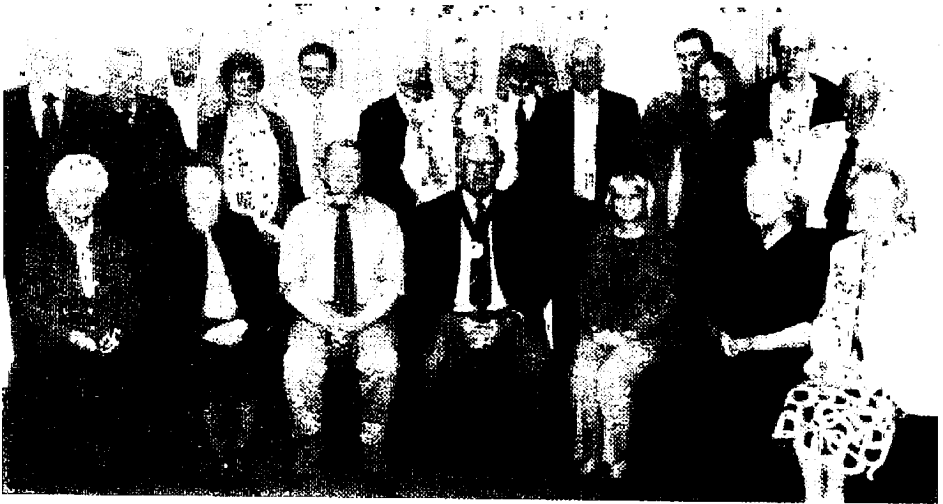


LONG ASHTON & LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2007

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2007

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Un-attributed articles however are meant in general to be for the information and entertainment of the public and are largely authoritative.

The Editorial Group reserve the right to accept, reject or edit any material submitted for publication.

Editorial Group for this issue - Marilyn Addis, Jean Pullin and Mary Uppington

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November and December 2006 - January and February 2007

midday 1st October 2007

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER JUNE 2007

I would like to express my thanks to Ivor Scoones who has given his time as Chairman of the Council over the last two years. I am pleased he remains on the Council. Born and bred in the village he has an intimate knowledge of the area. I, having lived in the Parish for a mere thirty five years, will be picking his brains.

I have excellent news that our Community Policemen Trevor and Ian will both remain with us, at least until September. In addition I am pleased to welcome Laura Wheeler as our Community Support Officer. Many will have already seen her 'out and about' in the village. Please park considerately otherwise she is likely to be speaking to you in her professional capacity.

Your responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire are in the process of being collated. It is a long job and my thanks to those who have volunteered to take on the task. Response from the youngsters suggests a lack of activities in the village. As part of our attempt to address this issue, a mobile skate park will be situated outside the village hall on various dates during the summer. (Dates published elsewhere). My thanks to Laura Wheeler for arranging its availability.

You have a new council, as a result of the recent election. This has provided both continuity and new blood, both of which are important features of any body.

There are a number of issues of concern that your Council will be addressing in the coming months. There is the prospect and position of a link road between the A38 and the A370, together with the possibility of outline plans to build in Ashton Vale. Also of concern is the impact of decisions made by the unelected body, 'The Regional Assembly', based in Exeter, on our village. We shall keep a close eye on this Quango's deliberations.

In my view we are lucky to be near, but separate from Bristol with all its facilities to the East, as well as being close to the countryside on our western flank. I'm sure that most of us would like to keep it that way.

Charles Cave.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council minutes, are held in the library and can be found on our website
www.longashtonparishcouncil.com

BEST KEPT ROAD AND CUL-DE-SAC COMPETITIONS

The Parish Council has for many years run its own
Best Kept Road and Best Kept Cul-de-Sac competitions.

Judging will take place during the summer
and results will be announced in the October Newsletter.

