



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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## Diary Dates

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## HS2 - What you need to know

Parish councillors and others have, for some time, been meeting as a working party exploring the implications of the HS2 programme for our residents. Although the entire project is currently under review, we are aware that there is much work going on around the Parish and in the immediate area that has implications for the way that we can lead our lives locally. It is our objective to keep you as best informed as possible about any changes or potential disruption that construction will cause.

As is the case with any large-scale construction project there are many bodies and agencies involved and at times communication and forewarning of issues is a challenge to keep abreast of. This is complicated for us here as we are on the cusp of two different sections of the HS2 line each involving different contractors and liaison bodies.

When any information is communicated to us, we will make this available to all residents through the email system, the website and where possible appropriate public meetings, both within the parish and the surrounding areas.

There may be the need to hold public meetings with contractors as the project progresses. This local website can be a useful source of information:  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hs2news](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hs2news)

We would welcome your thoughts on the future of HS2 both the pros and the cons.

Please send your views to  
[parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com).

## Become a Parish Councillor

Parish councils have a responsibility for many different issues and facilities, including allotments, bus shelters, community centres, footpaths, lighting on certain roads, litter bins and the acquisition and sale of certain lands in the parish.

Also tree planting, toilets, recreation parks in some areas, public seating, open spaces, ponds, signs and place names plus the provision of events and infrastructure which may benefit parishioners.

We have a vacancy for an interested resident to serve the community in this way. Contact the parish office for further information on: ~ 815216 or email:  
[parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com).

## Site Allocations Plan Consultation (SAP)

In essence the Site Allocations Plan is the means by which the District Council identifies extra potential housing sites should the Core Strategy fail, and housing numbers fall below those previously predicted. It doesn't mean that those houses within the SAP would ever be built but only considered in the event that planned housing numbers fall.

The plan identifies a parcel of land at the back of Southam Road and Collingham Lane as being "potentially" suitable for 10 self-build units. If you wish to comment on this or any other part of the plan, go to:  
[www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/site-allocations-plan.cfm](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/site-allocations-plan.cfm). A copy of the plan can be requested from the Parish Office to be read in situ and the address for letters is: Planning Policy, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-on-Avon, CV37 6HX.

## Carnival grants

The Long Itchington Carnival Committee are now taking requests for grants from this year's profits. If your organisation was involved in running a stall, had a float, or donated to our raffle, please send a letter to Stacey Astell at 14 Adams Close, in order to be considered. The deadline has been extended to the 21st September.

The presentation evening for grants will be held at the Green Man on the 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. We are also putting out an appeal for the return of the 'Nona Bishop Cup'. We would greatly appreciate receiving this back in preparation for next year's Carnival.

## Football in Long Itchington

We are delighted to announce that for the 2019/2020 season the local Long Itchington Football team has agreed a contract with Long Itchington Parish Council for sole use of the Pavilion at Green End. We hope that this will help the group to expand and attract more members, the very young and the "not so young". The team would love to see supporters cheering them on. Please see page 4 for dates and times of fixtures.

## Toilets

The newly refurbished toilets at Green End are very close to completion. Electricity issues have caused delays, but we are now on course to open by the end of September. There are two uni-sex toilets, one with disabled access and baby changing facilities.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Long Itchington Carnival grants  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Wellbeing Fair, Graham Adams Centre, Southam, 1.00pm – 4.30pm  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Carnival Committee Presentation Evening, The Green Man, 7.30pm  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Long Itchington Educational Foundation grants

### OCTOBER

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm  
History Group, *'Early Allotments in Warwickshire: their contribution to society'*, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Community Centre 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Dementia Café, Galanos House, 2.30pm

### NOVEMBER

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Bonfire Night, The Green Man, doors open at 5.30pm, bonfire lit at 6.30pm  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Sunday**: Parade Service in Church, 9.45am followed by a gathering at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance, 11.00am  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club, Community Centre, 2.30pm  
History Group, *'Stories behind the War Graves and War Memorials in South Warwickshire'*, Community Centre, 7.30pm

## Long Itchington Educational Foundation (LIEF)

This is a **final reminder** for young people from the village to apply to LIEF for grants towards higher education or vocational studies. Students should have lived a minimum of one year in the parish and be under 25 years of age.

Please see the parish council website and noticeboards for further details. The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

Please send completed forms and other information to: Peter Myhill, 2 Lime Croft, Church Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9PG.

## History Group news

This autumn our meetings all have a local or county theme and cover *'Early Allotments in Warwickshire'*, on the 9<sup>th</sup> October and *'War Graves and War Memorials in South Warwickshire'* on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

All are welcome at our meetings at the Community Centre, at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information please see our website: [www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk](http://www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk)

### Save the Date I

The cricket club are hosting their popular Christmas Quiz on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, further details to follow in the next edition of the diary.

