

LONG ASHTON & LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER



**AUTUMN 2011
& WINTER 2012**

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2012

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at All Saints Church on 16th/17th July.*

Letters have been received from residents both supporting and disagreeing with the action which the Council has taken in supporting the request for a judicial review relating to the process which Bristol City Council took in making their decision about the Town/Village Green at Ashton Vale.

The Council comments as follows:

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Four years ago the Parish of Long Ashton was threatened by development in the Greenbelt from all directions. The Regional Spatial Strategy dictated that there would be development of at least 9,000 houses in this area. It prompted planning applications to the north in Failand for 500 houses, to the south on University land between Wild Country Lane and Yanley Lane for 1,000 houses and again to the south an application for 9,000 houses with the necessary infrastructure between Long Ashton, Dundry, Bristol and Barrow Gurney.

This horrific threat prompted your Parish Council to set aside a figure in order to be able to seek professional advice and defend all the Greenbelt around our village from development that would threaten us. A figure has also been budgeted in subsequent years.

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LAPC has supported the Ashton Vale Town/Village Green application from the start. The area in question is in Greenbelt within Bristol but adjacent to the boundary with North Somerset and close to Long Ashton. The gradual picking off of the Greenbelt between Long Ashton and Bristol threatens the very nature and integrity of our village and community.

We will continue to fight inappropriate development on Greenbelt land between our village and Bristol. The close proximity of the proposed development of hotels, conference centre, restaurant, housing and 30,000 seat stadium will also, if completed, have a profoundly detrimental effect in particular but not exclusively to those living near the Bristol end of the village.

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The recent Bon Jovi concert, that took place in the existing stadium, brought into stark focus the transport problems connected to events that will inevitably take place in a new stadium complex in addition to the home matches. This was originally indicated by an independent transport assessment, which seriously called into doubt the methodology and outcome of the assessment commissioned by the developers for their planning application. It forecast serious overcrowding of our local roads and confirmed our fears and experience in past years.

Following the application for Town/Village Green by residents in Ashton Vale, Bristol City Council decided to put the matter before an independent Inspector for a judgement that they promised to implement. A ten day hearing in front of an independent Inspector took place with evidence from both sides given and tested by cross examination. The Inspector found that the case had been made for the Town/Village Green. This was clearly not the finding that the Council expected or indeed wanted.

In June the Public Rights of Way Committee of Bristol City Council resolved, on the recommendation of a 'designated officer' unqualified in law, that untested 'new evidence' now produced by the developer was sufficient to overturn the Inspector's judgement and register only part of the Town/Village Green. No reference was made to evidence to the contrary, nor has the boundary been drawn correctly.

The request for a J.R. is in order that Bristol City Council's process is investigated. It is not against the developer, although they are of course an interested party. It is perhaps surprising that the Bristol City Council's Public Rights of Way Committee did not send the 'new evidence' back to the Inspector to be properly evaluated and challenged; had that been their decision it is likely that there would have been no need for an application for a J.R. and funds would not have been required to do so.

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The venue for the Parish Council meeting on the 19th of September was changed from the School to the Pavilion at the request of the Chairman of the Governors of Birdwell School. He was concerned that in view of the letter sent to residents of Long Ashton by Guy Price, Chief Executive of Bristol City Football Club, there could be 'trouble'. Notices were put in place to inform the change of venue. The Chairman of the meeting informed those present at the beginning of the meeting that Councillors would remain after the meeting to discuss any subject. Councillors duly remained and discussions took place with Councillors.

This Parish Council remains firm in its resolve to defend our community against inappropriate development in Greenbelt, and retain the village structure which is Long Ashton.

SOCIAL HOUSING IN LONG ASHTON

It is several years since Long Ashton Parish Council tried to assess whether there is a demand or need for social housing (the old council house system) by Long Ashton parishioners.

If any resident is having difficulty in obtaining such accommodation in Long Ashton please contact the Parish Clerk - tel 393551 or email clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

Please note:

The names beneath the Parish Council photograph (shown right) should have included Angela Neale who is seated 4th from the left in the front row.



Bridget Mackwood's telephone number is 393141.

Long Ashton given £20,000 to look to the future.

The Government is simplifying planning rules to enable local communities to decide their own neighbourhood development plans. Instead of the District Council making decisions for us. Long Ashton Parish Council, working with residents, can devise plans specifically made for the future needs of our community.

