



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Autumn/Winter 2016



Longwick-cum-Ilmer

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Welcome to the Autumn/Winter Newsletter

Autumn is a time in many countries to harvest crops. It is the time of year for cultural events to take place including Harvest Festivals and Halloween. Some of our local birds begin their migration to warmer climes and animals start collecting food to prepare for the winter.

The next event is Bonfire night held traditionally on November 5th when the skies are alight with colourful displays.

As soon as that gentle chill in the air turns into biting cold you know winter has arrived and the next festive season is full of events to the run up to Christmas.

Dates to remember:

Our annual Remembrance Service will take place on Friday 11 November at 11.00am by the War Memorial on Thame Road, outside Briant's. The children of Longwick C of E will be taking part again.

The Parish Council Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 20th December in Longwick Village Hall starting at 6.00pm. The LOGS (Longwick Old Guys) and the children from Longwick School will also be taking part. Mince pies and refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome to attend!



***Deadline for the next Parish newsletter will be 30th March.
If you would like to place an advert in the newsletter as well, please send all
details to valthewillows@aol.com***

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The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

News from

Longwick C of E Combined



Our assembly theme for this half term is 'Perseverance'.

That will focus on how we can work through challenging situations we may find ourselves, and for lots of us at Longwick this will also be about the challenges of our life in a new class, school or role.

As the new Headteacher at Longwick Church of England School I am on a very steep learning curve in my new and exciting role. However, I enjoy learning; 'learning' in its widest sense is the core purpose of everything that we do in school and my hope is that every young person will take from their school experience a passion for learning that will last a life time.

Starting my first headship, after the Summer break, brought the additional challenges of an extremely busy Autumn term. The beginning of the academic year is always a busy period in school; new children, parents and staff arriving, new routines to be followed, changes in school/government policy alongside the usual day to day running of a small but busy school.

Having been part of the Longwick community for the past 5 years, as Deputy Head, I have been overwhelmed by the kindness, warmth, care and support that is so readily offered by everyone. I have also been blessed by having an amazing team of teachers and staff that work above and beyond what is expected of them to ensure that every child in our care is excited and engaged.

I am looking forward to continuing my work with all members of the community as we move forward on our journey and to ensure we are always 'Inspiring a love of learning'.

David Liddle - Headteacher

LOGS Litter Pick - 28th October!

The LOGS are planning an autumn litter pick in the village and hamlets on Wednesday 28th October to consolidate the work put in when a group of residents from the village, plus some of the hamlets such as Meadle and Owlswick joined in "Clean for the Queen".

There will be two assembly points, the first at the junction of Bell Crescent and Chestnut Way, near to the Red Lion and the second at the end of Walkers Road on the Thame Road.

We will meet at 10.30am and all local residents are invited to join in this event. Litter grabber sand sacks will be provided and it is recommended that volunteers wear stout shoes and wear gloves. Hi viz vests can be provided so those road users can see people collecting the litter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I feel nowadays I am always writing about scams or cons – doorstep crime, postal scams, telephone scams, fraud and cyber crime which really all the above comes under this heading.

I do try to pass on good advice and how you can keep yourselves safe from becoming a victim, but unfortunately people are still becoming victims unwillingly because these scammers are devious in the way they are able to get hold of details.

Everyone is at risk. The majority of scammers use mailing lists, which categorise people as being elderly or vulnerable in some way. Victims are emptying their bank accounts and even losing their homes as they try to keep up with the demands of scam mail and phone calls. A few examples below show how people have fallen victim:

Over 22,000 people replied with cash to one scam mail in a day, sending the scammers a total of £500,000. 20 pensioners in Devon were tricked into sending £350,000 to claim a non-existent prize draw windfall. So here are some reminders:

- 1. If you receive a “Dazzling” letter – please DO NOT respond, just throw it away!**
- 2. Never send cash, disclose personal details or buy goods to claim a prize!**
- 3. Watch out for “get rich quick” schemes and inheritance notifications.**

Always seek professional advice before signing up to ANY type of investment scheme including precious gems, solar panels, land, wine and property.

If you receive a suspicious phone call- REMEMBER you do not have to get into a discussion over the phone with anyone. NEVER give out personal information, such as bank or credit details.

Keep your business your business. Just say “No thank you I am not interested” then put the phone down.

Do not be tempted. THINK! Your hard-earned cash could end up being used to keep a scammer in a luxurious lifestyle!

Organised criminal gangs sometimes use the money they have been able to obtain from scams to fund the drug trade, gun crime, human trafficking and other criminals worldwide.

And lastly to STOP NUISANCE CALLS visit either www.truecall.co.uk or call 0800 0336330.

Val McPherson - Area Co-ordinator



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The Parish Council would like to say *thank you* to Tesco's for giving us £12,000 through their "Tesco Bags of Help" for the Dangling Tri Box multi play unit with towers slide and climbers and Frog sit in springer for our Children's Play area in Longwick.

We would also like to thank all the people who voted towards us receiving this funding. The children from around our parish are happy with the new play equipment.



Jacqueline Anne Florist
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Lost rights of ways - volunteers needed!

Restoring the Record.

On 1st January 2026 – not 10 years away – it will no longer be possible to use documentary evidence to claim “lost Ways”. Any path, track, alleyway, bridleway, cut-through, etc not registered on the definitive map could be in danger of being lost forever. Even old and still well –used, but officially unrecorded paths and tracks may at risk. The ancient maxim on which many past claimants have relied: “once a highway always a highway” will be history.

