

**LONG ASHTON &
LEIGH WOODS
NEWSLETTER**

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Well so far winter has been very mild, in complete contrast to last year, although I am sure we have plenty of adverse weather yet to come.

We recently heard from the appointed judge that the Judicial appeal against Bristol City Councils decision to only part register the Town Green has merit and this will affect the Stadium Development. It will be heard in Cardiff in due course, probably in April or May and we await the outcome, but we continue to have a dialogue with Bristol City Football Club.

The North Somerset core strategy document is nearing completion and approval from the Inspector, and the good news is that it reinforces the idea of Green Belt between Bristol and ourselves. This should thwart any major development to the south and east of our village for about fifteen years. We will however continue to monitor this area. However the South Bristol Link Road has achieved funding and could be built from Cater Road to the A38 then on to the A370, going east of the landfill site through the valley by Colliters Brook to join the A370 by the Church. We continue to monitor the progress and it still has to pass some critical hurdles before starting. This includes an environmental assessment. If it passes all of this it will be completed in 2016. Although where the traffic will go after it circles around Bristol and arrives on our doorstep is anyone's guess. If you feel the need to complain then please send the complaint to North Somerset Council as it is entirely their idea in tandem with Bristol City Council.

Festival Way link between Yanley Lane and the B3128 is due to be started and completed very soon and your Council has fought for this route to be open to all, this being Pedestrian, Cyclist, Disabled and Equestrian usage.

We recently had to reverse a decision to support this route at the last minute as the interpretation initially put on our approval was that it should not include full access for the equestrian fraternity. We as a Council

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always strive to support everyone in the community regardless of our personal choices, beliefs or interests and I am pleased to say the final decision passed by North Somerset is that we should strive to make this a Public Right of Way with access for all the above potential users. This PROW should be achieved via a diversion order taking the PROW rights from the path from Yanley Lane to the Church and transferring it to Festival Way. This should in time also give all weather access to the Church for Northleaze School as well as other worshippers. However I must stress that if horses use the Festival Way route it is incumbent upon their owners or riders to clear up any detritus their horses or dogs leave behind because no-one wishes to walk, cycle, push a pram or wheelchair through dung or dog faeces. So if you drop it clean it!

LONG ASHTON THROUGH MY LIFETIME

Harry Williams will give a talk to the Good Companions on 29th February in the Jubilee Pavilion at 2.30pm.

Harry was born in and has always lived in Long Ashton, being active in many aspects of village life. He will reminisce on the changes which have taken place over the last fifty plus years.

The meeting will be an OPEN meeting and a warm welcome is extended to all.

(The Pavilion is situated between the Village Hall and the Bowling Green.)

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL - DATES 2012

Meetings are normally held at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Keedwell Hill.

Monday	12th	March	Council
Monday	19th	March	Planning
Monday	16th	April	Planning
Monday	23rd	April	Annual Parish Meeting VILLAGE HALL
WED	25th	April	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	30th	April	F & GP
Monday	14th	May	Annual Council Meeting
Monday	21st	May	Planning
Monday	11th	June	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	18th	June	Planning
WED	20th	June	F & GP
Monday	25th	June	Council
Monday	16th	July	Planning
Monday	6th	August	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	13th	August	F & GP
Monday	20th	August	Planning
Monday	3rd	September	Council
Monday	17th	September	Planning
Monday	8th	October	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	22nd	October	Planning
Monday	29th	October	F & GP
Monday	5th	November	Council
Monday	19th	November	Planning
Monday	26th	November	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	10th	December	Planning
Monday	17th	December	F & GP

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

to be held on

Monday 23rd April 2012
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

All residents are welcome to attend
Look for the agenda on the noticeboards closer to the date

The budget has been agreed and a precept of £137,477 made to the District Council for the 2012/13 financial year.

For the fourth year the Parish Council is holding a 'Nominated Best Kept Garden' competition. Any resident can nominate an individual address (but not their own) and all nominations must be sent to the Clerk by 14th July. Each person can nominate one garden.

This will be my last Parish Council News item as I am retiring in March. My successor is Janet Turp. I hope she finds the work as enjoyable and interesting as I have over these 30+ years.

The email address and phone number will remain the same but the postal address will be Long Ashton Parish Council, PO Box 3102, Long Ashton, Bristol.

Mrs. M. Addis MBE, Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council.