This could mean setting design standards for all new housing, creating a more focused central shopping area to promote economic growth and sense of community, building energy efficient housing suitable for the elderly or even building a secondary school. We decide what will work for us.

We are among the first to try out Neighbourhood Planning which is part of the new Localism Bill. The community has the final say on whether a Neighbourhood Plan comes into force. If more than 50 per cent of people voting in a local referendum support the plan, then the local planning authority must bring it into force.

If you are interested in contributing to the Neighbourhood Plan please contact me by e-mail: [**hennyfordham@gmail.com**](mailto:hennyfordham@gmail.com)

HONORARY ALDERMAN HOWARD ROBERTS

Former North Somerset Councillor Howard Roberts has been granted the title of Honorary Alderman in recognition of his service as a Councillor.

Howard, who represented the Wraxall and Long Ashton ward on North Somerset District Council, was presented with a certificate by the Chairman of North Somerset Council at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 26th July.

Howard joined Long Ashton Parish Council in 1977 and is a Parish Councillor to this day. He was elected to Avon County Council and then North Somerset Council where he served on various committees. He represented the Council on a number of outside bodies and was Chairman of Council in 2002/3. He retired from the Council for health reasons at the election in May.

Howard represented North Somerset Council on the Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust, The University of Bristol Court, the Avon Fire Authority and Birdwell School Governing Board. He is a keen supporter of Avon Scouts and was Chairman from 2006 to 2008, after which he became President. He is a Trustee of Gloucester Chest Fund, which is his late wife's charity. In addition Howard is a member of the National Trust and English Heritage; a Governor of Queen Elizabeth Hospital School and a member of the South West Regional Management Board.

Howard was involved in numerous other organisations and charities where he gave his time freely and put in tremendous effort to the benefit of many people.

Congratulations Howard this is a very well-deserved honour and we know that you will continue to influence and help whenever and however you can.



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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| Nov 2nd | AGM and QUIZ.
No competition. |
| Dec 7th | A CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT
Competition: Small Christmas Table Decoration. |
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LAILA (LONG ASHTON INDEPENDENT LADIES ASSOCIATION)

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

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| Nov 16th | AGM and TALK ON TYNTESFIELD. |
| Dec 14th | CHRISTMAS PARTY. |

Bristol Sailors Meeting



Long Ashton Royal British Legion
7.30pm for 8.00pm
Do join us

Meetings are normally held on the fourth
Thursday of the month except December.

Details of a December social get together will be confirmed at the
November meeting

Dave Addis 01275 393551

Charity Quiz Night

Long Ashton Royal British Legion

7.30pm for 8.00pm

First Sunday in the month (except January and May)

You don't have to be a member to join us.

£8 per team of four includes nibbles

Entry forms can be collected from the Legion
are to be returned by the Tuesday prior to the Quiz to:

Dave Addis, 45 Long Ashton Road. 01275 393551

LONG ASHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Report of the Annual Public Meeting held on 15th June 2011

After the Minutes of the Meeting of June 2010 were agreed and signed the Chairman, Mrs. Judith Bridges, began her report by reminding those present of the objectives of the Association.

“To manage and maintain the Community Centre and Recreation Ground on behalf of the Parish Council for the benefit of the inhabitants of Long Ashton”. The Association operates under a 28 year lease from the Parish Council, dated December 1999, and aims to provide good quality facilities, at an affordable cost, to voluntary organisations serving the community, as well as other groups and individuals.

She continued by saying we maintained good relationships with regular users and there were many one-off bookings for parties, especially children’s, meetings and training days.

Several new groups had been attracted during the year and LACA was looking at ways to give support to groups when first starting up, to help them get established.

Successful events during the past year included an Activities Fair, a Quiz Night, and a visit from Theatre Orchard which together had raised £600, and was spent specifically on improving facilities. Indoor and Outdoor facilities continued to be well used and work continued to try to lessen the amount of dog’s mess and to try to recycle more of the rubbish.

Thanks were given to the staff, the Manager, the Caretakers and Cleaner and Recreation Ground Warden for continued excellent work.

LACA was delighted to be awarded a nationally recognised award - Hallmark 3 - the highest standard available - for their management of the complex.

The Treasurer reported that the audited accounts had complied with the Charity Commission’s statement of recommended practice.

