

# **LONG ASHTON & LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER**



**SUMMER 2008**

# JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2008

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Editorial Group for this issue - Jean Pullin and Mary Uppington

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*Cover photo - Members of LACA, LAMPRO and the Tennis Club  
at the opening of the Tennis Pavilion by Mrs. Olive Brown.*

# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER JUNE 2008

The threat of the proposed Bristol Urban extension remains one of the more important focuses of our endeavours. We are totally against development of such size, however we are up against the intentions of our Government. We have met Dr. Liam Fox, our local Member of Parliament, who is expressing our concerns at Government level. He is as concerned as we are about this proposed development.

We have also attended a four day workshop arranged by North Somerset Council and together with representatives from Barrow Gurney and Dundry have so far, I believe, successfully defended our corner. Whilst nothing is set in stone, the draft plan resulting from the workshops shows the main development to the south of Yanley tip, and a buffer between us and Bristol. We are also fighting to achieve the release of brown field sites first, followed by the phased release of our Green Belt land. We have regular communication with the Planning and Policy Department at North Somerset.

The Annual Parish Meeting included a presentation by Georgie Bigg from the Council for the Protection of Rural England. We remain in close touch with that, and other organisations regarding this subject.

We have, at long last, a portable vehicle activated speed sign on trial in the village. There are at present four locations where such a sign can be placed. As soon as we have obtained the approval of North Somerset's Highways Department we shall obtain our own sign.

The junction of the A370 and B3128 remains an issue. The recent trial confirmed our fears that North Somerset's proposed realignment caused unacceptable delays. Your responses sent a powerful message to the Highways department. We have argued strongly that the alignment should not be changed, and that it is the speed of traffic on the bypass at the point of the junction that should be addressed. I have just been informed that District Councillor Ap Rees has given the go ahead for a further trial! Frankly it beggars belief. We will fight it and ensure that everyone who wishes to make comment is able to do so. I understand that this second trial is due to take place in late July into August.

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# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER JUNE 2008

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It is due to the '*Long Ashton School Crisis Group*' that the lack of Primary School places has been highlighted and is at the top of North Somerset Council's agenda. I recently spoke to North Somerset District Councillors under the 'Parish Voice' regarding this subject. The meeting left me in no doubt that the matter is being taken seriously and that every avenue is being explored to resolve the problem. It was also clear that it is not an easy one to solve.

Vehicles are still parking inconsiderately in the village, and often believe it or not, on the Zebra Crossing outside the Co-op. Apart from endangering the lives of pedestrians this behaviour will attract a three point penalty and a fine. Vehicles are being ticketed. Please be warned.

Vandalism on the Recreation area cost £3,000 in the last financial year. This year looks set to beat that figure with damage to guttering, and lead being stolen from the roofs. A motor bike has recently been set on fire on the Arena, and that repair will cost about £400. The Arena is closed until the repair is completed.

This is your money, which should be improving facilities.

**Please do report anything that you see on 0845 456700.**

If we do not help ourselves to solve these problems no one else will.

Charles Cave,  
Chairman, Long Ashton Parish Council.



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council minutes, are held in the Library and can be found on our website [www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Grants have been given to local organisations and those associated with the area. They include:

Long Ashton Community Association	£17,800
Youth Provision (LA)	7,500
Nailsea Community Transport	600
NS CAB	50
St Johns Ambulance, Nailsea	30
NW Local set up grants - various	94
Drug Misuse	100
MS Therapy Centre	50
Victim Support	100
Nailsea Drop In Centre	50
Implementation of Parish Plan ideas through PC	3,000

## BEST KEPT ROAD & CUL-DE-SAC COMPETITION

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

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# LEIGH WOODS CORNER

Is it me or is life becoming increasingly dominated by planning stuff?

Sometime in the middle of May, we were very fortunate to listen to Karuna Tharmananthar, Deputy Director of Development and Policy at North Somerset Council. He gave a brief talk on the thoughts of the former bodies that made up Avon County Council as to how growth might be managed over the next twenty years in and around where we live.

During the Q & A session, one member of the audience said words to the effect of : **“This is a nice place to live. I’m happy here. Why can’t we keep it just as it is?”** There were murmurs of approval around the room.

And for me, this comment hit the nail on the head in so many ways. We are very fortunate to live where we do, many of us are happy with the status quo - probably why we moved here in the first place. And yet .....

