

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 - The Opening Ceremony of the Festival Way in Long Ashton.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello Everyone,

Once again we find ourselves fighting the elements, firstly the wettest autumn with associated flooding, followed by a freeze with associated snow, then back to the wind and rains, a little reminiscent of the film Ground Hog Day! We can only hope for a less inclement spring and summer.

It was with deep sorrow that I had to accept the resignation of the Vice Chair Gwyn Williams on health grounds, and would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his excellent efforts whilst serving on the Parish Council. He has worked valiantly on the Neighbourhood Plan and we send him and his family our best wishes.

On the positive side Dr. Philip Jackson has been co-opted onto the council and I am sure you will remember how valuable his services were to the Parish and the council, he and his wife Kathy are still working constantly to give the young in the village a vibrant Youth Club. It is especially difficult to fund this activity, North Somerset have had to reduce youth funding to such an extent that your Parish Council has had to step in with a very substantial contribution just to keep the youth club running. We have also been requested to help in the funding of Youth Sport where we have also assisted with a contribution to the Junior Football Club. If you can spare any funds in this difficult time please help other causes within the Parish. If you need direction on who needs funding/assistance please contact our excellent clerk Mrs. Janet Turp or join the 500 club.

If you cannot help financially then Cllr. Butcher is always looking for help on the footpaths. The opening of the Festival Way from Yanley Lane to Ashton Court/B3128 junction has been a huge success with lots of residents finding it a massive benefit both in safety and convenience and I would congratulate all those involved with special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Neale. We hope the west end link will be as successful.

All the above, other community projects and payments have to be funded and with North Somerset receiving such a poor contribution from central government your Parish Council has had to dig deep and assist where we can, this has resulted in a small increase in our precept. This is explained further on in this newsletter.

Chairman's Letter continued

We have, as your representatives, always sought to minimize the precept but sometimes, to retain the fabric of our community, we have had to raise the income. We shall continue to be as prudent as possible in these financially trying times.

Could I also ask for volunteers to assist in the finalisation of the Neighbourhood Plan and if you feel you could help please contact Henny Fordham tel: 393614 to offer your input and assistance.

Our battle to maintain the integrity of the greenbelt and amenity space is ongoing and we will keep you informed of the progress. It should be kept in mind that the purchasers of the Woodspring Golf course, the land south of the A38, and all associated options owned by the previous developer Ashton Park Ltd appears to have been purchased by Wimpey. This may not bode well for the future and we may well see the threat of massive development manifest itself between us and the Bristol City border within a relatively short time frame. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

There has also been some doubt as to the continuation of the Rapid Transit route and possibly the associated South Bristol Link Road following the election of The Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson. I have to comment that he does appear to be a breath of fresh air for the City of Bristol. Let's hope he continues in this positive vein and opens up Bristol for some positive and sensible developments such as the rail route from Portishead to Bristol, as well as other linked and integrated transport links.

There have been changes at Long Ashton Surgery with the retirement of the senior partner, Dr. Peter Foreman. Typically he departed very quietly, and I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of all residents, to thank him for his service over many years and wish him well in future.

I wish you all well as this is probably my last newsletter report as Chairman of the Parish Council and I wish the incoming chair, whoever that may be, Good Luck and fair sailing.

Nigel Moorcroft.



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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| April 3rd | 50th Birthday Meeting
THE THRILLS AND SPILLS OF AN ORGANIST
Jean Routley
No Competition |
| May 1st | RESOLUTIONS
No Competition |
| June 5th | VISIT TO BRISTOL BLUE GLASS |
| July 3rd | WOMAN ON THE HOME FRONT
Lawrence Bohana
Competition: Home grown or homemade item of food |
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LAILA

**(LONG ASHTON INDEPENDENT
LADIES ASSOCIATION)**

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



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| April 17th | THE GARDENS OF TYNTESFIELD
Terry Stevens |
| May 15th | “WELLINGTON CHEST”
Margaret Flux |
| June 19th | FAMILY HISTORY
Pat Hase |
| July 17th | SARAJEVO
Liz Fosbury |

COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES PLANNER

Did you know that there are 39 regular activities taking place at the Community Centre in Long Ashton?



Have a browse of the list below and if you would like further details about any of the groups please contact Sarah Leong on 01275 393570 or email: laca@btconnect.com. Alternatively please visit our website which is regularly updated: www.longashtoncommunitycentre.org

MONDAYS

Yoga
Mini Musicians
Baby Sensory
Taekwon-do
Tennis Club
Football Fun 4 Little 1s
Youth Club
Parish Council
Fit2Drop

TUESDAYS

Watercolour Class
Rugby Tots
Baby and Toddler
Group
Short Mat Bowling
(Oct - Mar)
Martial Arts
Aerobics
Junior Tennis Coaching

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga
Watercolour Class
Fit2Drop
Good Companions
LAILA (3)
Youth Club
WI (1)
Taekwon-do

THURSDAYS

Boogie Bop
Art Club
Veg Box Collection
Zumba
Badminton Club
Coaching
Sequence Dancing
Youth Club
Local History (1)
Wildlife Group (3)
Junior Tennis

FRIDAYS

Rugby Tots
Community Cafe
Pilates
Singing Tree
Tai Chi
Bowling Club

SATURDAYS

Village Market (1)
Village Market Cafe (1)
Village Cafe (3)
(4)
Card Making (3)
(2)
Football Club
Spinners and Weavers
(2)
Football Fun 4 Little 1s
Creation Station Art
Sequence Dancing
Tennis Club

SUNDAYS

Ninjutsu
Zumba
Samba Drumming



Opportunity to run a cafe in Long Ashton

The Club Room in the Community Centre now has greater availability and the potential to be run as a café mid-week.