Tel: 393551

clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

www.longashtonparishcouncil.com

RETIREMENT

Marilyn Addis, who has been the Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council for 30 years, is retiring at the end of March.

Her work and responsibilities as Parish Clerk have increased tremendously over this time but Marilyn has always been so ready to take on board new directives and policies and bring them before Councillors to ensure they are kept well informed.

Her input has been remarkable in all areas of the job and has been very much appreciated by us all.

We say a very sincere thank you for the years of service she has given and hope the future will see her being able to have a more restful time.



Coupled with the above remarks must be included thanks to Marilyn's husband, Dave, who has been a tower of support. He has given many hours to do a variety of "odd jobs" which have been of benefit to the village, particularly with arrangements at the Burial Ground, and this has all been greatly appreciated.

POLICE PACT OPEN MEETING

**Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 7.30pm
at The Royal British Legion Club,
1 Providence Lane, Long Ashton.**

CHURCHYARD and BURIAL GROUND MEMORIALS

Perhaps an explanation should be given regarding the cordoning off and laying down of dangerous grave headstones in the churchyard and burial ground.

The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the area and paying for repairs to graves if the owners are not able to be traced.

As explained in the last newsletter there is much work to be done. Permission for this work has to have approval from the Parochial Church Council, which has been given, and a document called a Faculty has to be obtained from the Diocese.

All this takes a while to achieve but notices of intent have now been posted at the Church and churchyard and if there are no objections within 28 days the Parish Council will immediately make arrangements for repairs to be carried out.

Hopefully our burial areas will be back to normal in a few months.

LONG ASHTON BOWLING CLUB

The Long Ashton Bowling Club is located at the Community Centre, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton. Our outdoor season begins at the end of April. If you are interested in playing bowls or would like to know more about the game please contact Sara Taylor, telephone number 01275 392497 or by email saraemail@btinternet.com



We are a friendly club. During Friday evenings in the summer we welcome anyone to come along and “have-a-go”. We can supply shoes and bowls also tuition if required. During the evening the bar in the Pavilion is open for a social chat when you can meet other bowlers and find out more about the club.

We are also having a Coffee Morning starting at 10.00am in the Pavilion on Saturday 14th April. Everyone is welcome.

Janet Lock.



Avon Wildlife Trust

Long Ashton Group

*All meetings are held at the Royal British Legion Club, Providence Lane,
Long Ashton at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.*

Thursday 15th March

The Work of the National Trust in Leigh Woods.
BILL MORRIS - National Trust Head Warden.

Thursday 19th April

Around the Hebridean Islands of Mull, Islay & Uist..
PHIL MUGRIDGE - Wildlife Photographer.

Wanting an Allotment or do you have ground to spare?

The Parish Council is aware that some people are looking for areas of ground where they can grow vegetables and/or fruit. On the other hand there are householders for whom, the garden is becoming difficult to maintain.

If you are in either of the above categories, contact the clerk with details and it may be possible to put partnerships together to resolve the problems.

Tel: The Clerk on 01275 393551 or
e-mail clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

LONG ASHTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

By the time this Newsletter is delivered there will be just two meetings left to complete this Winter's programme of Local History talks. These are Thursday 1st March when the subject will be "All the fun of the Fair" and Thursday 5th April with a talk on the Bristol Blitz. As usual these will take place in the Village Hall Pavilion commencing at 7.30 pm.

So far this season we have had some very interesting talks. The A.G.M. in October was again most successful centred around a Cheese and Wine Buffet. The evening was rounded off with short contributions from our own members on topics of personal interest.

In the November meeting Bryan Smith drew attention to the existence of another branch of the Smyth family running in parallel with the principal family members resident at Ashton Court. This came about when Florence Smyth, a widow, married Thomas Pigott in 1647 and set up home in Brockley. The descendants of this union continued to live in Brockley until the estate was sold off in 1947. By a strange coincidence this was just one year after the death of Esme Smyth whose passing triggered the demise of the Ashton Court Estate.

The subject of our December meeting was "Redcliffe Caves". Alan Gray gave not only a history of the Caves but information about buildings and structures nearby including the Shot Tower, the Glass Kiln, Redcliffe Church spire and the Railway Tunnel under Redcliffe Church Yard.

In January Mike Rowlands gave us an in depth look at Clifton, described by Sir John Betjeman as 'the handsomest Suburb in England'. There is no doubt that many buildings in Clifton are the equal of those in Bath.

