

LONG ASHTON & LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER



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Editorial Group for this issue - Jean Pullin and Mary Uppington

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CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER

Well here we are moving into early summer and already it has become one of the warmest and driest of recent years, let us hope for some steady rain before hose pipe bans come into effect.

The local elections have come and gone and we now have a new representative at North Somerset in Charles Cave. I can only say that if Charles puts in as much effort at the North Somerset level that he puts in at Parish level we will be extremely well represented, especially when put into tandem with our longer serving and re-elected Councillor Bob Cook. Charles of course took the place of Howard Roberts who I would like to thank on your behalf for his unstinting efforts; he is of course still a member of our Parish Council.

The Parish Council members have also changed and I would like to thank formally the retiring or defeated Parish Councillors for their help and support in the previous administration, these being: Malcolm Wilkinson, Andrew Wilkinson, Suzanne Morgan and Dr. Phillip Jackson. I would like to highlight the efforts of Dr. Phil Jackson, he and his wife Kathy are extremely active in the Youth Provision area of our village, both giving huge amounts of time and effort for the benefit of the youth. He will be sadly missed as a member of our Parish Council but having spoken to him, both he and Kathy will continue in their work for the youth. Suzanne Morgan also will be missed, her efforts were directed at the footpaths within our Parish. It was her efforts with other Councillors, members of the Parish and the Open Spaces Representative Mr. Ives that has brought about the footpaths and guided footpath walks up to a very satisfactory level. We would of course appreciate any offers of help from Parish members to continue the maintenance of the footpaths and walks, offers of help can be directed to our Clerk Mrs. Addis.

It was very noticeable during the election that many of the electorate were unaware of the Parish Councillors and their efforts put in on your behalf, so we will attempt to remedy this by more information being given on Parish Notice boards, in the Parish Newsletter and do not forget that you are entitled to attend many of the Parish Council meetings.

We are still monitoring the developments of The Bristol Stadium proposed new ground as well as the Barrow Hospital site of which we will attempt to keep you appraised.

The Government is in the middle of profound changes to the planning legislation and we will continue to keep abreast of these new laws and their implications upon our community and inform you if they have any direct bearing on Long Ashton.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors should you wish to do so for further information.

This publication will contain a small CV of all the newly elected Councillors for your information.

I hope you all have a very good summer.

Nigel Moorcroft

ROYAL WEDDING PICNIC

Bunting and balloons decorated the approaches to the Recreation Ground where the Picnic held in celebration of the Royal Wedding surpassed all expectations with visitor numbers. It was especially gratifying to see so many families.



Two Bouncy Castles for young and older children were a huge and noisy success.

It was obvious from the number of queries that the pony's arrival was eagerly awaited and it did indeed prove to be a very popular event.

A local band played throughout the afternoon whilst the Football Club, Tennis Club and Bowling Club arranged activities and the Local History Society provided two quizzes.

Miranda Krestovnikoff was on hand to judge the Children's Crown Competition.

Such was its popularity that the bar provided by the Football Club ran out of supplies and members had to make an emergency run to replenish stocks.

Members of the Community Association and the WI made cakes and those serving teas were kept busy all afternoon.

Thanks are extended to all who helped in any way and especially to all who attended and made the day so enjoyable.

There have been many requests for a repetition and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year presents the perfect opportunity. The Community Association has designated Saturday 26th May 2012 as our Village's day for celebration. Watch out for more details nearer the time.

These two quizzes were part of the activities available at the Royal Wedding Picnic and prizes were awarded to the winner of each quiz on the day.

Perhaps those not at the event may like to test their knowledge of the Village - no prizes in this instance though.

Answers can be found on Pages 46 and 47

Know your Village Quiz

1. Who built the Almshouses in 1903?
2. In what years were the National Fruit & Cider Institute opened & closed?
3. What was the former name of the Dovecote Public House?
4. Name 2 fruit based drinks developed at the Research Station.
5. The clock at Northleaze School has stopped at what time?
6. Where in the Village was there a Roman settlement?
7. When was the By-Pass opened?
8. Where was most of the stone used to build the walls on Long Ashton Road quarried?
9. In which OLD PUBLIC building was there a Magistrates' Court and Lock Up?
10. Where was the first Long Ashton Parochial School and what is the date on the building?
11. I am a Doctor famously known for something else. My grandparents are buried in the Churchyard. WHO AM I?
12. Name 3 occupations for men in the 19th and early 20th Centuries.
13. What was the main occupation of village women in the late 19th Century?
14. What was mined on the slopes of Providence?
15. And later what fruit crop was grown on the slopes of Providence?
16. When did Bristol City Council purchase Ashton Court?
17. Allegedly what connection does the 15th Century owner of Lower Court in Yanley Lane have with America?

Village Road Names Quiz

Unscramble the letter to find the names of the roads

1. CIRTARBLNDKACVUER (12 & 5) ----- ----
2. CBRDIATBMCHAGE (9 & 5) ----- ----
3. DREYRACOHR (6 & 4) ----- ----
4. ELWUENAKTS (6 & 4) ----- ----
5. BLROEDAGE (5 & 4) ----- ----
6. REHDGIEHAT (5 & 5) ----- ----
7. APRDMLOTNOA (7 & 4) ----- ----
8. ORINSCESMLE (6 & 5) ----- ----
9. ETAVAREEPNEURE (4, 4 & 6) ---- ---- -----
10. HTNORESLSA (5 & 4) ----- ----
11. CSEGTYLOSND (7 & 5) ----- ----
12. CTUONLDNELIAWYR (4, 7 & 4) ---- ----- ----
13. ELDWLKLEHIE (8 & 4) ----- ----
14. WDMOODEFANSE (8 & 4) ----- ----
15. TONRDAWSEO (6 & 4) ----- ----

WANTED !

DELIVERERS for NEWSLETTERS

We are grateful to all those who volunteer to deliver this newsletter 3 times a year but especially so to George Adams who has delivered 150 newsletters to 5 roads for more than 30 years.

This will be his last delivery before a well earned retirement and replacement deliverers are required for the following roads:

Elmhurst Gardens (20 houses)

Hollis Close (10 houses)

Lynbrook (11 houses)

Raymore Road (15 houses)

Weston Road (nos 97 - 103 and 100A - 112) (30 houses)

We also need people to deliver to

Wild Country Lane (6 houses)

Pear Tree Avenue (36 houses)

Please do consider whether you can help
(we don't expect you to emulate George's time served!)
It really doesn't take up much time every four months.

Please telephone Jean Pullin 393617 or Marilyn Addis 393551
stating which road you are willing to cover.