LACA is in the process of installing wi-fi to this area too.

If you would like to discuss using this space for either a morning café or one that runs over the lunchtime and afternoon too, please contact Sarah Leong in the first instance on 01275 393570 or email: laca@btconnect.com.

Very reasonable rent with a discount for the first two weeks.

Long Ashton Community Association Annual General Meeting

**The Annual General Meeting of
the Community Association
will be held at 7.30pm in the
Jubilee Pavilion,
Long Ashton Community Centre,
Keedwell Hill
on Tuesday 18th June 2013.**

Any member of the public is welcome to attend. Come and find out what has been going on at the Community Centre in the last year and also what is proposed for the future.

Suggestions welcome.

VILLAGE PICNIC

**Sunday 9th June 12
noon onwards at the
Recreation Ground or
indoors at the
Community Centre if
wet.**

After two years of Village Picnics associated with a royal occasion, LACA has decided that the events were so popular that we no longer need an excuse to run one! We now hope to make this an annual event. Inflatables, games, stalls, cafe, bar, music and more!

Do come and join us with your picnic

Heaven Scent



This is a new garden being created in part of the unused burial ground area behind Long Ashton's All Saints Church.

The aim is to produce food and encourage wildlife, to look and smell attractive, and to be a peaceful place made by and for the whole

community. It is another initiative from Transition Long Ashton, as part of supporting growing more food locally, to avoid the carbon footprint of transportation and dependence on fragile supply chains. The garden has the approval of the Church and Parish Council, and is coordinated by Chris Wilmot.

On a sunny November morning a dozen people made the first start on-site, raking into the grass and spreading Yellow Rattle seeds, which will be germinating over the winter to become parasitic on the grass so that other wildflowers can prosper. Seeds have been saved by members of the Grow It Group (an open group to support anyone wanting to grow their own food), and together with seeds donated by Wessex Water, these will be planted in the spring. The first phase also includes an area of soft fruit. By the summer there should be some pretty flowers, including some taller varieties like fox gloves growing against the perimeter wall. Strawberries and raspberries will fruit next year too, while blackcurrants and redcurrants will take a couple of years to grow to fruiting size. The initial plot is a small portion of the burial ground extension, a curved shape of around 300 square metres in the south east corner.

If you'd like to get involved in any way, email info@transitonlongashton.co.uk, or phone Chris on 392833.

WILD PLANT CHARITY - PLANTLIFE

Wild plant charity Plantlife (www.plantlife.org.uk), are hoping to reach out to many wild plant enthusiasts and nature lovers by inviting them to become wild plant 'pioneers' and subscribe to a free quarterly e-learning bulletin to learn more about our native wild plants via the 'Wild About Plants' project website - www.wildaboutplants.org.uk

The Wild About Plants project aims to help people to reconnect with the outdoors and their local green spaces. Working with schools, families and communities from all walks of life and with fantastic free downloadable resources, the team hope to engage people with the nature on their doorstep. In recent years subscribers have been asked to record the plant life in their local area and recount what they used to see/pick and forage for. Wild About Plants is funded by Natural England through Access to Nature, as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It is a partnership project involving partner organisations throughout the country.

Earlier in the year our Pioneer readers approached their own local parishes with a short article about Plantlife and our Wild About Plants project, we had a really positive response featuring in several local newsletters, resulting in a new wave of interest and potential awareness raising for Plantlife.

Did you know the wild flower emblem for Somerset is the Cheddar pink?

To find out more, click on the following link:

[http://www.plantlife.org.uk/wild plants/plant species/cheddar pink/](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/wild%20plants/plant%20species/cheddar%20pink/)

Katie Cameron, Conservation Assistant

Find us on twitter @Love_plants.

We are also on facebook..... Plantlife - speaking up forwildplants

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY - WINTER 2013

We have just come out of a week or more of thick snow which, as usual, caused a fair amount of chaos on our roads and pavements. Some conscientious residents swept their drives and pavements as well as those of elderly neighbours for which we would like to express our thanks. It would be good if more people could do this. We had an accident involving several vehicles where a car had slid down the slope of Church Road into Bridge Road. We are requesting some grit bins for these very dangerous areas.

The parking charge in Ashton Court Park has increased the car parking both in Bridge Road and other side roads very significantly and this will get worse when the bridge tolls are increased this year. It is a cause of great concern, and indeed danger to both motorists and pedestrians. Emergency vehicles would surely have difficulty in reaching their destinations. The new Suspension Bridge Visitors Centre will be started during the year which is inevitably going to add further to the difficulties. Not a very encouraging summer ahead.

Our **AGM** and **Neighbourhood Watch** meetings take place on Tuesday 12th March. They will take place in St. Mary's Church as our usual venue at Burwalls is now up for sale. This church is an ideal place for community events and we would like to encourage more of these. David Anderson, Bridgemaster, Trevor Byford our local Community Police officer and others will speak and answer questions. The Society works very hard on residents' behalf, and would like as many as possible to come and air their views. **Open to all.**

Saturday 6th April will be the **Open Day** at Brackenhill where the gardens will be on view with the latest update on the building programme. The new houses will be completed this summer. The main house has been sold independently and permission is being requested for amendments to the original application. These are continuing.

