



# THE LONG ITCHINGTON DIARY

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## DIARY DATES

The next LI Diary  
will run from:

**Sat 16 January**  
to  
**Sat 13 March**

Residents will  
appreciate that, due  
to the present  
Covid-19 situation,  
dates may be liable  
to change.

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## 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:

[parishcouncil@  
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## New Covid-19 regulations and how we can help

As we are now facing a second period of tight restrictions, staying at home all or most of the time is the sensible option. The community centre will be closed to hirers.

The toilets at Green End will remain open as will playgrounds. But outdoor gym equipment cannot be used. Since the continued vandalism to sanitisers we will not be re-filling them once our stocks are depleted!!! Please bring your own sanitiser if using the playground. We will continue to spray equipment.

Our volunteer team is on hand to help with prescription collections, shopping and any other tasks residents may find difficult. For prescription collections please supply your name, address, telephone number and the number of items which need collecting. We will collect on Wednesdays. Please let us know by 6.00pm on Tuesdays.

If you would like us to help and support in the next few weeks please contact us by phone – 01926 815216, or email: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com) or by texting 07960 016124. Please only contact us during normal working hours – not in the evening, unless by email.

## Need help or advice, do you have money worries?

If you're in financial crisis, call 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They will talk to you about the problems you're facing and provide support to help you manage your money, navigate the benefits system, and identify any other grants you might be entitled to. If you need one, they'll issue you with a **food bank voucher** so you can get an emergency food parcel.

## HS2 – how to make your voice heard

The closing of the A425 isn't something anyone welcomes. If you feel this has caused other problems to you, either as a motorist, cyclist, pedestrian or resident we urge you to complain to HS2. It is only by logging volumes of "events" with the closure as the cause that things might change. Complain via: 08081 434 434. email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

PLEASE notify us of each and every complaint as well.

## Monitoring excess traffic, inappropriate lorries

As an informal exercise and to build up evidence, we would like volunteers to take turns in noting down details of lorries accessing our village roads. We need evidence of number plates, lorry signage and photos to prove that inappropriate traffic has increased. To take part, please contact the parish office.

## Help your relatives to keep in touch with us

If you don't have access to emails but would like a relative to receive our regular alerts on your behalf, please let us know. We send out useful information two or three times a week and many other residents have found it helpful if a relative living elsewhere keeps them in the loop. We only use this facility to communicate important or emergency issues, local issues and updates to residents or their relatives.

Please ring – 01926 815216 or ask your relative to email us on your behalf –  
[parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com)

## Site Allocations Plan

The **Site Allocations Plan (SAP)**, together with the parish Neighbourhood Plan and the Core Strategy will form the means by which planning applications are assessed. The SAP is essentially a 'stop-gap' measure designed to ensure that, should previously agreed housing numbers in the Stratford District not happen, there are other pieces of land identified as suitable for housing.

Three sites in Long Itchington have been identified by the District - two reserve sites – one along Leamington Road, one at the back of Lilac View and one self-build site at the back of Southam Road/Collingham Lane, known as Ruby's Field. The Parish Council **were not included** in prior discussions.

**It is important to understand that these proposals are not saying the three sites will definitely be developed.**

Go to  
<http://www.stratford.gov.uk/sappo>  
to read more and to view various explanatory videos. You can comment online or send your thoughts on the plan to  
[policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

The Parish Council wishes all residents of the parish a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a healthy, **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



### District Councillor Louis Adam

It has been a busy time for dealing with Covid and other local issues.

I have been working with other local representatives to try and mitigate the impact that HS2 works are having on the area. I submitted a question to the Council on behalf of residents for this purpose and am continuing to meet with HS2 and others to ensure local considerations are taken into account.

At the recent full council it was agreed to release the Site Allocation Plan out for public consultation. I would strongly encourage residents have a look and respond as this does impact on Stockton & Long Itchington in particular but I am encouraged that we are able to put some protections in place against unchecked building in the District.