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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| August | NO MEETING. |
| Sept 7th | THE HISTORY OF HATS & HOW THEY ARE MADE
TODAY - Glynis Tyrrell.
Competition: A favourite hat. |
| Oct 5th | LEPTIS MAGNA - Gary Gowans.
Competition: A favourite bracelet. |
| Nov 2nd | AGM and QUIZ.
No competition. |



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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| August | LUNCH. |
| Sept 21st | LOVE AND MARRIAGE - EDWARDIAN STYLE.
Talk by Yvonne Bell. |
| Oct 19th | BINGO.
Tea and cakes. |
| Nov 16th | AGM and TALK ON TYNTESFIELD. |



Bristol International Balloon Fiesta

Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th August 2011

*Traffic Information for
Residents of Leigh Woods, Bower Ashton and Long Ashton.*

This year's Balloon Fiesta will take place from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th August. Now in its 33rd year, the Fiesta is the largest annual Hot Air Balloon event in Europe and one of the UK's top five outdoor events.

The schedule for the event will run as in previous years, with mass ascents taking place on Thursday 11th at 6.00pm, and then daily at 6.00am and 6.00pm on Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August. Nightglows will take place on Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th August at 9.30pm and we are delighted that the Red Arrows will once again attend the Fiesta on Sunday 14th at 5.00pm.

We appreciate that the event brings a large number of visitors and traffic into the area. As a result, a Traffic Management Plan is produced in consultation with North Somerset Council, Bristol City Council and Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

The following road closures will be in place for the event. These closures are similar as in past years and we will issue Residents' Passes via the post prior to this year's Fiesta.

1. Kennel Lodge Road, Clanage Road, Rownham Hill and Abbots Leigh Road (to the junction with Beggar Bush Lane).

Road closures will be in place from 9.30pm to 11.59pm on Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th August. They will also be in place from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Friday 12th and Sunday 14th August.

Residents of the above roads, and roads leading from them, will be able to gain access to their homes by entering the road closure area from the traffic lights at the junction of the A369 Abbots Leigh Road and the B3129 Beggar Bush Lane.

Please note - no access will be possible from the Bristol end of the A369 Clanage Road.

To access these roads closures residents will be issued with a Residents Pass to show the stewards located on the closures.

2. The Southern End of Parklands Road, Bower Ashton, junction with Clanage Road and suspension of one way on Parklands Road, junction with Clanage Road to the junction with Courtlands Road.

The Fiesta will close the end of Parklands Road to both pedestrians and vehicles for the duration of the event. This is to minimise disruption to this street and the area of Bower Ashton. The one way system will be suspended to allow residents of the lower end of Parklands to access their homes.

Road closures will be in place from 10.00pm on Wednesday 10th August to 11.30pm Sunday 14th August.

Residents in the area can still gain access to their property by entering Parklands Road from Courtlands Road. The junction of Courtlands Road and Kennel Lodge Road will have barriers to restrict the entrance and a sign stating “No Access to the Fiesta, Residents only”.

3. Closure of the Clifton Suspension Bridge and surrounding roads.

The Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust will close the bridge during the following times:

- 6.00pm Thursday 11th August until 2.00am Friday 12th August
- 6.00pm Saturday 13th August until 2.00am Sunday 14th August

During these times the Bridge will be closed to all pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Residents who require vehicular access should enter by the junction of Abbots Leigh Road and Beggar Bush Lane, as Rownham Hill and Clanage Road will be closed for pedestrian safety. Please show your Residents Pass to the Stewards manning the closure to gain access.

4. No Waiting Cones.

To ensure Fiesta visitors do not park inconveniently a number of no waiting cones will be placed on the following roads. We ask that these cones are not moved as it causes inconvenience to road users and bus operators. The removal of these cones is an offence and will result in prosecution:

- Long Ashton Road from its junction with Ashton Road (B3128) to its junction with Lodge Drive along its southern side and to its junction with Hobwell Lane along its northern side.
- Church Lane for its entire length along both sides.
- Glebe Road from its junction with Long Ashton Road to its junction with Yanley Lane along both sides.

- Providence Lane from its junction with Clarken Coombe to its junction with Miners Close along its eastern side and to its junction with the public footpath along its western side
- North Road for its entire length between Abbots Leigh Road and Bridge Road along its southern side.
- Bridge Road from Abbots Leigh Road to its junction with North Road along both sides.
- Bannerleigh Road for its entire length along its western side.
- Burwalls Road for its entire length along its eastern side.
- Church Road for its entire length along its south western side.
- Vicarage Road for its entire length along its western side.
- St. Mary's Road for its entire length along both sides.
- Rownham Hill cul-de-sac along both sides.
- Kennel Lodge Road for its entire length along both sides.
- Rownham Close for its entire length along both sides.
- Blackmoor Lane and Clanage Road between Rownham Close and Kennel Lodge Road along both sides.

For further information - Please contact the Fiesta Team on 0117 904 6509 or e-mail info@bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk

Residents Pass letters will be issued via post prior to the Fiesta.

The above summary is correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change.

DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTIONS

You may have noticed the size of print on prescriptions given at the surgery is now extremely small. This is a Department of Health directive to all surgeries in the country.

However there have been many complaints and the DoH are looking at slightly larger font size which may eventually be adopted.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of Long Ashton Parish Council was held on Monday 18th April 2011.

Chaired by Cllr. Nigel Moorcroft the following reports were given:

PLANNING - Cllr. Mary Uppington explained the Committee meets monthly to discuss planning applications in the Parish and sends comments and recommendations to North Somerset Council who make the final decision.

She gave further information on 4 applications mentioned in last year's report.

The proposal to build 500 dwellings at Failand was refused after a Public Enquiry.

Bristol City Football Stadium eventually obtained permission for their access which will be in our Parish. An Inspector's Report supported Ashton Vale Residents' request for the land to be given Town Green Status and the Parish Council has supported their efforts. The matter is still unresolved.

Two other applications were made for development on Green Belt land - 9,500 dwellings on land south of Bristol and 1,000 dwellings on land to the east of Wild Country Lane. No decisions have yet been made by North Somerset Council.

North Somerset Council's Core Strategy indicates the Green Belt will remain so we anticipate these applications will eventually be refused.

Housing on the Research Station land is now complete and we are awaiting completion of the final stages of the new Sports Pitches off Keeds Lane and the Play Area, south of Weston Road.

The Parish Council supports proposals for a Care Village on Barrow Hospital Site which borders our Parish boundary.

Attention was drawn to overgrowing trees and hedges and requests made for residents to make sure footpaths and pavements are not obstructed.

HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND

Cllr. Phil Jackson began his report with thanks to retiring Cllr. Suzanne Morgan for the work she organised and oversaw on footpath maintenance with help from Cllrs. H. Williams, Cave and Moorcroft and Mr. John Ives.

The monthly footpath walks continue to be supported.

Work on tree maintenance and fallen headstones in the Burial Ground and Churchyard has begun and will continue for some time.

Focus has been on traffic issues:

Speeding - where continued use of the speed warning sign has been valuable in reducing speeding.

Providence Lane, where North Somerset Council has repeated it will not support a 20 mph limit, the Committee is exploring painting a white line on one side to give the appearance of a narrow highway.

Parking problems should be eased where the addition of yellow lines has been carried out.

The impact on residents of car parking at the new BCFC stadium remains a concern.

The Parish Council was unhappy that they had no part in and that the views of residents were not considered when the junction of B3128 and the bypass was altered.

The Council continues to be represented at the Planning Meetings of the Festival Way cycle and footpath through the village.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

Chairman Jonathan Skeeles said the budget proposed in Committee was approved by full Council in January. The agreed precept enabled the Council to meet all its statutory obligations and carry out all necessary work at the Burial Ground, cover administration and village orderly costs, dog bin emptying and the like.

A number of grants were made to local organisations, the main one being to the Community Association to help with the running costs of the complex, a vital village facility. He praised the hard work and management skills of the association trustees, including manager Sarah Leong, for their hard work in increasing bookings and with their plan to cover ongoing costs.

He concluded by pointing out that all Councillors gave their time freely and try to do their best for the benefit of the Parish.



Avon Wildlife Trust

Long Ashton Group

All meetings are held at the Royal British Legion Club, Long Ashton unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 20th October
7.30pm

Andrew Town will talk about
Backwell Lake and Netcott Meadow.

Harry Williams 392690



PROBUS CLUB OF LONG ASHTON

The club has a small number of vacancies for new members. Men who have retired from full-time employment are eligible to join.

If you are interested, or would like to attend as a guest contact the Secretary - Dave Addis tel - 07801 816612

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ZUMBA LONG ASHTON at the
COMMUNITY CENTRE EVERY THURSDAY
(CURRENTLY TERM TIME) 6-7 PM
FROM 9TH JUNE.

Appropriate for men and women of all ages and fitness levels.
No dance experience or partner required - just a love of Latin rhythms, movement and fun. £5.00 or £20 for 5 sessions.



Contact Marie: 0117 963 4104 or E-mail bristoldancezumba@gmail.com to pre-register - or just dare yourself to drop in!

Marie Clifford

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

Overgrown vegetation - The process for dealing with overgrown vegetation has now been agreed with North Somerset and is as follows:-

- 1) Approach householder on several occasions
- 2) Post the letter through the door
- 3) Mr. Sanjuro, North Somerset Officer, to inspect the vegetation
- 4) 14 day notice to be given to householder
- 5) North Somerset to cut the vegetation and will charge householder for service

Nominated Best Kept Garden Shield.

Any resident can nominate an individual address (but not your own)
and all nominations must be sent to the Clerk by 20th July.

You can nominate only one garden.

RESULTS IN OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Mrs. M. Addis MBE, Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council, 01275 393551
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CAREFUL USE of FOOTPATHS

We are getting reports of people not keeping to the marked footpaths.

Please remember grass is vital for farmers to feed their livestock.

Also clear up after your dog and don't throw it into the hedge - please take it home.

COULD YOU LIGHT UP LONG ASHTON?



ENECO is a newly-formed community-based organisation spanning Failand, Long Ashton and Wraxall. We are interested in helping our local Community by establishing renewable energy projects owned by local people, and reinvesting the profits from energy production into local services and initiatives.

Renewable energy projects such as solar panels, wind or biomass, can provide a long term income that can be used for positive social, cultural and economic development in our villages and public spaces. Such development could range from making local homes cheaper to heat, to improving local play facilities. Whatever the use, we would prefer to generate local energy and retain the profits within the community, rather than paying energy bills to the distant shareholders of major corporations.

We believe that Failand, Long Ashton and Wraxall can tackle the challenges presented to us all by continually rising fuel costs, security of future energy supplies, and of course climate change. But we know we need the energy, talent and experience of the whole community to make it happen.

What next? We are running a series of public meetings to discuss how community-owned renewable energy can benefit everybody. Our aim is to create a space for everyone who is interested, whatever their views, to come along and get involved. We already have considerable expertise within the group but in order to succeed we will need many more enthusiastic individuals to help with everything from finance, management and accounting, to media, communications and education.

Most of all, at this stage we really want the whole community to join in. Come along to a meeting and find out what's going on, sign up to our mailing list, or send us your suggestions about local energy.

To find out more, or for details of our forthcoming events,
e-mail eneco.info@gmail.com or phone Tilly on 01275 391178.

Our new Buildings at Birdwell School are almost finished!

Over the past year we have been very busy transforming Birdwell School into a site able to accommodate 315 children, from in and around the Village, which will boast twenty first century classrooms, outdoor learning opportunities and expansive playing fields.



We are really excited about what the future has to offer but also don't want to forget the school's history, which has placed Birdwell at the centre of the Village for 44 years. Everyone in the school is curious to see how the school has developed since the sixties and would be excited to see any old pictures of Birdwell, it's pupils and staff.

Maybe you were one of the first pupils to attend Birdwell or your children went there! If so, you may have pictures of the school being built or special school events that you would be prepared to share with us. We would be delighted to hear from you! Please either drop into the School Office or leave a message for me with the school on 01275 392496.

For the second year running, 45 new four to five year olds will be joining our reception with some of their siblings returning to Long Ashton to take up a number of the free spaces that currently exist in the Junior classes at the School. As you can see the school is already growing quickly with an ambitious plan to ensure an exciting, stimulating and challenging learning environment for all.

As we build the future can you help us remember our important past?

Geoff Mountjoy (Chair of Governors)

Long Ashton Library



Long Ashton Library Opening Hours are:

Tuesday	9.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	9.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 7.00pm
Friday	9.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.00pm

On the first Thursday of every month we have a representative from *Streets and Open Spaces* here for the whole morning to answer any queries. On the same evening we have a *PCSO or Police Officer* from 5.00 pm onwards. A room is available if you would like to talk privately.

Parents with pre-school children - we will be re-launching our Storytime in September. We haven't set a time or date yet. Why not come and tell us when you would like Storytime to happen?

Our Summer Reading Game will start again in July for 4 - 11 years olds - the theme this year is Circus Stars.

In the second week of every month we also run two *Library Reading Groups* for adults - one on Tuesday lunchtimes and the other on Thursday evenings. Why not come along and join us?

