



Welcome to the Summer 2016 edition of Longdon Life covering Longdon, Upper Longdon, Longdon Green and Gentleshaw

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The schedule of your Parish Council meetings are;

Venue;

WI H L = Meetings at WI Hall, Longdon

CWGVH = Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall

Tues 12 July 19.30hrs	Parish Council Meeting	WI H L
Tues 2 August 19.00hrs	Highways & Open Spaces Committee	WI H L
Tues 13 September	Parish Council Meeting	CWGVH
Tues 11 October 19.30hrs	Parish Council Meeting	WI H L
Tues 18 October 19.00hrs	Highways & Open Spaces Committee	WI H L
Tues 8 November 19.30hrs	Parish Council Meeting	WI H L

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend these meetings.
The agenda will be published 3 days before the meeting.



The Parish Council continues to receive enquiries requesting clarity regarding the Memorial Hall, and the Glebe land.

In regard to the Memorial Hall

The Parish Council has formally written to Longdon Club and Institute requesting a meeting, and at the time of writing no date has yet been offered by the Club. The meeting has been proposed, to start a review of the role of Trustees of the Hall over the years, and to discuss and consider future governance.

In regard to the Glebe land

In a letter dated 11th May from the Director of Property for the Diocese of Lichfield to the Parish Council, he states ‘‘We are not currently preparing to sell the 13 acres of Diocesan glebe land in this location (Longdon)’’.

The Diocese has met with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to review the draft Neighbourhood Plan, during which the policies were reviewed.

If further information or dialogue is required, this will be through the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group/Parish Council.

The full letter received from the Diocese is available on the Parish Council web site www.longdon-staffs.info/council



Longdon Parish Council

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

What a difference a few months make to the daylight and temperatures. The Parish is in full bloom, with the leaves, flowers, and blossom all coming out this month. Everything is growing really quickly, and keeping a garden tidy is a job which just can't be ignored at the moment. However, I am aware that some Parishioners delight in further increasing their workloads, and are focussed on Parish events such as 'Open Gardens', 'Best Kept Village', 'Longdon Produce Show'. I hope your efforts are appreciated, and the events a success.

It was pleasing to record over 40 people attending the Annual Parish Assembly. Thank you to the clubs and societies for submitting and presenting reports. The Assembly is not a Parish Council meeting, but is an opportunity for the Parish to meet together, raising and discussing key concerns, and even recognising achievements. The 2017 Assembly will build on this year, and to ensure it is relevant and stimulating, we will coordinate with the groups and societies to prepare a suitable agenda.

At the recent Annual Parish Council meeting I was delighted to accept the nomination as Chair for another year; we also appointed Norman Stanfield and Gina Duckett as Chairs of our 2 committees, thanks to you both. In addition, both Steve Welch and Will Rose have re-joined as co-optees to the Highways & Open Spaces committee, many thanks to you both. Please note that Will is the main point of contact for reporting problems with footpaths, bridleways, stiles. (see Parish Council website for contact details).

Looking in Longdon Life and at the Longdon Village Planner on the back page, it is amazing how many activities are being organised in such a small Parish. Congratulations to all those people, teams and committees whose efforts make them possible. By the time you receive this edition both the Open Gardens and the Queen's 90th celebration will have been held, I do hope they were successful.

Finally, the Parish Council has 2 vacancies, so please consider applying or volunteering a friend. It would be good to see younger generations getting involved, as the combination of devolution, and the contracting budgets at County and District levels make Parish and Town Councils more important for the future. Interestingly a local Town Council has just appointed a 21 year old as Chair.

Wishing you all a great summer.

Regards, Kevin

The flag pole at Longdon Village Hall has been restored by Cllr Brian Butler



Did you know that any individual can fly the Union Flag at any time?

The Union Flag may be flown on UK Government buildings all year round.

Those wishing to fly the Union Flag on the designated fixed flag flying days should only fly it from 8am until sunset.

The designated flying days for the rest of the year are

- * 17 July Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall
- * 15 August Birthday of the Princess Royal
- * 13 November Remembrance Day
- * 14 November Birthday of the Prince of Wales
- * 20 November Her Majesty's Wedding Day

Source www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/resources/union-flag-faqs

Babies and tots, bring your mum, dad, carer to Jam Club at St James Church



And we get to play with different toys and make new friends

Tea and songs and rhymes and craft.

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Come along for mutual support

2pm – 3.30pm every Monday in term time

For further detail contact Pam Cherry, 01543 49019

Letter from the editor



I was never a lover of individual sports at school. I much preferred team sports. I like being part of a team and so I am very happy to let you know that the Longdon Life Team has been joined by some very special reporters and correspondents.

However, some of us are happier in 'the back room' and so any articles that have been submitted by our VSR's (Very Special Reporters) without courtesy credits are identified with the press hat.



If you are a budding newspaper reporter or have an interest in contributing to Longdon Life, in either editorial or production, please get in touch. Your help will be much appreciated.

Longdon Friends of St. Giles Hospice

It is with great sadness that I write of the passing of Mr. Bob Foster. Many villagers will remember him as the head master of Longdon Infant and Junior school. Upon his retirement together with his late wife, Lu, they devoted their time to forming the "Friends" to raise funds even before the old vicarage at Whittington was converted into the Hospice. Upon their retirement from being the Chairman and Secretary the total raised was nearly £200,000.