Tuesday 21st May, Bill Morris, National Trust Warden, will conduct a walk around Leigh Woods. Meet at the Rangers Office at 7pm with a drink and nibbles at the end. This was a superb occasion two years ago, and we are grateful to Bill for doing it again.

Sally Sparks

Girlguiding is thriving in Long Ashton District



The district (which includes Failand) has two Rainbow units for girls aged 5 - 7, three Brownie units for girls aged 7 - 11 and a Guide unit for girls aged 11 - 15; between them providing activities for around 130 girls in the area.

In order for us to continue, we urgently need more adult leaders particularly for the Rainbow unit which meets in Failand Village Hall on a Monday evening from 4.15pm to 5.15pm and for the two Long Ashton Brownie units which meet in our Guide Headquarters on Weston Road on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 5.45pm to 7.00pm. If you enjoy working with children and would like to find out more, please contact me or any leader or register an interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

If you are unable to help at weekly meetings, you can still support us by posting your waste paper in the skip located at our Headquarters at any time. The collection of waste paper runs alongside North Somerset's collection. We receive recycling credit for the waste paper which helps fund our activities and keep subscription costs down for our members.

The guides are planning a camp in The Netherlands in 2014. Camping overseas will be more expensive than the usual summer camp in the UK so the Guides will be fund raising during 2013 to help with costs. The support of residents at fund raising events will be much appreciated.

Jane Penrose, Girlguiding Long Ashton District
Tel: 01275 393727

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dates of meetings in 2013

Members of the Public are welcome to attend these meetings which are normally held in the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill at 7.30 pm

Monday	11th	March	Planning
Monday	18th	March	Council
Monday	25th	March	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	15th	April	Planning
Monday	22nd	April	Annual Parish Meeting VILLAGE HALL
Monday	29th	April	Finance and General Purpose (Feb/March)
Monday	13th	May	Annual Council Meeting
Monday	20th	May	Planning
Monday	3rd	June	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	17th	June	Planning
WED	19th	June	Finance and General Purpose (April/May)
Monday	24th	June	Council (Accounts)
Monday	22nd	July	Planning
Monday	29th	July	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	12th	August	Finance and General Purpose (June/July)
Monday	19th	August	Planning
Monday	9th	September	Council
Monday	16th	September	Planning
Monday	30th	September	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	21st	October	Planning
Monday	28th	October	Finance and General Purpose (Aug/Sept)
Monday	4th	November	Council
Monday	18th	November	Planning
Monday	2nd	December	Highways and Burial Ground
Monday	9th	December	Planning
Monday	16th	December	Finance and General Purpose (Oct/Nov)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



We welcome Dr. Phil Jackson who was co-opted as a new Councillor in December; Phil is Chair of the Youth Management Committee and has previously served on the Parish Council. At the time of writing we have another casual vacancy on the Parish Council so if this is something you might like to do keep an eye out on the noticeboards and website about how to apply. The Clerk or one of the Councillors can give you more information about what a Councillor does. The closing date is likely to be in early March. We are sad to lose Gwyn Williams as a Councillor - he has made a significant contribution to the work of the Parish Council and will be missed.

Council Tax increases have been in the news recently so at local level, you may be interested to know that the Parish Council has now set its budget for the new financial year starting in April 2013. The part of Council Tax which is paid to the Parish Council will increase by about 4.9%; this is higher than in recent years but for a Band D property, it means a total of £54.94 for the year, which is an increase of 5p a week. This increase is due in part to extra funding for the Youth Club and also preparing for the potential impact at Parish Council level of increased localism. As always, your Parish Council seeks to ensure it delivers local services efficiently and provide good value for your money.

This summer sees the judging of the Parish Council's "Nominated Best Kept Garden". This year to encourage a wider range of entrants, not only is each resident allowed to nominate someone else's garden in the village but in addition can nominate their own if they feel it deserves a look in. Nominations should be sent to the Clerk to be received by midday on the 15th July. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to gardeners and their gardens this year.

The footpath from Ryecroft Rise to Yanley Lane, which is used by children going to Northleaze School, is being particularly blighted by dog mess, which can then be walked into school. If this belongs to your dog please bag and bin it - it presents a real health hazard, especially to children and you could face a fine of £1,000.

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Parish Council News continued

Following a review of how the Council makes information available, agendas and draft minutes are now available on the Parish Council's website as well as in the library (agendas and draft minutes) and on the noticeboard near the Post Office (agendas) about a week before the meeting date. Approved minutes are available on the website once they have been formally accepted at the next meeting.

Meeting dates for the rest of the year are listed in this newsletter and members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. Fifteen minutes is allowed at the beginning of Council meetings for public participation and parishioners have a right to make a statement (no longer than three minutes) to the Council on any issue. You need to give the Clerk five working days' notice of your intention to speak and the subject.

The Parish Council office in the Jubilee Pavilion is open to the public most Tuesday mornings from 10.00am 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. If you send a letter to the Council please let us know who it is from - we can't take account of anonymous letters. The office is usually manned from 9.00am - 1.00pm 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.

Janet Turp, Clerk to Long Ashton Parish Council.

