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

We send regular updates of news, flood warnings, the diary in digital format etc, via email to residents. If you would like to receive regular updates please let us know by emailing the parish office on:

[parishcouncil@
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Neighbourhood Plan

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the Regulation 16 Consultation conducted by Stratford upon Avon District Council in the summer. We finally received copies of the comments made on 22nd October and the Steering Group worked hard reading and responding to them in time to get them back to Stratford by 5th November. Our understanding is that SDC will make all the (anonymised) comments and our responses publicly available in due course. SDC has sent our Plan and all the comments and our responses to the independent examiner who is checking it all. We then make any (hopefully minor!) revisions to the Plan based on his feedback and then the final stage is that Stratford organise a referendum for all residents to vote as to whether the Plan is adopted. We will keep you updated as to how things are progressing.

Community Centre

Our Community Centre is busy again with bookings from village organisations, classes and parties. We have bought more chairs and have finally heard that the dishwasher we want is back in stock! We now await delivery.....

As the weather gets colder please be aware that we do ask that hirers ensure good ventilation by opening windows and where possible an outside door, so please dress warmly. We are looking to get a CO2 monitor which will indicate when ventilation is insufficient which will be useful over the winter and hopefully will assist with working out how much we need windows and doors open. Our lovely caretakers continue to follow enhanced cleaning protocols, but please remember to use the hand sanitiser provided so that we can keep everyone safe.

The Community Centre Management Committee is delighted that Jenny Allen has joined us - representatives from all our regular hirers are most welcome. Contact Liz at the Parish Office if you would like more information about what is involved.

Become a Parish Councillor

Our parish council has a responsibility for a multitude of different things including: bus shelters, the community centre, footpaths, lighting on certain roads, litter bins, tree planting, toilets, recreation parks, 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 and committed resident to serve the community in this way.

We're a friendly group and would be delighted to welcome someone with fresh ideas. Contact the parish office for further information on: ~ 815216 or email: parishcouncil@longitchington.com.

Safi Setchell, thank you!

A very warm thank you to Safi Setchell, who has served as a councillor since January 2020. Safi brought enthusiasm, creative ideas, hard work and a winning smile to the Council and we will really miss her.

Helen Stewart has moved to be the clerk at Cawston PC

We wish Helen well in her new job. Liz Bonney has agreed to become a full-time clerk for our parish and we are very pleased to be working with her every day. If you need to visit it may be wise to ring in advance in case Liz is out and about in the parish.

Very high covid infection rates in Warwickshire

The current infection rates are very high in our area. We encourage residents to stay safe and undertake regular lateral flow tests. We are not holding our December meeting in public and will review how and where we meet in the New Year.

Have your children or grandchildren missed out? LIEF is there for them.

You may not realise that within our parish we have a registered charity, Long Itchington Educational Foundation (LIEF), set up specifically to award grants to young people going to college or university. This includes vocational **and** academic courses. This year the recipients of grants are studying on a variety of different courses: film, animation, music, medicine, health and social care, theoretical physics, journalism the list goes on!

In 2021 LIEF awarded 22 grants of £200 each to young people (17 -25) from the parish to help with the costs of going to college or university. LIEF is keen to ensure that anyone going on to college after secondary school knows that they could qualify to receive a grant when applications are invited next year. That means that young people undertaking skills training for anything from hairdressing to woodworking as well as academic study (excluding 'A' levels) from IT to Psychology could also qualify. So, make a note in your diary and look out for information about how to apply in late summer 2022.

In addition to this annual round of individual grants, LIEF aims to support local, young people's education or development more generally. Last year it provided funds to the primary school to buy tablet computers for home learning and helped some families send children on a school residential trip.

For more information about LIEF and how to apply for help visit www.longitchington.org.uk/L.I.E.F. or contact Andy Jack on 01926 815522.

L.I. Community Centre 100 Club

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

Our last draw of this year is in The Green Man on Saturday 18th December at 6.30pm. As well as the normal draw of 3 numbers there is a second draw for £100.

If you are interested in joining this worthwhile cause, please contact Linda Clark via email linda.wulfstan.btinternet.com or phone 01926814255. 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'

Pelican Crossing - Stockton Road

The long-awaited Pelican crossing will be installed between Adams Close and the school in the New Year.

A Tribute to Allan Charles

Allan very sadly died on October 19th. Allan and Wendy have lived in Long Itchington since 1971, married for fifty years and raised their four children here.