Kirsten, Christine and Sarah.



NEWS UPDATE

By the time you read this article the Long Ashton Village market will have celebrated its 1st Birthday on Saturday 4th June 2011!

The event will be marked by a range of outside displays by many of the Transition Long Ashton Groups including: Chicken Co-op; Long Ashton Growers; Energy Group; Sustainable Transport; Village Market Project; Year of the Apple Project, etc.

Run by a group of dedicated volunteers it has been a really positive and rewarding first year for the market. It has continued to attract sustained local interest and support. Apart from being a monthly venue to buy fresh locally produced quality food and craft products, many people have commented and valued it as a really enjoyable social meeting place to catch up with friends and family.

A particularly rewarding aspect of the market this year has been discovering so many local crafts people from within the Village, who have had a stall at the market to display and sell their beautiful work.

The market “community stall” has been used by a variety of local community groups. However, the market would like to see more local groups using this free stall to promote and fund raise for their own projects.

This year has seen the development of a Long Ashton Re-useable bag designed by a couple of LA Transition members, and its production sponsored by the Solarsense, LA Village market and the LA Transition Group. It has been made by a Fairtrade co-operative which helps to provide a sustainable living for poor communities in rural India. Please look out for this bag at the Village Market and around the local area - and buy one for yourself, friends and family. By doing this you will be helping to reduce the amount of environmentally damaging plastic used and thrown away in your local area.

The Village Market can now be found on Twitter @LA_Market_ and Facebook. Please log on to these social networks and help spread the word about the market. For the market to be sustainable we need your help to increase numbers of people buying produce and using the market each month.

We are keen to hear from more local people who want to sell food and/or craft produce at the market and volunteers who would like to help organise and set up the market each month. Please contact the Market Co-ordinators.

For the latest news about the market and details of how to have a stall at the market contact the Market Co-ordinators via the Market website

longashtonvillagemarket.co.uk



www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council has its own website for the Village, which is full of information about the latest development proposals, minutes of council meetings and local events. Log on and let us know what you think and what you would like to see on the website.

Long Ashton and Leigh Woods do not feature in much newspaper coverage; the Mercury is no longer delivered and you can't always find the North Somerset edition of the Evening Post. So it is important to have our own website relevant and used.

To keep up with the latest news in the Village, you can ask for updates to be e-mailed to you; you can make this request specific to individual pages.

www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALKS

The Village Footpath Walks continue to take place every first Sunday of the month meeting outside Ashton Rose Estate Agents at 2.30 pm.



The glorious and somewhat unexpected fine weather this Spring has enabled our walks to take us through some spectacular early floral scenery. There has been an abundance of May Blossom, Bluebells, Primroses all of which added to the enjoyment of our relaxed walks. We have been particularly fortunate that most of our walks have taken place in favourable weather.

Each monthly walk takes us along a different route so walkers can enjoy the varied landscape which we are lucky to have in our Parish.

The long awaited maintenance work on the footpath at Yanley commenced in mid March and has now been completed. The work undertaken should now relieve any problems with flooding in wet weather which has been a problem on this particular section of our footpaths. The drainage system has been intensively cleared and old pipework replaced which should enable flood water to flow more efficiently into the local brooks. The track through the first section of the footpath has been levelled and a good layer of fine hardcore material laid down. This has improved the walking surface immensely. Just one small section of this footpath is yet to be upgraded, but will be completed when crops have been harvested from adjacent fields.

I would wish to publicly thank the Parish Council, North Somerset and Fisher German Land Agent for their negotiations into ensuring that this work was undertaken to a high standard.

Suzanne Morgan - Footpath Walks Organiser.

PARISH COUNCIL 2011



Back row (left to right) Howard Roberts, Rod Sterland, Bridget Mackwood, Harry Williams, Henny Fordham, Gwyn Williams, Bob Cook, Sheila Hardingham, Dave Aggett, Tony Butcher, Martyn Harris, Charles Cave
Front row (left to right) Sally Sterland, John Glew, Audrey Moser, Nigel Moorcroft (Chairman), Ivor Scoones, Jean Pullin, Mary Uppington

The above were elected in May. Some have submitted details which may be of interest.

Dave Aggett I would like to thank everyone for voting me back on the Parish Council. I am very pleased to be serving you again and I will do my best for the community in which I have lived for the past 64 years.

Anthony Butcher Holly and I have lived in Long Ashton for 6 years. I work as a website designer and I will use my experience to improve our local communication. I also have a strong interest in political campaigns from better food labelling to electoral reform.

Charles Cave Charles and Elizabeth Cave have three daughters and have lived in the Parish for over forty years. Charles joined the Parish Council in 2003, was elected Chairman in 2007 and served in that capacity until 2010. Charles worked in marketing for many years and has been self employed for the last twenty eight years in property.

Bob Cook I was born in Providence Lane, Long Ashton in 1942. My Wife, Gay, was also born in 1942 in Long Ashton at Gatcombe Farm.

We married in 1966 and moved to our present address in Warren Lane. I have always worked locally in agriculture and forestry. We have two sons who both work locally in agriculture and contracting. We have two grandchildren. My hobbies include ploughing with heavy horses, teaching hedge laying, conservation and productive gardening.

I have been a Parish Councillor for 29 years and a District Councillor for 12 years.

Henny Fordham I moved to Long Ashton from London with my family in 1999. My children all went to Northleaze School and now Nailsea, where I am a Parent Governor. I want to help the Parish Council make the right decisions for all age groups and interests in our community.

John Glew I am a retired Dentist who worked in the Village for over 20 years. I attend the local Church and I very much enjoy the atmosphere and facilities of this friendly village. I want to work to keep it as good as it is.

Sheila Hardingham I have lived in Long Ashton for 27 years and work as a Solicitor in Bristol. I led the fundraising for the playground revamp; and chaired the Parish Plan Group to give the Village a vision for the future. I give our Youth Group as much support as possible and serve on their Management Committee.

Martyn Harris I have lived in Leigh Woods for 15 years, worked for Rolls Royce and am retired. I am married, have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. I sit on School Admission panels for Bristol & BANES, am Chairman of Governors for Perry Court Schools in Bristol and volunteer for the Bristol Youth Offending Team.

Bridget Mackwood Brought up at Gatcombe. Studied Agriculture then was an Accountant in Bristol before having farm and stud until 2001 foot and mouth encouraged running charter boat in Caribbean. Taught at FE and HE. Now running Gatcombe Court with Husband and Mother. Interests: practical solutions, ecology, wildlife, sustainable energy and education.