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FESTIVAL WAY

Following a guided cycle ride from Northleaze and Birdwell Schools, the latest section of the Festival Way was opened on 14th December.

The year 6 children cycled, ran and scootered, in the rain, to the Yanley Lane end of the path where the opening ceremony took place. Each school chose a pupil to cut the ribbon. The children then cycled, ran or scootored the whole length up to Ashton Court.

Dignitaries present included Cllr. Terry Porter (Chairman North Somerset Council), Cllr. Elfan Ap Rees (North Somerset Council Deputy leader and Executive Member for Transport), George Ferguson (Mayor of Bristol), Nigel Moorcroft (Chairman Long Ashton Parish Council) and TV personality and local resident Miranda Krestovnikoff. Spectators included other Parish Council members, Sustrans staff and volunteers and local residents who all braved the heavy rain.

The path which is just under a mile, will form part of the Festival Way route costing £2.3 million, and when complete will run from the centre of Bristol to Millennium Park in Nailsea, a total of 8 miles. Two new crossings will also be put in as part of the project at Yanley Lane and on the B3128.

The event was organised by Angela Neale (ex Parish Concillor), Adrian Read (Chairman of the Festival Way Steering Group) and Jon Usher (Sustrans Local representative).

The grand opening for the whole route will take place on May 6th and will comprise a mass ride from Bristol finishing at Millennium Park, Nailsea. Further details will be given nearer the time.

Adrian Read.

FOOTPATH NEWS



The Footpath Group is well aware that many of the footpaths described in the free walk leaflets that are available from The Little Tipple and the Library have suffered damage this winter. The Group will be trying to improve our footpaths, as and when the weather improves.

An easy level walk to Ashton Court, on firm ground, is now possible by using the extended cycle path from Northleaze School on Yanley Lane. This now ends on Ashton Road, near the entrance to the main Ashton Court car park and the Dovecote Pub.

An alternative destination is the Create Centre in which case ignore the car park entrance and aim for The Dovecote Pub to the right of which is an archway. At the junction with Courtlands Lane bear left and cross the main road by the traffic lights to Clanage Road. On the opposite side, near the children's nursery, is a continuation of the Festival Way cycle path to the Create Centre. This is full of interesting exhibits and information and is open Mondays to Friday 8.30 - 5.00pm It has a cafe that serves breakfast 8.30 - 11.00am and lunches from noon to 2.00 pm. When rested and refreshed you can carry on along the cycle path into the city centre, and beyond - but I have no space here to describe the route.

To walk from Yanley Lane to the Long Ashton Church please use the signed Village Circular Walk across the fields at the rear of Parsonage Road as the cycle path does not at present lead to the church. A link between the cycle path and the churchyard will be provided but this has yet to be completed.

Tony Hibbitt

Charity helps local people to reduce heating oil bills

With the weather getting colder and heating bills rising, many people are looking at ways to try and reduce their heating costs. If you have oil fired heating you may be worried about the cost of oil, which is relatively expensive compared with mains gas. The West of England Rural Network (WERN) have created a community oil buying scheme to help local people reduce the cost of heating oil by placing a collective order once a month. Many oil suppliers are willing to accept a lower price when they are given a large order from geographically close customers. Placing a single order also reduces the number of lorry movements in and around your town or village. In January 2013 members of the scheme paid just 60.08p per litre. This compared with an average price of 64p and the highest price of 72p. WERN even managed to negotiate this low price during a very busy period for oil suppliers. For more information about the oil buying group please contact Jill Baker at WERN on 01275 333701 or visit www.wern.org.uk/oil

Jill Baker, Administrator, West of England Rural Network.



WANTED Footpath Walk Leaders

These guided walks are held on the first Sunday in each month, meeting at Alexander May Estate Agents, Weston Road, starting at 2.30pm and typically last about 2 hours.

Rather than having just one person leading all the walks there will be a group of leaders who each lead one or two walks a year. Much of the year is covered but there are still one or two spaces so if you would like to be involved please contact the Clerk on 01275 393551 or email clerk@longashtonparishcouncil.com

FLAX BOURTON CHARITY BRIDGE DAY

In aid of both Flax Bourton's Youth Club and Church Building's upkeep.

Venue: Flax Bourton Church, Main Road, Flax Bourton Bristol BS48 3QJ

Thursday 7th March 2013 - 10.00am - 4.00pm

Morning Coffee • Cooked lunch including glass of wine • Afternoon Tea provided

For special dietary requirements please contact Elizabeth Vaughan

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ENTRY FORM

Player 1 Club Player: YES / NO

Player 2 Club Player: YES/NO

Are you able to supply a Bridge Table if required? YES/NO

Contact details:

Email:

Home tel no:

Mobile tel no:

Please enclose a cheque payable to Flax Bourton PCC for £50.00 (£25.00 each) and post to Elizabeth Vaughan at above address or alternatively, if paying by electronic bank transfer, please email entry form and confirmation of payment to Elizabeth Vaughan and use the following account:

Account Name: Flax Bourton PCC
Sort Code: 60-14-49
Nat West Bank A/C No: 43065368
Reference: Bridge plus your surname

Fancy a visit to Long Ashton Business Park?

Does that sound inviting?

Well, come along and be pleasantly surprised! As well as some of the more usual services e.g. IT, electronics, PR, international trading, environmental, building trade and surveying companies, there's something else a bit special -

A unique and welcoming retreat providing complementary therapies and classes. Based in Long Ashton, our very special barn is home to a full and varied range of experienced therapists and practitioners.