..... We have been looking at planning applications for the re-development of the former Botanic Gardens site for over two years - now on our second developer.

Then we have been asked to comment on proposals to build 9,000 (yes thousand) new houses in the area between Long Ashton and South West Bristol. There are also plans to build at the other end of the A369.

On top of this, the Council invites comments or thoughts on which of our services (e.g. mobile library) are critical so it can deliver “best value” i.e. consider a reduction or cut.

Any response to our submissions by way of thanks or even a simple acknowledgement? Well, not yet.

Hardly a month goes by in Leigh Woods without applications going in for taking down a fence, putting up a fence, pruning a tree, felling a tree, raising a roof, putting up an extension or altering building lines.

And who pays for this merry-go-round? Got it in one. Since I moved here ten years ago my council tax bill has doubled. Yes, I know that North Somerset has kept the increase this year down to 1.9%. But whoops - a careful read of Page 23 (May edition) in the Council's own magazine "Life" reveals that you still have to add on the increase for police, fire and the parish council - so we're now up to an average of 2.7% across the district.

HOWEVER, there is good news as well.

- Burwalls Road has been repaired and resurfaced with the recent release of funds.
- There is now an extra bus each hour into Bristol during weekday daytime.
- There is no Community Festival in Ashton Court this summer.

And on the planning front? Our Village Design Statement (vintage 2000) is the best planning guidance around. It sets out how we would like the village to look in the years ahead, to keep the best of what we have and maintain the high standards of our environment. Thankfully, the Council accepted it as planning guidance for its future consideration of applications. My copy is certainly well thumbed.

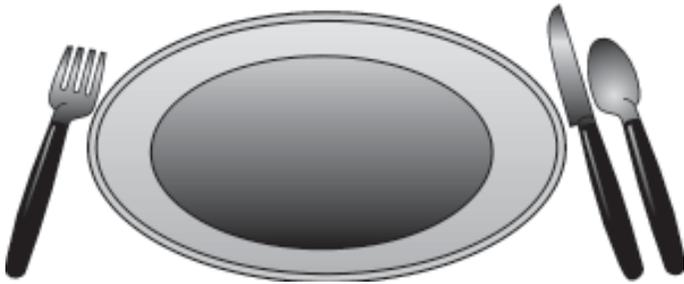
Mike Burmester  
Aka a grumpy old man

(This is a personal view and does **not** represent the views of the Leigh Woods Society or its committee).

# LUNCH CLUB

*Lunch Club is held once a month at Church House, Long Ashton at 12 noon*

*A wholesome cooked lunch and delicious dessert is served followed by Cheese & Biscuits and Tea or Coffee*



*Cost £5.00 per person*

*Dates of Lunches*

*11th July  
15th August  
None in September  
24th October*

*Please phone Carolyn  
at All Saints Church Office  
on 01275 393109 to book*

# Alpha

A chance to explore Christianity  
in a stimulating and friendly environment.  
Hebron Church will be running this  
10 week opportunity starting in September.

All are invited. Interested?

Contact Robin (01275 851170)

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## FOOTPATH WALKS

SUNDAYS

July 6th

August 3rd

September 7th

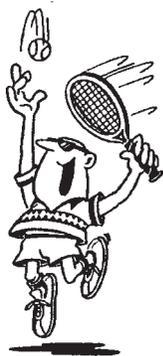
October 5th



***Meet at Humberts Estate Agents  
at 2.30 pm***

***Everyone welcome, come and join us.***

***Harry Williams 392690***



# Long Ashton Tennis Club

## The Club:

Founded in 1970, this village club meets at the Community Centre courts at Keedwell Recreation Ground. Member's playing sessions are provided for both adults and children. Over the past two years alone some 70 children aged 5 and above, almost all from the village, have attended the various coaching and practice sessions run by our coach with help from members. This continues a long club tradition of encouraging youngsters - and of course adults even if novices or 'rusty' - to play and enjoy tennis in a safe and pleasant environment within easy reach of their own homes.

## The Tennis Facility:

This is managed and maintained by the Long Ashton Community Association on behalf of the Parish Council. It comprises two floodlit courts and after many years of planning and effort LACA and LAMPRO (the fundraising group), with Parish Council support, have now provided upgraded pavilion facilities at the courts including toilets/changing rooms and warm foyer/sitting area giving a view of the courts, all of which are available to responsible adults hiring the courts, while the Tennis Club and visiting teams benefit from access to vastly improved clubroom facilities.