In the last edition I told you about the evening of the "Must" Indian Banquet on 15th March. An enjoyable time was had by all and the total of £650.00 was raised, my thanks to the management of the restaurant for their generosity.

Over Easter weekend, The Vine Inn at Rugeley held an Easter egg raffle and raised a total of £138.00.

Unfortunately the "Mad Hatters" tea party on 12th June had to be postponed, and so the new date for this is now SATURDAY 30TH JULY. A Plant Sale was held on Sunday, 22nd May which has raised a fantastic £770 and I thank everyone who helped, donated plants, raffle prizes and who came to buy.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS.....



THE CHETWYND ARMS CHETFEST '16 Music Festival

Saturday August 20th 3pm until late

Ticket only event £10 including entrance to a prize draw.

Proceeds from the ticket sales to the hospice.

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SAVE THE DATE..... FOR "Must" Restaurant Tuesday 4th October, 2016. The management at Must have yet again offered another **Indian Banquet**. Ticket price will be £14.95 as before, these are obtainable from the restaurant or by contacting me.

SAVE THE DATE..... Saturday, 26th November 2016. A Christmas coffee morning will be held. More details will be announced nearer the date.

And don't forget the **MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY** on **SATURDAY, 30TH July** at the home of Hugh & Elaine, 18 The Grange, Upper Longdon.

I would like to thank everyone who supports raising funds for the Hospice and if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

G. Crowe, Chair 01543 491760 gcoaklodge@gmail.com



Longdon Over 60's Club

We began 2016 with our usual winter pursuits of a beetle drive and a quiz.

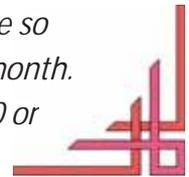
Our March speaker was Ken Knowles, who kept us highly amused with tales of being a Town Crier. 38 members enjoyed a fish and chip lunch in Henley in Arden for our birthday in April.

In the second half of the year we have many things to look forward to, including: a talk on bees, a garden visit with tea in Milford and a return visit to Margaret and Peter Howells garden, which everyone enjoys.

The club AGM was held at the end of April. Mrs Sue Carter kindly agreed to continue as Chairman. Mrs Irene Kemp has kindly taken over as Secretary.

Please look out for our social and fundraising events – everyone is invited to these events - the under 60's too! - and help us to keep our lovely club going strong.

We are a very friendly group and new members will always receive a warm welcome so please come along for tea and company. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. For further information: please contact Mrs Sue Carter, Chairman on 077797 89590 or Irene Kemp, Secretary, on 01543 490135



Longdon Walking Group

Why not come and join Longdon Walking Group, you would be made most welcome.

We walk every second Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. Meet at the Swan with Two Necks car park (by kind permission of the Landlady). Walks are fairly easy and usually last around 90 mins to 120 mins. We usually car share to surrounding local areas and have found some interesting walks close by.

For more information, please contact: Irene 490135 or Lynn 490847.

Now shall I walk or shall I ride?

'Ride' pleasure said

'Walk' Joy replies

~ W.H. Davies

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Longdon Produce Show

Sunday 11th September, 2016

There is something for everyone to enter, children, mum, dad, grandparents or any other relative you may have, even if they do not live in the village.

Please encourage children to grow their exhibits.

Photography Classes will be

Adults: Waterside

Children: It Lives in my back garden

Everyone: Black and White Family Life



Schedules available from
 Martin Sandground, 2 The Croft, Longdon. Tel: 490123
 Eva at The Post Office & Store
 The Swan With Two Necks



From our Foreign Correspondent Richard Meere

Some useful phrases for those holidaying in France this year (not to be taken too seriously):

<i>En Francais</i>	<i>In English</i>
La Pluie du Chat et Chien	A heavy rainstorm
Un Morceau du Gateau	Very easy
Le Club du Lap Top	Computerised dancing
Un Oeuf est Un Oeuf	No more for me, thanks
Croque Monsieur	Old Age pensioner
Croque Madame	Old Age pensioner's wife
Bien je jamais	I'm amazed
Aix-en-Provence	Rheumatism
Pommes de Terre Frites	We're scared of the Aussies

Hope these are of some use. More next time.

Wherever you go, go with all your heart ~ Confucius

THE INTERVIEW



SUN, SEA, SAND and SAFETY

Going on holiday is usually the highlight of the year, and yet so often it is also the time when we become less conscious about the danger we put ourselves and others in when it comes to keeping safe at the beach.

KATE BERRIDGE has been a lifeguard for 13 years and currently works for the RNLI in the South Devon area. Kate has also worked as a beach lifeguard in Australia, France and New Zealand.

I asked Kate about what the RNLI recommends for beach and sea safety for the family.

When on holiday we would urge all beach goers to visit an RNLI lifeguarded beach and swim between the supervised red and yellow flagged area. Please remember the sea is quite cold, even on a hot day, so wearing a suitable wetsuit is important. It will keep you warmer and help to protect shoulders and back from sun burn. Surf shops nowadays often have a second hand selection, so they are not expensive, especially for the children. Try to stay within your depth and listen to lifeguards when they are giving advice.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS FOR THE LIFEGUARDS?

