

LONG ASHTON & LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER



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Editorial Group for this issue - Jean Pullin, Janet Turp and Mary Uppington

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Cover photo - Yanley Lane as it was some time ago. Do you know when?

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Events within the Parish haven't been easy in the last few months and are likely to become a lot tougher with North Somerset Council's budgets being squeezed even tighter by Central Government. So please don't have high expectation with regard to delivery of services and infrastructure repairs by the Unitary Council.

In the Parish several issues have manifested themselves, first being Bristol City Council's change of heart, finally accepting their decision over the Town Green was unlawful and ordering a reconvening of the Inspector's hearing with regard to the northern Town Green site. We welcome this move.

The South Bristol Link Road is going through a consultation period and your Parish Council has objected to the building of this route to nowhere. The facts are it will cut straight through Green Belt land and join the A370 at a point in line with the Church. The big question is where will all the traffic routed down this link road go? The answer is grid lock on the A370.

Another issue is that of the Rapid Transit that turns out to be not such a rapid route. Indeed the times that the promoters quoted were put in serious doubt by many other experts at the public hearing. It will also affect the Cumberland Road route into Bristol and will close the Prince Street bridge entry into the city which will leave us with just a few routes, already badly congested, into the city.

I will now address the total misinformation being touted around the village by a misguided few in regard to the completion of the Festival Way. The Parish Council has never objected to the Festival Way route into Bristol from Nailsea or sought to delay it in any way. In fact we have promoted it with representation on the steering group. The Council has always promoted Public Rights of Way for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents. Conscious of danger points at the crossings of Cambridge Batch, Yanley Lane and the B3128 we therefore had to work with the plans to make safety a priority. It must be stressed that this route has been in the pipeline for more than five years yet plans were only received at the very last moment when the money would disappear early next year if work was not underway.

Let's hope that 2013 is a far more prosperous and less onerous year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nigel Moorcroft.

ANGELA NEALE RESIGNS

After much consideration it is with some regret that I have offered my resignation from Long Ashton Parish Council.

I was first elected as both a Parish and District Councillor in 1995 and have enjoyed the challenges that came my way in what was a whole new scene. I have received many compliments from villagers for my work and commitment over the years, along with my modest achievements. However, in the past few years, I have been concerned over the way some issues have been dealt with and have increasingly felt that any contributions from me on Parish Council have not been valued.

I will not be sitting back and relaxing. I will continue to be involved in the Youth Club Management Committee ensuring this much-needed club thrives. I eagerly await completion of the Lottery-funded Festival Way Cycle Route through Long Ashton, following years of unnecessary delay.

Angela Neale.

The resignation of Angela from Council creates a vacancy which will be advertised in due course.

The Council thanks Angela for her years of service and wishes her well in her future endeavours for the Parish.



Ekklesia is a quiet meditative soul-space for people who don't feel comfortable at a traditional Church, but feel that there is, or might be, something beyond the mundane.

On the first Monday of every month 8pm at Keedwell Church
Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9DP



Avon Wildlife Trust

Long Ashton Group

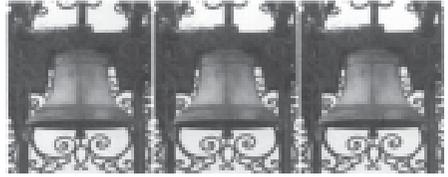
WINTER PROGRAMME 2012/13

Please note: All meetings this season will be held at the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton at 7.30 pm

- Thursday 15th November **Phil Mugridge, Wildlife Photographer.**
Images from Phil's second trip to India.
- Saturday 24th November** **BAZAAR at Keedwell Church -**
10.00 - 11.30 am Cake & Savoury Stall, Tombola, Raffle,
Book & Bric-a-Brac Stalls.
Pictures & Cards of Photographic work by
Helen & Phil.
(All contributions to Harry please -
01275 392690)
- Thursday 20th December **Jerry Dicker, Woodland Consultant.**
Snapping Bugs. A light-hearted look at insect
behaviour.
- Thursday 17th January **Helen Wehner & Rick Ayrton,**
Underwater Photographers.
Life beneath British Seas.
- Thursday 21st February **Damon Bridge, RSPB.**
The Great Crane Project - the re-introduction
of cranes to the Somerset Levels.

For further information contact Harry Williams on 01275 392690.

LONG ASHTON BELLRINGERS NEED YOU.....



Ever fancied giving Bellringing a go?

Bellringing is challenging yet good fun. It is also good exercise for both mind and body and you will learn a lot. It's all about working as a team and celebrating a unique British tradition.

Long Ashton tower has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere with a mixture of both men and women of all ages, ranging from the youngest at 16 to the oldest at 81 and including families and couples.

We practise every Friday evening from 7.30pm til 9.00pm and ring before the 10.00am service on Sundays. We also ring at weddings and special occasions. For example this year we have rung for St. George's Day, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and for the Opening of the Olympics.

There are also opportunities to ring at other towers in the Diocese and for young ringers there is a group that meets every third Friday at various towers. We also went on an outing in May, where we rang at three towers around Chew Valley Lake.

If you would like to come and have a go then please contact Mary Magro on 01275 392643. We would love to see you whether you are a complete beginner or have experience.

So come along and we will show you the ropes!

The Bellringers, All Saints Church.



CRAZY WHIST DRIVE

**Saturday 24 November, 7.30pm
Church House, Long Ashton**

Every round is different. Here are some examples

Partners sit next to each other, not opposite

Losers score double

Player on left of winner has next lead

Leave cards face downwards - play blind

Come with a partner or on your own

Tickets £6 from Val Bond

Tel 01275 392148 or email 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



All Saints Church, Long Ashton
Church Office, Church House
74 Long Ashton Road, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9LE

Your Church : Greener, Warmer and Open for All

Dear Villager,

For many years we have been considering how we could make All Saints more suitable and welcoming to the whole community. We have wanted to make it safer and more comfortable, i.e. WARM so that everyone is able to enjoy concerts, drama, other community events and services without having to don winter woollies and bring blankets. Now we have the opportunity to make this vision a reality. With your help this could happen soon. With a rapid response work could begin early next year.