I have taken into account the Parish Council's views on the local government review and intend to submit representations to the council to similar effect.

If you have any issues please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Email: [Louis.Adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Louis.Adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

### Four residents receive recognition

We are delighted that four Long Itchington residents have received recognition from Southam Lions for their contribution during recent months.

**Kay Byrne** helped to set up and run the Long Itchington Community Spirit Facebook page offering hope and help to residents in need, as well as single-handedly organising the Scarecrow Trail, an event which cheered us all and raised funds for the Community Centre.

**Gita Dhanda** of The Shop helped ( and continues to help) many of her customers with deliveries of essentials when they are unable to leave their homes.

**Steve and Jo Crosthwaite** volunteered during lockdown, collecting and delivering numerous prescriptions, doing people's shopping and performing many other necessary tasks.

The Parish Council thank you all for giving your time and effort so willingly without seeking any recognition.

### One of our younger residents had a great idea

**Tabitha Bonney (aged 9)** suggested to the Parish Council that a duck food dispenser at the pond would be a good idea and we thought so too. We have bought a food dispenser which will be installed once Covid regulations are eased.



Well done, Tabitha!

### Parish council grants

Any 'not for profit' village organisation can apply for a grant from the Parish Council. You will need to specify what the grant will be spent on. Please apply in writing to the Parish Office or by email on: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com).

### Long Itchington Educational Foundation

There were 19 successful applicants from young people of Long Itchington and Bascote. Each was awarded £170 towards their education costs. These included both academic and vocational courses of study.

In addition, the Trustees were able to provide some financial assistance towards costs of away from home adventure courses. A great source of character building for our village youngsters.

A total of £600 was made available from the trust to make sure that no child was prevented from taking part on account of cost of the course.

The trustees are glad to be able to help some of our children and young people in these difficult times.

Peter Myhill  
On behalf of the trustees

### Welsh Road Closure

Laing Murphy, on behalf of HS2, will be closing Welsh Road between the Fosse Way and Bascote Heath from Saturday 21 November to Wednesday 25 November 2020.

To monitor the most up to date road closure information in Warwickshire visit :  
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap>

### Holy Trinity Christmas Card Sale 2020

Sadly this cannot not take place but the charities still need your support - this year more than ever. Here are the details of the charities who would normally attend. Please consider placing an order or two.

#### Acorns Children's Hospice

Phone 01564 825037. There is no online shop but if you ring this number they will email you details of cards, take payment over the phone and post the cards to you.

#### Air Ambulance

<https://theairambulanceservice.org.uk/?s=Christmas%20cards>

#### Blood Cancer (formerly Bloodwise)

<https://bloodcancer.org.uk/get-involved/blood-cancer-uk-shop/>

Or contact Sue Hitchman [sue.hitchman@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.hitchman@btinternet.com). She is happy to make up orders for locals and also carries a small stock of cards with the old name at reduced prices.

#### Royal British Legion

<https://www.poppypshop.org.uk/search?q=Christmas>

#### CORD

<https://www.cord.org.uk/pages/shop/department/christmascards>

#### Myton Hospice

<https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/shop/>

#### Parkinson's UK

<https://shop.parkinsons.org.uk/>

Tel. 03330030523

#### RNLI (Lifeboats)

<https://shop.rnli.org/>

#### Save the Children

<https://shop.savethechildren.org.uk/product-category/christmas-cards/>

#### Long Itchington Calendar Group

[batkins5961@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5961@googlemail.com) or phone 01926 814921

### Long Itchington WI

Long Itchington WI is continuing to meet monthly on-line using Zoom which also allows members time to chat together in smaller groups. The September WI meeting had a very interesting talk on some of the “wicked women” of history by speaker Graham Sutherland, while the October WI meeting saw members having a go at Tai Chi in the comfort of their own homes thanks to a fun on-line introductory session by speaker Julia Mitchell. The next WI meeting is on Wednesday 18 November 2020 which is also the Long Itchington WI Annual meeting and will include an on-line Christmas craft session.

