PARISH NEWSLETTER SPRING/SUMMER 2022



Longwick-cum-Ilmer
Parish Council







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WELCOME TO THE PARISH SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022.

Spring has arrived and is the season of new beginnings as the natural world revives from the cold winter months. Hibernating animals begin to awake and the sound of chirpy chicks fill the air.



Daffodils, Bluebells and Hyacinths bring a carnival of scents that appear in gardens, and buds are opening on bushes and trees. In the distance you can hear the mellifluous hum of lawnmowers signalling that the land is warm again.

Giving of Easter Eggs represents new life and rebirth and it is thought that the ancient custom became part of Easter.

Summer approaches in her own time drifting in on a spring wind, bringing a warmth that flows to the core.

The sky blazes blue and the sun is a celebration of yellow, free and bright. The trees rise to the occasion donning their best verdant hues, and everywhere are flowers that look like scattered rainbows over the land with the sound of the steady buzz of young bees ready to seek out the blooms just as pretty as them.

This Year Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 has become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realm and the Commonwealth. She ascended to the throne at the age of 25 on 6th February 1952.

Important dates to Remember:

Longwick/Ilmer/Owlswick and Little Meadle Neighbourhood Watch are holding a CyberCrime and Cons and Scams event on Wednesday 30th March starting at 7.20 pm. The doors will open at 7.00pm for refreshments and a look around the stands.

Longwick -cum-Ilmer Parish Council is holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday `19th April from 7.00pm - 8.00pm in Longwick Village Hall.

Longwick Village Fete is returning and will be held on Saturday 30th April from Midday on Longwick Playing Fields.

The Parish Platinum Jubilee will be held on Saturday 4th June starting at 12.00 - 4.00pm. See inside for details.

Articles for the next newsletter please send to me by Monday 19th September to valthewillows@aol.com.

The Parish Transport Vision

The final version of this plan, running to some 84 pages, was received from our consultants Transport Initiatives by the Parish Council just before last Christmas and we have now formally taken ownership of the report.

Future travel patterns, issues around safe cycling and walking, concerns for horse riders and public transport all need to be looked at but the single most commented upon area was speeding and speed limits and it is that issue that we are addressing first.

There are 7 areas to consider, summarised very briefly as follows:

- 1) A possible 30mph limit through Ilmer Village
- 2) Coming from Thame, a 40mph buffer speed limit before reducing to 30mph when entering Longwick Village
- 3) A reduction from 40mph to 30mph on all four approaches to the Sportsmans roundabout
- 4) Coming from Chinnor a 40mph buffer and then a 30mph limit, to slow traffic going under the railway bridge
- 5) Meadle Village cul-de-sac, speed limit to be reduced from 40mph to 20mph
- 6) Stockwell Lane through Meadle, a reduction from 40mph to 30mph and enforced by traffic calming chicanes at either end of this stretch of road
- 7) Stockwell Lane through Little Meadle, a reduction from 40mph to 30mph and enforced by traffic calming chicanes AND then a buffer of 40mph to just beyond the entrance to the Natural Burial Ground

We are in discussions with our planning consultant and the three Bucks Risborough Ward Councillors, the work towards a presentation to the Cabinet Member of the Council for Transport is almost complete and we hope for a meeting shortly, when we shall also raise the question of the junctions off the Lower Icknield Way into both Stockwell Lane and Askett Lane which are currently dangerous, will only get worse as traffic levels rise and for which some serious remodelling needs to take place.



The Parish Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday 4th June 2022

12pm - 4pm

Longwick Playing Field

Games: Crafts: Cream Teas: Music:
Commemorative Item for Children in the Parish

Bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon celebrating The Platinum Jubilee

Picnics are available to purchase from Orchard View Farm, please phone 01844 273387 to book (last orders Saturday 28th May)

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Orchard View Farm Presents



Celebration Picnic Box for Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June 2022

Savoury Picnic Box Selection

Handmade sausage roll
Scotch egg
Bridge roll with our own baked ham &
wholegrain mustard or
Free range egg & cress
Chicken kebab

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Savoury Picnic Box £5.95
Picnic box & price is per person

To pre-book phone 01844 273387 Last order - Saturday 28th May 2022

If anyone would like to order a picnic basket in advance from Orchard View Farm please see the contents above with the price.

We look forward to seeing as many residents/ families / Grandparents as possible to enjoy this celebration.

Neighbourhood Watch.

Neighbourhood Watch is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

The first group started in a small village in Cheshire in 1982 and since then has grown as one of the largest crime prevention charities in England and Wales with thousands of volunteers who have continued to support their communities.



