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DIARY DATES

**The next LI Diary
will run from:**

**Sat 18 September
to
Sat 20 November**

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

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Planning Committee rejects application to remove Leigh Crescent footpath

On July 7th Bains Developments, lost their application to remove a condition protecting the footpath at the garages from the already agreed permission to build 3 dwellings.

In an unprecedented step, the Parish Council had taken legal advice regarding the protection of this footpath. We, and our district councillor, Louis Adam, argued strongly and presented our legal advice to the planning committee. With a small margin of 6 votes to 4 they agreed that the condition to retain public access should remain.

We have applied to Warwickshire County Council to have the footpath recognised on the Definitive Map and we warmly thank all of you who filled in user forms.

We will continue to fight this in whatever way we can as it is likely that Bains will not be happy with the decision. The houses will still be built at some stage, and we have offered to work with Bains and the planning department to re-draw the plans and keep the public access to the canal.

On July 14th, a locked gate appeared at the entrance to the site. We will be writing to Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Footpaths team to urge immediate action. Even though the path is not yet on the Definitive Footpaths Map, its historical usage means it can be defined as a public right of way. Blocking is a criminal offence.

Similarly, interfering with the gate could be viewed as criminal damage.

We will keep you posted.

Congratulations are in order!

Congratulations to our clerk, Helen Stewart, who has successfully completed her CILCA training - Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Undertaken during two lockdowns, this was a great achievement. Liz Bonney is also working towards this qualification. We are very fortunate to have such skilled and qualified clerks.

This qualification allows Long Itchington to have the General Power of Competence.(GPC).

The GPC gives the Parish Council the power to do anything an individual can do provided it's not prohibited by other legislation; it means the Council can be more innovative and take on projects it wouldn't otherwise be able to.

There are very clear guidelines as to how this can work but overall it gives greater scope to support the community within the parish of Long Itchington and beyond.

Once LIPC has agreed to adopt the GPC it will be effective immediately, but it should be reviewed at every annual meeting. We plan to adopt it on July 14th.

Welcome Chris Kettle

The Parish Council warmly welcomes Chris Kettle as our new County Councillor. We wish him well and look forward to working with him on parish issues. His full contact details are on the Information Sheet. We would like to thank Andy Crump for stepping into the breach over the last few months.

Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan (revised following the consultation in October) has been submitted to Stratford District Council who also conduct a consultation. This Reg 16 Consultation begins on Thursday 22nd July and runs for 7 weeks (we have an extra week due to the school holidays). Stratford will publicise how to access the relevant documents. You can view documents online or at the parish office.

We are aware that this can be an onerous task but would urge you to respond, particularly if you commented previously, as we did make alterations based on your feedback. Each step of this process brings us closer to hopefully having more influence on how our parish looks in the future, but we do need as many people as possible to participate.

Community Centre Update

As restrictions ease bookings are picking up. We are currently reserving our pre-COVID regulars' time slots for them but recognise that, despite Government announcements, people may not be quite ready to pick up exactly where they left off in March 2020. Equally, we need to ensure that the Community Centre is used and generates income.

There is plenty of capacity during daytimes if you would like to make a booking.

If you had a regular booking with us but have not yet resumed your activity, please email or ring Liz Bonney (01926 815216) to chat about a way forward. The following information may prove useful:

(1) We have WiFi so you may wish to consider running hybrid events (some people in the room, some on Zoom), particularly if you would expect a large number of attendees or have people who do not yet wish to attend events in person

(2) We decided to use the money raised by the Scarecrow Festival to subsidise bookings for our pre-COVID regulars if fewer attendees due to concerns about the pandemic, or a desire to maintain social distancing and therefore accommodating fewer customers made the activity less financially viable.

(3) We will continue to provide hand sanitiser at entry and exit points.

(4) We are hoping to purchase an industrial dishwasher which will improve hygiene in the kitchen.

(5) We will continue our enhanced cleaning.

(6) Replacement windows to improve ventilation and energy efficiency are planned for Spring 2022 subject to subsidence issues being resolved and we are buying more chairs in readiness for operating at full capacity.

Community Centre Management Committee needs members

We held our AGM in person (suitably distanced, lateral-flow tested and ventilated!) earlier this month. We would greatly appreciate representatives from the various community groups who use the Centre joining the Management Committee, as their perspective is invaluable in making improvements to the facilities and the way we operate. We usually meet every 2 months or so for up to 90 minutes and our meetings are friendly and relaxed. Do let Liz Bonney know if you would like to attend a meeting to see what is involved.