## Club Membership:

Prospective new members are welcome to come along and try the facilities during club sessions which in summer (April - Sept.) are on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. We are also running Monday morning sessions (10 am - 1 pm) from June 2nd primarily for adults unable to attend evening sessions. In winter (Oct - March) sessions are on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Please contact Mike Preston for details (392825).

## **The Pavilion Opening Day:**

LAMPRO Chairman Jonathan Skeeles welcomed Parish Council, LACA and LAMPRO members, as well as invited guests, villagers and past and present club members, and handed over the building to the Community Association. Judith Bridges, LACA Chairman, writes that the Association “was delighted to welcome Avon LTA President Mrs. Olive Brown to officially open the new tennis pavilion on a sunny afternoon in April. Activities were organised by tennis coach Paul Brown and a splendid tea was provided by tennis club members. We are grateful to LAMPRO for providing funding and for the many donations which helped to make this facility possible”. LATC Chairman Cliff Bond then thanked LAMPRO, LACA and LAPC on behalf of club members and of all who will benefit from this excellent new facility.

Olive Brown also opened the tennis club room, announcing that it is named “The Preston Room” in recognition of Mike Preston’s 38 years service to the club and junior tennis in the village.

## **LACA Tennis Court Hiring Charges:**

The courts are available for general public hire outside club hours through  
Mrs. Maud Escott (392915)

Please note that from 1st June the hourly rates will be:

### **Adults:**

£3 per court (£4 with floodlights)

### **Students/1 adult + 1 child/**

### **Tennis Club Members:**

£2 per court (£3 with floodlights)

### **Commercial rate for coaches:**

£5 per court (£6 with floodlights)





## **WESTLEAZE W.I.**

Meetings are held in the Church House at 7.30 pm  
on the 1st Wednesday in the month

July 2nd	<b>MAKING A WILDLIFE PROGRAMME</b> - Emma Peace Competition: A seashell.
August	<b>NO MEETING</b>
September 3rd	<b>MAKING THE MOST OF YOURSELF</b> - Chantal Young Competition: My favourite beauty product and why.
October 1st	<b>MEMBERS' NIGHT.</b>

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## **LAILA**

*(Long Ashton Independent Ladies Association)*

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

July 16th	<b>FISH AND CHIP SUPPER</b> - Jubilee Pavilion.
August	<b>NO MEETING</b>
September 17th	<b>THE ROLE OF THE HIGH SHERIFF OF SOMERSET</b> - Fiona Densham.
October 15th	<b>LINE DANCING</b> - Sandra Moloney.



# PLANNING

Another appeal has been dismissed!

The applicant who applied to North Somerset to demolish Bowman's Lodge (14 Long Ashton Road) and replace it with flats was not satisfied with North Somerset's decision to refuse the application. So, an appeal was made to the Planning Inspectorate. This was dealt with by written representations and an Inspector's visit to the site.

In May we heard the appeal had been dismissed and this brought great relief and satisfaction both to the Parish Council and residents living close to the site.

The Inspector expressed concern over the scale of the development and considered "the proposed building would be out of scale with the domestic character of the existing surrounding development ..... and would have an unduly urbanising and over powering effect on the local streetscape". Furthermore, "it would be inappropriate to permit the demolition of the existing bungalow, because its demolition, without an acceptable scheme in place for the redevelopment of the site, would fail to preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area".

Once again it has proved worthwhile for residents and the Parish Council to object and everyone who was involved has reason to feel pleased. It will be interesting to see if another application is made but, if it is, it will be closely scrutinised.

Kingerlee Homes have now put forward final proposals for Bracken Hill, in North Road, Leigh Woods. It shows conversion of the existing residential & former university accommodation into six flats, alterations and extensions to the Lodge, conversion of the Coach House into four residential units and one annexe and the erection of seven new ECO-HOMES.

The Planning Committee feel this is a pleasing plan which shows the historical background and existing nature of the site have been taken into consideration in this Conservation Area especially as plans to restore the garden areas are also included.

Knightstone Housing Association are reaching the end of their refurbishment of the former Northleaze school building. The main building which has been refurbished is to be called 'Gunston House' - named after one of the school's previous Headmasters.