She explained that the Association depended on a grant from the Parish Council to supplement shortfall of income over expenditure. The grant for the financial year 2010-2011 was £29,600 which included £6,000 towards capital and running costs of the outdoor children’s play areas which generate no income but still have to be maintained.

Surplus of income over expenditure for general running costs was £4,000. In addition just over £6,000 had been set aside in sinking funds for renewal of facilities and equipment and resurfacing tennis courts. Money not required in the short term had been invested in bonds yielding a higher rate of interest than was available to LACA in the usual investment account.

It was noted that these excellent results meant LACA was in a much more stable position than for many years and enabled rents for user groups to be held at the previous year's levels. Also the level of grant support from the Parish Council for the current year was able to be reduced.

Major maintenance work had included redecoration of the Jubilee Pavilion, remarking the court lines in Keeds Hall, works to trees bordering Keeds Lane and replacement shutters for the Main Hall kitchen and bar counters.

There being no other business Cllr. Ivor Scoones, on behalf of the Parish Council, expressed thanks to the trustees for their management of the complex during the year.

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Bristol Fashion Chorus

presents a musical treat for all:

"Christmas in LA"

with guests:

4getmenots - Men's Barbershop Quartet

**Long Ashton Village Hall,
Saturday 17th December 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £7.50 available from Sara Taylor 01275 392497
or info@bristol-fashion.org.uk**

Bucket collection in aid of Cancer Research UK

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME	£
Precept	131,500.00
Interest Receivable	79.34
Burial Ground Fees	4,245.00
Rents	275.00
Highways & Footpaths	743.89
Grants & Donations	0.00
Capital receipts	0.00
Loans Received	0.00
VAT Reimbursements	3,239.01
Total Income	<u>140,082.24</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Administration	44,050.53
Agency Services	0.00
S137 payments	120.00
Grants & Subscriptions	41,047.93
Running costs	
Burial Ground/Churchyard & Birdwell Recreation Ground	14,680.86
Newsletter	2,686.50
Highways & Footpaths	6,960.46
Planning	(2,212.50)
Running Costs Total	<u>22,115.32</u>
Capital Expenditure	3,750.00
VAT on payments	3,239.01
Total expenditure	<u>114,322.79</u>
Cummulative Fund Balance (inc. reserves)	
Balance as at 1st April 2010	188,384.50
Total Income for Year	140,082.24
Total Expenditure for Year	114,322.79
Balance as at 31st March 2011	<u>214,143.95</u>

Join the Long Ashton Community Centre on Facebook



By 'Liking' the Long Ashton Community Centre page you can keep up to date with special events, new groups and occasional general information on what goes on here on a regular basis.



QUIZ NIGHT

Please come and join us for our annual quiz night on **Saturday 26th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

A fun quiz with ploughman's supper.

Get a team together from your street, group of friends or local activity and enjoy a great night out in Long Ashton!

Soft drinks provided. Bring a bottle.

Tickets £6 per person available from Sarah Leong on 01275 393570 or email: laca@btconnect.com

Team to beat from last year's quiz:

The Long Ashton Orchestra!

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Following the success of the Royal Wedding event organised on the Recreation Ground of the Community Centre this year, we are planning an even bigger and better event for the Diamond Jubilee next year. This will take place a little after the official celebrations on the evening of Saturday 16th and the afternoon of Sunday 17th June 2012.

We are at the very early planning stages and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in either the whole planning process or simply by helping run an activity on the day.

Please phone or email Sarah Leong to express an interest
01275 393570 / laca@btconnect.com



Avon Wildlife Trust

Long Ashton Group

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

Thursday 17th November Will Wild Animals survive the Century?
CHARLES KINSEY - Photographer

Thursday 15th December The Establishment & Work of Backwell
Environmental Trust
IAN CHAMBERS - Founder Member

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Thursday 19th January In search of Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda
HELEN MUGRIDGE

Thursday 16th February The Secret Life of Orchids
STEVE NICHOLLS

PLEASE NOTE:

Saturday 12th November 2011

BAZAAR at KEEDWELL CHURCH 10.00 - 11.30am

**Cakes • Books • Bric-a-Brac • Tombola • Raffle
Pictures and Cards of photographic work by Helen and Phil**

*Our Flag Day on September 24th raised £199.73 -
a wonderful result. Thank you to everyone.*