Yanley Court is set in beautiful countryside with ample free parking. A perfect place to relax and unwind, this peaceful haven provides a calm environment and offers superior facilities and highly experienced therapists and practitioners without the need to travel into the city.

As a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, all surplus income will be used to improve services and to fund an outreach programme. This will enable the Yanley Court therapists to set up subsidised treatment days and educational workshops within some of the more disadvantaged communities of North Somerset and Bristol.

*You are welcome to come along and visit, but please call in advance
Rachel Woster on 01275 394554*



Easter Holiday Family Activity Day - Tuesday, 2nd April

Hosted by the Long Ashton Community Association with activities for all ages from 0 - 16. £1 entry per child which includes a free soft drink voucher.

All day café in the Club Room serving teas, coffees, cakes and light lunches.

Soft play £3 per child which includes a free tea/coffee for attending parent. Some other activities are chargeable - see chart below.

Turn up on the day or to guarantee a place at a session, pre-book by contacting Sarah Leong on 01275 393570 or laca@btconnect.com

Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

	10.10am - 11.00am	11.10am - 12 noon	12.10pm - 1.00pm	1.10pm - 2.00pm	2.10pm - 3.00pm	3.10pm - 4.00pm
Keeds Hall	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3	Soft Play for under 5s £3
Club Room (+ All Day Café)	Jewellery Making Ages 4-8 £1.50	Lip Balm Making Ages 9+ £1.50	Lip Balm Making Ages 4-8 £1.50	Jewellery Making Ages 9+ Around £1.50	Karen Phillips Ceramics Ages 3 - 16 Around £3 <i>3.00pm Story Walk from Youth Shelter</i> Ages 2 - 8 <i>Free</i>	Karen Phillips Ceramics Ages 3 - 16 Around £3 <i>3.30pm Sing & Sign Club Room</i> Ages 0 - 8 <i>Free</i>
Long Ashton Children's Centre						
Village Hall	Mini Musicians for under 5s Free	Football Fun 0-3yrs 12pm 3-4 yrs 12.30pm £3	Football Fun 4-8 yrs £3	Table Tennis Free	Zumba Under 17s £2	
Jubilee Pavilion	Card Making Age 9+	Card Making Ages 5-8	Music Games Ages 5-8 Free		Mad Hatter Hat Making Ages 4+ £1.50	Nail Art (10 min bookings) Ages 4+ £1.50
Griffin Lounge		Creation Station Art	Creation Station Art	Creation Station Art	Creation Station Art	
50p - £3 + free activity, all ages, at any time						
Also available: Mobile Skateboard Ramp outside (weather permitting)						

THE ONGOING SAGA OF PROBLEMS WITH DOG'S FAECES



The last newsletter contained an appeal from the Parish Council to dog owners, asking them to pick up their dog's faeces and deposit it in one of the many dog bins provided by the Council who pay £3,000 annually for them to be cleared.

There was also information of a campaign by North Somerset Council who will fine offenders £75 when observed by the Dog Warden. If the offender is taken to court, the penalty can be up to £1,000.

Since appeals to offenders are ignored, the Parish Council is now resorting to zero tolerance and will name and shame. Therefore we are asking to be given details of time and locations when an offence occurs.

This information will be passed on to the Dog Warden who will monitor the areas and may proceed to prosecute under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005.

***Details of persons giving information will be treated confidentially
and not divulged to anyone.***

Areas which are especially problematic now are Tripps Row/Theynes Croft junction and the footpath running from Long Ashton Road to Yanley Lane specifically around the end of Rycroft Rise. The grassed area at the Co-op/Birdwell Road is also becoming a dog's latrine, the culprit is known, and action will be taken in this instance.

Highways Committee

LONG ASHTON BOWLING CLUB

The Long Ashton Bowling Club is located at the Community Centre, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton. Our outdoor season begins at the end of April.



If you are interested in playing bowls or would like to know more about the game please contact Roy Schafer, telephone number 01275 545544 or by e-mail rystnschaf@aol.com

We are a friendly club. During Friday evenings in the summer we welcome anyone to come along and "have-a-go". We can supply shoes and bowls also tuition if required. During the evening the bar in the Pavilion is open for a social chat when you can meet other bowlers and find out more about the club.

We are also having a Coffee Morning starting at 10.00am in the Pavilion on Saturday 13th April. Everyone is welcome.

Janet Lock.

LONG ASHTON SUMMER FETE

**Sunday 14th July 2013 at Gatcombe Court
In aid of All Saint's Church Heating and Fabric Fund
and the LA Youth Club**

The Youth Club will be running a duck race down the stream beside Gatcombe Lane.

The football club will be organising a goal scoring competition.

Why not run a Bring and Buy Stall or Lucky Dip?

Raise funds with your own group by running a stall or activity.

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Contact: Church Office - Carolyn Conolly 01275 393109

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LONG ASHTON SURGERY NEWS

January 2013

New GP Partner at Long Ashton Surgery - We are very pleased to inform you of the arrival of Dr. Jessica Buchan who joined the practice in the middle of December as a GP Partner. Dr. Buchan will replace Dr. Peter Foreman who retired from practice in December. We would like to thank Dr. Foreman for his service to the practice over the years and wish him well in his retirement.