What does that actually mean to those of us who walk, cycle or horse ride along our local public footpaths and bridleways? Simply if it isn’t registered, an owner could put a gate or fence across it and prohibit all entry to the public – quite legally – and think how that could hinder our access to the countryside. Here are just a few questions considering.

Just in your parish:

- Are there old lanes not currently used, but could potentially be useful in the future;
- Do you remember a route you walked as a child that is not currently accessible;
- Why does that footpath or bridleway suddenly end at the parish or county boundary or why does that bridleway end and become a footpath;• Flyers/brochures etc
- Are all public footpaths and bridleways accurately mapped by the Ordnance Survey;
- Do routes you use join the metalled highway or is there a strip of gravel not marked as a footpath or bridleway on the map;
- Is that track or hollow way use through your local wood actually a definitive path?

After 2026 historic map and documentary evidence will be inadmissible to claim “lost” or existing routes not on the definitive map (though it will be possible to claim paths on the basis of 20 years unopposed, use).

The basic message is starkly simple – the risk is that we take our access to the countryside for granted, we use routes for recreation and as a means of linking places together, but if we don’t check what we already have, or what has been used in the past, we could lose it. If we don’t research what we use now and have done in the past, we may never get another chance to register it in the future.

Do you have any old maps, letters, books or photos which show that paths existed? They could be very important – verbal memories also often provide worthwhile clues!

Fortunately, the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum, Open Spaces Society, the Ramblers and British Horse Society, among others, and our local parish council are taking initiative to do what they can for the benefit of local parishes and our neighbours to secure unrecorded paths for the future generations to enjoy. Will you help us, please?

We may need people to check maps, walk paths, do research and get new links approved – this is both a countywide and countrywide initiative. If you are interested and are prepared to help, **contact Ross Osborn (rossosborn41@gmail.com)** who can either put you in contact to your local volunteer, or will send you all the information you need to know to start out on this potentially fascinating detective hunt!

Longwick Evening WI

The weather has been kind to Longwick WI this summer. In June our visit to Edwyn Rye's beautiful garden in Wendover was blessed with hot sunshine as his roses and delphiniums reached their peak. The afternoon was rounded off with a cream tea. We also had a wonderful evening at the Mill at Sonning where we enjoyed a meal and a hilarious performance of Ray Cooney's farce "It Runs in the Family".

In July we enjoyed a fascinating talk by Sally Botwright about City of London Gardens, some of which we may have glimpsed but knew nothing about. In August we have no evening meeting in the hall, so we all met for a most enjoyable afternoon in the lovely garden of one of our members. We brought delicious plates of food to share and spent the afternoon enjoying the hot sunshine and convivial company.

As Autumn approaches we look forward to a varied programme of speakers:

14th September Unconventional Flower Arranging for the Terrified: Dru Ellis.

12th October Mercy Ships: Ken Brazier

9th November Annual General Meeting

14th December British Comedy Greats: Bob Harding- Jones

Our interest groups continue to go from strength to strength. The Wall Hanging of Longwick scenes is nearing completion and the Play -group is preparing for the Christmas Production. The Bridge Group, Book Club, Walkers Group, Theatre and Discussion Groups continue to thrive – something for everyone.

We meet every second Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in Longwick Village Hall. You are most welcome to join us.

If you would like any further information, please contact our Secretary, Janet Smith on 01844 347564.

Thank You!

The Parish Council would like to say thank you to Briants & Penns Flowers for supporting the parish. Briants made and supplied the planters at each entrance to the village and Penns Flowers supplied the plants, flowers and bulbs.



This year we are celebrating the fact that the little chapel of St. Peter's in Owlswick has been serving the community for 150 years, the culmination of our celebrations happened when Bishop Alan of Buckingham opened our new disabled access path and "dry composting" toilet on 31st July. The occasion started with delicious teas in the adjacent paddock, courtesy of the owner and after this we enjoyed Songs of Praise with the Bishop followed by the official opening when Bishop Alan cut a ribbon across the toilet door. The cost of the toilet and path was too expensive to be funded by the congregation of St. Peter's and we are very grateful for the unwavering support of our parish church, St. Dunstan's of Monks Risborough and other organisations that gave us grants.

To help towards the cost we are holding a quiz, if you would like to raise a team for this the details are as follows:

Saturday 29th October - 7pm start
Orchard View Farm, Little Meadle

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Tea at Three

We are back after our summer break. I hope you all enjoyed the hot weather. Now we are looking forward to our Christmas Party on Tuesday November 29th. We have entertainment, a lovely Christmas tea. Bring your friends, everyone is most welcome!



Here are the dates for 2017. It is always the last Tuesday of the month. 31st January, 28th March and 30th May. We have a summer break then begin on 26th September and 28th November. Another year has gone by!

Wishing you all the best, do come along for an enjoyable afternoon.
Gill Stone

USEFUL NUMBERS

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County Councillor	Bill Bendyshe-Brown	01844 275327
District Councillor	Clive Harriss	01296 614913
Dog Warden	WDC	01494 421723
Fly Tipping	WDC	01494 586550
Highways on Call	BCC	08452 302882
Longwick Beavers	Neville Trout	01844 273746
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Longwick Cubs	Neville Trout	01844 273746
Longwick Fete	Tracey Mann	01844 347293
Longwick Football Club	Kevin Frewin	07771 940517
Longwick Pre-School	Sam Wells	01844 217899
Longwick School	Office	01844 344769
Longwick Scouts	Neville Trout	01844 273746
Longwick Sports Club	Kevin Frewin	07771 940517
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Police Neighbourhood	Officer Sgt James Benfield	101
Police (call centre)	Non- Emergency	101
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Tea at Three	Gill Stone	01844 342796
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