Neighbourhood Watch week will be from 30th May - 5th June and the theme is 40 years, 40 actions.

Crime within the parish since January 2022 as follows:

January: Theft of petrol fro Longwick Garage

3 February: Theft of number plates from Bell Crescent. 14 March: Theft from a dwelling in Lower Icknield Way.

Times of crisis can bring out the best in people, but they are also a magnet for scammers, and sadly right now is no different.

Fraudsters follow the headlines and have already been working overtime to create ways to encourage people to part with their cash and personal information.

If you are looking to help people in Ukraine, please donate wisely- do your research first so you give without being scammed. One such scam that is circulating is saying that they are from the Red Cross.

Please protect yourself with the following information:

Scammers will pretend to be well known charities, creating their own charity names and impersonating people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Scammers will be cold calling, direct messaging and creating fake websites and pages on social media to raise funds. Avoid clicking on links or

downloading attachments in unsolicited emails, texts or social media messages. They may attempt to lure you into unwittingly download malware onto your device or take you to a fake website to steal your money and personal information.

Do not donate via fundraising pages on platforms that do not verify the legitimacy of the fundraiser or that do not guarantee your money will be returned if the page is determined to be fraudulent.

Be careful about crowdfunding requests as these may be fake and also come from scammers.

If you think you have paid money to a scammer, please contact your bank immediately. Also if you have received a contact which you believe to be a scam you can report it to Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0800 223 1133.

Stay safe stay careful.

Val Area Co-ordinator

Longwick/Ilmer./Owlswick and Little Meadle NW are holding a Cyber Crime and Cons and Scams event on Wednesday 30th April starting at 7.20. The doors will open at 7.00pm for refreshments and a look at the stands. The actual event starts at 7.20 and we have two very good speakers:

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Mark Godsland CISMP Police Cyber Security Adviser presentation on Suspicious emails, texts and websites, reporting on cyber and fraud. Ouestions and Answers.

PC Andrew Ralph our Local Neighbourhood Policing Officer from Princes Risborough. Policing and crimes within our area. Questions and Answers. Val - Cons and Sams.

Event should close around 8.50pm Everyone is welcome.

Longwick C of E Combined School

Hello! I am Mrs McCammond, the new Headteacher at Longwick Church of England Combined School. I have been in post since January 2022and cannot believe how quickly the weeks seem to keep passing by.

We have been very busy at school, fighting off Covid and then chickenpox. As the seasons change, and the weather is starting to improve, we are hopeful that we can feel the benefit of the sunshine on our faces



and appreciate the joy in the new life starting to emerge in the countryside around us!

Since January when I started, alongside my new Deputy Head Mrs Wakefield, we have been welcomed by the Longwick Community and enjoyed taking part in many events, such as:

ART SHOW

The Longwick Art Show, in it's 33rd year of being hosted by the school, saw the work of over 80 artists on display

and for sale. This long-awaited event was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, but this year, the Friends of Longwick were determined for it to succeed. It was very well attended during the opening times on the Saturday and Sunday, and we look forward to a repeat performance next February-make sure you put it in your diary!

More recently, we have held a collection at school of vital supplies to go out



to Ukraine to the families who have had to flee their homes with nothing. The response to the appeal was incredible, with enough toiletries, clothes, blankets, nappies etc. collected in 2 days to fill a mini bus.

We are incredibly proud of our 6 runners from Years 5 and 6 who have successfully been

selected to represent Bucks in the Bucks Swans team at the National Cross Country Championships, being held at Market Harborough Showground on the 26th March and we wish them well.

Helping families face dementia The staff team took on the challenge between 14th January and 14th February to complete a personal physical challenge. With the school community coming together, we hit our target figure of £500. The children also created 'Memory Boxes' in school and took part in Dementia awareness on our journey to become a Dementia Friendly school.



We are all looking forward to this year's Longwick May Fayre, which has not been held recently due to the pandemic. The Year 4 class will be showcasing maypole dancing and the whole school will be working together with members of the WI to create the

flower garlands the day before. I am really looking forward to being able to contribute to this Longwick tradition.

We are all very excited for the future of our on site Forest School area, as the Parish Council have agreed to release the funds for us to develop this unique opportunity for our children, for which we are all very grateful.

In class during the spring term, the children have been busy in their

learning and amongst a plethora of other learning, they have investigated what bones are made of and learned about the tricky area of Maths, Fractions, in a practical way.







Spring/Summer 2022 Parish Council Newsletter

As the very newly appointed Chair of the pre-school management committee, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself and to write our piece for the parish newsletter.