In February under the intriguing title "Who was Amelia Edwards?", Cyril Routley gave an insight into local personalities commemorated in the past but through the passing of time now largely forgotten.

Visitors are very welcome to come to our meetings. There is just a nominal charge of £1 a head.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)

It may be worthwhile reminding owners of trees with Tree Preservation Orders of the penalties of undertaking any work on such trees without permission.

If work is needed to cut down, top, lop or uproot any tree subject to a TPO then permission must be sought from the local planning authority for work to be carried out. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution and fines up to £20,000.

Trees in imminent danger or dead are excluded from permission but if roots are causing subsidence to any buildings (your own or your neighbour's) it is preferable that your insurers are notified to determine any action needed.

Andree Peel Park

To keep you informed, following the article in the Autumn newsletter regarding delays to the opening of the park, whilst members of the Parish Council are continuing to press Taylor Wimpey and their contractors to complete the necessary work, regrettably this area has still not been raised to the required standard.

Be assured the fault does not lie with the Parish Council.

The Bird in Hand Book Club

The Book in Hand Club, the new Long Ashton reading group is looking for new members! Come along and share a drink and have fun discussing books in a relaxed setting. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 11.30am - 12.30pm at the "Bird in Hand" pub, 17 Weston Road.



For more information contact Gilly on 01275 545767 or
e-mail gillymfenton@googlemail.com

WANTED !

DELIVERERS for NEWSLETTERS

*The following roads require volunteers
willing to deliver the newsletter 3 times a year:*

Church Lane (8 houses)

Tripps Row (9 houses)

Bramley Copse (51 houses)

(perhaps 2 people could share this road)

Please consider whether you could help.
A few minutes every 4 months isn't too arduous.

Please telephone Jean Pullin 393617
stating which road you are willing to cover.

FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

There was a good response to the appeal in the October newsletter and a group began in January by carrying out repairs and improvements to the path running along the David Lloyd centre towards the boundary with Bristol.

The work involved improving access to the path by cutting back brambles and stoning a muddy area, enlarging a drainage channel and cementing in an ill fitting gate post.

The Parish Council is very grateful and thanks the group. Long may it continue.



LEAFLETS DESCRIBING LOCAL FOOTPATH WALKS

*Now available free of charge at
The Little Tipple and the Library*

1. A new leaflet describing two short walks on fields and paths to the south of Birdwell and the Perry Road area. According to an old map, when the village was part of

Ashton Court Estate, the area was known as Sidelands and the hill up to the by-pass was called Hiving Hill. One walk extends to just beyond Yanley Lane, with an optional short diversion up to a viewpoint and seat. Both walks return on the cycle path by Northleaze School and The Dawson Walk in woodland given in 1982 by the then owner, Mr. William Dawson.

2. Leaflets describing The Village Circular Walk. There are two leaflets - one walking clockwise, the other anti-clockwise.

3. A reissue of an earlier leaflet describing two short circular walks on the northern edge of the village - across the Long Ashton golf course and in Pill Grove Wood. One walk includes the footpath in The Brake, part of Keeds Wood which changed hands recently.

In the pipeline:

The “with a pub half-way” leaflets are now out of print. Rough drafts have been prepared of walks to various local pubs and I hope to update them soon. I will put announcements in local publications and display a few posters when they are ready for you to walk.

Tony Hibbitt



PLANNING

Refusal by North Somerset of two applications within the village has brought an appeal by both applicants.

20 Lyvedon Way, where a request was made for the erection of a two storey dormer bungalow, is being dealt with by written representations from objectors, including the Parish Council.

Unit B Estune Business Park, Pear Tree Avenue where the applicant wishes to erect a three storey linked building to provide 35 sheltered flats, a caretaker's flat, communal facilities etc, on the site originally designated for employment use, will be considered by a "hearing" on March 1st. This will be a meeting of all the interested parties who will put forward their views, about the proposal, before a final decision is made by the Inspector.

The Parish Council are so frustrated about the length of time it is taking for Wimpey to complete the green area, at the junction of Pear Tree Avenue and Perry Road, and work on the Sports Field which includes the erection of a fence on the northern boundary. The pressure is being kept on them with constant reminders as the Council is very anxious for both these areas to be brought into use.

Building has commenced on the new properties being built on Bracken Hill House site in North Road, Leigh Woods and a request has been made for a change of use for the main house. If this is approved this will become a 6 bedroom property instead of 6 apartments.