The following grants will be paid in the 07/08 Financial Year

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|------------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|
| Youth Provision (LA) | £ 7,500 | MS Therapy Centre | £ 50 |
| Nailsea Community Transport | £ 600 | Cricket Club | £ 250 |
| NS CAB | £ 50 | Village Festival | £ 200 |
| St. Johns Ambulance, Nailsea | £ 30 | Victim Support | £ 100 |
| N W Central Co-ord | £ 100 | Nailsea Drop In Centre | £ 50 |
| Drug Misuse | £ 100 | Contingency | £ 350 |
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| | | | £ 9380 |

Mrs M Addis
Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council
45 Long Ashton Road
Bristol BS41 9HW
01275 393551
clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

*Thanks to Phil Hucker and his gang from Ringway
who installed the additional seats around the village and the Noticeboard.*

The Parish Council is responsible for:

- The burial ground at All Saints Church
- Birdwell Recreation Ground
- Bus Shelters
- Litter, grit and dog bins
- Roadside seats
- Representing the views of the community on planning applications and other consultations
- Community safety initiatives such as traffic calming
- Publishing the Village Newsletter 3 times a year
- Projects to make the village more attractive e.g. Arch Close bank
- Leasing the Village Hall, Playground and Recreation Ground to LACA



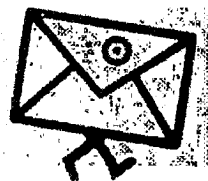
Long Ashton Community Association (LACA) is a registered charity and it manages the Village Hall complex and receives an annual grant from the Parish Council.

Long Ashton Millennium Project (LAMPRO) was set up to upgrade the complex and has carried out major improvements in recent years, with substantial support from the Parish Council. Its work continues.

Copies of the Council agendas and minutes can be seen at the local library and are on the website.

Residents can address the council, the Chairman will adjourn a Council meeting, at its commencement, for a ten minute period only, in order to allow any resident to make a 3 minute statement to the council on any subject, having given one week's (i.e. 5 working days) written notice to the Clerk of his/her intention and the subject. This will be on a 'first come' basis.

Do you want to write to Long Ashton Parish Council?



Please address your letter to:

Mrs. Addis

Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council

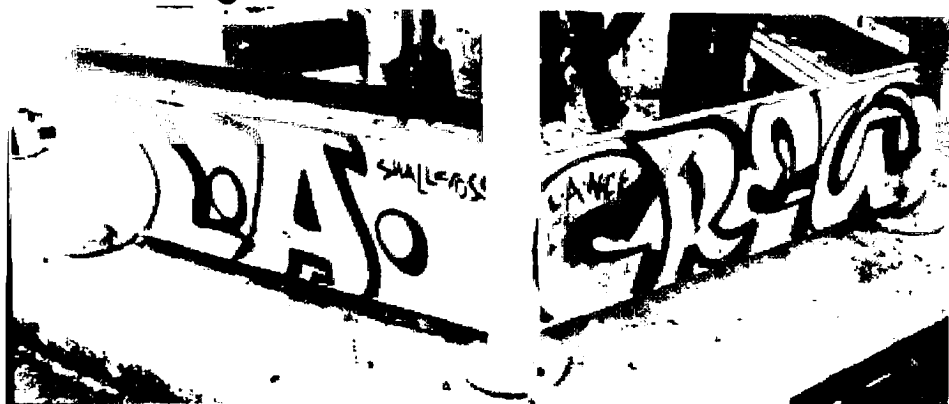
45 Long Ashton Road

Bristol BS41 9HW

e-mail clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

This is a part-time position and she can usually be contacted mornings on 01275 393551

Long Ashton Youth Club



Every Wednesday

Starting on Wednesday 6th June

6.30pm - 9.00pm

In the Club Room, Long Ashton Community Centre

Ages 11-14 • 50p per night

Come and have a go at:

- Table Tennis
- Sport and Fitness
- Card making
- Music
- Photography
- Pool
- Glass painting
- Jewelry making
- Cooking
- Computers & Internet

and much, MUCH more

To find out more
ring Russ on 07825 054700

Long Ashton Festival Presents

"It's a Knockout"

14 teams will compete in 7 games to win the title of

Long Ashton 'It's A Knockout Champions'

on 7th July 2007

12 noon - 4.00 pm

**The Community Centre Field,
Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton**

Followed by - A Village Picnic with Live Music at 4.30

Come and join in - cheer on your team

Side shows and quiz

Refreshments served all day

ALL EVENTS FREE (bring your own picnic)

7 people per team 'total age' handicaps given

All ages welcome.