The pre-school is thriving and it is lovely to start to feel some normality coming back into the setting following what seems a long time of ever changing Covid-19 restrictions. We have continued with drop-offs and pick-ups outside the hall as due to the high numbers of children attending the setting it is the most organised and safest way for the transition from parents/carers to the pre-school practitioners.

There are lots of new faces and it is nice to see that this local community pre-school is favoured by so many in the local area. Long may it continue! Currently our numbers are higher than they have ever been, keeping our practitioners on their toes making sure there is a wide variety of activities for all the children to enjoy and they are doing a great job with this.

The new garden has been very well received and with the large numbers currently attending it is extremely useful to have the extended area. With the weather getting warmer the children will be spending even more time out there.

We are currently working on fundraising events with the next one being Easter themed, so watch this space. After this the pre-school will be at the Longwick Fete on 30th April selling their 'Strawberries & Cream', so please do come to visit us then.

We have very limited availability for spaces after Easter, but if you would like your child to attend the pre-school in September, please email us at longwickpreschool@gmail.com or visit our website and complete the enquiry form www.longwickpreschool.co.uk.

Alex Barter, Longwick Pre-school Committee Chair

Longwick Village Fete

After an absence of two years, the fete is finally back on the playing field in Longwick. The fete, rumored to be the earliest and one of the largest in Buckinghamshire, will be opened by children from pre-school at midday on Saturday April 30th.

As part of the annual Fete, Longwick has a wonderful traditional May Day Garland parade which the village fete organizers are particularly proud of. Each year the children of Longwick School and Preschool come together the day before the fete to create flower garlands. Being a child at Longwick School means that the children have a unique experience not offered by any other school in the local area, to learn hands on about the history of garland making and understand how they are constructed.

In the past, the garlands were produced using wildflowers and maybe a few garden ones. Nowadays they must use garden flowers and bought flowers as wildflowers are not able to be picked. As this is a local event, the school, fete organizing group and the Longwick WI help the children create the garlands. The garlands are traditionally walked down the Thame Road to the Old Peoples home, preceded by Morris dancers. Unfortunately, that part of the ceremony has had to be canceled this year. The garlands are judged, and prizes awarded. This fascinating bit of history which dates back prior to 1850 and before is recoded in "A History of Longwick" by Joyce Cunningham.

During the afternoon there are various activities in the main ring, a Punch and Judy show and Morris Dancers. There are numerous stalls around the playing field and craft stalls inside the Hall. The Longwick Scouts, famed for their outdoor cooking, provide a hot dogs and burgers. There is also a Dog Show with numerous classes including the cutest puppy or the prettiest bitch. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are also available in the hall.

Finally at about 4.30 the raffle is drawn, and this year's main prize is £150.00 cash. All the profits from this year's fete go towards the Village Hall Charity fund.

Tea at Three

Hello everyone, We are back and our next meeting is on March 22nd, but we will have already held this meeting, that was enjoyed by all.



Sorry we had to cancel Jan 25th, which was due to an outbreak of the virus in Longwick, so we decided to be cautious to keep us all safe.

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas party as the WI and Logs singers did us proud. It was a very successful afternoon.

We are very much looking forward to our meeting on May 24th. Tea at Three was started 20 years ago by Mrs Cunningham, and the late Mr Cunningham. It will be a Birthday Tea party and there will be entertainment too so do come along and celebrate with us.

Looking forward to meeting you all again. Jill Stone

Owlswick News



It is wonderful to get back to a regular routine in St. Peter's Chapel after the interruptions and changes due to the covid pandemic, however we do have a few minor changes as follows:

Second Sunday in the month, starting from 10th April the Service of Holy Communion will be held at the earlier time of 9am.

Easter Day Sunday 17th April an additional Evensong at 6pm to celebrate this special day.

Fourth Sunday in the month 24th April Evensong at 6pm From May until September the services will be as follows: second Sunday in the month Holy Communion 9am, fourth Sunday in the month Evensong 6pm.

All Welcome

1st LONGWICK SCOUT GROUP

We are loving being able to offer face to face scouting once again and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been on night hikes, made and flipped pancakes, had a go at building go-karts, designed nature collages, tried their hand at campfire cooking and enjoyed archery sessions.

The Beavers are very excited about their upcoming overnight camp, the first in over 2 years! The group is equally looking forward to leading the parade to celebrate St George's Day, St George being the Patron Saint of Scouting.

We are desperately seeking volunteers to join the team to help support our activities behind the scenes in the roles of Treasurer and Chairperson, and also as part of the leadership team during Cubs on a Monday eve. If you're able to help us to be able to continue offering amazing experiences to the young people of Longwick, then please make contact via www. longwickscouts.co.uk to find out more.