LONG ASHTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

*The new season has begun with our AGM
followed by Cheese and Wine.*

The programme is then as follows:

2011

3rd November Just Passing Through
(Smyth Pigotts and the Brockley Hall Estate)
Bryan Smith

1st December Redcliffe Caves
Alan Grey

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5th January Clifton, the Handsomest Suburb in England
Mike Rowlands

2nd February Who was Amelia Edwards?
Cyril Routley

1st March All the Fun of the Fair
David Cheesley

5th April The Bristol Blitz
John Penny

Roy Pullin 393617

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN LONG ASHTON

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED •

Public footpaths are minor highways available to be used by anyone on foot at all times. Most footpaths cross private land but the paths themselves are effectively owned by the Highways Authority as the legal duty to maintain them is vested with them. The landowner has two main responsibilities, to keep paths free from obstruction and to remove any overhanging vegetation. Most of these paths are recorded on the Definitive Map which is maintained by North Somerset Council. The paths, once recorded, remain in perpetuity unless legally extinguished or diverted.

Over the last 4 or 5 years the Parish Council has been active in working on paths and has spent over £20,000 in upgrading them with a particular emphasis on removing difficult to negotiate stiles and replacing them with kissing gates. Perhaps the most well known project was the provision of the Village Circular Walk. Locally we have over 40 paths which provide an excellent way for residents to enjoy the countryside away from traffic.

The Parish Council has powers to maintain paths in its area and has Public Liability Insurance to cover any volunteers who are prepared to help. John Ives, local correspondent for the Open Spaces Society, of which the Council is a member has been an enthusiastic helper in carrying out past improvements.

There is always much work to be done and the Parish Council would welcome any offers of help to form working groups under the supervision of Cllr. Harry Williams.

Please contact Harry Williams - tel 392690

or the Parish Clerk - tel 393551 or

e-mail clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

if you require further information or are interested in becoming involved.

Long Ashton Tree Map

We are making a map of the trees in the village similar to the apple map. Kept in the Community Centre it will enable anyone who is interested to see which trees there are and help people to identify the beautiful specimens that we have.

We aim to have the map up in the café on market Saturdays for people to fill in trees in their street or nearby.

If there are any problems with identification please contact Bridget Mackwood - tel 393141.

We hope to have some posters to help you identify the trees near you.

Peel Park

The Parish Council is acutely conscious of the length of time that the (new) sports field and community area remains closed. We are working hard to make the area available as soon as possible.

Before we can take on the ownership of the area it has to reach a basic standard. It has been an uphill struggle to persuade Taylor Wimpey and their contractors to complete the necessary work.

We understand that Taylor Wimpey is financially constrained until January 2012; nevertheless we will ensure that it will be available for use as soon as possible, hopefully before the end of the year.

When taken into the ownership of the Parish Council, at the suggestion of The Voices of Fenswood, it will be named PEEL PARK.

This is in remembrance of Andrée Peel, brave heroine of the French Resistance, who was resident in Long Ashton for more than 50 years. She died aged 105 years in 2010 and is buried in Long Ashton.

Best Kept Nominated Garden

It was a pleasure to be invited to judge the garden competition again this year. There are a lot of lovely front gardens in Long Ashton and as I was being driven round the village I was aware of the great diversity among them. Some were filled with colourful summer flowers making a lovely splash of colour, a delight to all who passed them by. There were also a lot of gardens of different styles, one given over to a knot garden with neatly clipped hedges. Another was covered with gravel but with plants growing through it, the area was surrounded with shrubs making it most attractive. There were others given over to shrubs and well tended grass. This diversity makes Long Ashton an interesting place to be. I would have liked longer to peer over hedges and through front gates. All of these and others could have been entered for the competition but it would have made my job as judge even more difficult than it was.

When faced with several lovely gardens, all different and all deserving awards it is not easy to make a decision and I am quite sure other judges would come up with different results, however it was my job to decide and my decision was as follows:-

First - 7 Kingcott Mill

I have given awards here in previous years but I really love this relatively small garden. It is so well designed to accommodate a wide variety of features and plants in a small area. There are groups of perennials in small groups such as phlox and crocosmia with a hardy fuchsia. Over a wall there was a climbing nasturtium making a lot of colour. In one corner there were pots of lilies, at the time of judging they had gone over but a garden is for all the year not just the day of judging! On a trellis was a climbing Black Eyed Susan (*Thunbergia*) making a lot of colour. Ground cover was made in a more difficult area with *Geranium Macrorrhizum*. In another area there was some gravel with plants in it, notably a delightful *Hebe James Sterling*. Fruit and vegetables were not forgotten, there was an apple tree bearing a good crop and a clump of *Rhubarb ornamental* in its own right. There were also some interesting permanent shrubs with a golden *Juniper* and a variegated *Yucca* standing out. All this and much more was drawn together by some well tended grass.