Six other new properties have been erected to the east of the former school for shared ownership.

An opening ceremony is planned for Wednesday 9th July and the developers will be holding an open day, for anyone who would like to look at the development, from 2.30 - 6.00 pm when ½ hourly tours of the site are planned. Should anyone be interested in the shared ownership units, further information can be obtained on 08458 504505.

Mary Uppington - Chairman, Planning Committee.

# A370 and B3128 Junction

Well over a thousand people visited the “Have Your Say” part of the Parish Council website and 406 filled in the questionnaire.

55.17% were men and 44.08% ladies. Most people were in the 41 to 64 age bracket (61.33%) with 30.29% in the age 26 to 40 age range.

Ladies amongst you will be pleased to know that amongst the 7.38% of people that owned up to being involved in minor accidents at this junction all of them were men, but only one reported the accident to the Police.

With 75.36% of people travelling before 9.00 am 68.47% of people’s journeys were extended by more than 5 minutes.

87.19% thought that the changes would increase accidents and that 79.06% of these people thought that the accidents would be serious involving severe damage to cars and injury whilst 39.16% thought that any accidents would be minor involving things like shunts.

A lot of people emailed the Parish Council with comments and please be assured that all of these comments either have been, or will be, passed on to North Somerset Council.

Full results can be found on the “Have Your Say” part of the site.

[www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Marilyn Addis, Clerk to the Council

# Results for 'The B3128 / A370 Junction'

For those of you without access to a computer.  
The total number of questionnaires completed was 406.  
Please note these percentages do not total 100%  
since not all questions were answered.

## 1. Gender

Male	55.17%
Female	44.08%

## 2. Age Band

Under 17 =	0%
17 - 25 =	4.433%
26 - 40 =	30.29%
41 - 65 =	61.33%
Over 65 =	2.463%

## 3. Do you live in Long Ashton?

No	33.74%
Yes	64.77%

## 4. If "No" do you live within the following distances of Long Ashton?

2 miles of the junction =	5.665%
2 - 5 miles of the junction =	7.389%
Over 5 miles from the junction =	22.90%

## 5. Are you the car driver?

Yes	96.05%
No	3.94%

## 6. Are you a commuter?

Yes	75.86%
No	22.90%

## 7. When you travel to Bristol what time of the day do you usually travel?

Before 8.00 am	39.65%
Between 8.00 and 9.00 am	35.71%
Between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm	19.95%
Between 4.30 and 6.30 pm	1.97%
After 6.30 pm	0.246% (1)

## 8. Reasons for travelling to Bristol

Leisure	11.57%
Work	75.86%
Other	10.34%

## 9. Within the last 10 years have you been involved in an accident At this junction?

Yes	7.389%
No	92.36%

## 10. If the answer to the above was "Yes" was the accident reported to the Police?

Yes	1.231%
No	7.389%

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**11. Has the change to this junction changed your travel time?**

Extended it by less than 5 minutes = 16.99%

Extended it by more than 5 minutes

**12. Do you agree with the changes to the junction?**

Yes = 8.374%

No = 90.64%

**13. Do you consider the changes to the junction will cause accidents?**

Yes = 87.19%

No = 11.08%

**14. If “Yes” do you think they will be major ones such as car rights offs or fatalities?**

Yes = 79.06%

No = 8.866%

**15. If “Yes”, do you think they will be minor ones such as rear end shunts?**

Yes = 39.16%

No = 45.07%

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## **The Junction of Providence Lane & Clevedon Road**

Following a fatal accident about 18 months ago at the crossroads at the top of Providence Lane with the B3128 the Parish Council then requested that North Somerset Council reposition the warning signs to give greater clarity that drivers were approaching a junction.

It is understood that North Somerset Council will be putting this work in hand shortly.

# LONGASHTON SURGERY NEWS - JUNE 2008

## *Staff Changes*

Dr. Mike Jenkins has taken a post in Weston-super-Mare. We are sorry to lose him but he will be covering various surgeries when the partners are away and both he and Dr. Walter will continue to be locums at the surgery.

## *The Long Ashton Surgery Patient Group*

Your practice needs you to get involved, so that local needs and views are heard. It helps us to look at new ways of improving the practice and also explain why some things are difficult to change or influence.

The commitment need not be much - only 3-4 meetings a year, which we keep short and to the point. This is a very important time for General Practice and we need your support.