Success at last with Sewage issues

Residents are well aware of the sewage overflow problems the village has experienced over the last four years.

Despite the Parish Council repeatedly highlighting that the overflows appeared to result from the conversion of the storm drain on Stockton Road into a combined sewer, Severn Trent remained reluctant to take the problem seriously. The Parish Council complained to the CEO of Severn Trent.

Following constructive discussions, Severn Trent have now accepted their original error and will be constructing a new section of sewer along Stockton Road and reinstating the old storm drain back to its original function. The works are likely to take place during the school summer holiday and may cause some disruption to traffic and residents. Severn Trent are currently carrying out some final survey work to identify specific properties that may need to be connected to the new sewer.

The Parish Council hope that this will finally resolve the sewage overflow issues the village has had to put up with. However, we will monitor the situation and continue discussions with Severn Trent until we are satisfied that all the problems have been fully resolved.

Noticeboards - how we manage them

The Parish Council has received several complaints of notices being removed from parish noticeboards. We have eight noticeboards which are the responsibility of the Parish Council and are used for the benefit of Long Itchington residents. Noticeboards can be used by residents to display notices that may be of interest to and useful for the community. This includes events and activities within the parish and nearby as well as local businesses run by and for the benefit of residents. We also display parish council news and advance notice of meeting.

Please do not remove notices - the only exception to this would be if a notice is out of date for the event it is publicising and you cannot find space otherwise.

If you feel inappropriate notices are being displayed or the board is too full or untidy please contact us at parishcouncil@longitchington.com or phone 01926 815216.

Over the next few months we will be replacing our old noticeboards with new ones which will have better protection against the elements.

Long Itchington CE Academy

"The school is seen by many as going the extra mile" (SIAMS Inspector)

Long Itchington CE Academy would like to thank the local community for all of their support during this very challenging academic year - to all the local residents who contacted us with offers of help and to our families who supported their children so wonderfully at home. It has meant such a lot to us.

We are also sending all of our Y6 pupils off to their secondary school places in September - we wish each of you lots of luck and know that you will be amazing!

For everyone else, we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Open mornings for the September 2022 intake into our Reception Class are scheduled for Monday 11th and Tuesday 19th October 2021 9.30 am - 12.00 midday. Other dates are available, if required.

Please call the school office on 01926 814819 to book a slot.

(All visitors are expected to comply with COVID safety regulations)

Long Itchington CE Academy, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9QP Tel: 01926 814819 Email: school.office@longitchington.covmat.org

Long Itchington Educational Foundation (L.I.E.F)

Trustees are inviting applications as usual for grants to help local young people pursue their higher or vocational education and training in the coming year. Visit www.longitchington.org.uk/L.I.E.F for details including eligibility and a downloadable application form that can be used for the 2021/22 academic year.

Applications with the necessary supporting information should be returned to Andy Jack at 1 Brakeley Cottages, The Green, Long Itchington CV47 9QJ by 30th September 2020. The Trustees will be flexible, at their discretion, about applications after this date if there is evidence that university/college entrance arrangements/timescales are affected by the current Covid 19 situation.

For help or further information contact Andy Jack on 01926 815522 or 07805 506115.

Dogs not under control

Please ensure that you keep dogs under control at all times. There have been two incidents recently when dogs escaped from their homes and found refuge in someone else's home!! Frightening for all concerned.

Holy Trinity Church Long Itchington

On a positive note we are still opening for Holy Communion Services every Sunday at 09.30 though still under strict Covid guidelines regarding social distancing and face masks etc.

As we are required to keep full track and trace records, the pre-booking system remains in place. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sue on 01926 814050 or psmyhill@btinternet.com by the Saturday morning before the service to book their place.

During the last month we have held both Weddings and Baptisms, again within the guidelines but it is lovely to see these special family occasions being celebrated in our church again and anyone wishing to know more about booking such events please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hopefully after July 19th things will be able to return to normal – so keep a look out on social media and village communications after that date to be updated on any changes we will be able to make in relation to the relaxation of restrictions.

Keep safe and well.

Best Wishes from Holy Trinity Church

A message for our Covid volunteers

It is well over a year now since the LIPC called for volunteers to help support the people of the parish during the pandemic. None of us would have predicted at the time that Covid would be so persistent and continue to be so.