This truly is a lovely small space and I was very pleased to have the opportunity to view it.

Don Everitt.



CRAZY WHIST DRIVE

Come with a partner or on your own

Some crazy rounds:

- Sort your hand and pass it to the player on your left
- Pair having the queen of diamonds score 5 bonus points
- Leave cards face downwards - play blind
- Partners sit next to each other, not opposite
- Silence - player who speaks loses 5 points

**Saturday 19 November
7.30pm at Church House**

Tickets £6 from Val Bond
Tel 392148 or val@longashton.plus.com

Ticket price includes ploughman's supper & soft drinks
Please bring your own alcoholic drinks

Proceeds to the All Saints Heating Fund





PLANNING

Residents have been enquiring about houses, in our village, which have stood empty for some years so it is good to learn that North Somerset are developing an Empty Property Delivery Plan. The aim is to reduce the number of empty properties in the district and those which have been empty for 6 years or more will be dealt with as a priority. Bringing empty properties back into residential use is welcomed and will increase the available housing supply.

The Parish Council has given unanimous support to plans which have been put forward for 14 Fenswood Road to be converted into two dwellings and for two single storey dwellings to be built on the adjacent land. This type of property is certainly needed and we hope permission will be granted by North Somerset.

New play areas are progressing. The necessary safety checks are being made on the equipment and surroundings on the north side of Weston Road before the Parish Council take on responsibility and the area on the south side, at the junction of Perry Road and Pear Tree Avenue, is nearing completion.

The North Somerset Core Strategy Examination will commence on November 8th at the Campus, Weston-super-Mare. This examination by an independent Inspector is a check on the soundness of the document. The Inspector will consider changes proposed by North Somerset in response to the consultations which have taken place earlier this year. This Core Strategy will become the primary planning policy document for North Somerset as it will set out where and what sort of development will take place and how communities can develop up to 2026.

Members of the public may attend to observe.

Further details can be obtained from the Programme Officer, Robert Young,
tel: 07948 832257 or e-mail robert.young@n-somerset.gov.uk

Mary Uppington - Chairman - Planning Committee.

LONG ASHTON CHURCHYARD, BURIAL GROUND AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Parish Council owns the land which covers the new Burial Ground and the Garden of Remembrance and the clerk administers the allocation of new burial plots and cremated remains in these areas. The Council also maintains the closed churchyard where remains are only interred in existing plots.

The Burial Ground is designated to be an open plan lawned area with one container for flowers situated within the headstone.

The area given to plots in the Garden of Remembrance is divided into three from the back wall to the kerb with no edgings to distinguish each plot and the planting of any tall shrubs or trees is not permitted.

It should be possible to have sight of the plaques erected on the back wall and in future new ground used for cremated remains will be grassed and no planting allowed.

One can appreciate that in order to maintain these areas in a neat and tidy condition there have to be rules about what can and cannot be done.

At present there are several plots which do not comply with these conditions and the Parish Council is sensitively approaching the owners involved to try to resolve the problems.

It is realised that at the time of internment grief does not always allow one to be aware of these rules or of the fact that a form has been signed agreeing to them.

Together with the problems mentioned, the Parish Council will be undertaking a substantial amount of work on existing graves in the churchyard which have been designated as dangerous in the recent professional survey. It is hoped to recover some of the cost of these works from living owners.

Many trees and hedges also require attention and this will also be done in the near future.

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

Summer came and went with lightening speed and the warm weather in April was largely forgotten with garden furniture remaining firmly in the garage. The Balloon Fiesta, however, gave us a thrill when the Red Arrows performed and hundreds of balloons were able to take off over the four days. We are now in autumn and spending time putting our gardens to bed for winter.