Please register your team by phoning Val Bond

01275 392148 a.s.a.p



Girlguiding Long Ashton District

Each year we complete a census giving details of the number of members in Guiding. At the time of the last census in February of this year, there was a total of 152 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and their leaders in Long Ashton District. There are waiting lists to join and every group is well supported.

BUT

We are very concerned because the Guide leader retires at the end of this year and we do not, at present, have a replacement.

In the words of the Guides themselves they are asking whether you

Can be fun and inspiring?

Are you interested in working with young people aged from 10-16?

Would you like to gain experience working with young people
in a fun and supportive atmosphere?

If the answer is **YES**,

then becoming a Guide Leader with Long Ashton Guides may be for you.

Please, if you think that you can offer some time to ensure that the Guide group continues in Long Ashton, please contact me or any of the leaders.

Thank you for the support you already give us by leaving your waste paper in the skip situated at the Guide HQ. The money we receive from the waste paper helps us to maintain the Guide HQ and support the units in all their activities.

Jane Penrose, Long Ashton District Guide Group. Tel: 393727

Kidz Club Years 3-6

Games, fun, activities

Alternate Fridays during term time

Dates on website

Call Andrew Long 392310 or Pauline Tanner 394102

Details on

www.hebronchurch.co.uk/youth

HOLIDAY CLUB

30th July to 3rd August

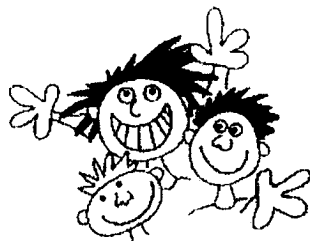
10.00 am to 12.30pm

Landlubbers

come and meet some pirates

For infants and juniors 5-11

£5 per child for the week



Andrew Long 392310 or Pauline Tanner 394102

NRG

For 11-14 years

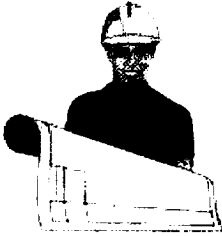
Alternate Fridays 8 - 9.30 pm

For more information

Andrew Long 01275 392310 or

Bernice Ghui 01275 393646

E-mail: cell@hebronchurch.co.uk



PLANNING

Plans for the final section of the Research Station site are still giving cause for concern. Following the Inspector's decision to dismiss Wimpey's appeal, for proposals on land immediately behind Lampton Road and Fenshurst Gardens, further reserved matters details for dwellings on this site have been received.

It is quite obvious that the Inspector's comments and observations have been completely disregarded and, once again, most unsuitable dwellings are proposed.

Needless to say the Parish Council has strongly objected to these plans and emphasised again the properties on the eastern boundary should be single storey. Local residents have continued to support by sending in further objections and we hope North Somerset Officers will refuse such an unsatisfactory and unsuitable application.

During March an Examination in Public took place at Exeter about the Assembly's Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Group's suggestions for extensive development of 7,500 dwellings in North Somerset, South West of Bristol (Ashton Vale). Ashton Park Limited was one of the groups to put forward their response which showed how they would see the area developing, in phases, from 2009 onwards. As we anticipated this does not make for happy reading! We shall be anxious to see the report and/or comments about the responses made.