Many of you came forward to offer help in meeting the needs of those who had to stay at home to keep safe. The aid and assistance, delivered with a cheerful smile and a friendly chat, have been much appreciated by all who experienced it.

Please accept the many thanks of everyone in the parish of Long Itchington.

Keep off the grass

You may notice some areas of the football pitch at Green End have been re-seeded and they have barriers in place. Please do not walk on them so that the grass has a chance to grow.

Please prune your over-hanging hedges

A gentle reminder that it is the home-owner's responsibility to prune hedges and foliage which over-hang public footpaths, pavements or obscure lights. If foliage is obstructing your property but doesn't belong to you, please phone us for advice as there are specific times of year when radical pruning is not advisable.

Long Itchington Tennis

Now that Wimbledon is over would you like to play tennis at our courts in Long Itchington?

New members are always welcome and the courts are always open. Fees are less than £1 per week for unlimited access.

For further details please contact: Christine Williams - 01926 811143.

Birdingbury Allotment Association

There will shortly be a couple of allotment plots available at the Birdingbury site. Area approx. 300 square yards. Parking on site and water laid on.

For further details contact Vic on 01926 632666

Last call for calendar photographs

Time is running out for the 2022 calendar – we need more entries. Don't be shy. Please send pictures taken when you've been out and about. Send to batkins5691@googlemail.com

If you would like to have a major event included in the calendar, even if you are not yet certain it will go ahead, please contact us and we will include it if there is space.

PARTY ON THE PITCH – with the fantastic “Room 17”!! Saturday 4th September

With Covid restrictions likely to be lifted on 19th July, the Cricket Club will be going ahead with plans to hold Party on the Pitch. Many thanks to all of you who have already pre-booked tickets – we've had an incredible response and will be contacting each of you in the next week or so to request payment and hand tickets over.

For those yet to book – **please do so ASAP as there are only a limited number of tickets left!**

Tickets can be reserved by e-mailing Steve & Jo Crosthwaite at

sandjcrosthwaite@btinternet.com to say how many tickets (of each category) you would like reserving.

PLEASE SEND NO MONEY NOW! Ticket prices will be Adults - £10, Secondary school children - £5, Primary school and below - free, Family ticket - £25

BBQ provided but bring your own booze.

RIGHTS OF WAY – FULL HARVEST MOON WALK

Following the successful Orchid Walk in June we are now offering another old favourite - FULL HARVEST MOON WALK. The event will take place on Tuesday September 21st, meeting at the pond at 7.15pm. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Thanks to the team of volunteers, local residents and landowners who have helped to keep the paths clear. Vegetation seems to have been growing very quickly recently.

If you would like further information on the Rights of Way in the parish, can offer help or have suggestions for future walks please email longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com or telephone 01926 815119.

WI News

Long Itchington WI has continued to meet on-line during Covid restrictions. The June WI meeting was treated to actor Margot McCleary's performance of a variety of very amusing comedy roles and sketches, and members were pleased to welcome Margot's sister to the meeting all the way from California. The WI hopes its meeting on Wednesday 21st July 2021 with speaker Pam Sutton on “Troop Aid”, will be the last one to be held on-line.

If all goes well, the WI hopes to be able to meet back in the Community Centre on Wednesday 15th September 2021 when speaker Dave Moylan will be entertaining members with his talk on “Funny Turns”.

WI events planned for the summer include a WI village walk on 28th July 2021 and a WI Treasure Hunt around the village. The WI meeting on Wednesday 19th August 2021 will be a picnic party celebrating Long Itchington WI's 90th birthday. Probably the most-anticipated WI event of the summer is the Long Itchington WI's potato weigh-in when members will find out whose single potato has produced the heaviest crop!

The WI always welcomes new members, please contact Secretary, Ali Williams, for more information aliwilliams1908@hotmail.co.uk

Lorry Disturbance

Increased lorries along Leamington Road are still a problem but this may subside when the A425 opens again at the beginning of August. In the meantime please keep reporting and we will try to help.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Address for Parish Council is Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9QP. Office is normally manned on **Thursday & Friday, 9.30am – 11.30am. But limited hours over summer holidays.** Emails and ansaphone checked regularly. Please book in advance over the summer period if you wish to visit the office.

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

Email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com Website: www.longitchington.org.uk