Additional Services - Julie, one of our receptionists has recently completed her training and has qualified as a Phlebotomist and will now be providing an additional morning clinic on Wednesday mornings.

Minor Injuries - Long Ashton surgery does not provide a Minor Injuries service. Anyone with cuts, sprains or any head injury needs to go to the Minor Injuries Unit at Clevedon Hospital or A&E at one of the Bristol Hospitals. You can also go to the Walk-in Centres at South Bristol Community Hospital at Hengrove and the City Centre. The Children's Hospital has its own Minor Injuries services attached to A&E. We do not have the facilities to offer this service at the practice.

Long Ashton Patient Participation Group (LAPPG) - We have an active patient group attached to the surgery which meets 3 or 4 times a year. New members are very welcome. There are many changes on the horizon for primary health care and it is important we ensure that Long Ashton is not overlooked. For further information please contact: Carol Wessel, Chairman via the Practice Tel: 01275 392134.

Patient Reference Group - We recognise that not all of our patients are able to attend meetings, so in order to seek a wider selection of patient's opinions to better inform any changes we make at the practice, we have set up this virtual online group. More information is available on the reception desk or on the practice website.

Development of the Practice Website - You can find all this information on the surgery website at: www.longashtonsurgery.co.uk along with lots of links to other websites that we hope you will find of interest. You can also order prescriptions, cancel appointments and leave messages. For anything urgent it is better to speak to us.

Opening Hours :

Surgery 8.00am - 6.30pm Monday to Friday NO Lunchtime closing

Chemist 9.00am - 6.30pm Monday to Friday NO Lunchtime closing

CROSS ROAD CARE will be in attendance at Long Ashton Surgery between 9.30am - 11.30am on the following Wednesdays:-

20th February / 20th March / 17th April / 15th May

to give information to CARERS of ANY age

For information or support outside of these times please call
Carers Support on 01934 411855

Emma Dent - Practice Manager

The Long Ashton Horticultural Society

Look out for our stall at the Long Ashton Village market on Saturday 6th April. Come along and have a chat and why not join with us and become a member of the society?

Another date for your diary is our plant sale on Saturday 18th May. The plant sale will start at 9.30am and will be outside the Co-op. You will be able to buy plants, herbs and packets of seeds all at reasonable prices. Your plant donations will be very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th April and 18th May.

Cynthia Griffiths.

Have your say on North Somerset's Sites and Policies Plans

North Somerset Council is putting forward its ideas on how the district and your town/village will change in the future, what it considers to be the most appropriate sites to develop as well as providing policies to guide future planning applications.

The Council is seeking your views on this important planning document. The Plan sets out where new development will be encouraged, which means areas will be protected and how it intends to manage and identify new development opportunities up to 2026.

This document is currently in draft and will be shaped and changed by what you tell us -
so please get involved and have your say!

Just click on our website at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sitesandpolicies. Here you can have a look at sites and places you are interested in on the interactive proposals map and view all of the consultation documents and leaflets on the major towns and villages.

HOUSING - The Plan proposes sufficient new housing to meet needs in line with job creation. The Green Belt around Bristol is protected and generally only small-scale growth will take place in rural areas. The majority of housing development is proposed at Weston-super-Mare as part of the Weston Villages development - but there are also other housing sites proposed notably at North West Nailsea and Winscombe.

ECONOMY - The majority of new employment is proposed at Weston as part of an employment led strategy which will achieve a better balanced town. There is a particular emphasis on prioritising employment in the Junction 21 Enterprise Area. Important employment sites are protected and new business or mixed-use sites are proposed on the edge of Weston Town Centre as well as at Bleadon Quarry, Yatton Railway Station and Old Mill Road Portishead. New policies to encourage the rural economy have also been introduced.



RETAIL AND LEISURE DEVELOPMENT - The focus of development will be the four main town centres with both Weston and Portishead earmarked for additional retail, leisure and regeneration schemes. The Marchfields Way retail park in Weston is highlighted as an area that can improve with careful planning.

TRANSPORTATION - Proposals include major road schemes such as the South Bristol Link and improvements within Weston including Junction 21. Measures to support public transport such as park and ride in Weston, improved parking at rail stations and the reopening of the Portishead railway including the safeguarding of new station sites at Portishead are also proposed.

Along the Sites and Policies Plan, the Council is seeking your views on the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document which will outline parking requirements for new developments across North Somerset. You can view the document and have your say on our website at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/planning-policy

GREEN ISSUES - To ensure the character of North Somerset is maintained local green space within our towns and villages and strategic gaps between settlements are protected from development. Policies to encourage renewable energy and promote sustainable development are put forward for comment.

It's easy to get involved - A number of exhibitions will be held across the District during the consultation period, so why not visit one at the location listed below:-

- Monday 11th March to Wednesday 13th March Weston Library
- Thursday 14th March (9.00am to 5.00pm) and Friday 15th March (12.30pm to 7.00pm) Winscombe Community Centre
- Tuesday 19th March and Saturday 23rd March (1.30pm to 4.00pm) Nailsea Library
- Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March Portishead Library
- Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March For All Healthy Living Centre, Bournville, Weston-super-Mare
- Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April (10.00am to 5.00pm) Clevedon Town Council Offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon
- Tuesday 9th April and Thursday 11th April Yatton Library

For library opening hours see www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries

From March 11th to April 19th there will be drop in sessions during normal office hours at the Town Hall, Weston on Mondays and Castlewood Clevedon on Fridays.