The Government has just published a White Paper, "Planning for a Sustainable Future". This indicates major reforms of the country's planning system to make it fit to tackle new challenges in the 21st century. There are four key areas -

- A better, quicker system to decide major projects.
- Simplifying the local planning system to make it easier for householders to make home improvements such as extensions and conservatories, where there is little or no impact on neighbours.
- Planning to play a bigger part in tackling climate change
- Ensuring the planning system continues to support vibrant town centres

The Government has also made a new commitment to protect the green belt. Previously developed brown field land must remain the priority for housing development with parks and green spaces protected.

The full document consists of 220 pages! and can be found at:-

www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510503

and the consultation document at

www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510731

Any responses have to be made by August 17th and sent to:-

Planning Reform Team, Department for Communities and Local Government,
3/J2 Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU

Mary Uppington
Chairman, Planning Committee

Communities and Local Government is launching 1APP, a Standard Planning Application Form to replace all existing types of planning application forms (except minerals) within England

Currently, Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) produce their own local planning application forms. These often differ creating inconsistencies in the planning process.

1APP will remove the differences in application forms by ensuring the same information will be required for comparable applications by every LPA in England. This standardisation will make the planning system clearer and more efficient for planning professionals and citizens alike.

1APP is primarily designed as an electronic form and will be available online via the Planning Portal www.planningportal.gov.uk -however it is also available as a paper form from LPAs.

Timescales

1APP will be available from February 2007 and will become the only legal way of submitting a planning application within England on 1st October 2007 (except minerals).



Help shape the future

We have now processed all the young people's responses to their questionnaire and are more than half way through the adults' So the trends are clear and we are starting to draft the Action

Plan. We are planning that full details and recommendations will be ready in the next few months so the comments here are only a taster of what is to come.

Traffic Traffic congestion, speeding and inconsiderate parking are clearly major concerns. 80% of current responses support radar controlled speed warning signs on the main road through the village. Many are also concerned that there is no focal point in the village and 82% would like to see some improvements in the central area. One person coupled these ideas with a superb diagram showing traffic calming, extra seating and planting to cover the area from the Little Tipple to the Pizzeria, from the Library to the Surgery.

Green belt So far 99.5% want to keep the green belt round the village and a similar proportion want to stay separate from Bristol.

Young people We had 366 replies from young people under 20 years old, and about 170 of those were from 11 year olds and older. Picking out the comment from all the young respondents that received the most **strongly** agreeing: they would cycle more if the roads here were safer (56%). There is a clear call for more activities in the village, particularly sports related. About 300 would like a junior football pitch without dog mess, more sports coaching, and an indoor climbing wall; also an activity club during the school holidays. These replies are closely reflected in the adults' questionnaire analysed so far: 92% in favour of a junior football pitch, 98% for sports coaching.

Next stages: in drafting the Action Plan, the Steering Group will consider who best to realise the recommendations. Many villages have set up an Implementation Group to see the ideas through. If you would like to help in any way, please get in touch.

Sheila Hardingham, on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group
Tel: 01275 393690 or e-mail: smh.la@tiscali.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL 2007 - 2011

(see photograph on the front cover)

Front row left to right

Mary Uppington, Jean Pullin, Nigel Moorcroft, Charles Cave (Chairman),
Sally Sterland, Audrey Moser and Angela Neale.

Back row left to right

Bob Cook, David Aggett, Martyn Harris, Sheila Hardingham, Phil Jackson,
Ivor Scoones, John Glew, Howard Roberts, Jonathan Skeeles, Malcolm Wilkinson,
Alison Mountjoy, Rod Sterland and Harry Williams.

The above were elected in May.

Each has submitted a profile which may be of interest.

Dave Aggett

I have lived in Long Ashton for most of my life and I have enjoyed the past six years on the Parish Council. It has given me the chance to give something back to the Long Ashton community.

Charles Cave.

Charles Cave has lived in the Parish for over thirty five years; he is married and has three children. He runs a property letting agency. Amongst his interests are sailing, the restoration of historic vessels and playing tennis indifferently.

Bob Cook.