This year's WI's Christmas meeting will be on Wednesday 16 December 2020. During the lockdown earlier this year members made knitted and crocheted squares for Long Itchington WI's “Knit a Square” project and these are now being turned into colourful blankets for a children's charity. Members are enjoying taking part in Long Itchington WI and Warwickshire Federation of WI's poetry, crafts and photo competitions.

### L.I. Community Centre 100 Club

The 100 Club's new year is starting in January. All monies raised go towards capital projects, which improve the Community Centre's facilities and equipment to the benefit of all who use it.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile cause please contact Linda Clark via email [linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.wulfstan@btinternet.com) or phone 01926 814255. Please join to help in keeping the Community Centre a wonderful place for all.

Further information can be found on the Parish website under 'Activities and Village Life'.

### Walks - New Year Day

If the new current lockdown restrictions extend into next year, it will not be possible to deliver the traditional village NEW YEAR DAY WALKS on January 1st. Hopefully, by the beginning of December the rules will have been eased or lifted. Working on that basis arrangements are in place to provide a smaller event, which follows all of the regulations and protocols relating to COVID 19. Walks will start at four different locations. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to provide “soup and roll on return”.

This time it is necessary to register and provide contact details in advance. This enables detailed walk plans to be produced. A Risk Assessment will be completed and sent to Warwickshire Police along with details of the event. At the moment booking/registration is available and the walks will only take place if Government rules allow. THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE NEARER TO THE TIME AND PUBLISHED THROUGH THE USUAL METHODS.

More details are posted on village noticeboards, on the website [www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk](http://www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk) and emailed to those on the Parish Council mailing list.

Register to join a walk: Phone: 815119  
Email : [longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com](mailto:longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com)

### Tennis Club



Long Itchington Tennis Club wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas!

### Holy Trinity Church, Long Itchington

Well this is yet another re-write following Saturday's announcements, but firstly an update on Rev Jane who continues to recuperate and keeps up to date with events in the village – we wish her well over the next few weeks.

Sadly, since I last wrote we have lost two dear members of our congregation.

Sam Salt, a loyal and diligent churchwarden for many years, and Doris Scott. Due to the current restrictions many who would have loved to pay their respects to them were unable to do so, but we hold them and their families close in our hearts at this time.

As of this week we are planning to continue opening the church for private prayer on Sundays (10 – 12noon) and Wednesdays (10 - 11am) throughout the winter months, though only 6 persons will be allowed at any one time.

Unfortunately, like everyone else we are unable to predict when normal services will resume. If, however there are changes before the date of the next Long Itchington Diary in January we will publicise them far and wide via every possible outlet and website throughout the village.

In the interim, although Mary and Joseph will not be able to stay at individual homes during the Advent period, they will be travelling around many locations in the village. Can you spot them? Keep a close watch on Facebook in The Real Long Itchington News & Views Group to see if you can spot them.

Christingle may well take on a new delivery plan this year - again watch out for details!

Over the Christmas period services will be streamed throughout the Deanery. Details will be available on the notice boards.

Keep well and stay safe during the festive season and a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

### Long Itchington Calendar

There are still calendars available – visit [www.longitchington.org.uk/take-a-look-at-the-2021-calendar/](http://www.longitchington.org.uk/take-a-look-at-the-2021-calendar/) to view the calendar and order via [batkins5691@googlemail.com](mailto:batkins5691@googlemail.com)

Profits this year are going to those affected by Covid-19.

If you know of any families who are in particular need as a result of Covid, we might be able to help. Please contact us if you would like someone you know to receive some much-needed help. This will be done in the strictest confidence.

### New Online Photographic Club

Long Itchington has a new Online Photographic Club, running a monthly competition, with the members taking it in turns to nominate a theme. There are currently 36 members and we cater for photographers of all ages and abilities. We'd like a few more under 18's to take part, so why not visit the website [www.lipphoto.club](http://www.lipphoto.club), which also contains tips and techniques to improve your photography. This is a fantastic Covid-19 compliant opportunity.