Regardless of how warm the welcome is at Church, we know that colder months mean thick overcoats and quite often a need for thermal underclothes. We have had two winters without heating. The boiler failed in November 2010 and was not repairable. Rather than just replacing the oil-thirsty boiler we took the decision to explore a variety of systems in order to find the most cost effective in both financial and environmental terms.

After thorough investigation, we have decided that under floor heating generated by an air source heat pump is the optimum solution. We will be generating electricity using photo voltaic (PV) panels on the south aisle roof hidden by the parapet. This will partially power the heat pump when needed and otherwise be fed into the grid.

Not only will our church be warm but those difficult steps and uneven, deteriorating floor will be gone, giving level access into and throughout the church. Flagstones, similar to those in the pre-Victorian church, will provide a beautiful, light and warmed surface.

The cost is not small but the benefits are huge. Although not completely finalised yet, the project could cost in the region of £200,000. But this is not just heating - it is an opportunity to bring the church back to the centre of our community, accessible for everyone. The running costs will be minimal and this fine Grade II* listed building will be protected and in a good state to pass onto future generations of villagers.

This means that the heating can be run all the time, so whenever you want to pop into church you can do so, for as long as you want, in the knowledge that teeth will not chatter and fingers will not be numb. The floor will be level with no steps to negotiate and so far, far easier for people in wheelchairs, with sticks or zimmers. To those who are reliant on these this could be even better than the warmth!

What we need is the means to pay for it all. We have already attracted some green grant funding but we still need more. There will be a village gift day on the 10th November, giving you the opportunity to make a contribution so you too can be part of this exciting project. The day will start at 10.00am in Keedwell Church at our annual “All Saints Market” and will then move to All Saints which will be open from noon for the rest of the afternoon. (Come and cheer Ann on as she moves between the two at midday). Not only will there be the chance to make a donation but you can also take part in the teddy-parachuting event, join in the knitting of a scarf to go round the church tower, or listen to some of the village music makers, all washed down with tea (coffee or squash) and cake. If there is sufficient interest, and the weather is suitable, Ann (the vicar) is hoping to abseil down the tower! Please see the church website for further details about these specific activities.

(<http://allsaintsla.org.uk>).

The village pledged £100,000 in four days to try to save Keed’s Wood. It would be great if we could do likewise for All Saints. If you pay tax you can gift aid your donation which will increase its value by 25% at the Government’s expense - all you need to do is to provide your name and postcode in addition to the donation and confirm that you pay sufficient income/capital gains tax to enable the tax to be recovered on the donation. At both churches there will be displays explaining the scheme and with artist impressions to help you visualise how we hope the church will look next year. The day will end with a short service at 4.30pm in All Saints.

We hope that you will be inspired to come and spend a few minutes with us at some point during the day. Yes, the financial result is important but we’d love to see you anyway. If you would like to make a donation but can’t join us on the day you can give via the church website (<http://allsaintsla.org.uk>) or to the Church Office.

When we have completed the work we can all gather again - for a chat, a cuppa and a viewing with warm toes!

Yours with thanks, All Saints PCC



WESTLEAZE W.I.

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

- November 7th AGM & QUIZ
No competition.
- December 5th ENTERTAINMENT
by Sara Leong's music group.
Competition: A Christmas decoration.



LAILA

**(LONG ASHTON INDEPENDENT
LADIES ASSOCIATION)**

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

- November 21st AGM and
BRING AND BUY SALE for Charity.
- December 5th CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLANNING



The application, made by the Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust, to build a new Heritage and Learning Centre close to the Suspension Bridge on the Leigh Woods side will replace the existing temporary Visitors Centre.

It has been approved by North Somerset Council after a good deal of discussion had taken place about traffic problems which could arise in this somewhat restricted area. A Traffic Management Plan has to be provided to cover disabled parking, cycle parking, coach drop off and coach routing with clear signposting and directions. The thousands of people who come to the bridge each year should find this Centre will add interest to their visit.

The appeal about a proposed bungalow at 20 Lyvedon Way was dismissed by the Inspector mainly because of the effect this development would have upon highway and pedestrian safety. However, we understand a new application is likely to be submitted.

Residents in Warren Lane are having to experience a good deal of inconvenience while the erection of 12 detached residential dwellings, for those over 65 years of age, is taking place at 9 Warren Lane. Blue Cedar Homes are responsible for this development and have been reminded, frequently, about consideration to the neighbours and keeping a clean surface on the lane.

The planning Committee have noted the recent announcements made by the government about 'Renegotiation of Section 106 Planning Obligations' and have completed the requested response form indicating we feel no changes should be made.

We are also concerned about the proposal which indicates the size of extensions to houses can be doubled, without seeking planning permission, because we can see this will lead to disputes between neighbours and in many cases have a detrimental effect on an area.

Many trees have needed attention and we are grateful for the advice given by Jason Cox, North Somerset Tree Officer, particularly when work has been requested on trees which carry a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) or are situated in a Conservation Area.

Mary Uppington - Chairman - Planning Committee.

CIRCUITS FITNESS CLASSES

Want to tone up for Christmas?

Want to start exercising but don't know how?

CIRCUITS is returning to Long Ashton

On the Basketball Court by the Village Hall

FRIDAY 9.15 - 10.15 am beginning FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER
(term time only)

Only £5 per session - pay as you go

Open to all ages and levels

**for more information please contact
Kayt Peters on 07711 908 481**

NEW FITNESS CLASSES

New Pre and Post Natal fitness classes starting in Long Ashton Village Hall from Wednesday 10th October. They are going to be held on a Monday and a Wednesday at 12.30 - 13.30 or 13.30 - 14.30.

The cost is £5 per person to attend, and there are no taboos! Bring your baby, breast-feed in comfort, meet like minded individuals and get fit whilst having fun. Classes will be aimed at all levels, so you can push yourself as much as your body will allow in the safety of an instructor who is qualified to train pre and post natal ladies as well as being a recent new Mum herself, so understands!

There will also be new circuits classes starting on a Wednesday evening at Long Ashton Village Hall 7.30 - 8.30 pm, all abilities welcome as a range of exercises will be offered. All of the above classes will be £5 and loyalty cards will be offered.

For more information or to secure your place please contact
Sarah on 07885 427305 or email fit2drop@hotmail.co.uk
Looking forward to seeing you at the classes!