Our patient information evening in November was a great success and we would like to hold more. We need ideas on topic of interest to Long Ashton.

Give me a call on the main surgery number 392281 or leave your contact details with reception.

Don't forget the Surgery Website is to be found at:  
[www.longashtonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.longashtonsurgery.co.uk)

Do visit it and let us know your comments - it is updated every quarter.

Please remember that repeat prescriptions ordered online still take 2 working days to complete. Any urgent requests must be made in person at the surgery.

Eileen Butterworth - Practice Manager

# LONG ASHTON LIBRARY

North Somerset Council

Lovelinch Gardens, Long Ashton, BS41 9AH.

Tel: 01275 392358

E-mail: [longashton.library@n.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:longashton.library@n.somerset.gov.uk)



## *Storytime*

This popular event for younger readers will be held *EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON* at 2.30 pm, including during school holidays, commencing on 26th June.

## *DVDs*

We now have a large selection of DVDs for hire. Charge is £2.50 for one week.

## *Online Services*

A wealth of information is available through the free online services at the library or from home. We have access to newspapers from 1785 to the present day; encyclopaedias; biographies; dictionaries - covering law, medicine, science, history and much more. Pick up a green leaflet for further information.

## *Renewing books and other items*

This can be done at anytime by ringing 0845 002 0777, or on-line at [www.librarieswest.org.uk](http://www.librarieswest.org.uk). You will need your borrower number (beneath the barcode on your library card) and PIN.

## *Opening Hours*

**Our new extended opening hours are:-**

Tues	9.30 - 12.30	1.30 - 5.00
Thurs	9.30 - 12.30	1.30 - 7.00
Fri	9.30 - 12.30	
Sat	9.30 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00

Kirsten, Jackie and Christine.

# FOOTPATH USERS GROUP

Your footpath users group applied to the Aggregate Levy Fund which is administered by North Somerset Council for a sizable grant which we were fortunate to obtain. Using this money we were able to refurbish the bridge near the Cricket Ground with new timbers and handrails, also replacing 29 stiles with gates or kissing gates. This coupled with the work which North Somerset's Andy Carroll did, using money from the Aggregate Levy Fund, the Circular Walk was created, opening on July 9th 2006.

We can now say that Long Ashton is almost a 'stile free zone'.

Our contractors, 'Safety Green Ltd.' have done an excellent job, sometimes under extreme conditions, in numerous instances having to carry gates and equipment over fields because the ground was so wet it was impossible to drive their vehicle to the site.

We would like to thank the landowners for their help and co-operation in the installation of the gates. Special thanks are due to Mr. Dave Lambert, secretary of Long Ashton Cricket Club, in allowing the contractors to use the driveway to the ground; it saved them having to carry heavy timbers over two fields.

Thanks also to North Somerset's Rachel Lewis and her staff who administered the fund and for all their guidance. Grateful thanks to Adrian Leonard, North Somerset's Public Rights of Way Officer and his team who gave us an inordinate amount of time always willing to give advice. He even ordered all the gates enabling us to get a better price and storing them until our contractor needed them. Without his advice and help we would have found it very difficult to manage the project.

After a lot of nagging! The footpath behind Copford Lane and Brook Close has been levelled and chippings laid. Please may we ask that the no cycling and no horses' signs be respected and that dog owners clear up after their pets?

This village should be proud at what has been achieved; we hope you all will find walking easier.

If you have any comments good or bad please contact the Parish Clerk.

# ***HOBBY HORSE***

*a group offering friendship*  
and a chance to discuss a variety of topics over a cup of coffee.

Open to anyone, children welcome but not essential!  
***We will be card making during June and July.***

Hebron Church, Providence Lane,  
Thursdays 10.30 am - 12 noon  
Enquiries to Liz Worthington Tel: 393820

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## Village Café

**(Churches Working Together)**

Every third Saturday in the month  
July 19th / August 16th / September 20th  
Club Room, Village Hall

10.00 am- 12 noon

Home made cakes, Fair Trade Coffee and Tea  
Squash and biscuits

Come and meet your friends or make new ones!  
All welcome.