Leigh Woods Society Committee were involved with the planning discussions for the revised plans for the development of Bracken Hill which were approved, so that the building of the first phase of 6 houses has started. Over the summer months there was considerable noise from the grinding of the dug-out rocks for use as hardcore, but this is finished and things are now much quieter. Devonshire Homes were careful to warn us of this, and they have kept the residents informed of their progress with two well-produced Newsletters.

The Leigh Woods Society **Summer Party** was very successfully held in spite of the rain and rather chilly evening, but with true British Grit a large number of residents turned out. The **Christmas Party** will be held on 6th December.

On Tuesday 25th October Mike Rowland, Manager of the Suspension Bridge Visitor Centre will give a talk about the building and maintenance of the Bridge, and David Anderson, the Bridgemaster will take questions, particularly about the increase in the tolls, which will no doubt be lively. This will greatly affect a lot of people, especially residents who are committed to using the bridge several times a day.

Our sadly missed resident Jacky Rilett who did so much for Leigh Woods with her expertise with planning regulations among other things, is now permanently commemorated with a delightful metal bench on the corner of Burwalls and Bridge Road. The engraved brass plate gives her details, and the bench is well used by the public. She would have been so delighted and humbled by our gesture.

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

Crime in Leigh Woods remains low but with the darker nights we must be vigilant, for the latest figures on crime and how to contact our Beat Team visit:

<http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/LocalPages/BeatDetails.aspx?BeatID=136>

If you are not a Neighbourhood Watch member and wish to join, know more or for details of your local scheme co-ordinator, contact Liz Corrigan on 0117 946 7359 or e-mail lizcorrigan@btinternet.com

Sally Sparks

POLICE PACT OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at 7.30pm
at The Royal British Legion Club,
1 Providence Lane, Long Ashton.

LONG ASHTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Since opening earlier this year Long Ashton Children's Centre has been enjoying high levels of attendance at groups running within the Centre. These groups will continue to run and we are excited to tell you that we have several other new sessions starting very soon at the Centre!

We are looking to hold Tots to Toddler Sessions. Dad's Session and a Holiday Stay & Play Session in the October half Term Holiday.

- We will be holding a pilot session of the Dad's Group on Saturday 29th October from 10.00am to 12 noon and initial feedback shows that this is likely to be a very popular session.
- We are also introducing Tots to Toddlers Weekly Stay & Play Sessions aimed at "new walkers" - to support your child's physical movement. Commencing Monday 24th October from 10.00am - 11.30am.

Places need to be booked as we are limited to 15 children per session. If you would like to book a place on one of these sessions please call Jean Cross, Children's Centre Administrator on 01275 888555.

For more information please contact Ellen Genge, Senior Family Support Co-ordinator on 07825 341279 or Amy Cridland, Family Support Worker on 07775 406580.

**Long Ashton Children's Centre,
c/o Early Birds Neighbourhood Nursery,
Hollis Close, Long Ashton, BS41 9AZ.**

TENNIS COURT BOOKINGS

The Long Ashton Community Association would like to say a big thank you to Maud Escott for her long-term commitment to taking Tennis Court bookings. This has meant easy access to the courts for many years.

However, Maud has now retired and so there is a new system for the booking of the courts which is very simple. The courts are left open from 9.00am until dusk and there is an honesty box inside the courts where payments can be made. Our prices are very reasonable!

PER COURT PER HOUR

ADULTS	£4.50
JUNIORS	£2.00
STUDENTS	£2.00
TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS	£3.00
ONE ADULT & ONE CHILD	£3.00
WINTER USE	£1.00 extra for use of floodlights

If you would like to use the courts after dusk, please contact the Community Centre Manager, Sarah Leong, by phoning 01275 393570 Tue - Fri mornings.

You will then be given a security code to access a keybox next to the entrance gate.
This will contain keys for the gate and floodlights.



NEW POLICE CONTACT NUMBER

A new national telephone number for contacting police for NON-EMERGENCY crime has been set up to ease pressure on 999.

In future telephone 101 to report less urgent crime or to speak to local officers. Calls will cost less, only 15p regardless of how long the call or what network you are calling from.

Examples of when to call 101 are:

- your car has been stolen •
- your property has been damaged •
- you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood •
 - to report a minor collision •
- to give the Police information about crime in your area •
 - to speak to the Police about a general enquiry •

In future only use 999 in an emergency

Your neighbourhood beat team officers are
PC 3590 Trevor Byford and PCSO 7278 Penelope Gatenby

Village Café

Churches Working Together

November 19th

January 15th

February 19th

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

Fair Trade Tea and Coffee and home-made cakes.