LONG ASHTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The full programme of our meetings from November to April is given below covering a wide range of subjects which we hope will be of interest to all our members.

Last year the season started with a most interesting account of the Smyth/Piggott family centred on Brockley Hall, a family that ran in parallel with the Ashton Court Smyths until both dynasties came to an end in the mid-1940's. The Ashton Court Estate was disposed of on the instruction of Esme Smyth's grandson but it is not generally appreciated that other more distant members of the family were still in existence. Anton Bantock will give us more information at the meeting on 1st November.

Peter Malpass will be talking on the Floating Harbour on 6th December, explaining how a tidal river was given a new lease of life enabling ships to be unloaded at any state of the tide.

Brian Mayled, a former teacher at Backwell School, will be giving us a history of Flax Bourton on 3rd January followed on 7th February by Mike Taylor's long awaited look at the coal mines of Bedminster and Ashton.

Bedminster is again the subject of our March meeting on the 7th, this time concentrating on the Slums that grew up with the huge increase in the population before their eventual clearance.

Finally we welcome Pat Hase on 4th April. Pat has spoken to us several times before, this time to talk on aspects of Victorian life and death.

If you have not been to our meetings before why not come along to see if it appeals? We regularly attract audiences of 50. There is just a nominal charge of £1 per head representing a bargain evening's entertainment.

As usual all our meetings take place in the Jubilee Pavilion on the first Thursday of the month commencing at 7.30 pm.

Roy Pullin Tel: 393617

LAST LINK in the FESTIVAL WAY between NAILSEA and BRISTOL



The myth that Long Ashton Parish Council has opposed a cycle track along Cambridge Batch must be dispelled. This misinformation has misled a number of people who jumped on a bandwagon of complaint without knowing the facts.

North Somerset Council would make a decision on the route and the Parish Council could only comment on the scheme presented. As the representatives of the area affected, the Highways Committee was concerned that it appeared to be the last body asked for a view. Plans were first put before the Highways Committee on 5th August with the information that the funds available had to be secured very quickly, by approval of the plan, or lost altogether.

That plan showed a combined footpath/cycle track on the north side of Cambridge Batch which the committee felt would cause conflict with cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists crossing the busy garage forecourt and the equally busy entrance to the farm shop was also not thought to be the safest option.

The committee asked to meet the engineer to discuss options and a further two meetings were held, the final one proposing two resolutions namely:

- *to ask North Somerset to look at a south side, dedicated cycleway with safe crossing at the Cambridge Batch junction.*
- *to ask North Somerset to negotiate with Network Rail with a view to a completely new cycleway on the shelf along the top of the railway bank.*

The Highways Committee has spent much time in deliberation, it's purpose, a wish to have a scheme SAFE for ALL USERS of the area not just for one section of the community.

North Somerset Council has now made a decision - a two way cycle track situated on the south side of Cambridge Batch with an announced date of 15th October 2012 for work to commence.

Jean Pullin, Chairman Highways, Footpaths and Burial Ground Committee.

FOOTPATH NEWS



There have been changes to the group of volunteers that tries to improve the “rights of way” across fields and golf course. John Ives has resigned and we thank him for the work he has done with the installation of the many kissing gates we have now. A big improvement.

The group accepts that more could be done in publicising the many interesting paths that are in and around the village - and more will be done. In October there will be available, free of charge, two leaflets describing the Village Circular Walk. Because not all will want to walk the whole circuit, and may prefer to adapt their walk, both leaflets show the roads encountered so you will know where to start and finish. One leaflet describes the walk going clockwise; the other anti-clockwise. Both leaflets will be available at The Little Tipple, the Library and Gatcombe Farm Shop.

Publication may be slightly delayed so as to include details of the cycle path now being constructed from Yanley Lane to almost opposite the entrance to the Ashton Court main car park on Ashton Road. If leaflets are not yet available when you call why not try the shorter walks described in some leaflets which are already available.

Also, please note that some drainage works may cause temporary diversions near Gatcombe Lane.

The group is continuing to clear as many paths as possible of brambles etc; it has been a good year for nettles and other weeds!

Volunteers are welcome to join the group; please give your name, address etc to Anthony Butcher - phone 07904 238558 or email tony@anthonybutcher.com

If on your walks you encounter obstructions or anything that might cause injury please give details to the Council:

PO Box 3102 Long Ashton or email jeanpullin1@gmail.com

LACCA

Long Ashton Community Care Amenities

LACCA has been in existence for 20 years and at present we are supporting 76 local residents. It has come to our notice that many people believe we are being funded by a Government Grant. This is most certainly not the case.

It costs around £6,000 per year in expenditure for LACCA to exist. Rent of storage, insurance, repairs and renewal of equipment etc. We are grateful for the donations we receive from the people that we help and for the money donated in lieu of flowers at funerals.

The Charity is run entirely by local volunteers who give of their time to provide, install and remove various aids and equipment to those who request it. We are happy to provide this service and undertake to respond to these requests as soon as is possible. We do ask though, for your patience and understanding if there should be a delay in responding.

With your support and the valued help of the volunteers, we hope to continue this unique charity for many years to come.

Thank you.

Ron Chorley - Chairman
Margaret Skeeles - Secretary
Mary Kingston - Treasurer
David Addis - Equipment Advisor
Kathy Clarke - Equipment Coordinator



GUEST SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Marie Curie Cancer Care in North Somerset has speakers available who are eager to come and talk about the work of the Charity and local Marie Curie Nurses.

If you are a member of a club, group or society please mention at your next meeting that we would be delighted to come and visit.

We understand that spaces at meetings for speakers are booked up quickly but please contact us if you have a cancellation or for the following year's agenda.

Please contact Natalie Taylor on 01179 247 275 or
natalie.taylor@mariecurie.org.uk
for further details or to book a speaker.

Thank you.

Tuesday Toddler Group

Some vacancies have occurred at the Long Ashton Toddler Group which meets in the main hall at the Community Centre, Keedwell Hill on Tuesdays in term time from 2-4 pm.

Parents can drop in at any stage during this time. Charges are £1.50 for the first child and 50p for additional children. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are included in the price. After playtime the last twenty minutes are spent in a sing-a-long.