INCOMING TIDE - People getting cut off by the tide is a common problem. If you are going to sunbathe round a cove or take the children rock pooling when the tide is out, always find out the tide times. It's a good idea to check with the lifeguards for information on the tide. People get distracted and forget to keep checking how quickly the tide is coming in. Take a means of calling for help in case you should get caught out, a mobile phone in a secure waterproof case is a good idea. Don't let young children go rock pooling on their own, And make sure you tell someone if you are going exploring and when you expect to be back – and don't forget to let them know you are back!

SURFERS - Inexperienced and learner surfers make up a high percentage of lifeguard rescues. We strongly recommend all those wanting to learn to surf do so with a registered surf school. As well as learning safely, it is fun to learn with other people and you will get a lot more out of surfing. If you have children, this is an invaluable investment if you want to keep them as safe as possible.

SURFING OUTSIDE OF THE MARKED AREA - An area marked out by black and white quartered flags is the safest place to surf. When surfers stray outside of the area it can make it dangerous for swimmers. Those boards hurt when they hit people, and it increases the risk of injury.

WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN AND ADULTS DO IF THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN DIFFICULTY IN THE WATER?

Stay calm. Stick an arm in the air and shout for help.

If you see someone get into trouble go and find a lifeguard. If there are no lifeguards call 999 and ask for the coastguard. Going to help someone yourself could result in you getting into difficulties too.

WHAT IS A RIP CURRENT AND WHY IS THIS DANGEROUS?

A rip is where a body of water is finding the easiest and quickest route back out to sea. It can be identified as a calm patch with waves either side, or in flat water, as disturbed or rippled water. The danger of a rip is it can take you out to deeper water very quickly and those who try to swim against it get tired and start to panic.

HOW TO ESCAPE A RIP CURRENT – If caught in a rip, the first thing to do is stay calm. Stick your arm in the air and shout for help. If on a bodyboard, surfboard or with anything that floats, keep hold of it and wait for it to stop pulling you out to sea. Then swim parallel to the shore and back in through any waves that may be breaking either side. This diagram explains it quite well. Talk this through with children, they will remember the picture and instructions better than just being told.



WHAT DO YOU SEE PEOPLE DO THAT YOU WISH THEY WOULD STOP AND THINK ABOUT?

Letting children go in the water unsupervised. Children are more prone to getting into difficulty in the sea, or getting lost on the beach. We urge all those with children to closely monitor their children at all times when on the beach and in the water. How many times have you looked up when walking back to your plot on the beach to have discovered just how far you have drifted off. For a child this can be a very frightening moment to discover they can no longer see their family. Show them a landmark near to where you are so they can look for it if they do get lost.

WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN BE TAUGHT TO KEEP THEM SAFE AT THE SEASIDE?

Show them the lifeguard point. Make sure they know to only go in the water between the red & yellow flags even if playing at the edge. Teach them to locate the lifeguards at regular times and to go back to the lifeguarded area if they have wandered off a little. Let them know that lifeguards are there to help and they should try and find a lifeguard if they are lost or hurt.

Children love to learn about the different flags and what they mean. Teaching them the following is a good start.

	Red & Yellow. Lifeguarded area. Safest area to swim, use bodyboards & inflatables.
	Red. DANGER. NEVER go in the water under any circumstances.
	Black & White Quartered. For surfboard, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks & other non-powered craft. NEVER swim or bodyboard here.
	Orange Windsock. Indicates offshore or strong wind. NEVER use inflatables when the windsock is flying.

AND THE ONE TIP THAT YOU WANT TO GIVE TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SEASIDE HOLIDAY?

Please take the time to find a lifeguarded beach – you can use the **RNLI BEACH FINDER APP** to find lifeguarded beaches all over England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It really will make for a safer, more relaxed and enjoyable day out at the beach for the whole family.

For more information you can search the RNLI website rnli.org

THE OPEN GARDENS AND GARDENS IN LITERATURE WEEKEND

Photographs courtesy Mrs Ann Juxon

From the tales of Peter Rabbit to the wonder of the Orient, all the gardens had something to admire and to inspire

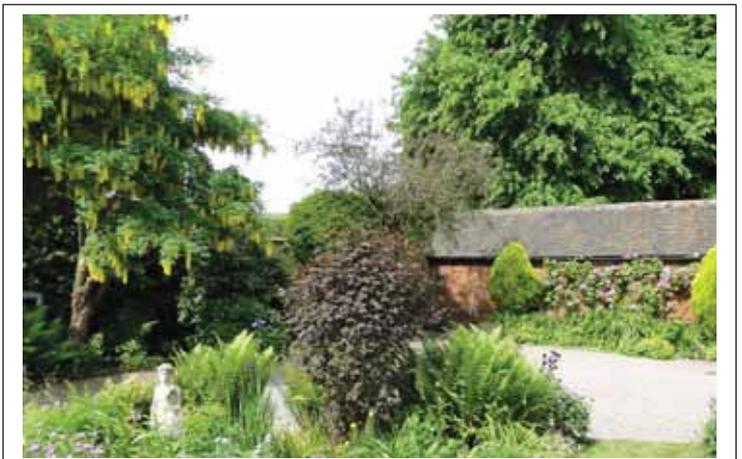


THE OPEN GARDENS AND GARDENS IN LITERATURE WEEKEND

Photographs courtesy Mrs Ann Juxon



Beautiful surroundings for afternoon tea with friends or relaxing in a quiet corner with a cool lemonade and a good book



Borders showing a riot of colours and magnificent shrubs, and gardens with water features and wildlife feeding stations, all different, all beautiful.