# KidzClub

For school years 3-6, ages 7-11  
6.15 - 7.45 pm at Hebron Church  
Contact Andrew 392310 or Rachel 395343  
*or e-mail crusaders@hebronchurch.co.uk*  
*www.hebronchurch.co.uk*

## Mini NRG

For school years 6-8, ages 11 - 13  
7.00 - 8.30 pm at Hebron Church  
Contact Andrew 392310 or Bernice 392925  
*or e-mail crusaders@hebronchurch.co.uk*  
*www.hebronchurch.co.uk*

## NRG

For school years 9+, ages 13+  
Including monthly film night  
8.00 - 9.30 pm at Hebron Church  
Contact Andrew 392310 or Bernice 392925  
*or e-mail crusaders@hebronchurch.co.uk*  
*www.hebronchurch.co.uk*

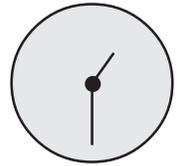
### **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB - CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE**

*11th - 15th August 10.00 - 12.30 pm Monday to Friday*  
*Children aged 5 - 11, £5 per child*

Contact Andrew Long 392310 or Pauline Tanner 394102  
*or e-mail crusaders@hebronchurch.co.uk*  
*www.hebronchurch.co.uk*

Andrew Long

# NORTHLEAZE SCHOOL CLOCK



When planning permission was given for making apartments in the old Northleaze School building various conditions were put in place regarding the facade and surrounding walls of the listed building.

Unfortunately the only condition put upon the clock was that the mechanism should not be removed - nothing about keeping it in working order.

A few months ago the Local History Society was alerted to this fact by a resident and steps have been taken to try to remedy this. It was ascertained that the mechanism needed a complete clean and overhaul and the best way forward would be to install an electric motor and to silence the chimes to eliminate future disturbance to the tenant of the flat. The Society agreed to put up 10% of the quoted cost of £4,000 and Knightstone Housing, the owners of the building, agreed to install soundproofing and an electricity supply.

An application for a grant was made to YANSEC (Yanley and North Somerset Environmental Company) who administer the credits from landfill for the benefit of the community. They supported our application which was forwarded to ENTRUST the national regulatory body which has to approve grants.

Unfortunately ENTRUST were not able to give permission for the grant since in their opinion “the clock is not an amenity which the general public would enjoy for leisure or recreation.”

Since 1862 , until the recent vacation of the pupils to the new school, Northleaze clock has given the correct time to Long Ashton residents.

*Now it is destined to stand at half past one for evermore!*

Long Ashton Local History Society.

## **Mobile Skate Ramps coming to Long Ashton**

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*The police have raised enough funds for a new set of mobile skate boarding ramps so that there can be regular visits to Long Ashton and other villages nearby.*

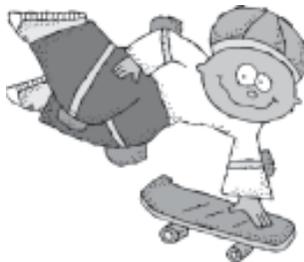
This should be every week in the summer but the timing depends upon when a Police Community Support Officer is available. Some sessions were held last year which proved popular. Look out for notices as to timing: if you think there could be a better way of notifying you when the sessions are, let me know.

A group of skaters had raised over £1,000 a few years ago for a skate park in Long Ashton. Unfortunately, planning consent was refused and all our efforts since then have failed to find a suitable site for a permanent park.

So we have been considering how best to use these funds. In fact the total amount left in the LAMPRO playground fund is £2,300 including the skate park funds and interest. We will therefore use this as Long Ashton's contribution to the new mobile skate ramps (£240) and the rest towards at least one more piece of equipment in the Playground. We are hoping to install one which should appeal to skaters but this will depend on how much maintenance is needed.



**So watch out for developments soon**



Sheila Hardingham  
smh@tiscali.co.uk



## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

After 20 years of service, Jane Colman is retiring as LACA secretary and bookings manager. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over this time, keeping the expanding facilities running smoothly. We are grateful that she has agreed to remain involved with the Management Committee where we can still draw upon her considerable knowledge and expertise.

### *Refurbishment Project*

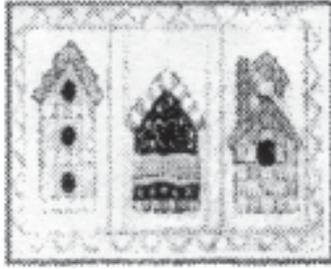
The Village Hall kitchen refurbishment has now been completed with just the finishing touches remaining. The general refurbishment of the Main Hall and Keeds Hall will be undertaken during the Summer, with completion due in late August. Please bear with us during this period when these facilities will be out of action - the Club Room and Pavilion will be available for hire as usual.