Allan started his working life in the Police Force where he met Wendy. After leaving the police he spent countless hours with masses of patience teaching many different people in the whole community how to drive. His successes must run into the hundreds, many of whom still live in Long Itchington.

He and Wendy contributed in a multitude of ways to the community, both were Heartstart volunteers and Allan was instrumental in getting a speed gun for the village and organising a group of volunteers, helping them use it effectively. Both were the linchpin of Neighbourhood Watch. But it is Allan's love of music which he might be most often remembered for - who couldn't have been moved by Allan's accordion playing around the Christmas Tree every December. And let's not forget the Morris Dancing.

Allan was a very special person - kind, generous, not afraid to speak his mind in the gentlest of ways and someone you could go to for advice.

We will miss him greatly and send all our love to Wendy, Kathryn, Jo, Stuart, Lucy and their partners, the grandchildren, Allan's brother and sister in Scotland and the wider family.

Green End Users and Residents Group

We are forming a group for all the organisations who use the Green End field as well as residents who live close by. The intention is to provide a discussion forum for those most closely involved in the area, to raise concerns, exchange ideas and help to ensure everyone's needs are considered.

Groups such as the Football teams, Fit Ups and the newly formed netball team will be involved. If you use the play area and would like to be involved in this User Group, we would welcome one or two volunteers.

A new venture at Green End

Having been approached by a group of parents, the parish council have agreed to install a small pump track mainly aimed at younger children where they can challenge themselves on small bicycles and scooters.

It will be positioned towards the back of the field on the left-hand side of the basketball and skateboard facilities. It will measure approximately 20 by 30 metres.

Long Itchington WI

Long Itchington WI is having a busy autumn. Monthly WI meetings at Community Centre began again in September and have been well attended. Recent activities have included organising a members' seed swap which was very successful and the launch of the new Long Itchington WI crocus competition. The next WI meeting on **Wednesday 17 November 2021** is also the WI Annual meeting and will include a presentation on hats and accessories by Hats and Co. The November WI competition is to make a Christmas table decoration.

This year's WI Christmas meeting is on **Wednesday 15 December 2021** and will feature Janet Wroe and "The Golden Oldies" as well as the usual Christmas festivities.

The WI has been really pleased to welcome new members this year, both during and after the lockdown. If you would like to know more about Long Itchington WI, please email WI Secretary Ali Williams aliwilliams1908@hotmail.co.uk

Long itchington Baby and Toddler Group

Long Itchington baby and toddler group is a parent-led group which aims to provide a warm and friendly environment for parents/grandparents and carers. Babies and toddlers can have fun and a snack in a safe environment for just £3 per adult and child, 50p extra for each additional child. Meeting at the community centre 9.30-11am every Wednesday during term time. For further information please contact Joshlyn, Faith and Shelley at libabyandtoddlergroup@gmail.com.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

Covid rules permitting, we will be switching on the Christmas Tree lights on **Saturday 4th December at 5.30 pm**. There will be music and carol singing. A huge thank you to Rosie and Richard Reeve for donating the tree.

Coffee Morning Saturday 20 November

10:30-12:30 at Long Itchington Community Centre
Please join Gladys Chittenden's family for a cup of tea (or coffee) and a piece of homemade cake to raise funds for the Guide Dogs.
Lots for all: Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, Bric-a-Brac and Childrens' Games.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and ...

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter meets every Monday night at 7.30 pm at The Green Man, to work on our own or charity projects. Wool, needles, tuition/help provided, crochet or other crafts welcome.

News from Holy Trinity Church

Hello from all of us. There are several important events taking place at the Church this winter:
14 November – Remembrance Sunday – the Sunday Service will take place at the Long Itchington War Memorial, gathering from 10.30 for a prompt start at 10.40am. Led by Bob Clucas. Organisations with wreaths very welcome.

Advent Sunday – 28th November 09.30am Holy Communion Service in Church

Sunday 19th December 5.30pm - an open-air carol service in the church yard with illuminated crib scene – please encourage the children to dress up as angels, shepherds or whatever they wish.

Christmas Eve 11.00pm Holy Communion Service in church

Christmas Day 10.00am Family Service in Church
Please keep an eye on social media and the noticeboards for further information.

Please note there is no Christmas Card Sale or Christmas Tree Festival this year.

On behalf of everyone at Holy Trinity may we wish you all and those whom you love a Happy Peaceful and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Long Itchington Guides

Long Itchington Guides have spaces available for young girls aged between 10 and 14. We meet on a Thursday evening.