Longdon Village Hall - Summer 2016.

For the Parish Assembly in April, I submitted a report from the Village Hall Management Committee.

I reproduce an edited version of it here, because a) the readership is wider, and b) because I feel it is still relevant, especially as the next round of consultation on the Village Plan is about to take place. I hope that you'll reflect on the content of this article, because as part of the Neighbourhood Plan proposals, it could lead to a positive change to the Village facilities.

'Business as usual' is an unremarkable phrase, for what in reality is a mark of continued success for the current Village Hall Management Committee.

The small, but committed committee, has fund raised and spent nearly £200,000 on the hall and grounds over the last 20 years, keeping it presentable and attractive for hire, and (apart from the festive sewage incidents of 2005 and '15 (*neither of which had anything to do with the hall!!!*)), relatively trouble free.

I use the words 'presentable and attractive to hire' deliberately, because the primary objective of the Management Committee has changed over the years, reflecting the changes in society, that in many people's opinion, have eroded community life. We all lead busy lives, and our leisure hours have also become very busy! With so many alternative 'entertainments' available - 24 hr shopping, extended pub opening hours, Sky Sports, and the delights of the internet- the likes of a beetle drive or bingo at the Village Hall is unlikely to be well supported.

Over the years, events organised by the Management Committee (apart from the Late Summer Balls) were poorly attended by local people, other than by the 'usual community suspects'. This is not a criticism, just a reflection on changing times.

We therefore took the conscious decision a few years ago, to step back from organising such events (effectively subsidising loss making activities, which could have threatened the financial viability of the hall itself), but ensure we had a presentable and attractive building, fit for purpose, which **others** could hire and run activities and events from.

Although **we** are a charity, the insurance, gas, electricity companies etc. **are not**, and we can't expect local building firms to give us 'mates rates' for repairs, simply because we have a policy of supporting local companies.

Thanks largely to our Treasurer, who has set reasonable hourly rates (to ensure that we have funds in the bank to pay for running costs, regular maintenance and unexpected items), we **do** have a facility that is attractive, functional and financially sound.

All of the above brings me onto the subject of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. We are very supportive of the Plan's policy aimed at improving local facilities, and look forward to working with the Parish Council and other organisations, to deliver a 'community hub' in Longdon village.

Although we have invested much time and effort (as well as money) in the Village Hall, we are not wedded to its continued current use – we recognise its shortcomings. If the aspirations of the Plan are realised and a new, purpose built, multi-functional building is delivered, we will work tirelessly with the other community groups, to make it as much of a success going forward, as the Village Hall in the old school building has been over the last 50 years.

Thank you.

Neil Vyse, Chairman, LVHMC

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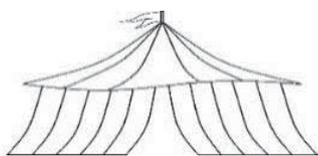
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Browse our Bric a Brac stall.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan working group on behalf of the Parish have put together their final draft and this will be distributed to every house in the Parish in Jul7 2016.

It is also available on the Parish Council website via the link

www.longdon-staffs.info/neighbourhood_plan

We have consulted with Parishioners, businesses, stakeholders and local organisations as we have taken the many steps along the way to producing a document that we can all be comfortable with, that represents the Parish as a whole. However, you still have a further chance to register your comments as regulation 14 requires that a 6-week consultation period takes place which will commence from 11 July to 21 August 2016.

**THERE WILL BE A CONSULTATION MEETING AT LONGDON VILLAGE HALL
10am to 12noon Saturday 6th August 2016**

If you have any comments that you wish to make please either send them either by post or via email to the Parish Clerk by the 21 August 2016.

Remember that this is the Plan for our Parish until 2030.

Gina Duckett Chair NPWG

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In Church with Charles Hanson, Valuer

Wed 17th August

John and Val Shand

1 Old Barn Mews, Hill Top,
Longdon Green

Wed 14th September

Park Cottage Church Hill, Longdon Green

Wed 12th October

Brook End House, 57 Brook End, Longdon

Raffle Bring & Buy



On your bike ?

Summer is here. Follow the urge to get out and about on a motorbike, a cooling breeze across your face. Explore the lanes.

Staffordshire Police are offering motorbike training in workshops, known as

“RideBy5”

The training is available, free of charge, to any rider and open to any type of motorbike – 125cc, large machine, sports machine. The only requirements are for riders to hold a full motorbike licence, current and correct insurance, and MOT.

The aim is for riders to enjoy motorcycling and to reduce the casualties. The venue is Police HQ at Stafford or a Venue in Cannock, dates published soon on the police website or to book or enquire contact

PC 965, John Edmondson, Staffordshire.

Police HQ, on

RideBy5@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

(Members of IAM or ROSPA excluded; due to a limit of places).



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Increased travel charges

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The Royal British
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Longdon Branch

THE LAYING UP OF THE STANDARD

Sunday 10th July

11.00am

Everyone is invited to this special service

The Service will include an Act of Remembrance during which the Longdon Branch of The Royal British Legion Standard will finally be laid up in the Church in a special place for safe keeping. This will mark the end of the Longdon Branch after 83 years.

Other branches of the Legion will attend and parade their standards. A piper will play at the entrance to the Church. All are invited for refreshments at the conclusion of the Service.