We are grateful to LAMPRO for their assistance with these projects and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the new facilities in the Autumn.

### *Community Centre Manager*

As part of the refurbishment works, a new office will be created in the Searle Room for the Community Centre Manager, Sarah Leong, who was appointed in April.

Sarah will generally be available from Tuesday to Friday between 9.00 am and 12 noon and can be contacted for bookings on 01275 393570 or by e-mail [laca@btconnect.com](mailto:laca@btconnect.com)



# Welcome L.A.

*A smiling face to greet your new neighbours*

**“Welcomers always welcome!”**

*Remember,  
when you see a new neighbour,  
just ring:*

*John Edwards on 01275 393797*

*or*

*Ron & Angela Chorley on  
01275 392777*

*to collect your welcome pack!*



# All Saints Church

## Concerts

**28th June at 7.00 pm**

Northleaze School

**Proceeds in aid of All Saints Organ and Bell Appeal.**

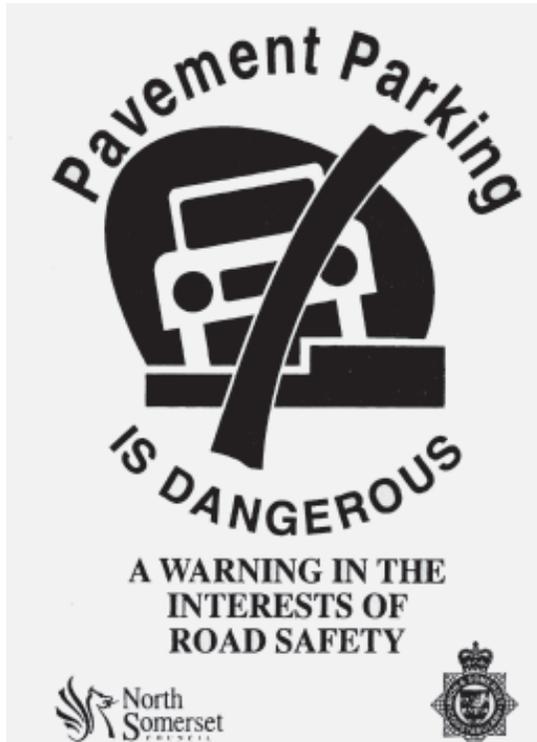
*Contact school on 540077 or  
Church Office on 393109 for tickets*

**1st July at 7.30 pm**

Dorian String Quartet at 7.45 pm

*Contact Church Office on 393109 for tickets.*

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# CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

*are praying for our village*

COME AND JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY

at 8.00pm in Keedwell Church

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## ***Money Management Made Simple***

***Bring your finances into the Light!***

Come to a comprehensive, yet simple money management course to help you get, and then stay in control of your finances

***Completely free!***

Thursdays

2nd October / 9th October

16th October

8.00pm in Keedwell Church

**Christians Against Poverty**

In conjunction with

Churches Working Together



To book contact the Parish Office -  
tel 393109

# LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr D Aggett	13 Fenswood Road	BS41 9BL	393876
Mr C Cave	Rudge Farm, Flax Bourton	BS41 3QS	462774
Mr R Cook	5 Warren Lane	BS41 9DA	392518
Mr J Glew	72 Long Ashton Road	BS41 9LE	392655
Ms S Hardingham	79 Providence Lane	BS41 9DL	393690
Mr M Harris	Nightingale House, Valley Rd., LW	BS8 3PZ	Br 9735878
Dr Phillip Jackson	90 Theynes Croft	BS41 9NN	392757
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Mrs J Pullin	1 Lovelinch Gardens	BS41 9AH	393617
Mr H B Roberts	18 Belmont Drive	BS41 3UU	392395
Mr R Schafer	36 Pear Tree Avenue	BS41 9FF	393753
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Mr R Sterland	65 Providence Lane	BS41 9DL	393591
Mrs S Sterland	65 Providence Lane	BS41 9DL	393591
Miss M Uppington	35 Ridgeway Road	BS41 9EY	393228
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Mr H C H Williamson	35 Fenhurst Gardens	BS41 9AU	392690