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Long Itchington Village Gardens

Two days, 14 gardens, over 70 volunteers, 150 cakes and almost 900 visitors. It all added up to a wonderful weekend when the village took part in the National Open Gardens Scheme on June 15th & 16th. The worst of the June weather couldn't dampen spirits, with garden owners and visitors happily dodging showers and retreating to the church for welcome tea and cakes.

The entire project benefited from a great deal of support from many villagers and we are extremely grateful to everyone who made cakes and volunteered to help serve refreshments, attended to car park duties and organised signage. It was so rewarding to see the crowds of visitors enjoying our village and all it has to offer, while helping us raise a grand total of £6585.54 for the NGS's nominated nursing charities. This included a very generous contribution of £945, which was half the total proceeds from the church refreshments. So many people commented on how much they enjoyed the variety of gardens on show and particularly how friendly and welcoming they found our village.

There are plenty more gardens to enjoy across the county this summer, so look out for the NGS Warwickshire booklets that are still available at several places around Long Itchington or contact Steve & Adrienne Mitchell on: ~ 812210 or mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk, for a copy.

Thank you for Open Gardens

The Parish Council wishes to warmly thank everyone who made Open Gardens such a massive success. Garden owners and volunteers all played their part, but we wish to highlight Adrienne and Steve Mitchell who worked tirelessly to oversee and organise this enormous event.

It set a new standard for parish-wide events and served to bring residents together in a very positive way.

Volunteers needed at Lilac Field

During week commencing 22nd July we plan to create a larger car park at the Marton Road/Lilac Field car park. We need volunteers to help who have some of the following skills: manual handling, team coordination and/or any experience with site vehicles. If you are free, willing and able, please contact Louis Adam on: louis.adam@longitchington.org.uk or phone: 07535 750133.

Holy Trinity Churchyard

The church wardens are pleased to inform you that the Parochial Church Council has approved the restoration of all the gravestones laid down on our recent inspection. The repairs will be carried out on site by an approved stonemason in the coming weeks. We apologise in advance if there is any undue noise but we assure you all that it will be kept to a minimum.

It is with deep regret that we also have to raise the issue of dog fouling in the churchyard, however it has become a very real problem of late. One day last week for example, there were four separate incidents of dog fouling that occurred over a 24-hour period.

Not only is it distasteful, but it is hazardous to anyone working in the churchyard or attending a grave, not to mention pram wheels and children's bikes/scooters which can become contaminated.

We have made polite requests in the past which we reiterate again here, *please pick up after your dog when in the churchyard!*

Boundary maintenance

This is a polite reminder to all villagers that it is a property owner's and/or resident's responsibility to ensure that all hedges or trees that originate from a home or business and overhang public land are cut back regularly. Particular care must be taken to greenery that borders pathways, please ensure the public can still walk safely on these pathways. Please also attend to trees or hedges that have the potential to obscure streetlights and road signs.

Parking on pavements is anti-social

Whilst parking on pavements is not illegal you can still be fined. There have been a few instances within the parish recently. Please spare a thought for the elderly, the disabled, children and people with buggies. This behaviour is very inconsiderate and may be reported to the Police by other residents.

Parish Council procedure for reviewing planning applications

In future all planning applications will be considered by the PC planning group on the third Wednesday of each month from 5.30pm – 6.00pm in the Community Centre or from 7.00pm before general Parish Council meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Residents are welcome to attend. If there are no planning applications that week, there will not be a planning group meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- Wed 17th Parish Council Planning Committee, Community Centre, 5.30pm – 6.00pm, *NB if required*
Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Fri 19th Summer school term ends
- Mon 22nd Works on Lilac Field car park begins
- Sat 27th Nature conservation session, Bascote Road Scrubs Community Nature Reserve, 2.00pm
- Wed 31st Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

AUGUST

- Wed 14th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
- Wed 21st Parish Council Planning Committee, Community Centre, 5.30pm – 6.00pm, *NB if required*
Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 28th Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm
- Fri 30th Deadline for dog fouling poster competition

SEPTEMBER

- Tues 3rd Autumn school terms begins
- Wed 4th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Sun 8th Autumn walk, led by our local wildlife warden, meet at the pond, 11.00am
- Wed 11th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
History Group, 'Fetch the Engine, Southam Volunteer Fire Brigade', Community Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 18th Parish Council Planning Committee, Community Centre, 5.30pm – 6.00pm, *NB if required*
Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

History Group news

The Long Itchington History Group meets every second Wednesday from September to May at 7.30pm, at the Community Centre. Our next meeting on 11th September, is based on a recent exhibition held at the Southam Heritage Collection titled 'Fetch the Engine, Southam Volunteer Fire Brigade'.