The steering group has been working hard towards producing our Neighbourhood Plan. During the coming months they will be organising consultation events where local people will be able to give their thoughts about what they feel is important for the future of our village and the surrounding area.

Mary Uppington - Chairman - Planning Committee.

Works to Water Pipes

The Autumn newsletter gave advance notice that work would continue in January replacing water pipes.

Currently work is underway in Wild Country Lane which will be closed for 3 months. In early March work will carry on from there into Weston Road and will continue along Long Ashton Road finishing at the junction with the A370 just after the Dovecote, expected completion date being September.

Traffic will be managed by 2 way traffic signals over short lengths. Properties adjacent to these roads will have access but may not be able to park near the working area. Bristol Water has begun writing to householders to explain, amongst other things, that it may be necessary to turn off supplies on specific days. These will be notified in advance.

It is, however, worthwhile drawing attention to the matter of **BOGUS CALLERS**

Advice from Bristol Water is as follows:

Real Bristol Water representatives will show a proper identity card which should include

- name
- photograph
- company markings
- freephone number to call if you wish to verify caller's identity

Bristol Water advises

- Be on your guard
- Do not let anybody inside until you have checked his or her ID card carefully. Bona fide Staff will understand you might ask them to wait outside while you check.
- If you have any doubts over the ID card, call the freephone number 0800 373501 and check the caller's identity.
- If any caller claiming to be from Bristol Water does not show an ID card do not let them inside - *call the police at once.*



Easter Holiday Family Activity Day - Tuesday 3rd April

Hosted by the Long Ashton Community Association with activities for all ages from 0 - 16. £1 entry per child which includes a free soft drink voucher.

All day café in the Club Room serving teas, coffees, cakes and light lunches.

Soft play £3 per child which includes a free tea/coffee for attending parent. Some other activities are chargeable - see chart below.

Turn up on the day or to guarantee a place at a session, pre-book by contacting Sarah Leong on 01275 393570 or laca@btconnect.com

Please note cookery workshops **must** be booked in advance. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

	10.10am - 11.00am	11.10am - 12 noon	12.10pm - 1.00pm	1.10pm - 2.00pm	2.10pm - 3.00pm	3.10pm - 4.00pm
Keeds Hall	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3
Club Room (+ All Day Café)	Jewellery Making Ages 6+ £1	Bath Bomb Making Ages 6+ £1	Nail Art Ages 6+ £1	Karen Phillips Ceramics Ages 3 - 16 Around £3	Karen Phillips Ceramics Ages 3 - 16 Around £3	
Village Hall	Mini Musicians for under 5s Free	A Squeeze of Lemon Cookery workshop "Roly Poly Easter" 5 - 8 yrs £3 Advance booking only Table Tennis Free	Football Fun 0 - 3 yrs 11.00am 3 - 4 yrs 11.30am	Football Fun 4 - 8 yrs A Squeeze of Lemon Cookery workshop Hot Cross Buns Ages 9+ £3 Advance booking only	Street Dancing Under 17s £2	Zumba Under 17s £1
Pavilion		Short May Bowling Age 10+ Free Attending adult required 2 sessions 11.00 - 11.30am and 11.30 - 12noon				
Griffin Lounge		Creation Station Art 50p - £3 + free activity, all ages, at any time	Creation Station Art	Creation Station Art	Music Games 5 - 8 yrs Free	

WESTLEAZE W.I.

*Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the 1st Wednesday
in the month in The Jubilee Pavilion.*

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| April 4th | BIRTHDAY MEETING
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE
Susan Marshfield. |
| May 2nd | RESOLUTIONS followed by
QUEEN'S JUBILEE SOCIAL EVENING
Competition: Photo of self from 1952. |
| June 6th | VISIT TO THE RED LODGE. |
| July 6th | (Friday not Monday)
TASTER EVENING OF BOWLING & SOCIAL
5.30pm at the Jubilee Hall.
No competition. |
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LAILA

**(LONG ASHTON INDEPENDENT
LADIES ASSOCIATION)**

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month
at 7.15pm in the Village Hall



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| March 21st | MUSICAL TALK
by Tim Lewis. |
| April 18th | CHOCOLATE
Talk by John Gingell. |
| May 16th | MOVIE MUSICAL MAGIC
Talk by Terry Merrett-Smith. |
| June 20th | MEANING OF ENGLISH PLACE NAMES
Talk by Dan Evans. |
| July 18th | QUIZ EVENING
with Fish & Chip Supper. |

NORTHLEAZE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Pupils and Staff at Northleaze stepped back in time on Monday 30th January to mark the 150th Anniversary of the School.

