Hour, 21st May, 4th & 18th June, 2nd July at 2.30pm.

For special events at the Church and Chapel see page 3.

Community Centre 100 Club Lottery

The 100 Club year is coming to an end with two more draws to come (May and June). It is envisaged that over £680 will have been added to our current draw fund to go towards improving facilities in the Community Centre. Thank you to everyone who took part in the draw during the year.

If you would like to be included in next year's draw which starts in July please contact Linda Clark on: ~ 814255 or email: linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com for further information.

Brownies news

Water Safety with the RNLI, Brownie Camp, and a traditional sing song round the camp fire, there is loads happening at Brownies this term. Not forgetting teas at Four Farthings (Jenny Allen's House) on Saturday 6th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm to raise money for Molly Olly's Wishes! Please come along.

Girlguiding needs YOU! Could you be a leader for Brownies or a new Rainbows unit hopefully starting in the village in September? It is an unpaid, voluntary role but a fun one with lots of adventures! If you're interested, please email: longitchbrownies@gmail.com.

Green End and Short Lane play areas

Both play areas are now open having been fully refurbished and updated with additional new equipment which has been designed to offer stimulating play for a wider range of ages.

The Parish Council Open Spaces workgroup successfully secured funds to ensure these projects were completed. The money was acquired from various sources including a grant from the HS2 Community and Environment Fund, '106 monies' from the Lilac View development and additional funding from the Parish Council.

The second phase of the Green End refurbishment programme is to upgrade the public toilets and this work is planned to start within the next few weeks.

Operation Christmas Child has become a whole year's event in the Chapel.

After a short break, the empty shoe boxes have been appearing and idle hands have been pleased to wrap the boxes to make them cheerful. Friends of the Chapel have donated small items to put into the boxes and Gwen Garret, the co-ordinator has been knitting and filling them.

I recently read a story written by someone who had visited one of the countries that had received our boxes. It said "...we were welcomed and given refreshment and bread by people who could hardly feed themselves. The first church I visited was a thick concrete box. The room was decorated for New Year. The children were taught about the love of God and just before we gave them the boxes they acted out the story of the Good Samaritan for us. If ever I saw Matthew 25:40 in action, it was there."

Warm hats, gloves and scarves are most welcome. Stationery is also appreciated because they have none. The children really love balls for play and sweets. If you would like to help with donations for the boxes, please contact Marion on: 07812 804924.

Special dates

22nd May Galanos House service, 2.45pm
2nd June Songs of Praise, 3.30pm

Open Gardens Weekend

There are 14 gardens open to the public on 15th and 16th June from 12noon to 5.00pm. Tickets for all 14 will be £7 for adults and are free for children. You can buy tickets on the day from the Church or the Community Centre or from any of the participating gardens. We will be uploading a map showing the gardens onto the website nearer the time.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help at the event whether that's making cakes for the refreshments team at Holy Trinity Church, putting up signs, stewarding car parks or collecting entrance fees. We hope to receive lots of visitors, so there's plenty to do.

We still need more helpers so if you can spare a couple of hours that weekend then do please contact group coordinators Steve & Adrienne Mitchell at: mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk or call: ~ 812210.

Keep a look out for posters and leaflets about the scheme and Long Itchington's participation which will be on display around the village from mid-May.

The National Open Gardens scheme was founded in 1927, initially to support district nurses. Currently, it contributes towards, amongst others, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Hospice UK. In 2018 the scheme made a record annual donation of £3.1 million to these nursing and health charities. Please support this wonderful cause.

Calling all bakers!

The Open Gardens event on the 15th and 16th June will need a large number of cakes which will be sold in the Church each day for visitors. If you would like to help by baking a cake (or two!) we would be delighted. Please contact Mary Heath on: ~ 811958 or Sue Myhill on: ~ 814050 to learn more.

We are currently arranging the date of our next 'Messy' Church, so please look out to see when this will happen. Also, our Thursday afternoon teas are now available from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in church each week (unless the church building is needed as a polling station). We are also open on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon during the village 'Open Garden' weekend to serve tea, coffee and cakes, on the 15th and 16th June, please do join us.

The Warwickshire Singers have a concert in the church at 7.00pm on Saturday 6th July, details of tickets will be advertised nearer the time. For further information of our worship and events, you can search Facebook for 'Holy Trinity Church Long Itchington' or look at: www.facebook.com/holytrinitylongitchington and 'Like' us. Alternatively, everyone is welcome to pop into the church to catch up with what is going on.

If you have any questions or need further information on having a baptism/christening or weddings in your local church, please contact Revd Jane Everitt on: ~ 717909

Special dates

30th May Ascension Day – Holy Communion in church, 7.00pm
2nd - 9th June Prayer stations for the prayer initiative: 'Thy Kingdom Come' in church, 9.00am to 4.00pm
16th June 'Trinity' Sunday, Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Church: Holy Communion, 9.30am

Summer walking

With a return to warmer weather there is a chance to once again enjoy the now annual Wild Orchid Walk. As always this is weather dependent, both in terms of the actual walk and the development of the orchids. A provisional date has been set for Thursday 13th June meeting at 6.00pm at the Community Centre.