Born in the village, I am 65, married to Gay with two sons. I have always worked locally in agriculture and forestry. I am saddened by the amount of large scale development we've had to accept.

John Glew.

A retired dentist who worked in the village for nearly 20 years, I am keen to promote village life and ensure we stay an independent entity from Bristol.

Sheila Hardingham.

I have lived in Long Ashton for 23 years and chaired the LAMPRO Playground Group to upgrade the playground on the Rec. I am currently Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group. I am married with one son and work part-time as a solicitor in Bristol.

Martyn Harris.

I worked for Rolls-Royce for 31 years and am married with 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Now retired, apart from a varied array of hobbies, I carry out voluntary work for Bristol City Council, BANES, Bristol Youth Offending team and the Parish Council. I have lived in Leigh Woods for ten years.

Phil Jackson.

I am a relative newcomer to the village having re-located to the West Country in 2002. Looking to spend some time working within the community I joined the parish council soon after. During the past four years I have worked within the community in a number of areas including developing the youth club and its resources.

Audrey Moser.

Audrey Moser has been a Councillor for Leigh Woods ward and has served on Planning, Highways and Finance Committees. Before retirement, she worked in Social Services, International development and child care. Her special interests are in the adequate development of community services and local facilities for children and young people.

Nigel Moorcroft.

I have lived in Long Ashton for 25 years. Born and bred in Somerset. Run my own Photographic Retail Company. I am very passionate to retain the village appeal of Long Ashton.

Alison Mountjoy.

I am a mother with 2 young children, Natasha and Rhys, who attend Birdwell School and Early Birds Nursery. I also work part-time for Bristol City Council Housing Services. My aim as a Councillor is to help the Parish Council to maintain and improve our facilities, and ensure Long Ashton remains a safe and thriving community.

Angela Neale.

Angela Neale is married with a grown-up family. She is actively involved in village life and is Chairman of Governors at Ravenswood School, Nailsea. She supports more facilities for youth locally and safer travel for all, especially the completion of the Nailsea-Bristol cycle link through Long Ashton.

Jean Pullin.

I have lived in Long Ashton for 48 years, the last 22 years as a Parish Councillor. Having always been involved with local organisations, I am currently a committee member of the Local History Society, organiser of the Good Companions, a Parochial Charity trustee, member of the Womens Institutes and part of the parish newsletter group.

Howard Roberts.

Former Chairman of the Parish Council (1981 & 1982) and have chaired the parish council committees over the years. Was elected to Avon County Council in 1989 and North Somerset Council since 1966 being its Chairman 2002/3. Retired with one son living in Cardiff.

Ivor F Scoones.

I was born and brought up in Long Ashton and descended from one of the oldest families in the village (Beames). A widower with three children. Employed at Long Ashton Golf Club as Head Greenkeeper. Course Manager for the last 44 years. Recent qualifications include Assessor D32/33 Advisor D36 and NVQ level 3 Amenity Horticulture. The countryside and its management are very important to me and the training of young people in many of the lost husbandry skills.

Jonathan Skeeles.

Having lived in the village for most of my life I am keen to see an active village community independent from the ever expanding Bristol influence.

Sally Sterland.

I have lived in Long Ashton for 31 years. My two sons attended Birdwell School and during that time I was a member of the Parents Association and Scout fund raising group. I work at Bristol University and belong to Westleaze W.I.

Rod Sterland.

I have lived in Long Ashton for 31 years and am a Chartered Engineer. I am interested in environmental issues and support local and national environmental groups.

Mary Uppington.

Retired Headteacher Mary has lived in Long Ashton all her life and been a member of the Parish Council since 1964. Chairman from 1971 - 1973 and, in recent years, Chairman of the Planning Committee. A Governor of Northleaze Primary School from 1986 and their Chairman since 1993. Keenly interested in all sport. President of English Schools' Swimming Association in 1967 and currently President of Bristol Schools' Swimming Association. Member of the Long Ashton and Leigh Woods Newsletter Editorial Group, National Trust and English Heritage.