Although the Longdon Branch will be officially closed, the work of The Royal British Legion will continue to provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community, serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

There will be an annual Service of
Remembrance in November
held in Church

**Just for fun....how many words of 3 or
more letters can you make from
ABBREVIATING**

LONGDON VILLAGES COMMUNITY GROUP

Raising funds to support the community

With the sun shining and the hope that summer is definitely here  LVCG turned their planning to celebrate HRH The Queen's 90th Birthday with a picnic on the Green - The Villages' of Longdon have never been known to miss out on a Royal celebration and would hate I'm sure, not to have celebrated this most auspicious event. We hope you all attended and this turned out to be a truly fun, successful day!

It was unfortunate that due to low ticket sales, that the planned Spring Ball had to be cancelled from April. Although disappointed, LVCG were not deterred and still continue to plan for future Village events....

Calling all pet owners, do you have a very special pet? If so, fluff up its feathers, curl its fur or shine its whiskers and bring it along to Longdon's very own Pet Show. This show used to be run in the Village many years ago, and is to be resurrected on **Sunday 18th September 2016** in the Village Hall and will include categories for children's and adults pets, so please keep a close eye out for further information and start planning your entries.



The group are also liaising with other local organisations to propose coffee & craft sessions that will be open for all ages and abilities - further information will be distributed around the Villages when confirmed.

And although Summer has only just started...plans are already underway for yet another successful Christmas Sing-a-long to be held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 7th December 2016**. Fix the date firmly in your diaries!

The aim of the group is to bring about more community cohesion by organising village events and raising funds to help support local organisations and residents. We meet monthly at one of our three local pubs for a social hour of discussing ideas and planning events. If you feel you could help the group and / or have any ideas for Village events, activities or would like to submit a bid for a Community donation, then please contact either Joan Fox on 01543 493539, Sharon Bedlow 01543 491932 or Wendy Neary on 01543 493623.

We would love to hear from you!



Happy Summer!

LVCG Chair - Joan Fox



The VILLAGE PICNIC ON THE GREEN

The village picnic to celebrate The Queens 90th birthday was a HUGE SUCCESS foreveryone who came and joined in the fun.

YES, it rained, but that all added to the fun and definitely did not dampen the childrens spirits as they had a wonderful time, especially in 'The Palace' – an inspired creation put together by Sue Boston and her daughter Jenny



THANK YOU

To The Red Lion management and staff who were amazing and to everyone else involved - we can't mention you all by name, but each and everyone of you worked so hard to make this event successful. Thank you.

Longdon Villages
Community Group



1st LONGDON BROWNIES

SISTERS SHOW STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

from Monique Worth, Kookaburra Owl



Over the years at Brownies I get to see the girls grow up and I also see their younger siblings looking through the glass door just waiting for the day they can join in the fun and games at Brownies.

This last year has been a special one with 4 sets of sisters, **YES I did say 4 sets of sisters all at Longdon Brownies.**

From our littlest/youngest brownies Phoebe, Zara and Lizzie to our biggest/older brownies Millie, Isobel and Rebecca and our Young leaders Alice and her sister Emily they all add to the fun at Brownies. Between them they have covered all areas of Girl Guiding UK from Rainbows (5-7) right up to Senior Section (16-25). I look forward to the follow up photo in a few years' time when they are all at Longdon Guides (10-16).

FUN DAY OUT

Just before Christmas 2015 Longdon brownies got an early present in the shape of a fun visit to Build a Bear in Birmingham. Much love and lots of cuddles were handed out to all the newest members of Longdon Brownies.



I am hoping to see all the bears again as we get ready for our Brownie camp this term on the Beadesert Camp site.

1st LONGDON GUIDES TRAVEL to LONDON and WALES



Recently 1st Longdon Guides went to London to support our very fabulous leader Charlotte, who was lucky enough to win a ticket in the ballot for the **London Marathon**. It was all a very well keep secret from Charlotte until the final meeting and she was most excited to know she would have her own personal cheer squad among the hundreds of thousands that line the route.



We visited the Girl Guiding HQ centre near Buckingham Palace, did a little shopping in Harrods, had lunch in Leicester Square saw the 4th plinth in Trafalgar square and had a special guided tour of London on the Saturday.

The day of the Marathon we all had our flags, whistles and blowers ready to support every runner on the day. With our loudest cheers being saved for our own amazing leader Charlotte. With the latest tracking app loaded we were ready and waiting. No need to worry as she found/ heard us first and even had time for a quick selfie. She's off the Chicago Marathon next, a brilliant inspiration she is to the Guides.



The clocks have changed and it brings the warmer nights on so it the best time for the Guides to take on a camping adventure, but at 1st Longdon we like a bit of luxury so we stayed at a Welsh Girl Guiding site with indoor accommodation. Criccieth Castle was explored, Welsh mountains conquered, Fish and chips by the beach and every ice-cream flavour sampled plus plenty of crafts and new activities to try.

We even had a special guest attended our trip in the shape of our District County Commissioner MINI MAUREEN. She like 1st Longdon Guides like to do things in style and my eyes traveling by Dragon is the first class and only way to travel.



1ST LONGDON GUIDES longdonguides@hotmail.co.uk



Longdon W.I.



Hopefully when this is published we will be enjoying warm summer weather because as I am writing snow, hail, rain and wind are predominant and the sun intermittent. The weather however has not dampened our WI spirit and at the AGM our President Janet accepted another year in office as did our committee and the year is well under way.