The day started with everyone arriving at the Brook Close site in Victorian outfits - the children and staff looked amazing. Boys and girls were taught separately in Key Stage 1 classes and lessons in the morning were taught in traditional Victorian style. These included writing with chalk on made up slates, chanting of times tables, exercise drills, dictation, handwriting and deportment. As if this was not enough children were also subjected to shoes and hand inspections as well as wearing the Dunce's hat and being caned (all pretend of course!) In the playground Victorian games such as rolling the hoop and throwing quoits were played.

In the afternoon the children walked to All Saints' Church for a special anniversary service accompanied by the Bishop of Taunton. On the way they walked past the old school building waving their Union Jack flags. During the service ex-pupils of the school shared their special memories with the congregation and Year 6 children read 'The Parable of the Sower'.

The whole day was a great success and a fitting celebration of the school's place in Long Ashton's history. Further special events are planned for later in the year with one being a special Coffee Morning for ex-pupils and staff. This will be held on Thursday April 26th from 10.00 - 11.30am. Anyone interested in attending should contact the school on 01275 540077 to reserve a place.

Steve Davis - Headmaster

LONG ASHTON / LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2012

Weather-wise we seem to have lived under almost total cloud cover this winter and look with a degree of envy towards the drier east. It has not been a good winter for those with photovoltaic panels on their roofs, but at least we have been spared the snowy conditions of last year with all its problems.

Bracken Hill Open Day in October was well attended and Devonshire Homes escorted the tours around the gardens. The pond area in particular has been restored and replanted and the thinning and removal of some of the trees has been completed to allow the specimen trees to thrive, especially the *Sorbus bristoliensis* which only grows in the Avon Gorge and Leigh Woods. The major building works continue with the first house growing daily and due to be finished by the summer, together with the other five on the same site. The main house and a large part of the garden are under offer to a private buyer but at the time of writing it has not been completed. The next Open Day will be in April on a date to be arranged.

The Woods are becoming ever more popular with walkers and particularly with cyclists which inevitably leads to an increase in North Road parking, and indeed in the side roads. The Forestry Commission have done extensive work around Coronation Avenue with improved car parking. This has resulted in many tracks being churned up but it is hoped that more paths will be gravelled to improve the walking conditions. The National Trust have continued clearing around the important Iron Age fort to reveal the outer ramparts, and preserve the veteran trees. An excellent explanatory map is now in place. New cycle tracks are being made to encourage cyclists to keep to them.

Our Christmas Party was held in December with an excellent attendance and many new residents who are always welcome. It was interesting to be back in Belvedere with the new owners.

Mike Rowlands, the Manager of the Suspension Bridge Visitors Centre gave an informative and interesting talk on the construction of the bridge and the methods used to maintain it.

He confirmed the rise in the tolls which will come in some time this year and this naturally sparked off a lively discussion which was ably fielded by David Anderson, the Bridgmaster.

The Suspension Bridge Trust has submitted plans to North Somerset to build a new Visitors Centre in the Maintenance Yard. Information can be found on their website under Visitors Centre plans.

If you are a member of NHW you will already know the benefits but we would like to encourage non-members to join. It is not onerous and the more people who join the safer our neighbourhood will be. We have one meeting a year and where possible communicate by e-mail. We attend the **Partners and Communities Together Meetings (PACT) in Long Ashton** which is an opportunity to discuss issues of concern and learn how to deal with them and also help to influence change.

Sally Sparks

Vacancy

**FOR A COMMUNITY SPIRITED PERSON
TO WORK AS A VILLAGE ORDERLY &
HANDYPERSON
IN LONG ASHTON AND LEIGH WOODS
FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS PER WEEK**

Duties include picking up litter, general tidying, clearing litterbins, footpath clearing and handyman type duties and other work when needed around the Parish.

For further information, application forms etc.
please contact the Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council
mornings 01275 393551
email - clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

Make a difference to the lives of people with dementia in North Somerset

Volunteer Befrienders are needed to help support people with dementia in local communities across North Somerset. Befriending provides companionship for a person with early stage dementia and also helps them to take part in social and recreational activities.