Malcolm Wilkinson.

I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and am married to Kate with three children at Northleaze School. I have lived in the village for 14 years and commute to central Bristol by bicycle. I am interested in environmental issues and maintaining the separation of the village from Bristol.

Harry Williams.

I am a retired Hardware Shop Manager. Born in the village and have lived here most of my life. First elected in 1974 have served as Chairman of the Council and Highways Committee. I take the monthly footpath walks and am a member of the Footpath Users Group.



Avon Wildlife Trust

Long Ashton Group

Wednesday 19th September

Junior Wild Owl Show by Ian McGuire. Birdwell School at 7.00 pm

Thursday 18th October

“From Russia With Love” - migration of Bewick Swans - talk by Jenny Earle of Slimbridge. Royal British Legion at 7.30 pm

Joy Williams - Tel 392690.

WHERE DID YOU DUMP YOUR GARDEN WASTE?

PARTICULARLY COPFORD LANE AND
BROOK CLOSE



Fly Tipping is illegal. Garden waste is often dumped on the public footpath alongside the stream between Gardeners Walk and Northleaze School.

Every household has a GREEN WASTE recycling sack.

PLEASE USE IT.



LONG ASHTON W.I.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.15 pm
on the 3rd Wednesday in the month.

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| July 18th | SAVING LIVES AT SEA - RNLI Competition: Summer Seaside Photo |
| August | NO MEETING |
| September 19th | TRANS CANADIAN EXPERIENCE - David Morgan Competition: Design a label for a cabin trunk |
| October 17th | CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEMONSTRATION Competition: Decorated candle for Christmas |

WESTLEAZE W.I.

Meetings are held in the Church House at 7.15 pm
on the 1st Wednesday in the month

| | |
|---------------|---|
| July 4th | HATCHES, MATCHES & DISPATCHES - - Gillian Bowden Competition: Epitaph from a real tombstone |
| August | NO MEETING |
| September 5th | CLIMATE CHANGE - BUSINESS AS USUAL? - Alistair Sawday Competition: Junk Sculpture |
| October 3rd | MEMBERS' NIGHT |



MOTHERS' UNION

*Meetings are usually held at Keedwell Church
on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm*

- June 12th "The Away from it all Holiday Scheme"
July 10th Garden Party at the Vicarage
August 14th Coffee Morning at 6 Parsonage Road
September 11th Harvest Celebration 7.30pm
October 9th We visit Hebron Bright Hour 2.30pm

Visitors always welcome to come to any of our meetings.

For more information contact Barbara Hillcox 543124

CALLING ALL SKATEBOARDERS

The Police mobile skateboard ramps will be in the Village Hall Car park on

20th July • 31st July
7th August • 14th August
21st August • 28th August





The Community Centre & Recreation Ground

are here for you!

The Village Hall, Club Room, Pavilion, and Keeds Hall are available for hire for your party, concert, meeting, wedding or other social occasions.

Sports facilities comprise badminton court, bowling green, tennis courts and football pitch. Children's playground available at all times.



To hire any of the facilities, or obtain contact details for groups using the Centre, phone Mrs. Jane Colman 01275 392102
To book the Tennis Courts phone Mrs. Maud Escott 01275 392915

LONG ASHTON CRICKET CLUB

Long Ashton Cricket Club has over 60 registered juniors (aged 6+) from the local area. Coaching sessions are held on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer at the Club's Yanley Lane ground. U13, U11 and U9 teams play matches in the Bristol Youth Cricket League and North Somerset Youth Cricket League. We are currently seeking additional coaches and assistants to help the development of our young cricketers and are grateful to the Parish Council for their grant to help fund this development.

