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DIARY DATES

**The next LI Diary
will run from:
Sat 12 September
to Sat 14 November**

Residents will
appreciate that, due
to the present
Covid19 situation,
dates may be liable
to change.

If you want to keep in touch.....

We send regular
updates of news,
flood warnings etc,
via email to
residents. If you
would like to receive
them please let us
know by emailing the
parish office on
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Parish Council News

We are delighted to be able to produce and deliver a physical diary at last. Obviously much shorter than before, but nevertheless, we hope it will be welcomed and useful. Our new way of living has become "not so new" now and residents appear to have settled into a different way of life. We thank everyone for adhering to all the different regulations. It isn't easy. Our fantastic volunteers continue to help many residents who are having to stay at home. And we thank them very warmly. We can still assist with shopping and prescription collections.

Prescriptions are collected every Wednesday and Friday. Deadline for letting us know is 6.00pm the night before. The Community Centre remains closed until it can open in a Covid-19 secure manner. As you may imagine this is a complicated task. For further updates please sign up for regular emails by contacting us at our email address or at the website. Please note, the office will not be manned on a regular basis and we cannot see visitors at the moment.

For help, please phone ~ 815216 or email parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

An update on outdoor spaces and equipment

Since the announcement about the re-opening of playgrounds, we have looked at all the regulations. We have carried out risk assessments and have taken measures to minimise Covid-19 risks. **We cannot eliminate the risk of transmission.** Play areas and outdoor equipment will be available for use, but the Parish Council cannot undertake regular cleaning or supervising so we are relying on residents to follow the guidance, which will be displayed on notices.

In order to minimise the risk of transmission we are asking users to act responsibly, with such things as: washing hands, cleaning touchpoints, avoiding touching your face, social distancing, waiting if parks are busy, reducing litter, not eating or drinking in play areas, and generally being considerate to other users.

We aim to have all playgrounds and outdoor equipment open for use by 17th July, if not before.

No portable barbecues please!

Please do not use portable barbecues on any of our open spaces within the parish. It is dangerous and damages property and grass. Please also check that your children are not doing so either!

YouTube channel for LIPC

Following the success of VE Day, the Parish Council has now got a YouTube channel, where you can view most of the music videos from that lovely event. You can find it by searching for Long Itchington Parish Council on YouTube. If we gain 100 subscribers we can have our own URL and then it would much easier to access the channel directly.

We would like to thank the following who made the event so special and so memorable:

Louis Adam & friends, Helen Ashbourne, Rachel Atkins, Dominic Byrne, James B, Joseph Gray, Steve Jolliffe, Hannah Marie, Russ Mansfield, Laurel McIntosh & friends, Sue Myhill and Lizzie Scott. Please get viewing!

Who should I contact when things go wrong?

Many residents phone to ask for help with all sorts of issues of concern in the parish. We are always happy to help where we can, but very often the issue of concern is beyond our remit.

So here is a list of useful numbers:

Flooding: 0800 807060

Water leakage/sewage issues: Severn Trent
0800 783 4444.

**Noise or disturbance on a housing
building site:** Stratford District Council
Building Control - 01789 267575

HS2 - inappropriate traffic problems

Go to: www.hs2.org.uk/howtocomplain.

NOTE: You must make it clear that this is a **COMPLAINT**. See detailed instructions on our website. And please keep the Parish Council in the loop.

Crime/anti-social behaviour

You must report any incident to 999 if it is an emergency or 101 to report an issue. Ask for a crime or incident number. It's not sufficient to just tell us or mention on Facebook.

If you want action PLEASE REPORT.

Long Itchington Women's Institute

Lockdown hasn't stopped members' activities over the last couple of months. As well as continuing to make PPE and face coverings, members have been using their phones to make videos on crafts and activities to share on YouTube. Special congratulations are due to all who helped raise **£540.20** for Myton Hospice by supporting and taking part in the Long Itchington WI Marathon Relay Challenge. New members always welcome - contact Jenni Venn on 812248 or email secretary.liwi@gmail.com

Next meeting: Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7.30pm. Please note this is a **virtual** meeting, contact Jenni Venn for further information.



Long Itchington Sunflowers

The sunflower is a symbol of hope, strength and joy. What better way to mark 'Corona Time' than to cover our village in sunflowers? We plan to have a Sunflower Afternoon Tea and exhibition in the autumn. Get your entries in! Open to all village residents and great prizes to be won!

- 1. Sunflower Corona Challenge.** Create a sunflower in any medium; paint, crayon, collage, mosaic, model - whatever you like. Entries must be in by closing date of **18th July**
- 2. Sunflower Poetry Challenge.** Write a poem about Sunflowers! A limerick, a haiku, rhyming or not - your choice. Entries must be received by closing date of **18th August**
- 3. Sunflower Plants** Finally - the grand finale of the Great Long Itchington Corona Sunflower Project, started by Chris Lawrence! Lots of sunflowers being grown all over the village. Prize for the tallest. Photos of measured sunflowers in by Closing Date of **18th September**

Details from Judy Mansfield, 01926 930393 or judy@cherish-ceremonies.co.uk. Or from Chris Lawrence via her Facebook page: The Great Long Itchington Corona Sunflower Project. Entries by email or to Greenfields, Stonebridge Lane.

Walking Group

Friday morning walks have resumed. Meet at The Pond at 9.00am. All the protocols relating to social distancing are observed.

Instead of walking as one group, walkers are asked to self select into groups of no more than six and then walk as discrete groups taking different routes.



New walking and cycling track

Sustrans, the charity that is the custodian of the national cycling network, has received funding to develop further sections of the old railway line into a dedicated cycling and walking track.

A new section will run from Stonebridge Lane to the Offchurch Greenway, including a new bridge over the Fosse Way, and from the canal to the A423 at Model Village. In time this will extend as far as the Blue Lias.

This project will create a traffic free route from Long Itchington into Leamington Spa. A formal planning application is being submitted and, subject to various safeguards, the Parish Council gives its full support. Watch out for updates.

Photos needed for 2021 Calendar

Yes, it's already time to be thinking about the 2021 Long Itchington calendar, which relies on photos from you! Whilst we don't have a theme this year, we would welcome any good pictures of views, wildlife, memorable buildings and lockdown-related themes. All within the parish please. Since so many of us have been spending a lot of time indoors we wondered if pictures of what you can see from your window might also be nice. Some 2020 calendars still available. They can be used for collage or just to enjoy the photos. Donations welcome but not essential.

Please send your entries to batkins5691@googlemail.com



Scarecrow Trail 1st & 2nd August

The theme for this event is "Wizard of Oz" - rainbows and celebration of people, hope and good times. We're hoping for fun scarecrows, the more colourful the better.

Prizes include champagne & flutes from Cherish Ceremonies, treat boxes from Norma Jean Bakery, vouchers from Cake Actually.

To be involved in making a scarecrow please contact Kay Byrne by July 24th, text or phone on 07967 146518 or Facebook Messenger, leaving your name and address. Scarecrow maps will be available on request. Please note all scarecrows should be on your land, not on the pavement! All we need now is good weather.

The event is free to enter but donations to the Community Centre and Leamington night shelter are being organised. If you wish to donate, please deliver non-perishable items for the night shelter to Debdale, Southam Road on 1st or 2nd August.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

The address for Long Itchington Parish Council is The Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9QP. The office **will not be open** for visitors until it is safe to do so. Emails and phone calls are monitored regularly. We are not receiving planning applications by post at the moment, but they can be viewed from our website. There is a post box if you wish to write to us.

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