The group aims to provide activities over and above usual toddler groups with a craft table each week and visiting companies providing photography, face painting, pottery and professional storytelling.

Many activities are free of charge, profits from others are put back into the group enabling, for example, subsidised trips to local attractions such as Puxton Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Library Information

The new opening hours for Long Ashton Library are as follows:



Monday	closed
Tuesday	10.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	10.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 7.00pm
Friday	10.00am - 12.30pm
Saturday	10.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Library Enquiry Centre (free service) 01934 426 834

answers@n-somerset.gov.uk

24 hour renewal options 0845 002 0777 (an automated service)

Visit www.librarieswest.org.uk

Log in and go to the renewals page.

You can also search the library catalogue and reserve items online.

You will need your membership number and PIN to use these services.

LONG ASHTON TENNIS CLUB WINTER SEASON

(October to March)

**Pay and play for just £2.00
a session – visitors welcome**



Saturday	2.00 - 5.00pm (Adults) 5.00 - 6.00pm (Juniors)
Monday	10.00 - 12 noon (Adults) 7.30 - 10.00pm (Adults)

Long Ashton Tennis Club meets on the floodlit public courts at the Community Centre and has full use of the tennis pavilion facilities.

For information on Club membership, Juniors or coaching sessions, contact:

Cliff Bond 01275 392148

Dave Iles 07729 713211

Or see the web site: www.longashtontennis.co.uk

The courts are available for public play at all other times, with generally no need to book. Please use the Honesty Box provided to pay the rates advertised at the courts.

WANTED !

DELIVERERS for NEWSLETTERS

For various reasons people cease to deliver Parish Newsletters. New persons are needed to deliver Long Ashton & Leigh Woods Newsletters 3 times a year to houses in the undermentioned roads.

Most of the areas take at most 20-30 minutes to cover, surely not too arduous a task.

CATLEY GROVE 18 HOUSES • ELMHURST GARDENS 20 HOUSES
HOLLIS CLOSE 10 HOUSES • LYNBROOK 11 HOUSES

No one responded to the previous appeal for someone for BRAMLEY COPSE (51 Houses) so the request is repeated. Perhaps 2 people could share this road.

The Parish Council thanks those people, past, present and future, who engage in giving this help.

Please contact JEAN PULLIN Tel: 393617 if able to help.

GREEN UNCONFERENCE

A Free & Open themed meet-up driven by participants about the environment, sustainability, conservation and living 'green'.

When: Saturday 27th October 2012 -10.00am - 6.00pm

What:

Talks
Workshops
Informational Displays
Discussion Zone
Demonstrations
How-to
Food & Drink

Where:

All Saints Church
Church Lane
Long Ashton
North Somerset
BS41 9LU
Latitude-Longitude 51.4358, -2.6438
OS Grid Reference: ST5534270956



Web :: <http://allsaintsla.org.uk/greenunconference2012/>



LONG ASHTON CHILDREN'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY DIARY (Birth to 5 years)



	What	Where	When	Who	Contact
Monday	Mini Musicians	Community Centre (Club Room)	9.30a.m. - 10.15a.m.	18 months (or walking) to 4 years	Sarah Leong on 01275 394344 or email: enquiries@mini-musicians.co.uk, www.mini-musicians.co.uk
	Baby Sensory	Community Centre (Keeds Hall)	10a.m. - 11a.m.	Birth to 13 months	Karsten or Jill on: 07737 207138 or email: bristoleast@babysensory.co.uk, www.babysensory.com
	Active PEEP for 2's	L.A. Children's Centre	10a.m. - 11.30a.m.	2 year olds	L.A. Children's Centre on 01275 888555
	Football Fun for little 1s	Community Centre (Keeds Hall)	1.05p.m. - 1.50p.m. 2p.m. - 2.45p.m.	Walkers to 3 year olds 3 - 5 year olds	Estelle Lockett, footballfun4little1s@live.co.uk, tel: 07791 253394
	L.A. Health Visitors Well Baby Clinic	L.A. Children's Centre	1.30p.m. - 3.15p.m.	Birth to 5 years	Sue or Susan on 07775 994259
Tuesday	Rugby Tots	Community Centre (Main Hall)	9.45a.m. - 10.15a.m.	2 - 3.5 year olds	Emma or Rob on: 0845 313 3250, or email: bristoll@rugbytots.co.uk, www.rugbytots.co.uk
	L.A. Childminders Group	L.A. Children's Centre	10a.m. - 11.30a.m.	All local childminders	L.A. Children's Centre on 01275 888555
	Story Time	Long Ashton Library	11.15a.m. - 11.45a.m. (term time only)	All Pre-school Children	Library on 01934 426 060
	Little Chicks Breastfeeding Support Group	L.A. Children's Centre	12p.m. - 2p.m.	Breastfeeding mums and their babies	Susan on 07775 994259
	L.A. Toddler Group	Community Centre (Main Hall)	2p.m. - 4p.m. (term time only)	Birth to pre-school	Lisa Campbell on 07799 246 282 or email: lisac73@googlemail.com
Wednesday	Westleaze Toddler Group	Church House	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. (term time only)	Birth to pre-school	Caroline Probert on 07967 477974
	Multiple Births Group	L.A. Children's Centre	10a.m. - 11.30a.m.	Support group for families with twins or more in Long Ashton, Beckwell, Failand and Wraxall	L.A. Children's Centre on 01275 888555
	Baby Birds Drop-In	L.A. Children's Centre	1p.m. - 2p.m.	Babies & parents (0-12 months)	L.A. Children's Centre on 01275 888555
Thursday	Boogie Bop	Community Centre (Main Hall)	9.45a.m. - 10.45a.m. 10.45a.m. - 11.45a.m.	Walkers to Pre-school Babies and crawlers	Michelle on 07989 096454, or email: michellekuckes@gmail.com, www.boogie-bop.co.uk
	Post Natal Group	L.A. Children's Centre	10.30a.m. - 12p.m.	Post natal support group	Sue or Susan on 07775 994259
	PEEP for 1's	L.A. Children's Centre	2p.m. - 3.15p.m.	Early education for 1 year olds	L.A. Children's Centre on 01275 888555
Friday	Rugby Tots	Community Centre (Main Hall)	9.15a.m. - 9.45a.m. 10a.m. - 10.30a.m. 11a.m. - 11.45a.m.	2 - 3.5 year olds 2 - 3.5 year olds 3.5 - 5 year olds	Emma or Rob on: 0845 313 3250, or email: bristoll@rugbytots.co.uk, www.rugbytots.co.uk
Saturday	Football Fun for little 1s	Community Centre (Keeds Hall)	9.15a.m. - 10.00a.m. 10.10a.m. - 10.55a.m. 12.10p.m. - 12.55p.m.	Walkers to 3 year olds 3 - 5 year olds Walkers to 3 year olds	Estelle Lockett, footballfun4little1s@live.co.uk, tel: 07791 253394.
Sunday	Long Ashton Crusader Group	Hebron Church	10.30a.m. - 11.40a.m. (during service)	3 years upwards	Email: info@hebronchurch.co.uk or call the Hebron mobile on 07815 891 026
	The Fish Club	All Saints Church	10a.m. - 11a.m. (3rd Sun each month during service)	Pre-school upwards	Tel 01275 393109 for more info