For more information please contact

Andy Forsyth 0117 963 3307

or see the club website

www.longashton.play-cricket.com



Light Pollution

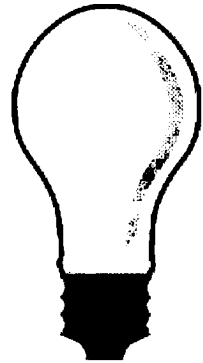
When did you last see the 'Milky Way'?
Do your children think of the name only as a chocolate bar?

Light pollution has crept up on us over recent years to the point where there are few places in this country where one can effectively escape from it.

There is, of course a balance to be struck with security and safety, however it is nevertheless an area where we can all play a part in reducing the problem. In fact, at the same time, you can, in a small way, reduce your 'carbon footprint' (the current buzz phrase).

The following are some ways in which we can reduce the impact of our lights on others, and whilst obvious, when did any of us actually think about it?

1. Turn off unnecessary lights
2. Reduce the length of time they are on
3. Reduce the wattage of the bulb when next replacing it
4. Where a sensor is used, reduce the sensitivity to ensure that a passer by does not activate the light
5. Aim the light almost vertically down. You can maintain the spread of light whilst reducing its impact on others.
6. Where a neighbour's light is a nuisance, point it out to them, perhaps over a drink (tea of course).
They can only say no, and you might be surprised.





LONG ASHTON MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Redevelopment of the Community Centre

You should already have seen some of the improvements made possible by the money received from the Planning Agreement for the Research Station.

The Arena (this sounds much better than MUGA) and the **Toddlers Play Area** are looking great, though a few loose ends have still to be tied. These are the culmination of many years work and fundraising, but thanks in particular go to Judy Bridges for overseeing this part of the project.

The new **Tennis Pavilion** is well under way. This will be a huge improvement for all users of the tennis courts, providing a wet weather shelter and toilet.



It is hoped the **pitched roofs** will be installed over the existing flat roofs of the Village Hall this summer.

Suggestions needed: the car park and the outside of the Village Hall need to be spruced up. Various ideas have been discussed including possibly one large sign, more seating and refining the layout of the car park. Please let us have your ideas, including any artists or graphic designers among you who can visualise how it could look.

Help is still needed to bring together all the **remaining improvements:** a new kitchen in the Village Hall, overhauling the electrics and fire alarm system, new ceiling, improving the external ramps, reconfiguring the Searle Room to provide better storage for the caretaker, upgrading the changing rooms and a general refurbishment. If you have any skills that could help with any of this, please get in touch.

Dave Addis,
LAMPRO Steering Group Hon. Secretary. Tel: 393551

VILLAGE WALKS

Come and join us on the first Sunday of every month for a ramble around Long Ashton's footpaths.

We meet outside Humberts Estate Agents, next door to the Little Tipple, at 2.30pm.



Walks last between 1½ and 2 hours and the rambles are suitable for all people. Bring your children and make an afternoon of it - and learn about the history of the village!

The walks are led by Harry Williams, who has lived in the village all his life, and knows the area like the back of his hand.

Walks will take place on the following Sundays:

1st July, 5th August, 2nd September and 7th October.

Hope to see you there!

Any questions, phone Harry Williams on 392690

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR URGENTLY REQUIRED

From October 2007 a person is required for this voluntary position.

Three times a year, February, June and October the newsletters are delivered to that person who then sorts them into appropriate bundles for delivery to sub distributors.

Please consider whether you can give about three hours, three times a year for this valuable community service. Maybe a friend could help.

Contact the Clerk, Marilyn Addis. Tel: 393551 for more information

LEIGH WOODS CORNER

To all those who missed “The Corner” in the Spring Newsletter “Hello! We’re back!”

Each year the Society lays on two talks at the University of Bristol’s Burwalls complex on the Somerset side of the Clifton Suspension Bridge. The idea is to invite a guest speaker from the area to talk on a subject of local, regional or general interest for about half an hour and to deal with questions afterwards in a general forum.

We are usually very fortunate in attracting interesting speakers to come along - and would like to match their willingness in equal measure on the audience side of the floor!