Local charity, Alzheimer's Society, need Befrienders to help reduce the isolation often experienced by people with dementia. No experience is necessary but a willingness to learn about dementia and its impact on people is needed. If you have good communication skills, can show empathy and patience then this role could be for you.

This role is flexible but we do hope that you could give a couple of hours a week or a fortnight to maintain continuity. As a Befriender you would visit a person with dementia on a regular basis which may be at home or out in the local community. The aims of the role are to build trust and to help improve well being through friendship, support and social inclusion.

Befrienders are supported by a befriending manager and are carefully matched to the individual, Becky Aldridge who has volunteered in this role for 11 months said:

“I enjoy the sense of fulfilment I get in knowing I have made someone happy through an action which others would take for granted. I'm also surprised daily on how grateful clients and their carers are for this support. I go along once a month or more and spend time with the clients and their carers, as if they were any other close friend of mine. We get together and laugh!”

“Befriending is an opportunity to make a difference to people's lives. I find that no two days are ever the same; each is filled with a new challenge and a new opportunity to gain experience or learn new things. I would definitely recommend this experience to others. I just wish I had the money to be able to give up work and do it full time!”

If you would like to give your time, share your skills or even develop your skills more then please contact your local Volunteering Officer -

Tori Jones, Volunteering Officer
on 07801 133745 or tori.jones@alzheimers.org.uk

Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed and training will be provided.

AGM



*The Annual General Meeting of the
Community Association will be held
at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion,
Long Ashton Community Centre on
Tuesday 19th June.*

This is an opportunity for residents to find out what has been going on at the Centre in the last year, meet trustees and ask questions.

We would love to see you there!



'WILD GIRL'

The Long Ashton Community Association are pleased to announce that a second Bristol Old Vic touring theatre performance, this time of 'Wild Girl', will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 8th June at 6.30pm. This will consist of a 45 minute performance followed by a workshop.

We have very few details as yet but will post them on our website once they become available -

www.longashtoncommunitycentre.org

Meanwhile save the date in your diary!



VILLAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

HELP WANTED!

Saturday 16th June evening - Family Barn Dance in the Village Hall

***Sunday 17th June 12.00 noon onwards -
Village Picnic on the Recreation Ground and in the Community Centre***

The Diamond Jubilee is a great chance for the whole village to come together and celebrate! We are organising our event a little after the official date as we are keen to avoid school holidays so that as many people as possible will be able to come and join in and hopefully help out!

The Saturday evening Barn Dance being organised by the Parish Council will be suitable for all ages and includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of May from the Community Centre office.

On the Sunday afternoon, we invite you all to bring a picnic, relax to live music and enjoy browsing stalls, bouncy castles, games, a bar, a café, quizzes, community singing and then later on a pig roast and bbq.

For all this to happen we need lots of help! If you are able to give an hour of your time to run a game/stall, supervise a bouncy castle or help with serving refreshments we would really appreciate you getting in touch. Also, if you have any ideas for activities, we would love to hear from you too.

Please call Sarah Leong on 01275 393570 or email laca@btconnect.com

Age UK Somerset at Long Ashton Community Café 2012

**Age UK advisors will be at the Long
Ashton Café on these dates.**

Come along for information;

Benefits, Heating, Home Safety

Home Care, Carers, Support

Fridays 10.30 – 12.00

23rd March

18th May

On Friday 27th April we will be holding a free Big Advice Session at the Pavillion from 10.00 – 12.00. Lots of stalls, exhibitors, free samples & free refreshments – everyone welcome – no selling.

For more information phone Jane on 07758 469809



LONG ASHTON CHILDREN'S
CENTRE, HOLLIS CLOSE,
BS41 9AZ
Tel: 01275 888555
Web www.n-somerset.gov.uk

The Long Ashton Children's Centre is based in the grounds of Birdwell Primary School and Early Birds Nursery. We are now well and truly established and the groups and events being held at the Centre are proving to be a great success!

We listen to families' suggestions about what they would like us to put on at the Centre and we will be running Family First Aid courses here soon as requested by you.

Although the Centre is looking lovely we would like to make better use of our new garden as Spring approaches and we have lots of ideas about how it could be used.

Ideas for the garden from local parents include a vegetable patch and rainbow murals painted along the entire length of the wooden fencing. There were also lots of ideas for the grassy area including tractor tyres, bridges and stepping stones.