Squash and biscuits.

Come and meet your friends - all welcome.

Fair Trade Stall.

The Long Ashton Pantomime 2012

**ALICE IN
PANTOLAND**



Long Ashton Village Hall, Keedwell Hill

Friday 24 February, 7.30pm

Saturday 25 February 2.30 & 7.30pm

Adults £7, Children 2-16 £3, Under 2 free

For tickets please contact

Val Bond 392148

or email panto@longashton.plus.com

BARNARDO'S IN NORTH SOMERSET

This group are looking to develop partnerships with Schools and Town and Parish Councils in North Somerset.

Barnardo's have been providing family support; advocacy and participation services for 8 years in North Somerset. Our well established and multi professional team are adept at providing support services to children; young people; families and communities that are tailored to meet their needs.

We are currently promoting our advocacy; participation and consultation service and more information can be found through this link.

If you are interested in what Barnardo's can offer, our local Children's Services Manager would be happy to meet you to discuss our services or to arrange a telephone conversation. Anthony Hill can be contacted on 01934 415374.

Judi Upson, Admin Assistant, North Somerset Services 01934 415374

*New Birdwell School
prior to opening in September.*



WORKS to WATER PIPES

AFFECTING TRAFFIC in LONG ASHTON

As you have no doubt been aware Bristol Water has been working on Weston Road at the junction with Lovelinch Gardens where traffic is being controlled by traffic lights. It is anticipated these lights will be in place until November 11th.

Work has also commenced at the top of Providence Lane, continuing for 12 weeks, resulting in closure of the lane until December 16th. Access to Clarkencombe, B3128, from the village is via Long Ashton Road.

Bristol Water is also now giving advance notice that the NEXT PHASE of work is due to start in January 2012.

These works will commence in Wild Country Lane, turning into Weston Road continuing along Long Ashton Road finishing by the Dovecote Public House.

The works involve using 2 way and 3 way traffic lights along the route at certain times and locations. The approximate duration is 5 to 6 months.

Highways Committee, Parish Council.

Hebron Village Carol Service



*Sunday 11th December at 6.00pm
in the Village Hall*

*Come and share in our Christmas celebration
followed by mulled wine and mince pies.*

PROBUS CLUB OF LONG ASHTON



Nationally, Probuss is the association of retired and semi-retired men and women who join together in autonomous clubs throughout Britain, Ireland and the rest of the world.

The basic purpose of a Probuss Club is to provide regular gatherings of people who in retirement appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of a similar level of interest.

Here in Long Ashton we do not have a women's club but a men's section meet twice a month on the 1st Monday and the 3rd Wednesday morning for coffee and a talk from an invited speaker. The subjects for the talks are wide ranging and create interesting and informative discussions.

In addition we have a summer and Christmas lunch with our invited partners and also some organised visits to places of National importance which are always very interesting.

If you are interested to learn more about your local Probuss Club and feel you would like to meet more local people then contact our Secretary -

Dave Addis tel - 01275 393551 or e-mail david@addis.me.uk



All Saints Church Christmas Services



11th December

4.00pm Christingle

A candlelit service for children and their families,
focusing on the work of the Children's Society.
(Approx. 45-60 minutes).

18th December

6.00pm Carol Service

A traditional candlelit service of carols and readings
recounting the story of Christmas. Please bring a torch.
(Approx. 1 hour).



24th December

4.00pm Crib Service

Telling the story of the nativity,
as we build the crib together.

An informal service for young children and their families.
(Approx. 20 - 30 minutes).



11.30pm Family Communion

First communion of Christmas.

A candlelit service lasting about an hour.
Please bring a torch.

25th December

10.00am Family Communion

A celebration for all the family, 0 - 109 years.
Lasts just under an hour.



All Services will be held at All Saints unless otherwise stated.

**LONG ASHTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
REMEMBRANCE WEEK
CONCERT**

**FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2011
7.30pm AT**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
LONG ASHTON**

**CAERPHILLY
MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**SUPPORTING APPEARANCE
THE DOWNS SCHOOL
CHAMBER CHOIR**

TICKETS £7

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH OFFICE
CLIFFORD MOSS ON 01275 392714**