Audrey Moser Has been a Councillor for Leigh Woods ward and has served on Planning, Highways and Finance Committees. Before retirement worked in Social Services, International Development and Child Care. Special interests are in the adequate development of community services and local facilities for children and young people.

Nigel Moorcroft Is 58 years of age, married. Managing Director of a Retail Company. A Chairman of the Valuation Tribunal of England, Financial Director of Swindon Bid Company. Chairman of Long Ashton Parish Council since 2010. Lived in Long Ashton for 28 years, Somerset born. Most of immediate family live in Village including latest addition of twin grandchildren. Interests - photography and tennis.

Jean Pullin Has lived in Long Ashton for 52 years, 26 years as Parish Councillor. Before retirement spent 10 years working in local Library. A founder member of Local History Society, also involved with Good Companions Group, WI, a Parochial Charity Trustee and member of Community Association Committee.

Ivor 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 3 grown up children. Employed at Long Ashton Golf Club as Head Greenkeeper/Course Manager having retired in 2007 after 44 years service. Having served on the Council for the last 12 years in several Chairmanships. It has and is my intention to try and repay the privilege of living in a lovely Village in the countryside.

Sally Sterland I am married with two grown up sons who both attended Birdwell School. I have lived in Long Ashton since 1976 and during that time have been involved in the PTA, Scouts fundraising group, Patient Participation Group, WI and HOLA. I have been a Parish Councillor for 4 years.

Rod Sterland I am a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, have lived in Long Ashton since 1976. I was elected to Parish Council in 2007. I am Chairman of Hands Off Long Ashton and a member of Transition Group.

Mary Uppington Retired Headteacher. Parish Councillor since 1964 and Chairman 1971-73. Planning Committee Chairman from 1987. Governor of Northleaze Primary School from 1986. Keenly interested in all sport. President of English Schools' Swimming Association 1967 and currently President of Bristol Schools' Swimming Association. Member of Newsletter Editorial Group, National Trust and English Heritage.

Gwyn Williams I am married with three grown up children. Long Ashton has been home for the last thirty years. Since retiring from Pharmacy eight years ago, my focus has shifted towards the Village. I am keen to promote Long Ashton as separate and distinct from Bristol.

Harry Williams Born in the Village, and have two children, my wife died in 2009 after 52 years of marriage. Elected to Council in 1973 have served as Chairman of Council and Chairman of Highways Committee. Taken the monthly footpath walks for almost 30 years until 2009 and helped in the planning and building of the Dawson Walk.



PLANNING

Decisions have now been made on two applications for development within our Village. Both have been approved by an Inspector so this gives permission for 12 retirement dwellings to be erected at 9 Warren Lane and 9 elderly persons apartments at 14 Long Ashton Road. In both cases permission has also been given for the existing property on the site to be demolished.

An interesting application, from English Care Villages, for the construction of a Care Village on the former Barrow Hospital site has been placed with North Somerset. Although this area is in Barrow Gurney Parish it abuts our Parish boundary on the northern side of the site.

The Care Village will include Care Bedrooms, Close Care Units, Linked Assisted Living Units, a Specialist Separate Care Home, other ancillary facilities and pleasantly laid out grounds with adequate car parking.

The exhibition, held at the Village Hall last October, was well attended and a great deal of interest was shown. Of the written responses received afterwards 145 were in favour with only 7 being opposed. Residents from Long Ashton and Barrow Gurney could see this will meet a growing need among older people in our area and it is to be hoped that North Somerset's decision will be favourable.

The Localism Bill, which the Government published last December is going through its Parliamentary stages. It is likely to be finalised later this year and will replace the Regional Strategy which was never legally adopted. We understand Neighbourhood Plans will become important and it appears there will be opportunities for local communities to have a greater say in how their area will develop. At present there is some uncertainty about how the bill will actually operate so the Parish Council will be anxious to peruse the small print when the final version becomes available.

Mary Uppington - Chairman - Planning Committee.



A Greener Village Hall!

Back in February this year, the Community Centre benefited from a grant of just over £1000 from Western Power to put in cavity wall insulation in the Village Hall. Apart from the intensity of the drilling setting the fire alarm system off (!), this was a simple job taking just a few hours. We hope that this will make the hall cosier for users during the winter months and that heating bills will be reduced too.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Community Association's 3rd Annual Quiz will be held on Saturday 19th November at the Village Hall.

If you would like details sent to you nearer the time then please e-mail :
laca@btconnect.com or telephone 393570.

Watch out for further details.

ANYONE FOR BINGO???

The Community Association have had the suggestion put to them that a regular Bingo Club be started in the Village. However we would need someone to run this, probably during an afternoon.

If you would be interested in taking on this role, please speak to Sarah Leong.
Tel: 01275 393570 or e-mail : laca@btconnect.com

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Starting Pack for New Groups

The Long Ashton Community Association is keen to have a full range of clubs and activities running at the Community Centre and would like to help anyone who is thinking of starting up sessions on a regular basis in Long Ashton. Our new Starter Pack offers you your first two sessions at half price to enable you to keep your costs down in those crucial early stages. We can also help you with publicising your group.

Please phone the Manager, Sarah Leong to find our current availability.
Tel: 01275 393570 or e-mail : laca@btconnect.com

LONG ASHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DID YOU KNOW?

You can hire any of these facilities for your party or other event.

VILLAGE HALL

Evening party/dance	from £95
Concerts	from £60
Daytime adult party	from £60
Children's party	from £39

CLUB ROOM AND JUBILEE PAVILION

Adult evening party	from £80
Adult daytime party	from £60
Children's party	from £30

Children's party with Keeds Hall from £39
(not Pavilion)

Charges for other events on request.

Contact The Manager,

Sarah Leong 01275 393570 or e-mail laca@btconnect.com

LACA Trustee Vacancy

Would you like to get more involved in the local community?

Have you benefited from the Community Centre facilities and would like to put something back in?

Our vibrant and friendly Committee meets once a month to discuss issues associated with the management, maintenance and promotion of the Community Centre and we currently have a vacancy for one trustee.

If you are interested in coming on board, then in the first instance please contact Sarah Leong, the Community Centre Manager on 01275 393570 or e-mail laca@btconnect.com

Advance Diary Date

BLUE NOTES JAZZ BAND

in memory of Mike Preston

Long Ashton Village Hall
Friday 16th September
7.30 - 10.30pm



**LONG ASHTON
TENNIS CLUB**

Look out for further notices or contact
The Community Centre Manager,
Sarah Leong for information:
tel: 01275 393570 or laca@btconnect.com



LONG ASHTON TENNIS CLUB

Long Ashton Tennis Club is a friendly club that welcomes new members. All abilities accepted.

We play on Saturday afternoons and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Junior coaching available.