For electronic copies of this diary contact LISA on lisac73@googlemail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



The Parish Council adopted a new Code of Conduct on the 1st July this year, which was required as part of the Localism Act 2011. This code is based on the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership and explains which interests of a Councillor need to be recorded on their register of interests. A copy of it can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The results of the “Nominated Best Kept Garden” are as follows:

1st 12 Ridgeway Road
2nd 20 Long Ashton Road
3rd 3 Folleigh Drive

Well done to all whose gardens were nominated and especially to the winning gardeners - it is a real pleasure to see so many lovely gardens in the village. Presentation of the first prize certificate and shield took place at the Long Ashton Flower Show on Saturday 1st September. We are hoping to really boost the numbers of entrants next year so please keep a look out for those really special gardens as you travel through the village.

The Parish Council is optimistic that it may soon take over responsibility for the rest of the Taylor Wimpey Public Open Spaces in October. The continuing delay has been frustrating for all concerned but it was important that the Council took over the areas in a fit state and with the provision that had been agreed in the S106 planning agreement.

Don't forget the Parish Council office in the Jubilee Pavilion is open to the public most Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon (allowing for the odd time when it will not be possible to open due to staff sickness, holidays or similar). Of course, you are still very welcome to contact the Clerk at other times by phone or email. The office is usually manned from 9am to 1pm Monday to Thursday and some afternoons. There is an answer machine so you can leave a message if the office is empty and I will endeavour to respond to any messages the next working day.

Meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

Planning	October 2nd, November 19th, December 10th
Highways	November 26th
Council	November 5th

Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings. Agendas are displayed in the Library and on the noticeboard near the Post Office about a week before the meeting date and the draft minutes are available in the Library soon after the meeting and on the website once they have been formally approved at the next meeting.

Janet Turp, Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council
PO Box 3102, Bristol, BS41 9XA
Tel: 393551

clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com • www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH NOTICEBOARDS

Those organisations wishing to give notice of their events may not realise that there are 5 noticeboards in Long Ashton and 2 in Leigh Woods.

Those in the following locations are lockable:

Keys available at:

Outside Birdwell Clinic, Weston Road
Yanley Lane

Birdwell Clinic & the Post Office
Mr. Moorcroft, Brook Cottage,
Yanley Lane

Lampton Road/Dawson Walk

Parish Clerk, Jubilee Pavilion or
email the information or poster to
clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com
contact Kate Buss 0117 973 1971
email cwbus@aol.com

North Road, Leigh Woods

Bridge Road, Leigh Woods

Ann Lowson, Garden Flat,
Alpenfels, North Road

Easily accessible boards are located at:

Long Ashton Road/Theynes Croft junction • Adjacent to Co-op Stores, Weston Road

***Do make use of these boards
but also remember to take your notice down after the event.***

Explanation of Accounts

Precept - this is the amount of money that is collected by North Somerset Council on behalf of Long Ashton Parish Council in your Council Tax. For the 2011/12 year it was £51.03 for a Band D property so less than £1 a week.

Highways and Footpath Income - this is a grant the Parish Council receives from North Somerset Council to help pay the cost of our Village Orderly.

S106 Receipts - this money has been received by the Parish Council from Taylor Wimpey as part of the planning agreement for their developments in the village. It is to pay for the maintenance of the Kings Croft Playground for up to 15 years.

VAT Reimbursements - Parish Councils are allowed to claim the VAT they have spent on non-business activities.

Grants and Subscriptions - The Parish Council subscribes to a number of organisations, for example, the Avon Local Council Association, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and donates to a number of local charities. However, the bulk of this money, £27,050, is given by the Parish Council to LACA (Long Ashton Community Association) who manage the Community Centre complex on Keedwell Hill. A complex such as we have in Long Ashton, even with the best management, is unlikely to be able to break even, so the grant enables everyone to carry on enjoying its facilities.

S137 Payments - Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows a local council, to incur expenditure which in its opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, its area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants. The amount of money that could be spent under this power in 2011/12 was £6.44 per head of adult population. This money was used to contribute to the legal costs for the Stadium Judicial Review and for maintenance work at Arch Grove Bank.

Balance - The balance carried forward seems to have increased by a lot this year - this is due to the S106 money which will be invested and used to maintain the Kings Croft playground site. In fact excluding this money shows that expenditure was slightly higher than income this year partly due to planned work carried out on the burial ground. Parish Council reserves should cover at least 6 months' usual expenditure, and additional funds have been earmarked for expenditure which the Council is anticipating.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Summary Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME	£
Precept	133,475.00
Interest Receivable	87.90
Burial Ground Fees	3,271.00
Rents Receivable	275.00
Highways & Footpath Income	743.89
Grants & Donations	180.00
Capital Receipts	0.00
S.106 Receipts	37,726.08
Loans Received	0.00
VAT Reimbursements	4,904.53
Total Income	<u>180,663.40</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Administration Expenses	60,492.43
Agency Services	0.00
S137 payments	10,640.00
Grants & Subscriptions	32,327.35
Running costs:	
Burial Ground/Churchyard & Birdwell Recreation Ground	25,319.50
Newsletter	3,005.00
Highways & Footpaths	9,481.62
Planning	0.00
Total Running Costs	37,806.12
Capital Expenditure:	0.00
S.106 Payments	0.00
VAT on payments	4,904.53
Total Expenditure	<u>146,170.43</u>
Cummulative Fund Balance (including reserves)	
Balance as at 1st April 2011	214,143.95
Total Income for Year	180,663.40
Total Expenditure for Year	146,170.43
Balance as at 31st March 2012	<u>248,636.92</u>

Long Ashton Community Association

Report of the Annual General Meeting

held on 19th June 2012

Attended by members of the Community Association and some representatives of users groups the Chairman Judith Bridges welcomed everyone and signed the minutes of the previous meeting in June 2011 as a correct record.

