



THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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The next LI Diary will run from:

Saturday, 18th January - Saturday 14th March, 2020

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Recent flooding and sewage problems

It won't have escaped anyone's attention that various parts of the village have suffered enormous issues recently with regards to the leaking of sewage and flooding. The Parish Council have recently contacted all the relevant agencies to try and find a solution to stop this happening. At a multi-agency meeting on the 6th November it became very clear that there is no quick fix to these issues. Inevitably a very old drainage and sewage removal infrastructure is now creaking under the strain of increased dwellings and several periods of heavy rain.

It seems that there is no one cause. We ask residents to bear with us whilst we continue to try and get agencies to solve this. But it will take some time. In the meantime, should you experience untoward leaking of sewage on or outside your property or unfortunate smells of sewage or unexplained bubbling up of water in toilets please immediately contact Severn Trent Water at: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/> or phone: 0800 783 4444. It would be useful for us to know about these incidents so that we can keep a record to help us lobby for change.

If the village pump is needed please contact: 07935 336329.

Improvements to roadside – A423

Over the autumn period Warwickshire County Council Highways will be working on behalf of the Parish Council to improve the landscape on the western side of the A423 opposite Grasmere and the Long Itch Diner. Work will include undertaking overdue tree maintenance as well as repairs to the fence between the footpath and the adjoining land.

New arrangements for garden waste proposed

From 1 June 2020, the District Council proposes to introduce an annual £40 charge per wheeled bin or equivalent sacks for the fortnightly collection of garden waste throughout the year. A 5% discount in the first year would be offered to those residents who set up an annual Direct Debit for the service. A free compost bin will be offered to residents who are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction and who choose not to participate in the service. Residents can take part in an online survey up until 19th November by going to: www.stratford.gov.uk/gardenwasteconsultation

Drainage: Please be considerate in what you flush!

Severn Trent have been called out a number of times to properties in Church Road with drain and toilet blockages. It has been discovered that the cause of the blockages are usually further up the line from the property where the blockages are occurring; one such incident saw solid waste backed up in the main sewer caused by the presence of wipes. **This is a reminder to all residents to take care to ensure that only toilet paper and human waste is flushed down the toilet.** In general, no wipes, towels, cotton wool/buds are flushable. It is also preferable to not place fats or oils down a drain. Instead, drain off the liquid onto a newspaper or kitchen paper towel, allow to set, before placing in the green bin.

Beware of scammers!

A resident received a phone call recently from someone claiming to be from the *Police Federation*. They wanted to make an appointment to visit her to install a free monitor in her home which would give her more direct access to the police in an emergency. She realised straightaway that they were trying to trick her into letting them into her home. She called the police who visited her and agreed that this was a scam. Please be very alert to such scams and do not let unknown people into your home or respond to unasked requests like this. It may be that the elderly are more vulnerable to this so please help neighbours and friends, and spread the word.

Green End Toilets

We are delighted to announce that the public toilets at Green End are open for use. There are two uni-sex toilets. Facilities for nappy changing and disabled access are two of the new features. This project was long overdue and with monies from HS2 and the Parish Council we are very pleased to boast the most up to date facilities in Warwickshire!! Please help us look after them. A huge thank you must go to Cllr. Richard Jackson for organising and over-seeing this project.

CCTV

Alongside the new toilets and revamped play area at Green End we now have CCTV to help protect our parish's assets. If you witness anti-social or suspicious behaviour, please let us know.