Southam retains its Volunteer Fire Service and this talk explores the origins and major disasters in its history. Further information on our 2019/20 programme is available on:
www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk

Long Itchington Community Centre 100 Club Lottery

The 100 Club Lottery exists to provide funds for the up-keep of the Community Centre. There is a monthly draw with cash prizes starting at £10, and a super draw of £100 annually if funds permit. It costs £12.00 per year if you join in June/July. This purchases one number which is then included in each of the 12 monthly draws.

If you are interested in joining please contact Linda Clark on: ~ 814255 or email: linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com.

Save the Date I

The annual Harvest Supper takes place at Holy Trinity Church on Friday, 4th October, more details will be available closer to the date.

Save the Date II

There will be a 70s themed party on Saturday 12th October to celebrate 40 years of the Community Centre. Dig out your flares and practice your disco moves!

Roadworks

We are told that www.roadworks.org is now a more reliable source of local information on planned roadworks. Try it out...

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

Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on 14th & 28th July, 11th & 25th Aug, 8th Sept at 10.00am.
Coffee drop-in & sale, 1st Aug, 5th Sept, 10.00am – 12noon.
Evening Worship on 14th & 28th July, 11th, 18th & 25th Aug, 8th Sept at 6.15pm.
People's Hour on 3rd Sept at 2.30pm.

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

Long Itchington Youth Club

We run every Monday evening during term time at the Community Centre from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. We welcome any child nine years upwards. We have lots of activities on offer including games, crafts, bingo, X-box, table tennis and much more. We also have a well stocked tuck shop.

Entrance costs £1 and we look forward to welcoming new members.

For more information please contact Nicky Bodfish on: ~ 815988.

Women's Hour (also known as People's Hour) is reaching 50 years so it is a good time to celebrate. In spite of the name ladies and gentlemen meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. It is a friendship group with interesting speakers, an occasional quiz or a visiting choir. Twice a year there is a charity 'bring and buy' sale and also a lunch out. Members pay £5 subs for the year and a raffle is used to boost funds at each session. At the end of the meeting we have refreshments. The first meeting following the summer break will be on the 3rd September. All are welcome and for more information please contact Nan Myhill on: ~814443.

Special dates

16 th July	People's Hour, lunch out, 12noon for 12.30pm start
21 st July	Church Anniversary, with the Windmill Singers, 3.30pm
3 rd Aug	'Rock and Roll' with Rav and Jaki, 2.00pm – 4.00pm
31 st Aug	Tea and home-made cakes will be available during the sale of tickets (£7.00) for the Harvest Supper, 2.00 – 4.00pm
1 st Sept	Harvest Festival, 3.30pm
6 th Sept	Harvest Supper, 7.00pm

Walks and Rights of Way Maintenance

Warm weather and rain has certainly encouraged the growth of vegetation in the last two months, but thanks to a team of volunteers the Rights of Way remain clear and signposted. Appreciation also goes to property and landowners who make this task easier by keeping paths clear across their land. The annual Wildflower Walk was well supported; although conditions have not been ideal for orchid growth this year there was still plenty to see and many thanks goes to the volunteers who led this walk.

The next walk will be on Sunday 8th September meeting at the pond at 11.00am. We are pleased that local Wildlife Warden Phillip Claydon will lead this walk. Further information is available on the Parish Council website and www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk. Alternatively, email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com or phone: ~ 815119.

Long Itchington Educational Foundation

The Trustees will be making grants available for young people from the village on higher educational or vocational courses. If you are on a course or have an unconditional offer from a college or university you may be eligible. The grants are *not* generally available to students on GCSE or A level courses. The Trustees stipulate that students should have lived a minimum of one year in the parish and be under 25 years of age.

Further details are available on the Parish Council website, www.longitchington.org.uk, where you can also download an application form. Completed applications should be sent to Peter Myhill, Secretary to the Trustees at: 2 Lime Croft, Church Road, Long Itchington CV47 9PG, or email: nanandpeter@btinternet.com.

The deadline for completed applications is the 30th September, 2019.

We are your village church, but also a part of the Southam Deanery and the Diocese of Coventry. If you are visiting Coventry, please remember that there is free admission into the cathedral. Holy Trinity church is open every day from 10.00am to 4.00pm, so please feel free to come in, have a look around and take the opportunity to reflect with a quiet prayer, or maybe place a prayer or the name of a loved one on our prayer tree.

For further details of our worship and events please see the village notice board, our weekly news bulletin (available in church each week) or search Facebook for 'Holy Trinity Church Long Itchington' for information, you can also 'Like' us on Facebook if you wish to.