We have already spent an evening with Glynis Gayton who gave us the history of her family's bread making venture which is now a thriving business. Her enthusiasm was evident and her intention to introduce bread making to the people of Malawi by raising funds with her talks was wonderful. In May we will be painting with acrylic paint in the traditional style of canal boat decoration. Mary Baskerville will be guiding us.

Our Rose and Shamrock Group Meeting at Gentlesahaw was very enjoyable with, an expert storyteller telling 'Violets Story', an enthusiastic executive member informing us of forthcoming Staffordshire events and superb refreshments to complete the evening.

The 2017 AGM of the National Federation takes place in June and members are supporting two resolutions. The first calls upon the government to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia who have been admitted to hospital and the second calls upon supermarkets to avoid waste by passing surplus food on to charities who can distribute it to families who are in need, thus avoiding food poverty. The federation is also taking action on climate change by recruiting climate ambassadors to work within their local communities promoting the campaign. A busy and active time for members!!

Our recruitment strategy has attracted several new members. Our members have been entering and winning prizes and commendations for their baking and floral art in competitions at the Spring Council event and the Homes and Gardens event. An interesting and enjoyable programme has been prepared for the coming year. Please come and join us you will be very welcome.

***Our Hall is located in the centre of Longdon Village in Ford Lane,
and we meet on the first Wednesday in every month at 7,30pm***

For further information contact: 01543 493623 - Wendy



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GRANTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council when constructing their budget for the following year include a value for grants.

You can of course apply at any time in the year and the grant will be considered at the award meeting following receipt of the application.

In a change to how we have previously distributed the grants they will now be awarded three times a year July, November and March. It is therefore important that if your application is time sensitive that the Parish Clerk receives your application three weeks before the July, November and March meetings.

Due to the change in the award dates, **for this year only**, we are going to consider applications for events that are taking place in August, September and October 2016 at each full Council meeting, applications will need to be received three weeks before each meeting.

The criteria and procedure for applications are on our website to view or can be sent to you via the post with your application. Grants are never given retrospectively nor for personal gain but are available where there is a benefit to the Parish. These grants can be applied for either online via the website, you can print off an application form from the website and post it to the Parish Clerk or write/email/telephone the Clerk and request an application form be sent to you.

LONGDON CRICKET CLUB



Report from the Annual Assembly

The 2015 season for Longdon Cricket Club was in all respects a great success. Good performances on the pitch, were greatly aided by successful fundraisers and regular social 'get togethers'. The good weather we had throughout the summer enabled us to fulfil the majority of our games, both midweek and weekend, with only a few fixtures having to be called off due to adverse weather. Cricket was the winner!

We had some very entertaining games throughout the season, from managing to defend a score of 98 to snatching a draw with a quick single in the last game of the season! The team continues to thrive and grow with a great balance of young and old being able to enjoy a game of cricket together each weekend, with father and son partnerships becoming an essential part of the club's family atmosphere.

The continued success of the Village Day tournament hosted by the club, where local community members and patrons of the three local village pubs come together for a friendly game of cricket, plus some light refreshments, remains a highlight of the year for the community, its families and friends. Events such as the Blues Brothers evening hosted by the club, have been able to provide not only a vital source of fundraising for the club, but has also provided the wider community with entertainment and a much needed opportunity to get their dancing shoes on!

However, it is with great sadness that I now conclude this report. The club faces an uncertain future, as tenants of the current ground we have been informed by the Landlord that he is minded not to renew the ground lease upon its expiry in September 2019. The club has called the Red Lion Ground its home since its creation in 1899 and has seen many generations of family pass through its clubhouse door. The club remains committed to providing Longdon with a sports club of this nature and much needed recreational facilities, to help maintain a thriving rural village community. In this respect, the club would gratefully request any support that the Parish can provide in the coming years, to help us achieve our goal.

Kind Regards

Mr Shaun Millar

Club Secretary

C/O Longdon Cricket Club

Contacts Tom Bonsar 07852 513608 Billy Martiza 07944 165 038



LONGDON FLOWER CLUB

Programme of Events 2016-2017

Wednesday 18 May	Fairytale Flowers
Wednesday 15 June	Royalty
Wednesday 20 July	Summertime
Wednesday 21 September	Autumn Bounty - Fruit and Foliage
Wednesday 19 October	Textures
Wednesday 16 November	A Touch of Fantasy
Wednesday 15 February	Romeo and Juliet
Wednesday 15 March	Book Title
Wednesday 19 April	AGM W.I. Hall, Longdon

Our resident demonstrator Hannah from Ivison Florist in Lichfield will be demonstrating how to create the titled arrangements and is on hand to give guidance and help if required.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at
7.30 p.m. in the WI Hall, Longdon.

Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

Visitor's fees £2.50 to include refreshments

Contacts: Irene Kemp : 01543 490135

Carol Felton : 01543 490888



St James The Great, Longdon

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10

Recently, John and I had a lovely week on holiday in the Lake District. The weather was exceptional, sunshine and clear blue skies, and we made the most of it by walking every day to areas of outstanding natural beauty. If you know the Lakes you will realise we had lots of places to choose from, and being in the fells and valleys and at the waterfalls was a glorious way to reconnect with the beauties of nature.