There being no matters arising she explained the terms of operation of the Association and thanked Manager Sarah Leong, Caretakers Denise and Ken Harris and Cleaner and Recreation Ground Warden John Hewer for their efforts during the past year.

Several new user groups had been attracted to the centre but unfortunately some had been unable to continue including some children's groups which had re-located to the new Children's centre at Birdwell. Special introductory rates were offered to new groups to help them become established. Acknowledgement and thanks was given to voluntary help, especially to Mrs. Maud Escott for her handling of Tennis Court bookings for very many years until July 2011.

Management of the Tennis Courts was reviewed and after discussion with local residents it was decided to leave the gates unlocked during the day and install an honesty box for payment which was working well.

LACA had worked closely with the Parish Council over the new Sports Pitch, hoping ongoing problems would soon be resolved and it would be possible to welcome the Junior Football Club as a regular user of the area.

The Friday morning Cafe continued to be popular, run by volunteers who attended regularly.

Major projects undertaken in the last year included:

Refurbishment of the Griffin lounge toilets	(£1,945)
Purchase of a hard floor cleaning machine	(£1,875)
Installation of acoustic panels in the Club Room	(£1,620)
Installation of new heaters in the Youth Hut	(£ 881)
Maintenance work to the football pitch	(£1,500)

Fund raising from the 3rd November Quiz Night, the enjoyable visit of Theatre Orchard and an unexpected profit from the very successful Royal Wedding Picnic amounted to over £950. In line with a previous decision these monies were used to improve facilities; a fridge was purchased for the Club Room, a ceiling fixed projector screen installed in the Pavilion and a ceiling wire to support bunting or fairy lights positioned in the Main Hall.

Treasurer, Sara Taylor, gave the Financial Report reminding the meeting that the Association depended on a grant from the Parish Council to supplement shortfall of income over expenditure. The grant for this year was £27,050 - £2,500 less than last year.

She went on to say that after three years of increased income, this year's income remained fairly static. Hire rates have increased in line with inflation to help cover fuel costs and water rates. Despite this a loss of £1,666 had occurred this year. However money set aside for planned maintenance, renewal of facilities, resurfacing of tennis courts etc had increased by £7,456. Expenditure on general running costs had not changed significantly from last year - water rates and grass cutting cost more, others including a £400 decrease in insurance had cost less. She thanked the manager for her efficient work in handling invoices and paying in of monies received.

In reply to a query from the floor Mrs. Taylor explained the fluctuation in water prices, citing more users equalled more water usage but pointed out that since converting to a water meter about ten years ago, bill payments were generally lower.

Another query regarding the sinking fund for repair and refurbishment solicited the reply that this fund contained £13,000 and did not include the £20,000 left from Long Ashton Millennium Project.

The query concerning the loss of a piano from the Pavilion was answered by LACA agreeing to address this issue at their next committee meeting.

The meeting concluded with Cllr. Cook and Mrs. Magro expressing their thanks to the committee.

POLICE PACT OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 28th November 2012 at 7.30pm

at The Royal British Legion Club,
1 Providence Lane, Long Ashton.

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) gives the public a chance to meet their Neighbourhood Team and influence what happens in their neighbourhood. Partners and Communities Together (PACT) is the process used by the police and partners to engage communities to identify and solve the local issues that are affecting community safety, feelings of safety and quality of life.

PACT Priorities

A Partners and Communities Together meeting was held on Wednesday 5th September and the subject of speeding and parking in Long Ashton was once again raised as a priority for the local police team to focus upon.

Yellow lines around the village which have deteriorated over the last couple of years are due to be repainted by North Somerset Council and the Police will be enforcing these by way of fixed penalty notices.

The new estate of Kings Croft has now been adopted by the Council and these also will have their parking enforced. Pear Tree Avenue is due to be adopted in the near future. Letters will be sent to residents warning them of the change.

As this is once again a PACT priority can I please ask everyone to consider reporting cases of pavement parking or other poor parking to the Police so that we can deal with them as they arise. Also I need to be able to justify to the district that parking is an issue for the PACT. This cannot be the case if no one reports poor parking!

PC 3590 Trevor Byford



POLICE NEWS

CYCLE THEFT

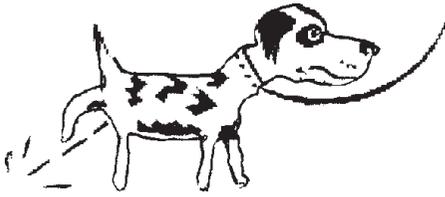
Cycle theft has long been a problem for people using the local beauty spots of Leigh Woods and Ashton Court. However, in the last few years the problem has changed from one of having your bike taken whilst you take a break to one of being burgled overnight after using the various woodland areas for a day's cycling.

In Bristol this has become a major problem with bicycles being stolen from garages and sheds, the vast majority of these bikes being of high value. It has transpired that the owners have recently used the bikes in Ashton Court, Leigh Woods or other similar areas around Bristol and that offenders are following people home to note where the bikes are stored and then stealing them overnight.

If you should use the local cycle tracks (and with Leigh Woods gaining an extra 2 miles of track this year, you may well wish to do so) please be aware of who is around you. The offenders will ride around the area or simply hang around near the parking areas and observe riders arriving and leaving.

If you should see anyone hanging around, often with a bike but not dressed as a 'serious' cyclist (jeans, hoodies or wearing caps to hide their faces) please consider calling the police. You can report suspicious people using 101 and the police will then come and check them out. They may be wanted or known to the police and this will deter them from hanging around the area and in turn mean that your cycle should be safer from thieves!