### Save the Date II

The Christmas Tree lights switch on with take place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, on The Green

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL EVENTS

### Regular events at Holy Trinity Church:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity - 9.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion, Holy Trinity – 9.30am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morning Worship, Holy Trinity – 9.30am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Joint benefice service on 29<sup>th</sup> September, will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am

*Every Wednesday at 10.00am in term time, said service of Holy Communion (no service on 25<sup>th</sup> September.)*

### Regular events at the Chapel:

- Café Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.00am.  
Coffee drop-in & sale, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct and 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10.00am – 12noon.  
Evening Service, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6.15pm.  
People's Hour, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept & 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, at 2.30pm.

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

## Wednesday Club

The club meets in the Community Centre on the second Wednesday of each month throughout the year at 2.30pm.

Its aim is to provide an opportunity for anyone over the age of 60 to enjoy social engagement through a programme of events ranging from talks, musical entertainment, tea parties, an annual birthday lunch, demonstrations, and the highlight of the year being a Christmas Carol concert performed by the children of the Primary school.

Anyone who has transport difficulties accessing the Community Centre can be helped with our use of a minibus we provide for a cost of £2.50. Membership fee is just £2.50 per annum. For further information or queries, please contact Mrs Lorna Hill on: ~ 814376 or Mr Les Tooby on: ~ 812269.

Once again a 'To Let' notice has appeared on the corner of the car park in Orchard Way, without explaining which property it refers to. So, in capital letters, I wish to say, 'THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL IS NOT TO LET, NEITHER HAS IT CLOSED', and I am pleased to tell all readers of the Long Itchington Diary that we continue to be very busy with the following regular events: Sunday Services, People's Hour and the Coffee drop-in and sale. We also provide food for the Fosse Food Bank, and fill shoe boxes in preparation for Christmas for some of the poorest children in the world. The Chapel donates to many charities and sponsors children in India and Uganda as well. Don't forget the special events too such as scrabble afternoons and 'Rock & Roll', all of which are open to everyone. We would love to see you.

### Special dates

3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Shoe Box Blessing Service, with light refreshments, 3.30pm.
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	People's Hour AGM and Quiz, 2.30pm.
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day Services, 10.00am and 6.15pm.
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church meeting, 2.00pm.

### Stratford District Council News from District Councillor, Louis Adam

At the last full council meeting a Climate Emergency motion was passed which means we are able to support residents and businesses to take more action to help reduce the negative impacts we are having as a district on the climate. The way in which this is carried out is now being discussed and will inform policy moving forwards.

The housing site allocation plan is now out for consultation. This area is being saved from new larger development sites in this plan due to the amount of housing we have already seen and our proximity to Southam College; there are however some self-build sites in the ward. I encourage everyone to have a look and pass comment if you wish. Please see the front page article on SAP for the website address.

At the latest HS2 forum I met with other local authorities, HS2 representatives, and our MP. I raised the issue of enforcement to address concerns around the works being carried out in the removing of hedgerows and accessing land without permission. I am following this up and will look at what action can be taken to improve things in our area. There are more works planned soon though and complaints or concerns should be directed to HS2 themselves.

Please feel free to get in touch via email: [Louis.Adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Louis.Adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or telephone on: 07971 342940.

### Film Night

The next film showing at the Community Centre will be 'A Star is Born' on either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> September (TBC). Please look out for posters for further information. Refreshments include wine, beer and soft drinks. Transport for Long Itchington residents can be arranged but must be booked in advance.

Tickets are £5 and are limited so booking is advised. Tickets are available from Margaret Bailey on: ~ 814397 or Wendy Charles on: ~ 812751.

Looking at our list of special dates in the coming few months, it looks like a busy autumn is on the cards. Especially, we hope, for our special Pet Service at 9.30am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, when we welcome animals and their well-behaved owners into church, to thank God for his creation. You are all welcome to come, see and join us for any or all of the services and events being held this autumn. As we approach these dates if you would like further details, please see the church noticeboard, the village noticeboards, our news bulletin (available in church each week), or search Facebook for 'Holy Trinity Church Long Itchington.'

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, or need information on organising a baptism/christening or wedding in your local church, please contact me, Revd Jane Everitt on: ~ 717909, alternatively you can email: [revdjane@theeveritts.co.uk](mailto:revdjane@theeveritts.co.uk)

### Special dates

28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Massive 'Messy Church' at the Grange, Southam, 11.00am – 1.00pm.
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Supper in Church, with 'Willow and Tool', further details will be available soon.
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival, at the Church, 9.30am.
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pet Service, at the Church, 9.30am.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Charity Christmas card sale in Church 10.00am – 12noon, refreshments will be available.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	All Souls memorial service in Church, a time to remember lost loved ones, 3.00pm.
Thursdays	<i>Please note, summer 'afternoon teas' finish on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, the monthly winter teas begin on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.</i>

### 'Save the date' Church events

24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	'Messy Church' at Holy Trinity, 3.00pm – 5.00pm.
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Market in Church.
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Tree Festival in Church.