We would love to have the garden ready for the Summer, giving us the opportunity to run outdoor sessions at the Centre but

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Carers or family friends who are able to spare a couple of hours to come along and help us with some of this work.

This is something that we want to do and something that the Children's Centre members want us to do, but we cannot do it on our own! But

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE TOGETHER

If you have a couple of spare hours over the next month or so could you please let us know and we will arrange a date for a fun activity day creating the garden "you" want.

There is also a Family Support Worker, Amy Cridland, based at the Centre who is available for all kinds of family support. Amy can offer help with a wide range of issues and if you need help with anything relating to your child please pop into the Centre to pick up a leaflet outlining the Family Support Worker's role.

We are open on Tuesday, Wednesday mornings and Thursdays so please feel free to give us a call about forthcoming events, weekly sessions or any other issues you may have.

It would be lovely to see more of you here at the Centre and once we have the garden open and available for outdoor events we hope to see a lot more of you.

We are open at the following times:

Tuesday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am - 12 noon
Thursday	9.00am - 5.00pm

Jean Cross, Business Support Officer.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

We see a wide range of clients every day at North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau. Here is an example of one of the type of enquiries we have.

Q. Our circumstances recently changed and my spouse and I are considering re-writing our will. We had a leaflet through the door advertising will writing services which seemed quite reasonable. Is this method recommended?

A. We would not recommend will writing firms as they are not regulated by the Law Society so there are few safeguards if things go wrong.

It is generally advisable to use a Solicitor or to have a Solicitor check a will you have drawn up to make sure it will have the effect you want. It is easy to make mistakes, and if there are errors in the will, this can cause problems after your death.

However, if you don't use a Solicitor, it is better to use a firm which belongs to the institute of Professional Willwriters. These firms must follow a Code of Practice which covers the training and assessment of willwriters. There is also a complaints and conciliation procedure which can help you sort out problems if things go wrong. You can find details of The Code and of firms which belong to the Institute on the Institute's website at www.ipw.org.uk

If you belong to a Trade Union they may offer a free will writing service. There are also books which provide guidance on how to draw up a will. These can help you decide if you should draw up your own will or if any of the pre-printed will forms available from stationers and charities are suitable. It is also possible to find help on the Internet. However, you should only consider doing it yourself if the will is going to be straight forward.

If you need any advice on making or changing a will you can visit
www.adviceguide.org.uk/wills

North Somerset CAB gives free, confidential, independent advice to any North Somerset resident.

Contact us at:

Badger Centre, Wadham Street, Weston-s-Mare.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Polish interpreters available Monday 10.00am - 12 noon

Methodist Church Community Centre, Silver Street, Nailsea.

Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Adviceline 08444 111 444

www.northsomersetcab.org

www.adviceguide.org.uk



Local food & craft and a Café

with delicious snacks and drinks

on the 1st Saturday of every month from 9.30am - 1.00pm

at the Community Centre, Keedwell Hill, BS41 9EP.

Childrens' playground and park next door.

*Organic veg • gorgeous bread
local cheese • fresh fish • lovely homemade cakes
chutney • jam • flowers
fabulous craft*

New Scheme offers free energy advice to families



Help is being offered to families across North Somerset who are struggling with the recent energy price rises or the misery of cold homes. The new North Somerset Warm families advice project aims to help those households with children under the age of 18, by offering a range of support.

Advisors from the Warm Families team are able to guide families through their fuel bills, help them to understand their heating controls more effectively, and talk to them about different options for switching fuel tariffs with their energy supplier. They also offer advice on becoming more energy efficient and where people can get grants and loans for home improvements, such as loft and cavity wall insulation. They can also help families by ensuring they are receiving all the support from the government they are entitled to in the shape of benefits.

To speak to a local advisor for free, impartial saving advice,
call 0800 512 012 and ask about Warm Families
or email warmfamilies@cse.org.uk



*There appears to be
much inconsiderate
parking in
Long Ashton of late.*

Car Parking in the Village

Many people who have driveways seem to prefer parking on the roadway, often close to another car parked on the opposite side of the road, making it hazardous to drive between the vehicles.

What are TURNING BAYS for? - certainly not an extra parking space for a property.

Remember too, parking on pavements is illegal in most instances.

Perhaps a little more thought when parking?

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

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All telephone codes are 01275 unless otherwise indicated.