Skate ramp gets a make-over

The skate ramp at Green End is to be resurfaced making it much easier and safer to use.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Wed 20th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 27th Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm (*no meeting in December*)
Fri 29th Film Night, the Community Centre, 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)
Sat 23rd – *Tree planting, Lilac Field, see page 4 for more details*
Sat 30th

DECEMBER

- Fri 6th Cricket Club Christmas Quiz, Community Centre, 7.00pm
Sat 7th Christmas Tree Festival & Christmas Market, the Church, 11.00am – 3.00pm
Christmas Tree lights switch on, the Green, 6.00pm
Sun 8th Christmas Tree Festival, the Church, 11.00am – 3.00pm
Mon 9th Father Christmas visits on his sleigh, (*details page 3*) from 5.30pm
Tues 10th Father Christmas visits on his sleigh, (*details page 3*) from 5.30pm
Wed 11th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
History Group, Christmas Social, (with Quiz & Refreshments)
Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thurs 12th General Election
Mon 16th Carols at the Green Man, with the Saxophone Group, 7.30pm
Wed 18th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

JANUARY

- Wed 1st New Year's Day walks, meet at the Green Man, 11.00am, (*further details to right*)
Wed 8th Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm
History Group, '*Wheels, deals and uphill water: Wheelwright to Lock Keeper*', Community Centre, 7.30pm
Thurs 9th Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
(*NB: please note new date*)
Wed 15th Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Film Night

The next film to show at the popular 'Film Night' at the Community Centre will be '*The Guernsey Potato Peel Pie and Literary Society*', a lovely film about the Second World War.

The film will play on Friday, 29th November at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm). Tickets are £5 and are available from Margaret Bailey on: ~ 814397 or Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751.

Transport can be pre-booked for parish residents and refreshments are on sale during the evening including wine, beer and soft drinks.

Start the New Year Walking with Friends and Family

The now well supported walks on New Year's Day is being offered again. Last year saw the highest turnout ever with over 70 people taking part - will there be even more this year? The event is open to everyone regardless of age and fitness.

Meet at the Green Man at 11.00am before heading off on one of at least four walks – each of different lengths. Hot soup and a roll awaits on return (£1.50).

If you are interested in coming along please contact Brian Smith on: ~ 815119 or email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com.

It is useful to have numbers in advance so that walks can be planned, and a firm food order can be placed with the Green Man.

Save the date

- April 25th Annual Parish Meeting – now is the time to start thinking about Community Recognition awards nominations

You can receive regular updates on all parish news by [subscribing to regular emails](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com) from the Parish Council – email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com

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
Every Wednesday at 10.00am in term time, said service of Holy Communion in Church.

Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on 24th Nov, 8th Dec & 12th Jan at 10.00am.
Coffee drop-in & sale, 19th Dec & 9th Jan, 10.00am – 12noon.
Evening Service, 17th & 24th Nov, 8th Dec, 12th Jan at 6.15pm.
People's Hour on 3rd Dec & 7th Jan at 2.30pm.

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

Long Itchington Educational Foundation

There were 17 applications for grants from LIEF which is considerably down on last year. The grants were £170 each and were issued to young people on both academic and vocational courses. In addition to the individual awards, the trustees also contributed £500 towards music lessons at Long Itchington Church of England Academy, as well as tuition in playing musical instruments. We wish our young people every success in their chosen courses.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank those who prepare the Long Itchington Diary that advertise the services and events that take place in the Chapel as well as covering information that is relevant to the whole village. During November the Shoe Boxes were filled with gifts for children around the world who without the 'Operation Christmas Child' charity would never receive any gifts. Thank you to the Brownies and all the people who have in any way helped to fill the boxes or who have donated towards the transportation, and a special thank you to Gwen who has organised the collection again this year. On behalf of the Chapel members I wish all the diary readers a blessed Christmas.

Special dates

- 19th Nov Meal out, 12noon for 12.30pm start.
- 15th Dec Carol Service, 3.30pm.
- 17th Dec People's Hour Carol Service, 2.30pm.
- 22nd Dec Christingle and light service, 3.30pm.
- 25th Dec Christmas Day Celebration, 10.00am.
- 29th Dec Carol Praise, 3.30pm.

Father Christmas is paying Long Itchington a visit this December...

Southam and District Lions will once again be dusting off Father Christmas' sleigh for his annual visit to the village. Look out for him landing from 5.30pm on Monday, 9th December at Model Village, Wulfstan Drive, Barley Way, Keepers Meadow and Leigh Crescent. He will also be visiting Leather Street, Cox Crescent, Galanos, Short Lane and the Green Man on Tuesday, 10th December from 5.30pm, so there are plenty of opportunities to meet him.