We do a variety of activities including crafts, team building activities, cooking, Long Itchington float, Remembrance Parade, Christmas Tree Festival; we also take the girls on residential. If you would like more information, please contact us on longitchingtonguides@outlook.com or Sharon on 01926 812698.

It's that time of year again.....

Calendars will be available from mid November. Still only £6, the famous Long Itch calendar shows all that is lovely about where we live. This year the countryside, wildlife, and leisure pursuits have captured photographers' imaginations.

You can pre-order calendars and large envelopes (50p) by emailing batkins5691@googlemail.com or by phoning 01926 814921. Please add a phone number and/or email address to your order.

BACS payments preferred. Cheques to The Calendar Group. Alternatively, cash in an envelope on collection. **Collect/Buy from the Community Centre: Saturday 4th December 10.00 – 12.00.**

All profits will be distributed to local groups.

Bank details on request.

RETURN OF NEW YEAR DAY WALKS.

Come and join us at The Buck and Bell at 11.00am before heading off on one of at least four rambles – each of different lengths. Walks range from 2 to 6 miles. This year we have added a Dog Walk so that four-legged villagers can take part. Hot soup and a roll await on return (£1.50).

The regular Friday walks from The Pond (meeting at 9.00am) continue to be well supported. Friday December 14th has the added attraction of a breakfast at The Harvester on return at 10.15. Orders will be taken before the walk starts.

We will make alterations to the events should government advice/regulations change over COVID.

If you are interested in joining any of the above, please contact Brian Smith – 01926 815119/email: longitchingtonpaths@gmail.com. It is useful to have numbers in advance so that walks and food orders can be planned in advance.

BOOK NOW FOR THE LICC CHRISTMAS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ!

This year's Long Itchington Cricket Club Christmas Quiz is back and will be held on **Friday 3rd December** at the Community Centre, which will be open, including the bar, from 7pm for an 8pm prompt start to the quiz.

You can enter as many teams of four people as you like (feel free to spread the word) to attend this combined social and fundraising event. If you cannot raise a full team, please let us know and turn up anyway, as we can always find others to make up a team. Cost is £6 per head including a free samosa per person (ie: £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 as soon as possible to reserve tables:

mitchellasm@hotmail.co.uk

Martyn.Rawbone@btopenworld.com

andyhartrugby@btinternet.com).

SOUTHAM HAS A NEW MARKET!

Taking place on the third Saturday of each month.

The first is on Saturday November 20th from 10am to 12.30pm in the Grange Hall on Coventry Road, Southam. WI will provide refreshments.

We hope to provide a wide range of goods for sale, including food and drink, home and garden wares, gifts, crafts and clothes, emphasising local producers & retailers. Alongside the stalls, the market will also be a showcase for Southam's shops and services.

Dates for the next three markets are: 18th December, 19th February, 19th March 2022 (no market in January 2022). If the market proves to be popular with both stallholders and customers, then it will continue indefinitely on the third Saturday of every month.

Long Itchington History Group

Long Itchington History Group complete their Autumn programme on **8th December** with Bring & Tell - Members are invited to bring an object and give a brief talk. We welcome new and existing members to all meetings. The January 2022 to May programme will be announced later. Next meeting 12th January 2022.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month September – April, starting at 7.30pm in Long Itchington Community Centre. Admission £2 per meeting.

If you require a lift or information: Chairman David Williams 812573, Secretary Gillian Phillips 812215.

Meetings will fully adhere to Covid regulations/protocols in place at the time as well as the requirements of the Community Centre.

The Ophir Russell Memorial Seat

On behalf of the relatives and friends of Ophir, I would like to thank Tom Fincham and Stuart Kurle for the excellent work and refurbishment of the seat. A top job, well done. Thank you, from B. Gaskins

Note from Parish Council

Residents who wish to remember loved ones can plant a tree in their memory at the Memorial Garden – contact parish office for more details

Wildlife News

The village pond tidy up event on Saturday 30th October was a great success. Many thanks must be given to everyone who helped, a lot was achieved! The raft has been returned to its rightful place in the centre of the pond, and vegetation behind the railings given a good trim. The pond is now ready for another year supporting wildlife and delighting visitors.

For more information about nature conservation activities go to www.longitchingtonwildlife.org.uk.

Please be aware that feeding bread to ducks and swans is harmful to them – we will soon be installing a duck feed dispenser with more suitable food.

... A HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 usually manned **Monday to Friday between 9.30am – 11.30am**. Appointments are preferred

Phone: ~ 815216 or in emergency: ~ 814921

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