As someone who believes in a creator God I always find these times a marvellous way to engage with God's love for the world. Not that I'm so keen on other aspects of creation – why God made slugs I have no idea! And I cannot abide rain, so it was just as well it was sunny for our walks.

But this article isn't primarily about the weather or the beauty of the world around us; I want to reflect on a verse of scripture that I was thinking about during the week of our holiday,

John 10:10, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

There are many different ways of interpreting this verse. For some who are convinced that God wants only the best for us, in a material sense, it has led to the growth of what is known as Prosperity Teaching. Basically, if you love God enough you will be rewarded with the finest the world can offer – a good job, a stunning car, and the acclaim of those around you.

I think it is quite easy to see the flaws in that reasoning! Jesus had to borrow a donkey to ride to His death, he didn't own it, or a house, or anything else as far as we know.

And if that was good enough for Him, why should we be 'blessed' with lots of material goods?

Scripture says "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

(1 Timothy 6:10) which seems to me to be fair warning that it is extremely difficult to have great wealth and lots of possessions and still live and work in the world the way God wants us to.

Another way of understanding the verse is to see it as an instruction not to be afraid. I am not suggesting reckless behaviour, dangerous driving or the like, what I mean is that knowing Jesus and living a life guided by God's Holy Spirit means that we shouldn't let our fears bind us.

We should face up to what scares us, be it our anxieties about our health, our family or anything else, and hand them over to God. This is easy to say but hard to do, especially if your life has had times when you have trusted people and they have let you down.

But God isn't other people. God won't let us down.

That doesn't mean to say we just have to pray for something and it will magically appear, or that praying for those we love and ourselves will stop us becoming ill or suffering in any other way; but the more we pray to God and listen to God's voice we will be helped to realign our own desires and fears with God's will, giving us the strength to cope with what the world throws at us.

The jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong once said "If ya ain't got it in ya, ya can't blow it out." (cont...)

These words can inspire us to remember our need to have a relationship with God before we can live as He wants us to.

My prayer for us all is that we will indeed respond to God's Holy Spirit living within us, enabling us to share God's love with all we meet, and to live a life filled with grace and not fear.

God bless you all,

Jan

Revd Janet Waterfield, Vicar

St James, Longdon and Christ Church, Lichfield

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Now to receive free, local crime alerts and safety advice, there is the **NEW**, dynamic, “*Staffordshire Smart Alert*” using improved technology and emails.

Staffordshire Smart Alert App and website Anyone, **12 years old and over**, can **register** to receive the alerts and advice by email directly to their phone or tablet, or through the App. Information can also be personalised through selection of interest types and locations.

Furthermore, for real-time messages, PCSOs are trained and equipped to send messages and contact details from their actual location whilst on patrol.

Each Alert includes an incident number so the recipient can offer valuable information on 101 to help the police reducing and preventing crime.

What sort of Alert? Varying just as crime does, notices include: **Incidents, criminal activity moving into the area, missing people, frauds, criminal trends and methods, whatever occurs.**

They are valuable warnings and wake-ups to everyone not only for the elderly or isolated. Typical examples are burglary (via kitchen/rear doors); bogus doorstep activity; carpark or roadside distraction theft; goods from unattended vehicles; etc.

The advice relates to the Alert and gives precautions to avoid the horrid experience of crime. Whereas at first glance many appear as a glimpse of the obvious, they **counter complacency and spur the habit of awareness.**

How to register

The free Staffordshire Smart Alert App can be downloaded from Apple and Android App stores, or you can receive the emails via website - **www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk**

Another initiative just announced by the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is a **[Staffordshire Victims Gateway](http://www.staffsvictimsgateway.org.uk).**

This offers support to those victims of crime who are vulnerable or reluctant to report incidents.

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www.staffsvictimsgateway.org.uk “.

Keep Alert, Get Smart !



Compiled by Richard Clarke



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Gentleshaw Village Hall

Since my last report two very positive things have happened in relation to the hall.

We have at last managed to get our new boiler installed which will be a lot more efficient and considerably more reliable. We owe a great deal to the effort made by Richard Poynton who was not prepared to give up no matter what challenges stood in the way. I would also like to thank Cannock Wood Parish Council for their very generous donations. The new boiler will again be powered by oil which is a little disappointing since all of the ducting is available to have gas installed, but the costing was outrageously expensive.

Our second piece of good news is that we have planning permission to install new lighting for the car park. You may recall that the WI ran a Country Fair in September 2015 and all the monies were generously donated to make new security lighting possible. Hopefully this will become a reality within the near future.

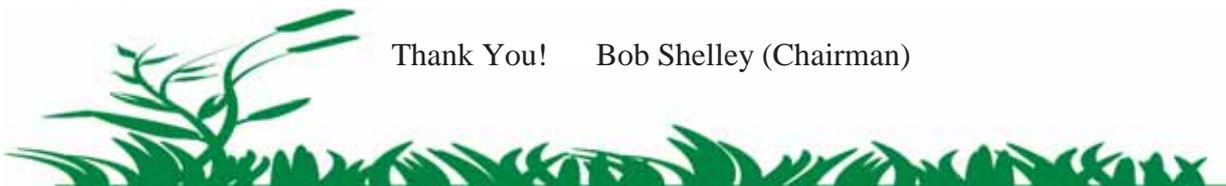
Another piece of good news is that our website is now revamped, modern, and fully functional. Information on all our upcoming events can be found there.