PC 3590 Trevor Byford



FOUL PLAY

Dog fouling is a nasty business and this month North Somerset Council is launching a hard-hitting campaign - and it needs your help.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs but a minority persist in allowing their dogs to foul.

This illegal act costs the Council £55 per pick-up so this month the Council is taking a zero tolerance approach and guilty owners will be fined.

Principal environmental health officer Dee Mawn said; “The Council, and therefore the tax payer, foots the bill for irresponsible dog owners who don’t clean up after their dog in public places. We need everyone’s help to identify the individuals responsible for this anti-social and illegal behaviour. I would encourage anyone who sees someone allowing their dog to foul without clearing up the mess, to report it to the Council so we can take action against the irresponsible person. Please call 01934 888 802.”

Fines

On-the-spot fines of £75 can be issued by our officers to anyone found not clearing up their dog’s mess. If the matter goes to Court, the maximum penalty can escalate to £1,000.

This summer the Council successfully prosecuted a North Somerset resident who persistently allowed their dog to foul in a public place without clearing it up. Magistrates ordered the offender to pay £325 under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Report It!

If you see someone not picking up their dog’s mess then you can report it to the Council. Keep this list handy so you know what to report about the offence you’ve witnessed:

- date and time
- location
- any pattern to the behaviour (same times, people or places)
- description of dog
- description of owner
- car registration number, if used

The more information provided, the more likely it is that the offender will be caught. Fill in the online form at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/dogmess or call 01934 888 802.

Take Responsibility

Responsibility for clearing up any dog poo lies with the owner of the dog. These are not valid reasons for failing to do so:

- being unaware your dog had fouled
- not having a suitable means of removing the dog mess

Health Hazard

Dog poo is dangerous, as well as being unpleasant and a nuisance, because it can contain toxocara eggs. Toxocariasis can lead to liver problems, blindness, asthma and epileptic fits.

Bag that Poo

The best way to pick up dog mess is with a bag and then put it in a dog bin. Special ‘doggy bags’ can be used, or standard carrier bags, and several handy gadgets are also available to help:

- poop scoop for picking up dog mess and transferring it to a bag
- long-handled poop scoop for people who struggle to bend down
- flushable dog poo bags
- bag dispenser to Velcro onto your dog’s lead

To report dog mess call Council Connect: 01934 888 802
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/dogmess

DOGS IN LONG ASHTON

Once again attention has to be drawn to dog owners, with the request that they clear up the mess left by their pets. Either take this home for disposal or use one of the many dog litter bins situated around the village.

This applies particularly on the Recreation Ground where the footballers have to minutely inspect and then clear the pitch before every game.

Remember too, this area is used by young children to whom dog's faeces are especially dangerous causing blindness as well as other diseases.



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. The welcome packs are delivered by a group of volunteers who are each responsible for approximately 20 homes near to where they live. There are, however, a large number of roads in the village that are no longer covered and we urgently need new volunteers to carry on with this worthwhile scheme. The task is not onerous and the idea is simple - when you notice that someone new has moved into your assigned area, you obtain a welcome pack from Welcome LA and give it to your new neighbour in person.

Roads that are currently not covered, or are partially covered, include Buttercliffe Rise; Hobwell Lane; Glebe Close; Beechfield Close; Parsonage Road; Theynes Croft; Copford Lane; Brook Close; Lyvedon Way; Westward Gardens; Northleaze; Short Lane; Long Ashton Road; Folleigh Lane; Providence View; Miners Close; Brocks Lane; Rayens Close; Lampton Road; Arch Close; Arch Grove; Fenswood Close; Weston Road; Wild Country Lane and the old Research Station estates.

If you are interested in becoming a Welcome LA volunteer, or have recently moved into the village and have not received a pack, please contact Sally Sterland on 393591 or John Edwards on 393797.

LONGASHTON & LEIGH WOODS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2012

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

The events of this summer have given everyone the opportunity to join in the activities in their communities, and Leigh Woods was no exception. We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee with a wonderful sit-down lunch party which filled St. Mary's Church to capacity. Like so many, it was decided to hold it inside due to the weather, with the red, white and blue of the union flags giving an uplifting atmosphere. The huge screen relaying the Pageant on television entertained us over lunch and enabled us to join in the occasion. The Jubilee mugs for 4 - 11 year olds given by the Parish Council were very well received. In all an event to be remembered.

Prior to this the Olympic Torch came along Bridge Road and crossed the magnificent Suspension Bridge. Residents turned out waving flags, talking excitedly and finally having coffee parties. After this it seemed we managed to defeat another awful summer glued to our television sets watching the Olympics. Our **summer garden party** in August was well attended with stoical members donning their jackets and umbrellas to continue their enjoyment. The **Christmas Party** will be held as usual in December.

Meanwhile Leigh Woods Society continued to keep a very watchful eye on more important issues. Concern was expressed over the design and lack of the eco friendly nature of the new Bridge Visitor's Centre. Also traffic management and difficulties coaches would face with no easy exit - not to mention the considerable inconvenience during the building. However the plans have been passed, so the concerns will continue. The Secretary of State is making the final decision about the increased bridge toll which will impact on the whole area, and all those residents committed to using it often many times a day. The new toll machines are being put in place and new lighting is to be installed.

The building in Bracken Hill continues with 6 new houses nearly completed, and the rest to be completed next year. There is still concern over the communal gardens. The next big site to watch is Burwalls which has been up for sale.

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



FRIENDS OF 'LACA'

Over the last couple of years, the Long Ashton Community Association has organised a number of successful events - Quiz Nights, Village Picnics, Theatre Evenings, and a Family Activity Day. In the pipeline are more of the above and new ventures too. The LACA Trustees and a number of other Long Ashton residents have helped to make these events run smoothly.

In order to build on this we have set up a very informal "Friends of LACA". This consists of a number of people on a list who we can call upon to help for an hour or more at an event. If this is something you feel you could get involved in and you would like to be added to our list, then we would just call or email you to see if you were available for a particular date and you wouldn't need to commit to every event - just those that either you are around for or those that appeal to you.