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

18 th Aug	Church BBQ, 1.00pm, please look out for further details nearer the time
Thursdays	Afternoon teas at the Church, every Thursday, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, all welcome

Wildlife news

The Hedgehog survey continues at the LILAC field showing that our prickly friends are making good use of the habitat available. Hedgehogs need our help so if you see one please report it to the People's Trust for Endangered Species, via: www.ptes.org, which will help provide valuable information about our local/national populations. Also have you seen a snake lately? We are interested in finding out how our resident reptiles are managing, if you have seen any lizards, or snakes within the parish then please let us know by emailing: mail@longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk.

As part of the continuing creation of the Bascote Road Scrubs Community Nature Reserve, there is another opportunity to help on Saturday 27th July at 2.00pm, join us to help get the reserve closer to completion. There will be many tasks varying from footpath work to habitat creation, no experience is necessary and everyone is welcome! The tasks to be undertaken are suitable for all age groups; 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: longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk. If you have any queries please contact us at the email address provided above.

Brownies news

Brownies have had a really brilliant summer term, including a rather damp camp a few weeks ago before the summer really got started! We are nearly at capacity now but you can still register your daughter for Brownies, and for a new Rainbows Unit starting in September. Just go to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> or why not volunteer to join us as a leader? <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/volunteer-roles-in-guiding/>

Cricket Club News and Fixtures

The cricket club would like to remind people to 'Save the Date' for their popular Christmas Quiz which is being held on Friday, 6th December this year. More details to follow in further editions of the diary.

Cotswold Hills League – First XI, Premier Division

Date	Opposition	Venue
27 th July	Bretforton	Home
17 th Aug	Shipston-on-Stour	Home
31 st Aug	Kineton	Home

All matches start at 1.30pm

Cotswold Hills League – Second XI, Division Three

Date	Opposition	Venue
20 th July	Stanway	Home
3 rd Aug	Ebrington	Home
10 th Aug	Ashorne	Home
24 th Aug	Shipston-on-Stour II	Home

All matches start at 1.30pm

Please see the club's website:
www.longitchingtoncricketclub.org.uk for any other information and further fixtures (both home and away).

Parish Council Office

The office will not be open on all days during the summer holidays. There will be a notice on the door with clerks' availability and this will be published on the website. If your enquiry is urgent please contact Barbara Atkins (Chair) on: ~ 814921 or Jon Venn (Vice-Chair) on: ~ 812248. Please note the Council will not be meeting in August.

Anyone for tennis?

The village has a small, friendly group of tennis players of all ages and standards. New players are always welcome and membership works out at less than £1 a week for adults and only £16 a year for juniors. You can access the courts at any time and professional coaching is available.

For more details please see:
www.longitchingtontennis.weebly.com or contact Christine Williams on: ~ 811143.

"Flushed with Success!"

The new public toilets at Green End are taking shape and should be completed by the middle of August if all goes according to plan. There will be two unisex toilets, one of which will have disabled access. Most of the finance for this project has come from HS2 and 106 monies from new housing developments. A small portion has been taken from PC funds. There will be a grand opening/flushing ceremony in due course!

From District Councillor Louis Adam

In the past couple of months, I have been trying to break into the issues that prompted me to become a district councillor.

I share the concerns of residents about the impact the HS2 works are already having. More accountability and better communication from the contractors is what we all want to achieve and I have been to several coordination meetings with HS2 and other essential parties to try and achieve this.

Stratford District Council have many new initiatives for helping to prevent rural crime. These include property marking events and security equipment loans and there are a number of events coming up locally to help promote these schemes. I encourage everyone in the area to look into them.

Funding for more infrastructure in the district is being secured, but I want to see this rolled out sooner rather than later to support residents. With a threshold limit set we need Cabinet at the District Council to say when this will be reached, so that we are not waiting for services that we already need.

There are moves to put forward a motion to declare a climate emergency at District Council level. We are keen to see assessment of the environmental impacts of every major decision being made on the agenda and have been working with local groups to achieve this.

Please feel free to get in touch via email:
louis.adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk or phone: 07971 342940.

Calling all budding artists between six and 16 who love Long Itchington!

Could you design a poster that the Parish Council could use around the village to remind irresponsible dog owners to pick up their dog's poo and bin it, and to also keep their dogs on a lead in the village?

There will be prizes for the designs the Parish Council think would work well and be effective; plus the satisfaction that you are doing something to help your community. The winning entries will be printed and used around the Parish and on the website.

- entries should be on A4 paper
- make them bright, colourful and eye-catching
- make sure the message is clear - can you think of a catchy slogan?
- put your name on the back with contact details for you and your parent/guardian
- please put in an envelope clearly marked – "Poo Poster Competition"
- examples of posters are available on the village website
- entries should reach the parish office by Friday 30th August – there is a post-box
- For further information contact: ~ 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. **Please note the summer opening times above.**

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