Please contact Cliff Bond on 392148 for details.

25 Years

Long Ashton Bowling Club

2011 is a special year for our Bowling Club as we celebrate our Silver Jubilee.

The summer season is now well underway and so are the special events we are having to commemorate 25 years of bowling in Long Ashton.

If you are interested in playing bowls come along and join us on any Friday evening during June and July at 6.15 pm.

Woods and shoes are available if you would like to "have-a-go". There is also free tuition for beginners. Snacks are available and the bar will be open. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

For more information contact Alan Lewis (Club Secretary)
Tel No 01275 462030 or visit our website
www.longashtonbowlingclub.org.uk

Janet Lock

MOVING ON

It is with some sadness that I have to inform you that as from 1st April 2011 I will no longer be a local Beat Officer for the Long Ashton and Abbots Leigh beats.

I have enjoyed the last 2 years as a Long Ashton Beat Officer, I have been given some tremendous support over this time.

Unfortunately Government cuts are to affect us all and I am being moved to another beat namely Portishead. (Not as the local press have stated Clevedon.)

You will still have Constable Trevor Byford and PCSO Pen Gatenby to look after the village as PCSO Laura Wheeler is off on Maternity leave.

I leave Long Ashton safe in the knowledge that you are in safe hands and request that you continue supporting your beat team.

Thank you for all your support and Cheerio for now.

Jock Cameron - PC 2257 Cameron

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Village Café

Open on the third Saturday of each month

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

10.00am - 12 noon at the Club Room, Village Hall complex

Fair Trade Tea and Coffee and a selection of home-made cakes.

Also the opportunity to buy Fair Trade goods.

Churches Working Together

POLICE and COMMUNITY TOGETHER (PACT)

Parking on pavements continues to cause problems. The Police are trying to tackle this but need more help from the public.

Telephone calls to 0845 456 7000 should be made immediately when cars are seen, making sure the words “This is a priority of PACT” are used. If possible take photographs of the offending vehicles and pass them to the Police for follow up.

Speeding continues to be a big problem and is also being addressed by Police and members of PACT.

Fuel theft from vehicles is on the increase and again, all incidents must be reported to the Police.

PACT OPEN MEETING

**Wednesday 13th July at 7.30 pm
Royal British Legion Club**

LONG ASHTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the beginning of April we had our last meeting of the 2010/2011 season when our speaker David Cheesley spoke on “Up the Feeder and Floating Harbour”. From a busy industrial waterway the Feeder is now virtually devoid of the barges which at one time supported the many firms that have now gone out of business. John Lysaght and St. Annes Board Mills are two that readily come to mind. The lack of industry means that the Canal is much greener today and is used mostly by pleasure boats.

The new season of talks starts on 6th October when as custom dictates we hold our AGM. Nearer the date we will be circulating members with full details of speakers booked for the season ahead.

In the meantime can we draw attention to the latest edition of ‘Estune’? (Not to be confused with the advertising publication recently introduced). This is No. 10 in the series which started in 1991 to highlight significant events in the history of Long Ashton. In the new edition there are features on Ashton Gate and Clifton Bridge Stations - both closed in 1964, a diary compiled by Fanny Shorter, the daughter of the first Caretaker of the Village Club who emigrated to Australia and a full account of Esme Smyth’s wedding which took place in January 1891 - Esme had an incredible 11 bridesmaids! Her death in 1946 brought about the demise of the Smyth Estate. Other in depth articles include the building of the Birdwell Estate - now in its 53rd year and the opening of the Long Ashton By-Pass in 1968. The start of Leigh Woods Church is covered and an account of a murder in Leigh Woods and the subsequent trial. Altogether 18 subjects are included in detail. Copies of Estune No. 10 are priced at just £2.50 each and can be obtained from the Post Office, the Little Tipple and No. 1 Lovelinch Gardens.

On the subject of Estune some members will remember a feature on the Grace family in Estune No., 3 highlighting the fact that W.G. Grace’s grandparents lived in Long Ashton Road. One of the later members of the Grace family married an American and their son Peter Ward is a Commander in the U.S. Navy. He is shortly returning to the States after serving a period of two years on secondment and to celebrate the history of the family arranged a lunch at Ashton Court Bistro on 21st May at which over 80 members of the family were present. Many went on to Downend Cricket Club ground later to see the scene of W.G. Grace’s early success.

HELP FOR FAMILIES IN NORTH SOMERSET

Within the last five years fuel prices have gone up by a whopping 125%. With the cold winter we've just had forcing our heating bills up even further, now it is more important than ever for North Somerset residents to do all they can to lower their fuel bills.

Luckily help is at hand. *North Somerset Warm Families* is here to offer energy advice to families with children under the age of 18 who live in North Somerset.

We can help if

- You are struggling with fuel bills or are in debt with your fuel provider
- Your home feels damp and cold or you find it hard to stay warm
- You would like to know if someone in your family could claim an additional benefit

We can help in a variety of ways to best support your needs:

- We give free advice on using energy more efficiently within your home
- We go on home visits and give over the phone support
- We can tell you where to look for information on grants and discounts for home insulation or heating
- We deliver workshops in and out of the classroom for young people
- We attend events in the community

Call free on 0800 512 012 (quoting NSWF)
or e-mail warmfamilies@cse.org.uk
to discuss any of the above and
make ensure you stay warm and healthy in your home.

YOUTH CLUB FUNDING UNDER THREAT

Today in Long Ashton we have an active and thriving Youth Club, which is open three evenings a week, Mondays and Thursdays (6.30 - 9.00 pm) and Wednesdays (5.30 - 8.00pm), and is run by three professional Youth Workers - Sue, Kathy and Sally.

We cater for those young people aged 11 to 19. A wide range of activities such as arts and crafts, sports, photography and trips. Under the supervision of a local artist, the youth shelter was recently graffiti'ed as a Youth Club project by the young people themselves. Another project recently completed was to provide music training and coaching, and a number of local young people were rewarded for their efforts with North Somerset Youth Achievement Awards. We openly invite discussion with parents to discuss any needs or concerns. We also welcome new members - just turn up and talk to one of our Youth Workers.

The Youth Club is operated as a partnership between North Somerset Council and Long Ashton Parish Council. However, the North Somerset Council budget is set to reduce by 40%, and plans are being drawn up to respond to this reduced budget. In conjunction with the Parish Council, the Youth Club Management Committee is addressing this budget threat with North Somerset Council, and has started talks. We face a funding shortfall or even closure of the Youth Club. Today's young people are our future, and we will fight to provide the Youth Club to meet the needs of our young people.