If you think you could help in this way
please either phone or email Sarah Leong
01275 393570 laca@btconnect.com

Thank you!



GUILD OF CHEESEMAKERS

The Guild of Cheesemakers invite you to join them for their Annual Tasting. At tables laid with crisp white cloths, and an introduction from a panel of foodie experts, audiences will embark on a tantalising theatrical experience washed down with a delicious selection of artisan cheeses, wines and bread.

Over the course of the evening, the gustatory effects will enhance the theatrical experience as guests gradually uncover the secret of a mysterious, supernatural cheese. Questions on the essence of life will be raised and, eventually, a collective decision making that could alter humanity forever.

Long Ashton Village Hall, Friday 9th November at 7.30pm. Tickets around £20, available from Sarah Leong, tel: 01275 393570 or email laca@btconnect.com

Please note that this event is limited to 40 places. In conjunction with Theatre Orchard.

www.standardstare.com/projects/the-guild-of-cheesemakers/

LACA QUIZ NIGHT



The next LACA Quiz Night
will be held on
Saturday 16th February 2013.

LONG ASHTON BEER FESTIVAL

Despite a pleasing sale of tickets for the Beer Festival in September, the company engaged by LACA, The Brizzle Beer Festivals Company, decided to withdraw at a late date from running the event.

Publicity for the event was in the domain of Brizzle Beer Festivals which they failed to supply. The success of such a festival depends on suitable local publicity which LACA believes it has the expertise to carry out.

There is obviously good support for such an event and LACA will look into putting on a Beer Festival themselves in the near future.

Watch out for further information.

LONG ASHTON ALL SAINTS SCOUT GROUP

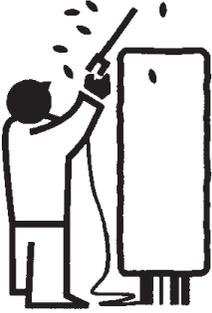
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW LEADERS

AS A SCOUT GROUP WITH A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTY, AND A FURTHER FORTY ON THE WAITING LIST, WE ARE URGENTLY IN NEED OF ADULT LEADERS AND HELPERS. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO BOTH RETAIN AND EXPAND OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND ALSO TO CONTINUE THE LONG TRADITION OF OVER NINETY YEARS OF SCOUTING IN THE VILLAGE.

IF YOU HAVE SOME ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM TO SPARE AND WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE INPUT IN THE COMMUNITY WHILST HAVING FUN YOURSELF THEN PLEASE CONTACT

SIMON JONES GROUP CHAIRMAN sgjones.a1@googlemail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION



HEDGES

This wet summer has produced extensive growth of trees and hedges.

Is your hedge overhanging the footway? If so, please cut back to your boundary to ensure safe passage for pedestrians on the pavements.

If more green bags are needed they can be obtained from the Library, the Post Office and Wool & Things at a cost of £1.50 each.

AGE UK SOMERSET

Age UK Somerset are holding a Free Open Morning, all comers welcome, on **THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER** from 10am - 1pm in the Club Room/Keeds Hall at the Community Centre.

There will be free refreshments.

At this **BIG ADVICE DAY** event there will be lots of exhibitors bringing their information to help older people with Care Issues, Benefits and Money, Home Services, Staying Safe, Events, Nutrition and Food.

This is **NOT** a selling event - it is for **FREE** information and advice only.

For more details phone JANE on 07758 469809

(This event was postponed from April)

WATER MAINS RENEWAL

Bristol Water has sent the following information regarding ongoing work in Long Ashton installing new pipe work.

Works in Long Ashton are now progressing towards completion and are expected to be finished by the end of November 2012.

The scheme is progressing well through Long Ashton. While there is a visible impact at a number of key locations along the route of the new water main such as at the junctions with Lovelinch Gardens, Providence Lane and Wild Country Lane, we have successfully installed a brand new plastic water main right through Long Ashton Village while minimising impact to road users, residents and businesses as much as possible. In order to complete our works in this way, we also initially installed a new plastic pipe to keep residents in supply while we completed works on the existing trunk main. The locations previously mentioned along with a small number of other open trenches along the route of the main represent points where we need to connect to other water mains which branch from the trunk main and directly serve customers in Long Ashton. Unfortunately, transferring these connections to the temporary main, installing, testing and commissioning the new water main and then re-connecting the branch mains is a time consuming process. Additionally, our teams need access to the water main at numerous locations to complete this list of processes efficiently, hence, open but vacant trenches can be seen in the area. We reinstate the road surface over our works temporarily where possible, in order to reduce impact on road users and pedestrians but obviously this does not prove practical when we need to return to a particular location within a relatively short period of time.

The Bristol Water website

(Scheme specific page -

<http://www.bristol-water.co.uk/streetworks/news.asp?newsID=961>)

is periodically updated with information about how the works are progressing and we hope this is useful and of interest.



The Long Ashton
Pantomime

ALADDIN



Friday 22 February, 7.30pm

Saturday 23 February 2.30 & 7.30pm

Long Ashton Village Hall, Keedwell Hill

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

For tickets please contact

Val Bond 392148

or email panto@longashton.plus.com

Long Ashton Scouts



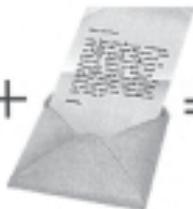
Christmas Post



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Post boxes at many locations including:

Northleaze and Birdwell Schools

The Library

The Little Tipple

Cohens the Chemist

Only 25p per card

Collections will be between 1st – 21st December

Just put postage in box with cards!

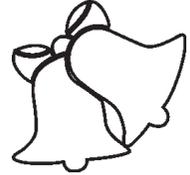
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All Saints Church Christmas Services



9th 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).

16th 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 Church, Church Lane, BS41 9LU.



**REMEMBRANCE WEEK
CONCERT**
by the
**AVON &
SOMERSET
CONSTABULARY
MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**SUPPORTED BY
THE DOWNS SCHOOL
MUSIC ENSEMBLE**
at
**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
LONG ASHTON**

7.30 pm FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2012

TICKETS £7
AVAILABLE FROM
THE LEGION : CHURCH OFFICE
DOWNS SCHOOL
or CLIFFORD MOSS ON 01275 392714