This summer a 'treasure hunt/mission' is to be developed using geocache technology. Two courses are being designed - day and night challenges. It will be accessed online and is aimed at the full range of school students from four to 18. Parents are also encouraged to get actively involved. The activities will be self-managed to be undertaken at any time of the day. The trails launch in mid-August in the form of a competition.

Further information is available from: www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk. Alternatively, email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com or phone: ~ 815119

Nature Conservation Session

As part of the continuing creation of the nature reserve at Bascote Road Scrubs, there is another opportunity to help. We are looking for volunteers to complete a range of tasks on Saturday 18th May from 2.00pm, varying from footpath work to habitat creation, no experience is necessary. The tasks to be undertaken are suitable for all age groups, all that is needed is a willingness to get stuck in! Please bring spades, gloves and suitable footwear.

The reserve can be found on Bascote Road, just south of the old railway line. Please be aware car parking is limited. For more information about the reserve and wildlife within the parish then please visit our website: www.longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk.

Cricket Club News and Fixtures

The cricket club are hosting an outdoor event on Saturday, 15th June from 7.00pm. 'Party on the Pitch' includes a BBQ and a live performance from 'The Above Average Weight Band'. Tickets are £5 in advance and £7 on the gate. For tickets please contact Jo Crosthwaite on: 07810 754967.

Please see the website:
www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk for any other information.

Cotswold Hills League – First XI, Premier Division

| Date | Opposition | Venue |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 18 th May | Overbury | Home |
| 25 th May | Bretforton | Away |
| 1 st June | Exhall & Wixford | Home |
| 8 th June | Wellesbourne | Home |
| 15 th June | Shipston-on-Stour | Away |
| 22 nd June | Alcester & Ragley | Home |
| 29 th June | Kineton | Away |
| 6 th July | Lapworth | Away |
| 13 th July | Norton Lindsey | Home |

All matches start at 1.30pm

Cotswold Hills League – Second XI, Division Three

| Date | Opposition | Venue |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 18 th May | Stanway | Away |
| 25 th May | Broadway | Home |
| 1 st June | Ebrington | Away |
| 8 th June | Ashorne | Away |
| 15 th June | Earlwood III | Home |
| 22 nd June | Shipston-on-Stour II | Away |
| 29 th June | Mickleton | Home |
| 6 th July | The Lenches | Home |
| 13 th July | Blockley | Away |

All matches start at 1.30pm

Long Itchington Football

The season is now finished. For more information about this thriving club please see our Instagram and Twitter accounts: @longitchfc, you can also find us on Facebook. Alternatively you can email: longitchingtonfc@gmail.com

Quiz Night

Napton Golf Society are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm at the Community Centre in aid of Parkinson's UK. Teams of four, £6.00 per person. To book your place please contact Simon Cobley on: ~ 815455, alternatively: 07970 275528.

Knit and Natter

Meets at 7.30pm every Monday in The Green Man, everyone is welcome to join.

The Calendar Group

The 2019 calendar sold out which was marvellous news and meant that with the c.£1,000 profit we could give donations to many village organisations. We urgently need good photographs of the parish for the 2020 calendar. Send your contributions to: batkins5691@googlemail.com. Please send as high a spec as possible.

History Group Summer Hiatus

The History Group talks have ended for the Summer and will start again in September 2019. The group meets once a month and now has a website, please go to: www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk to see what talks are planned.

Church Teas

These continue throughout the summer on Thursday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. A great way to meet people and pass a way a couple of hours with tea and cake.

Galanos House D-Day Dash Bike Ride

'D-Day Dash' takes place on Friday 7th June at 10.00am until completion. It is a unique way to raise money and commemorate 75 years since D-Day. Using state-of-the-art static recumbent bikes based in the reception area of the home, competitors will be aiming to complete a distance of 205 miles. This is the equivalent to riding from Southam to the D-Day Museum in Arromanches, France. All funds raised will go to the Amenities Fund, which provides the residents with opportunities (trips, entertainment, personal care & support) to further enhance their lives.

To take part enquire at Galanos House Reception, or telephone: ~ 812185. To sponsor the event, pick up a sponsorship form from Galanos House or donate at: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/d-daydashsponsoredbikeride

Ways to keep in touch

We now have a new website - www.longitchington.org.uk, which has lots of useful information about the parish.

You can also visit our Facebook page: *Long Itchington Parish Council*. And if you want to receive updates on local events, and matters of interest in Long Itchington please do sign up by emailing: parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

You will receive one or two emails every week and can use this as a platform to advertise local events for your group.

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