Looking forward, we are keen to improve the facilities for the young people of our Village. The Parish Plan identified the need for a Youth Cafe and Centre. We have a plan to develop the area of land adjacent to the Club Room in the Community Centre for this new facility. This will, of course, need significant efforts in terms of fundraising. In time this will come, today the challenge is to ensure that we have the necessary funding to maintain the Youth Club opening. If you have any ideas on funding or can offer any support, please contact me or one of your Parish Councillors.

Phil Jackson, Chairman, Long Ashton Youth Club Management Committee.

07764 324000

LONG ASHTON FC - CUP SUCCESS

Long Ashton Football Club won the Errea Somerset County League Division 2 Cup on May 17th 2011 at Wells City's ground.

Goals from local boys Jamel Fisher and Lloyd Mills saw Long Ashton deservedly win 2-0 against Worle FC. With over 100 supporters making the trip to cheer the team on it was great night for not only the football club, but the village as a whole. This follows on from the Reserve Team winning promotion in their first season in a new League.

Long Ashton FC currently has two adult teams and a third is starting next season. The 1st Team play in the Somerset County League Division 2, the Reserves in the Bristol and Suburban League Division 4 and the "A" team will be in the Bristol and Avon League. All three teams are optimistic of further success next season and new players and supporters are welcome to come along and see what is happening at your local football club. The bar area has undergone a lot of work and is now a family friendly area that is busy every Saturday from September to May. Come along and give it a go you will be pleasantly surprised!

Circuit training will continue throughout the summer at Redwood Lodge on Tuesday nights starting at 7.00pm. Pre-season training will start at the end of June also at Redwood Lodge. All welcome.

For further details please contact Paul Maggs on 07810 481 787 or paulmaggs00@hotmail.com

“WELCOME LA”

Welcome LA is a voluntary scheme set up by the Parish Council to ensure that new residents to Long Ashton are welcomed to the Village and given information about clubs, services and other organisations available. The Welcome Packs are delivered by a group of volunteers who are each responsible for approximately 20 homes near to where they live. The idea is simple, when you notice that someone new has moved into your assigned area, you obtain a Welcome Pack from John Edwards and give it to your new neighbour in person.



We are looking for new volunteers to replace those who have left the scheme. At present the following roads are not covered:

Ashton Road; Church Lane; Buttercliffe Rise; Hobwell Lane;
Glebe Road; Beechfield Close; Parsonage Road; Yanley Lane;
Theynes Croft; Copford Lane; Brook Close; Lyvdon Way;
Gardeners Walk; Northleaze; Westward Gardens; Bourton Mead;
Ridgeway Road; Ridge View; Kempes Close;
Short Lane; Long Ashton Road; Providence View; Miners Close,
Brocks Lane; Yeo Lane; Lampton Road (33-54);
Fenswood Road 1-14; Fenswood Close; Fenswood Court;
Wild Country Lane; Gatcombe Lane

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Sally Sterland on 393591 or e-mail sally.sterland@bristol.ac.uk

The new Children's Centre at Long Ashton is now open and is operating within a building at Birdwell School.

The Children's centre is staffed by a Family Support Worker, Amy Cridland and an administrator, Jean Cross. Amy along with key partners, will run groups at the centre and at local venues which are designed to support learning and parenting. Amy will also be available to support families by offering practical help and emotional support on a 1-2-1 basis.

Sure Start Children's Centres are a one-stop shop for children under five and their families, where skilled staff are on hand to give help and advice.

Children's Centres provide:

- Health Advice • Parenting and Family Support •
- Information about play sessions and childcare • Help to get a job or training •
- A place to meet other parents/families •

Long Ashton Children's Centre sessions will include:

Baby Birds

An opportunity for parents with babies (up to 12 months) to meet other new parents

Little Chicks Breastfeeding Group

A chance for breastfeeding Mums to get together, with help and advice available from trained helpers.

Long Ashton Childminder's Group

A play session for Childminders and their children with the opportunity to discuss issues and offer practical advice to newly registered Childminders.

Stay and Play

A fun and safe play session for families. These sessions will be held at various venues within the community.

For further information on any of the above please contact the Children's Centre on 01275 395359 or e-mail longashtoncc@n-somerset.gov.uk

Long Ashton Year of the Apple - 2011 celebrating our connection with apples

What's happened so far:

Memories and Reflections of the Research Station - a packed evening at the Jubilee Pavilion in April, honouring our connection with developments in fruit growing, and the people that worked there. Several ex-employees spoke, and there were many wonderful photos, as well as a 20 minute 1930's silent movie.

Apple Question Time - in May, a fascinating evening with three experts sharing their knowledge and answering questions.

As the apples ripen at summer's end there'll be lots happening:

'Do you love an apple?'

September 24th 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

A social evening with home-grown singing, music, poems, stories and refreshments. Do you know a poem or a song about apples - either a traditional or your own composition? If so we'd like to hear from you!

Apple Trail - weekends of 1st/2nd and 8th/9th October

We are asking everyone to put any surplus apples outside at their front gate on these weekends. The weekends are designed to enable anyone who wants to try different varieties to wander round the Village and do so.

Any apples left outside in boxes on October 9th will be collected for pressing.

Apple Celebration Day - October 16th in the Sports Hall and Club Room

Join us as we honour Long Ashton's long association with the apple. Look at exhibitions, watch and listen to live music, share apple recipes, see how cider is made and bring along your apples to make into apple juice!

Apple Mapping - we are continuing to map Long Ashton apple growing, with over 75 apple trees now pinpointed around the Village. If you have an apple tree, why not come along to the Village Market and claim a space on the map.

DVD about the Research Station and apple year - We are filming and editing with 1930's footage to produce a new DVD, including interviews with former employees.

Book of Apple Year - we've applied for funding to work with a community artist to produce a book of collected stories, recipes, folklore, artwork and personal anecdotes.

For further information contact Liz Fox: Tel: 393443 or
e-mail @elambert49@btinternet.com
www.transitionlongashton.org.uk:



LONG ASHTON'S GOT TALENT

The second performance of Long Ashton's Got Talent was held in the Village Hall with some very talented performers taking part.

Entrants spanned the age range from the youngest performer who was 9 years old to the oldest who was of pensionable age.

The judges - the Long Ashton Beat Officer (taking time out from his holiday to attend), a Youth Club Management member and two Parish Councillors were very impressed with the talent on display which ranged from solo and duet singers to poetry readings and a very talented young trumpet player.

The winning entrant was 14 year old Chelsea Patch who read her own composition, a moving poem "Slave Girl" inspired by a television programme she had watched.

In second place was young mother Mabel Khan who sang "Time after Time" so beautifully.