In the more recent past, we have heard Carl Francis-Pester, our local councillor and Trevor Byford the Beat Manager from the police force, to name but two.

In May, Cellan Michael the Chief Executive of Ashton Court Estate made a return visit to update us on what is going on in the park, what is planned and just as importantly the thinking behind some of the actions and plans.

In the autumn, we look forward to one of our residents, John Sparks, entertaining us with news of his latest exploits. John has spent a fascinating career in the study of wild life and the global environment, at one stage heading up the Natural History unit at the BBC.

John will be talking to us on the evening of Tuesday 9 October at 8pm - so worth while marking the diary already. ***Long Ashton residents would also be very welcome to attend.***

Leigh Woods village is in the lucky position of having both first class presenters come along and an ideal venue in which to hold the evenings. The availability of the University bar plus home being a walk away for most of us certainly does not detract.

Back to the everyday, and possibly inspired by community efforts visible in our neighbours Abbots Leigh and Long Ashton, a small group of dedicated villagers set out on a mission recently to rid the neighbourhood of graffiti. Yes - even Leigh Woods suffers from this plague.

And with some success too. Only the BT “green box” at the corner of Bridge and Burwalls Roads eluded our elbow grease. Any BT worker reading this who could persuade his employer to remedy this for us?

The other “challenge” that confronts us at this real **Leigh Woods Corner** is the triangle of land that sports trees and green growth. North Somerset Council recently gave this patch a very thorough Spring clean. However, nature does not call it a day and already weeds and the like are on the march. The council has invited us to come up with ideas for making this an attractive “care light” green zone. Any ideas from Long Ashton or Leigh Woods residents who know this spot would be gratefully received. Please let me know.

It is not too pretentious to say that this is the gateway to Leigh Woods and North Somerset when crossing the Suspension Bridge from the Bristol direction. So we should do a little more here than just watch the cow parsley and stinging nettles take over.

Mike Burmester
Secretary, Leigh Woods Society

LONG ASHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. J. Hewer, our new Recreation Ground Warden. To help John keep the site tidy and safe for children to play on, please remember to bring your poop bags with you when walking your dog and use the dog bins provided.

Due to members moving house we are currently looking to fill vacancies on the management committee. This is an opportunity for you to use your management skills in helping to run our busy community centre.

**If you are interested and would like further information please contact
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The Big Wild Read This summer's reading challenge, which starts on 9th July, invites children aged 4-12, to join the skateboarding gang and their rabbit as they explore our changing world through books in "The Big Wild Read". This year's game ties in with BBC Breathing places and all children taking part will receive their own packet of flower seeds to make their lives greener. Children can join simply by visiting their local North Somerset library. They will receive a colourful folder and once they have read two books can start collecting "wild" sticker sheets. Look out for the "scratch and sniff" smelly stickers! To finish the game, children will need to read six books, and all finishers will receive a certificate and medal. The game finishes on 16th September 2007.

Bookstart Book Crawl Under 4's can join this game, where they can collect a sticker every time they visit the library. When 5 stickers have been attached to their special card they are presented with a colourful certificate. There are several certificates to collect and this game continues all through the year.

Bookstart Plus Packs Every child aged 18-30 months is now eligible for a free Bookstart+ pack, which consists of a brightly coloured bag containing books, crayoning set etc. If your child hasn't already had one, you can ask for one at the library.

Audio Books As well as talking books on cassette, Long Ashton Library now stocks a selection on CD - perfect for taking on holiday, car journeys, or listening to in the home. The charge for a 3 week loan is £1.70, although there is no charge for anyone with a disability.

Renewing books and other items This can be done at any time by ringing 0845 0020 777, or on-line at www.librarieswest.org.uk. You will need your borrower number (beneath the barcode on your library card) and PIN.

Opening Times

Tues and Thurs 10 - 1 and 2.30 - 5.30

Fri 10 - 1

Sat 9.30 - 12.30

Please remember to bring your library card with you when you visit the library.

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