### Charity Christmas Card Sale

A variety of festive charity cards will be on sale on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Holy Trinity Church from 10.00am – 12noon, refreshments will be served. The popular Long Itchington calendar for 2020 will also be on sale at this event. Everyone is welcome, please pop in and have a browse.

### Brownies and Rainbows

We have a new Rainbows Unit (for girls aged five to seven) starting in the village in September and along with the Brownies we have some great activities planned including Rugby, Ice Skating, making a Guy for the bonfire and a Mexican night with a piñata and nachos!

To register your daughter for Rainbows or Brownies please 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/>

## Football Fixtures

### Long Itchington First XI

Date	Opposition	Venue
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Khalsa Reserves	Home
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Bishop's Tachbrook	Away
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lillington Juniors	Home

Kick-off for all matches is 10.30am, home games are played at Green End. Spectators are most welcome, please support your village team!

## VASA Transport

The charity VASA (Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon) provides volunteer drivers to transport people who couldn't otherwise get to medical appointments or to groups such as lunch clubs and day care. The area covered includes Long Itchington; all drivers are DBS checked, referenced and carry VASA I.D's

To qualify for the service, passengers need to be aged 18 and over and have a genuine need for transport (i.e. cannot access public transport). The volunteer drivers charge 45p per mile from the driver's address to the passenger's address and to the destination and back. Including in this is a wait time for up to two hours. There is an administration fee of £3 per journey and the fees are paid in cash to the driver on the day or invoicing is possible. For further information please see: [www.vasa.org.uk](http://www.vasa.org.uk) or to book transport call: (01789) 262889.

## Youth Club

Long Itchington Youth Club has been running now for around 35 years, every Monday during term time from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. We are keen to carry on with running the club every week but we need new members to make this worthwhile. With this in mind we are reducing the age to eight years and we will still keep the admission to £1.

We have lots of activities on offer each week including team games, crafts, computer games, football, a well-stocked tuck shop, music and Bingo. For more information please contact Nicky Bodfish on ~ 815988.

## Our Community Centre is 40!

Come and celebrate with us on Saturday, 12th October from 7.30pm – 11.00pm. There will be a licensed bar and 70's retro nibbles in the Community Room with a 70's disco in the school hall. Feel free to dress like its 1979! Over 18s only. Tickets are £7 a head in advance and are available from Barbara on: ~ 814921, Sally on: ~ 813423 or Safi: 07870701820.

## Tennis

We have two carpeted courts with various types of membership, all at reasonable prices. For more details please contact Christine Williams on: ~ 811143.

## Wildlife News

### *Gardening with wildlife in mind*

With ever growing threats to our wildlife, this autumn is a great time to start thinking about how you can help nature. Everyone can make a difference with the added bonus that it can enhance your own wellbeing, improve the health of our local environment and make our parish a better place. There are many ways to help wildlife in the garden, the simplest is to dedicate an area to nature. A wildlife friendly garden can be attractive to look at and can add another positive aspect to the enjoyment of any garden, no matter what the size.

To encourage wildlife why not let part of your lawn go unmown, the grasses will grow tall and give height/texture to your garden. Sow native wildflowers within the grass to create your own miniature wildflower meadow, this will also attract bees and butterflies. Try to avoid using too much weedkiller/pesticide except where absolutely necessary, so as not to poison the many beneficial garden visitors, such as hedgehogs (the gardener's friend). Helping wildlife in your garden need not be a burden, in fact it can be very satisfying and best of all its easy to do!

### *Annual Village Pond tidy up*

Once again the time approaches for the village pond to receive its annual tidy up. The pond is a well-loved part of village life and to keep it in good shape it needs some care and attention.

A date is yet to be organised, but it will take place at the end of October/beginning of November, details will be announced closer to the time. Volunteers will be needed to help with this important activity.

## Footpath Identification

Rights of Way are well walked in the central area of the parish with the tracks being well signposted. In order to identify paths, each one is given a unique reference beginning with SM. Probably, the most popular path is SM2 which runs through the middle of the village from Church Road, across the allotments, through White Hall Farm and then onto Stonebridge Lane.

However, it is important that the less walked paths on the edge of the parish are used. These are also well signposted. Particularly recommended is SM8 which goes to Birdingbury, where the path crosses the parish boundary it becomes R220. Also worth investigation are paths SM4, 18 and 24 in Bascote.

Although you will not see them numbered in this way on the Ordnance Survey maps for the area (Explorer 221 and 222) they are marked on the map on the parish council website where there is also a more detailed description of individual paths. They are also numbered on the Warwickshire County Council Rights of Way website.

For further information email: [longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com) or phone: ~ 815119.

## 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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