Thanks in anticipation - Keith Turnecliff



## LICC Christmas Fundraising Quiz

This December marks 30 continuous years of Long Itchington Cricket Club's annual fundraising Christmas Quiz. It started in the back room of the Green Man in 1991 before moving to the Community Centre, with a memorable evening held in Holy Trinity Church in 2018. Because of social distancing it would be impossible to put on the usual live quiz, so something a little different is being organised for this December.

Quizmaster Steve Mitchell will be putting together eight of his favourite rounds from the last 30 years, including one from that very first quiz in 1991, plus a half-time flyer. **This special quiz will be available to anyone who contacts him by email to [mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk), or telephone 07717 213182.** A donation of £20 per quiz will be payable from 4th December onwards – Steve will share details of how to pay when you apply – and the funds raised will help the club pay off its recent investment in new nets and for ongoing clubhouse maintenance. The question and answer sheets will then be sent out in the week leading up to Christmas, so you can organise your very own quiz with friends and family however you like.

Merry Christmas Everybody, and thank you for your support!

## Five ways to help Hedgehogs survive this winter in your garden

- Create a hedgehog highway through neighbourhood gardens - simply cut a small hole in your fence so they can roam further. Hedgehogs are known to travel 2km.
- Have a small wild area in your garden for them to nest and hide in.
- Hedgehogs like dry cat and dog food best. Please don't give them bread or milk. You can also buy special hedgehog food. They like to drink water in a shallow dish.
- Build a hedgehog home - it will need a large compartment with a small entrance tunnel. With leaves and grass so it can make a nice cosy bed.
- Finally, it is important to check bonfires, grass cuttings and compost heaps before disturbing them. You might find a hedgehog has decided to use it as a nest and has set up home!



## Christmas Tree

A big thank you to Richard and Rosie Reeve for once again donating a Christmas Tree. We will not be organising a switch on time, nor, sadly, will we be singing around the tree this year.



Please light up the parish during the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December with your own outside lights or even just a lamp placed in your window and this will coincide with the tree lights switch on.

## Christmas Eve – Bell Ringing

We invite everyone to join in with a communal bell ringing on Christmas Eve. Step outside and ring whatever bell you have in an act of parish celebration. We are hoping to plan other festive and Covid safe events for Christmas but are waiting to see what the regulations might be after December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please check on our website and Facebook for further information nearer the time.



## Loneliness now and at Christmas

Many residents in our parish live on their own and whilst this is fine for some, there will inevitably be difficult times. Please check on neighbours and if you, yourself, would like help or a chat do consider asking us – we have over forty lovely volunteers ready and able to help in a covid secure way. Ring 01926 815216 and just ask us.

## The Latest Scoop!

In Summer 2019 LIPC invited children to create a poster which encouraged people to pick up after their dogs. The competition was well received and the results were fabulous. Four of the posters have been made into official street signs and are now on display in and around the village! Visit our website to view the posters.

LIPC would like to say a big thank you to Brody, Mia, Emily and Freya! Your efforts are much appreciated. We are delighted that you have taken such an interest in keeping your village clean and tidy, and now your artwork will encourage others to do the same.



It was always the intention that LIPC would recognise the children's achievement at the Annual Parish Meeting but unfortunately due to Coronavirus restrictions we have been unable to do this.

All the children have received a letter from the Parish Council and book token but if you see them around the village please do give them a socially distanced round of applause or virtual 'pat' on the back (pun intended!).

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

The address for Long Itchington Parish Council is Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, Southam CV47 9QP. The office is manned on **Thursday & Friday between 9.30am – 11.30am**. No face-to-face visits can take place at the moment. Parish clerks continue to work from home.

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

Email: [parishcouncil@longitchington.com](mailto:parishcouncil@longitchington.com) Website: [www.longitchington.org.uk](http://www.longitchington.org.uk)