Leaflets, and the full Sites and Policies Plan are also available at all the North Somerset Libraries. If you want further information then please telephone 01934 426603.

Comments must be received no later than Friday 19th April 2013 by either:

- Preferably on-line at www.consult-ldf.n-somerset.gov.uk
- Or email to planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk
- Or write to Planning Policy, Post Area 15, Development and Environment, North Somerset Council, First Floor, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ.

What happens next?

When everybody has commented the Plan will be revised and submitted for an independent examination - probably in Spring 2014.



LONG ASHTON CRICKET CLUB

Your local cricket club is looking for new members and supporters of all ages and abilities.

We have two Saturday league teams, a Sunday league team, an 'Occasionals' friendly team and four junior teams (U9, U11, U13 and U15).

The league season starts in May, games start at 2.00pm.

Training sessions for junior cricketers are held on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer at the club's ground on Yanley Lane.

For more information please see the website or contact:-

- Andy Forsyth 07815 837768
- James Walkerdine 07708 794578

- email: longashtonCC@blueyonder.co.uk

- www.longashton.play-cricket.com

LONG ASHTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We have now heard three of six speakers booked to cover this season's Local History programme. In November Anton Bantock spoke on his involvement writing the history of Ashton Court and the Smyth family. This itself was a chance occurrence in the first place and Anton recounted meeting members of the family from all over the world.

Our December meeting covered the history of the Floating Harbour. A project which had been discussed for over 50 years was eventually brought to fruition when it was completed in 1808. The Bristol Dock Company was originally formed to oversee the project but it was frequently criticised, often unfairly, before the Bristol Corporation agreed to take responsibility for its running in 1848. Today it is commonly believed that 'the Cut' was excavated by French prisoners of War. Peter Malpass, our speaker, found no evidence to support this belief.

In January Brian Mayled recounted the history of Flax Bourton. Much of the village is less than 50 years old but its early origins are evident from the fact that St. Michael's Church dates from the middle of the 11th Century. Flax Bourton was not listed directly in the Domesday Book but at that time it was thought to be a sub-manor of Wraxall and was included there. The origin of the name Flax Bourton is uncertain. What is certain is that there is no evidence of Flax being grown in the village!

Our February meeting looked at the coal-fields of Bedminster and Ashton with Mike Taylor. Over a hundred years ago they consisted of 16 pits yielding in total a million tons of coal a year, yet today there is nothing to indicate that coal-mining ever existed in South Bristol.

Still to come are our meetings in March and April. On 7th March Mike Hooper will be talking on Slums in Bedminster in the 1930s and their eventual clearance. These are believed to have come about from the huge increase in the population from 3,000 in 1801 to 70,000 in 1901.

On 4th April Pat Hase will be talking about the Victorian way of death as typified by the death of Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert. Protocol then demanded black clothes and long periods of mourning which today would be considered excessively morbid.

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

Roy Pullin Tel: 393617

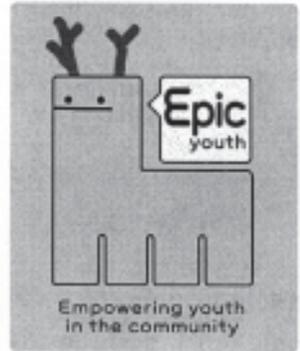
POLICE PACT OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 7.30pm
at The Royal British Legion Club,
1 Providence Lane, Long Ashton.

Police 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.

LONG ASHTON YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

As part of the change in youth provision with North Somerset Council, the youth club is now being run by EPIC Youth - a Community Interest Company which has been established to run the youth club in Long Ashton and which brings together some of the Council's most experienced youth workers. EPIC are in discussion with the Police, children's centres, schools and the local Network to ensure that the local needs can be identified and met.



EPIC Youth has been formed by Kathy and Beccy, who together with Kim, run the youth club three evenings a week. In October a fourth session started: this provides multi-sports activities for the seniors. The Youth Workers provide a wide range of activities including healthy living, cooking, sports and crafts, run a drop-in advising on Sexual Health matters and other issues e.g. bullying, alcohol and drug misuse as well as delivering the nationally recognised Arts Award accreditation. Street Dance takes place on a Wednesday evening for juniors. For more details, please contact the Youth Workers below.

As part of the North Somerset Innovation Fund we are planning to launch a further session using a Youth Bus in the Blackcurrant Drive & Perry Road area. This is expected to launch in late April. If you would like further information on this please contact me or one of the Youth Workers below.

Many of you will be aware that from 1st April 2012 local communities had to decide how to fund their local youth club. Keeping the youth club open was and is seen as important in Long Ashton for the benefit of the whole village as it provides a safe place for many young people to meet and socialise.

The Parish Council has responded to this challenge and has increased its financial support to the youth club. Over the past year the Youth Club has also received funding from North Somerset Council (known as the Innovation Fund) to fund positive activities for children and young people. However, to keep the youth club open three evenings a week, we need to raise further funding. Central to this fund raising is the 500 Club that was launched in May 2012. I would like to thank personally those who have supported the 500 Club which now stands at around 150 members.

And I would like to encourage your support to achieve our target of having 500 Members. Annual membership is only £12 or you can set up a monthly standing order from £1, please call Sam on 01275 544138 to show your support or come and find us at the Village market which is where the monthly draw takes place.