You can follow Father Christmas' journey each evening, through the Southam and District Lions Facebook page.

Book now for the Cricket Club Christmas Quiz

This year's Long Itchington Cricket Club Christmas Quiz is being held on Friday, 6th December at the Long Itchington Community Centre, which will be open from 7.00pm for a 8.00pm prompt start.

You are invited to enter as many teams of four people as you can (and feel free to spread the word) to attend this combined social and fundraising event. If you cannot raise a full team please let the club know and turn up anyway, as we can always find others to make up a team if necessary. Cost remains at £6 per head including a free samosa per person (i.e. £24 per team of 4, including the half-time flier) there will be the usual well-stocked licensed bar, plus a Christmas raffle.

Please contact either Steve Mitchell on: ~ 812210 or e-mail: mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible to reserve your table(s) or Martyn Rawbone on: ~ 332179, email: Martyn.Rawbone@btopenworld.com or Steve Crosthwaite on: ~ 814971, email: sandjcrosthwaite@btinternet.com

Christmas Tree Lights switch on

A big thank you to Richard and Rosie Reeve who are donating a tree for this very special event. The lights will be switched on at 6.00pm on Saturday, 7th December. There will be singing around the tree. Please join us in warm clothing and with torches.

With the year quickly disappearing and the festive season just around the corner, please do not rush, but take time to enjoy all that this special season offers: quality time with loved ones, celebrations with family, friends and neighbours, enjoying all that the festivities promises and remembering the real reason for the season. Christmas begins with Christ, born in a stable, laid in a manger, who would grow up to influence peoples' thoughts and the ways that they would live their life. We at Holy Trinity Church would like to wish everyone in Long Itchington a joyous and blessed time for the coming season and a Happy New Year.

Please come, see and join us, for any or all of the services and events. If you would like further details please see the church and village notice boards, our news bulletin, (available in church each week), your Christmas card (delivered soon), or search Facebook for 'Holy Trinity Church Long Itchington.' If you need any further information, please contact: Revd Jane Everitt on: ~ 717909, or email: revdjane@theeveritts.co.uk

Special dates

- 24th Nov 'Messy Church', *Light of the World*, includes a party tea in church 3.00pm - 5.00pm, all welcome.
- 28th Nov Monthly 'afternoon tea' in church, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.
- 7th Dec Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Market in church 11.00am – 3.00pm.
- 8th Dec *Bishop Christopher leads worship at St Esprit Church, Marton gather at 10.30am.* Christmas Tree Festival in church 11.00am – 3.00pm.
- 16th Dec Christingle Service in church, 6.00pm followed by Carol singing in 'the Green Man', 7.30pm.
- 22nd Dec Carol Service in church at 6.00pm.
- 24th Dec Crib Service at 5.00pm in church. Midnight Holy Communion Service in church at 11.30pm.
- 25th Dec Family Holy Communion Christmas Service in church at 9.30am.
- 29th Dec *Joint benefice service at St Esprit Church, Marton, gather at 10.30am.*

Church Christmas Market

Come along to this annual event held in the Church on Saturday, 7th December 11.00am to 3.00pm and buy your Christmas gifts from a variety of stalls. Items on sale include: Christmas Cakes, Hats, Scarves and Gloves, Jewellery, Beauty and Makeup, Long Itchington Calendars, Upcycling Gifts, Embroidered items, Seasonal Wooden Carved Items, plus the "Ladies of the Village" Stall with all homemade crafts, knitted items, cards and cakes. Father Christmas will be visiting his grotto between 11.00am and 1.00pm and looks forward to seeing the children. Please join us on this very enjoyable occasion and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine in the very festive setting of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Carols in the Green Man

On Monday, 16th December at 7.30pm the Green Man will be hosting "carols" with our very own saxophone group. Do come along and have a mulled wine or a tipples of your fancy!