The next fund raiser is the fourth Trek and Troff which will be on Saturday 23rd July.

The hall continues to be used for a wide range of activities but there is still room for more. If you have an idea for an interest group or social booking get in touch.

Finally can I thank all the members of the Committee who have continued to give so generously of their time and energy, nothing would have been possible without them. The same is obviously true of all the people who have used the hall for various reasons.

Thank You! Bob Shelley (Chairman)





Just for Fun

Famous lines from which film?

“Open the pod bay doors, Hal”

“We rob banks”

“You’re gonna need a bigger boat”

“Roads? Where we’re going we don’t need roads”

1. 2001 A Space Odyssey 2. Bonnie and Clyde 3. Jaws 4. Back To The Future

Name the song from the first verse

A long, long time ago I can still remember how that music used to make me smile
And I knew if I had my chance That I could make those people dance And maybe they'd be
happy for a while

City girls just seem to find out early How to open doors with just a smile A rich old man And
she won't have to worry She'll dress up all in lace and go in style

We'll do it all Everything On our own We don't need Anything Or anyone

Sorry to disturb you But I was in the neighbourhood About a friend I've her picture Could
you take a look? Oh, I appreciate you're busy And time is not your own Yeah, maybe it
would be better If I telephoned

1. American Pie, Don McLean 2. Lyin' Eyes, Eagles 3. Chasing Cars, Snow Patrol
4. Carrie, Cliff Richard

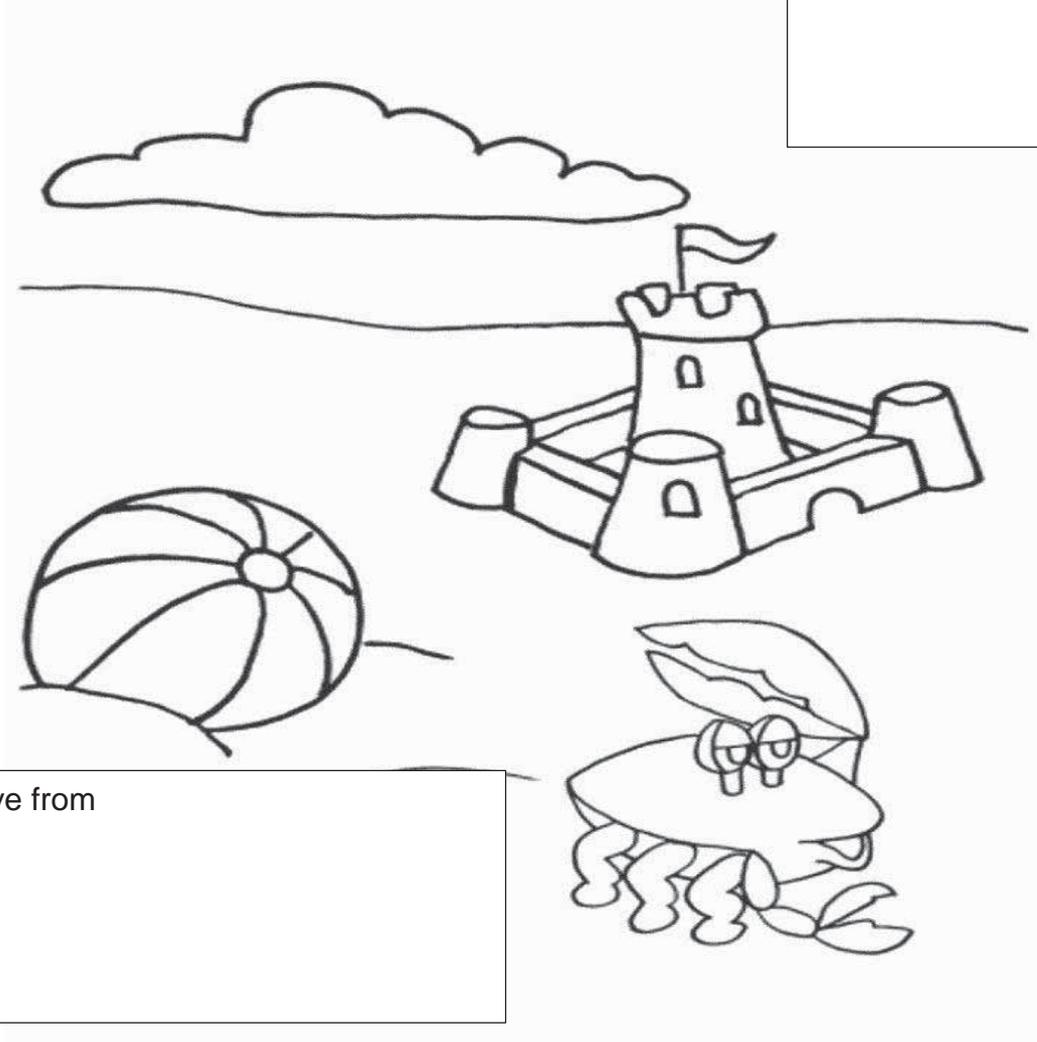
It all adds up

- a. $4 \times 9 - 5 + 28 \times 2 = ?$ b. $5 \times 5 + 25 - 16 = ?$ c. $7 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = ?$
- d. $13 + 5 + 22 + 11 = ?$ e. What is the total sum of all the answers?

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