The contest was organised by our PCSO Pen Gatenby who is to be thanked for her hard work. Also to be thanked are the young members of the Youth Club who provided plates of very appetising home-made cakes and biscuits for refreshments.

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

For the last few months Devonshire Homes has been excavating the Bracken Hill site with huge digging machines. The noise for those residents surrounding the site has been considerable as they have dug down into the hard limestone. This is the first stage of building six houses on the Kitchen Garden site alongside North Road. The walled garden which used to contain all the glasshouses has been the dumping ground for much of the hard core and rocks that have been excavated. The management of the traffic has been greatly discussed due to the heavy lorries loaded with the aggregate arriving and leaving the site. If the revised plans are approved, the building of the new houses will begin.

An exhibition of the plans was held in St. Mary's vestry in March and many residents attended to discuss the development with the Architect and other members of the Company. A great many issues were discussed with the Leigh Woods Society Sub-Committee regarding the building time-scale, and general construction matters - also the management of the gardens during the construction period. It was noted that Michael Heathcote-Amory one of the directors who holds the National Collection of Oak Trees in Devon, is extremely interested in preserving the listed Bracken Hill Garden, so we will look forward to this restoration.

On 9th April the gardens were opened for three hours so that residents could have a guided tour, and quite a number turned up. It was interesting to see the gardens again, and on the whole the condition of the plants was pretty good since nothing much had been done over many months, and the hard winter had taken its toll. Robert Webber who worked at the Botanical Gardens for many years has now returned to try and restore much of the garden site.

The AGM was held on 22nd March preceded by a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting. They were both very well attended with lively discussions and updates by Carl Francis-Pester who took questions on refuse collection, commuter parking, destruction of verges by lorries, and some planning issues. PCSO Gary Lewis opened the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting by saying that the crime rate for Leigh Woods and Abbots Leigh continues to be very low and then he answered our questions. The main themes were parking, traffic and Police Funding and support. We were sorry to hear that Richard Stamp is being made redundant, he has been a huge support and such a useful source of information. We would like to thank him for all the help he has

given us over the years. We will also miss Jock Cameron who we have lost to Portishead. It was agreed to have the NHW Meeting and Leigh Woods Society AGM on the same evening again next year. To join NHW contact Liz Corrigan 0117 946 7359 or lizcorrigan@btinternet.com

The spring litter-pick produced several bags of rubbish and as before proved a good and worthwhile morning with refreshments thrown in.

Cedric Nash retired from being Chairman of Leigh Woods Society in March, we are all grateful for his contribution, support and very hard work! We would like to welcome Kate Buss who has taken over.

Our Summer Party will be held on Wednesday 6th July to which all residents are invited and always proves to be an excellent evening for people to meet their neighbours.

Sally Sparks

HELP WANTED

Harry Williams would like to form a small group of people willing to be called upon to help him with jobs which may arise around the village.

Anyone is welcome but perhaps it would appeal most to the able bodied newly retired or people who work irregular hours.

For more information and offers of help please contact Harry by telephone on 392690.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those people who showed their confidence in me by voting for me at the recent elections for both Long Ashton Parish Council and North Somerset District Council. I look forward to working with Charles Cave and I will continue to do my best to represent the people of Long Ashton on Parish matters and the people of Wraxall, Failand and Long Ashton on District matters.

Bob Cook, 5 Warren Lane, Long Ashton North Somerset, BS41 9DA
Tel: 01275 392518
Fax: 01275 395296



May I thank all those who gave me their support at the recent poll. My election to both District and Parish Councils imposes a responsibility that I take seriously. I shall do my best to represent, promote and defend the interests of the whole community in both the Wraxall and Long Ashton Ward and the Parish of Long Ashton.

I personally would like to pay tribute to Howard Roberts, for the excellent and selfless work that he has undertaken on our behalf over many years as our District Councillor in Avon at Woodspring and more recently in North Somerset. I have been very grateful for his support and were it not for his illness I would have been supporting him at this election.

Charles Cave
Tel: 01275 462774

Anthony Butcher writes as follows:

I want to thank everyone who voted for me in the recent Council elections, and to congratulate our two Councillors, Charles Cave and Bob Cook.

Although I wasn't elected to North Somerset Council, I am now a Long Ashton Parish Councillor and will do my best to promote the policies that so many people voted for.

The election itself was notable for its good nature, with all the candidates getting along well. Campaigning has been a very interesting experience for me; I managed to lose several pounds in weight, met many new people, discovered areas I didn't know existed in our Villages, delivered around 8,000 leaflets, was bitten by a dog through a letterbox and dodged a pair of flying wellies!

I would like to add a special note of thanks to Sarah Hughes, Lee Pickering and Terry Gray all of whom went out of their way to help me with the campaign.

GATCOMBE COURT SUNDAY 17th JULY

OPEN DAY for HOUSE VISITS

Cost £10 per person

includes tour of house and herb garden, tea and homemade cake

MUST BOOK in by telephone 01275 393141

or e-mail info@gatcombecourt.co.uk

Answers to Know your Village Quiz

1. Lady Smyth
2. 1903 & 2003
3. Smyth Arms
4. Ribena and Rose Hip Syrup
5. 2.30
6. Gatcombe
7. 1968
8. Dundry
9. The Angel Inn
10. Church Lane 1818
11. W.G. Grace
12. Farming, Market Gardening and Mining
13. Laundry work
14. Iron Ore
15. Strawberries
16. 1959
17. Owner Richard Ameryck, Senior Customs Officer paid the pension awarded by Henry VII to John Cabot discoverer of North America

Answers to Village Road NamesQuiz

1. Blackcurrant Drive
2. Cambridge Batch
3. Cherry Road
4. Estune Walk
5. Glebe Road
6. Heath Ridge
7. Lampton Road
8. Miners Close
9. Pear Tree Avenue
10. Short Lane
11. Tydings Close
12. Wild Country Lane
13. Keedwell Hill
14. Fenswood Mead
15. Weston Road

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Mrs H Fordham	12 Hillside Road	BS41 9LG	393614
Mr J Glew	72 Long Ashton Road	BS41 9LE	392655
Ms S Hardingham	79 Providence Lane	BS41 9DL	393690
Mr M Harris	Nightingale Hse., Valley Rd., LW	BS8 3PZ	Br 9735878
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Mrs J Pullin	1 Lovelinch Gardens	BS41 9AH	393617
Mr H B Roberts	18 Belmont Drive	BS8 3UU	392395
Mr I Scoones	Failand Lawn, Clevedon Road	BS8 3TN	392676
Mr J D Skeeles	Wellow House, 7 Folleigh Drive	BS41 9JD	392724
Mr P 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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