Long Itchington Women's Institute

The WI holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The meetings usually include a guest speaker along with other activities. This year the WI has had a wide range of speakers and the 2020 programme looks to be just as varied and interesting.

As well as monthly meetings the WI organises regular lunches, a WI book club and other local events and activities. This year members have been taking part in walking netball, learning about playing bowls, had a glorious summer garden party, canal trip and games evening, and have two teams competing in a newly formed local WI darts league with three neighbouring villages. Members have also taken part in a wide range of trips, events and craft activities organised by the Warwickshire Federation of WI's.

Other highlights for Long Itchington WI this year include: first place in the walking floats in the village carnival; travelling to London to take part in the WI lobby of Parliament about climate change; winning the Southam WI Group poster competition and coming second in the Warwickshire county-wide WI Quiz competition.

The WI has welcomed lots of new members in 2019 – many new to the village. If you are interested in joining Long Itchington WI and would like to know more please contact Jenni Venn on: secretary.liwi@gmail.com or phone: ~ 812248.

2020 Calendars

The Long Itchington calendar is now on sale at £6. You can buy them by contacting: ~ 814921 or at the Green Man, Snips or by ordering through the Shop. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday, 7th December. It would be lovely to receive photos of our village in all its Autumnal glory for the 2021 calendar. Please send pictures to: batkins5691@googlemail.com

Grant Applications

LIPC has recently adopted a new grant policy which means that non-profit making organisations within Long Itchington can apply to the Parish Council for funding throughout the year. Each application is considered on its merit, within the terms of the policy. Since the policy has been adopted Long Itchington PC has given grants to The Wednesday Club, Rainbows and Holy Trinity PCC. The policy and application form can be found on the village website:

<https://www.longitchington.org.uk/policies-and-documents/>

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

The workshop will take place at the new scout hut: Etter Lodge, Model Village, CV47 9RB. Tickets are £25; if you are interested contact Maureen: 07917 729477 to secure your place with a £10 deposit. All monies go to the village Scouts.

Noticeboards

It would be really helpful if residents using parish noticeboards to advertise events could remove their notices once the event has happened.

National Tree Week: 23rd November – 1st December 2019

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year). The Tree Council, one of the UK's leading charities for trees, first established National Tree Week in March 1975 in response to the national replanting required after the outbreak of Dutch Elm disease.

To mark National Tree Week, the Woodland Trust are also having an event to plant one million trees in one day! The trust wants everyone to pledge to plant a tree on Saturday 30th November.

As part of National Tree Week, the parish will be making available a limited number of small trees for planting at the Lilac Field. If you are unable to plant a tree at home, why not plant one at the Lilac Field? A tree, bamboo cane and rabbit guard will be provided free of charge. Trees available on a first come, first served basis.

Planting from: Saturday 23rd November to Saturday 30th November 2019. To arrange a convenient time for planting ring or text Tom on: 07879386990 or email: tomatlilacfield@gmail.com

Individuals or small family groups welcome (availability of trees will depend on arrival of supply from The Woodland Trust). For more information on National Tree Week and the Woodland Trust campaign, please visit the websites below:

www.treecouncil.org.uk/Take-Part/National-Tree-Week

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/big-climate-fightback

Poster Competition Winners!

Earlier in the year the LIPC launched a competition aimed at the younger members of our community, to create a poster reminding people to pick up after their dogs.

The Parish Council wishes to express its thanks to all those who entered and sends it warmest congratulations to the competition winners: Brody Crafer, Emily Glanville, Mia Faulkner and Freya Feasey.

The posters these children have designed will be created into official signs and located in a variety of places around the village. It is much appreciated that these young children have taken an interest in keeping their village clean and tidy, and now their artwork will encourage others to do the same.

By way of thanks, the Parish Council have invited them all to its Annual Parish Meeting on Saturday, 25th April 2020 at the Community Centre to receive a special certificate recognising their community spirit.

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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