Youth Club Opening times in Long Ashton
Monday 6.30pm - 9.00pm : ages 11 to 19 years

Wednesday 5.30pm - 8.00pm : separate sessions
Juniors (11 to 13 years) and Seniors (13 to 19 years)

Thursdays 6.30pm - 9.00pm : ages 13 to 19 years

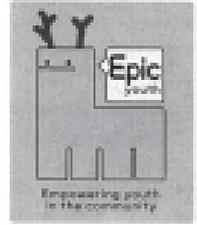
Contact: Kathy.epicyouth@gmail.com or Beccy.epicyouth@gmail.com

It is very rewarding that we have not only managed to keep our youth club open during this time of financial belt tightening but have been able to increase the range of activities available for the young people. Thank you for your continuing support to the Youth Club. If you would like to support us in any way please give me a call. We do have a current vacancy for the Management Committee Secretary. If you would like to support the Youth Club by joining the 500 Club please contact Sam on the number above or me on 07764 324000.

Phil Jackson
Chairman,
Long Ashton Youth Club Management Committee.

HOT ON HEALTH?

We would like to invite all 10-12 year olds in Long Ashton to take part in our EPIC Challenges!



- 'Drink Drive' through a maze!
- Create a cake that makes sense!
- Shake fruit into a frenzy!
- Strut your stuff Street Dance style!

Give it a go!

Long Ashton Youth Club
Club Room, Community Centre, Keedwell Hill
Wednesday 6th March
5.30 - 8.00pm

And if you're new to the club it's FREE ENTRY!

For more information contact:

Beccy.epicyouth@gmail.com

Kathy.epicyouth@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENT

**Come and join us at Perry Road Park
12 noon - 3.00pm on Saturday 16th March**

On behalf of Long Ashton Children and Young People's Network EPIC Youth would like to invite you to talk about your community.

And take part in our fantastic Circus Skills workshop
FREE!

Refreshments will be available
For more information contact:

Beccy.epicyouth@gmail.com

Kathy.epicyouth@gmail.com



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

to be held on

Monday 22nd April 2013

at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

All residents are welcome to attend

Look for the agenda on the noticeboards closer to the date

CYCLE VOLUNTEERS GROUP

The Parish Council is seeking to create a volunteer group of cyclists to keep an eye on the local cycling paths and off road tracks, and keep the council informed of cycling issues.

Long Ashton will feature a long stretch of Festival Way, which should see a considerable increase in cycle traffic once it is completed; it would be useful to have people monitoring the status of the route.

We also have a number of off road tracks through the woods and countryside around the village. We would like to create a map of these tracks and, where appropriate, install some waymarkers and carry out some improvement work if necessary.

Should you wish to join the group, all that would be involved is looking out for problems and reporting them to the council, discussing cycling issues, and, if you are feeling particularly motivated, some light maintenance and improvement work.

Please contact: Cllr. Anthony Butcher by email:
tony@anthonybutcher.com or phone 01275 543766



PLANNING

Following the Inspector's refusal for a bungalow at the rear of 20 Lyvedon Way a new application was made showing an amended plan for access to the property and this has been accepted and approved by North Somerset.

The cycle path being constructed from Wild Country Lane to Cambridge Batch will join up with sections which are already in existence. This will enable cyclists travelling in both directions to cycle off the main carriageway.

Tarmac Limited have applied to extend their time for the extraction of minerals from Durnford Quarry until 2022 and the importation of inert restoration materials to partially infill the quarry so they can create a landform capable of delivering a beneficial restoration scheme. There will be no increase in the number of vehicles travelling to and from the site and the existing routes will still be followed.

Tarmac are aware of the accidents which have taken place around the Providence Lane/Longwood Lane area and have put forward works they are prepared to do to improve this junction. The Parish Council has welcomed this and are encouraging Tarmac and North Somerset Council to work together so that this junction can be improved in all directions.

The proposal also indicates revised plans for the restoration scheme after 2022 showing it will become a leisure area. The Parish Council are broadly in support of this application which, in the long term, will benefit the community.

We are hopeful that negotiations over the S106 contributions from Wimpey are nearing completion so that we shall be able to take responsibility for the Play areas and the Sports Field.

The Planning Committee are aiming to keep abreast of new directives which are frequently coming from the Government and have noted that many of the applications being made are now allowed under “permitted development”.

Anyone who is thinking about constructing an extension or new building would be wise to look at a helpful leaflet entitled “From start to finish - a check list for building projects”. This is produced by North Somerset Council and can be obtained from them Tel: 01275 888 811.

Mary Uppington - Chairman - Planning Committee.



Avon Wildlife Trust

Long Ashton Group

Here are details of the two remaining meetings of the 2012-2013 season.

Thursday 21st March

The Great Crane Project

The re-introduction of cranes to the Somerset Levels.

Damon Bridge (who works with RSPB)

Thursday 18th April

Portbury Wharf Reserve

Neil Hutton (Reserve Community Officer)

All meetings are held at the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill at 7.30pm.

For further information contact Harry Williams Tel: 392690

Hold a Fish and Chip Supper

to help spinal cord injured people
live full and independent lives



Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 17th May 2013

Want to do something different?

Want to raise money where you live or work?

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity?

Hold a Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a Fish and Chip Supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 so we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimate 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may even be a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or to request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

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All telephone codes are 01275 unless otherwise indicated.