LONGWICK EVENING WI

At our October meeting we heard about the Curious Disappearance of Glenn Miller. What a fascinating story! Glenn Miller, (the world-famous band leader), became good friends with his commanding officer, film star,



David Niven. According to the official account, Glenn Miller took off with two other people in a single-engine Norseman aircraft from RAF Twinwood in Bedfordshire on 15 December 1944. He was never seen again. The popular 1953 film, The Glenn Miller Story, supported this version of events. However, subsequent research has found many inconsistencies. Miller hated flying and is highly unlikely to have travelled in a small plane such as the Norseman. He is much more likely to have used the regular military shuttle flight from

the American's VIP transport base at Bovingdon. In addition, the Official Records show that RAF Twinwood was not operational on December 15th, 1944. There are also many conflicting eyewitness reports, including sightings of Glenn Miller in Paris the day before the Norseman vanished and another, quite remarkably, from a US veteran claiming to have seen Glenn Miller in a military hospital in Ohio with a serious head injury. What really did happen? Tony Eaton, a long-standing member of the Glenn Miller Society, gave us a fascinating insight.

Our Annual Meeting took place in November.

We were invited to entertain Tea @ 3 at their meeting on 23rd November. Members of our Play Reading Group, led by Sue McGill, adapted, and performed the panto," Jack and the Beanstalk" by Roald Dahl.

Thanks to Tony Eccleston for providing musical accompaniment which added to the fun! The verdict seemed to be that this was one of our best performances.

Did you notice new handbags, purses or shopping bags appearing in December? Lots of us made purchases following a talk about handwoven bags from the Philippines, in December. Abacá, is a species of banana native to the Philippines, grown as a commercial crop in the Philippines, Ecuador, and Costa Rica. The plant, also known as Manila hemp, has great economic importance, being harvested for its fibre, extracted from the leaf-stems. This is what is used to make the bags. Analiza Jones fully explained the process to us.





The Longwick Village Carol Singalong was a lovely, local, social event. The weather behaved and we were able to be outside, around the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who came along and participated in the event and to our President, who made it all possible. Our new year's programme began with 'Rags to Riches – giving it all away', a talk by Jeremy Holmes. This talk explains the rise, and motivations of Andrew Carnegie who came from a slum in Dunfermline, Scotland, and made his fortune in America as a ruthless steel magnate. At the start of the 20th century, he gave it all away by setting up philanthropic foundations all over the world. In his day he was worth more than Bill Gates and earned so much interest on his wealth that he couldn't give it away fast enough. Terry Penny gave us an insight into the Secret History of Nursery Rhymes at our February meeting. These rhymes can be traced back to the 1700's but it wasn't until the 19th century that the rhymes became known as Nursery Rhymes. They often reflected actual historical events or were parodies of Royal or specific events. In 1700 'Little Miss Muffett' was written about Patience Muffett who was the daughter of Dr Thomas Muffett who studied Arachnids! 'Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat' is thought to be about the cat that Elizabeth 1 carried around with her and Ring a Ring of Roses' is all about the Plague.

We are currently working towards the Village Fete at the end of April. Ladies have been making bunting, will be assisting with the making of garlands and are now planning a selection of cakes and goodies for the big day.

You can find details of our programme of meetings on The Longwick Village Hall website under 'What's On' then 'Longwick WI'.

New members are very welcome! We meet at Longwick Village Hall, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7.30 pm. Please contact our Secretaries, Janet Smith, 01844 347564, or Ruth Shorttle 01844 342195 for more information.

Ruth Shorttle

Village Hall

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions, bookings for the hall are still slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels. Groups now regularly using the hall include Pilates Classes, U3A, WI, a Cycle Club and Bingo. Bookings for weekend parties are increasing, although we are still short on bookings for wedding receptions. We are hoping for good weather and a good crowd for our annual fete on Saturday 30th April. The fete is our major fund-raising event, and our team are working hard to put together a great day, following a tradition established over many years. We are grateful for a very generous contribution to our funds from a member of the community, who moved into the village last year. The donation has helped to boost our dwindling reserves, resulting from the pandemic. Our preschool is flourishing, with numbers on the increase. Their garden has now been extended onto land behind the hall. We are grateful to Debbie Goodchild, who left the committee at the end of the year, for her help and support over several years.

Work on our new multi-function room is going well and completion is expected by the end of April. We are grateful to our preschool staff for putting up with some noise and inconvenience during the work. The new room, complete with kitchenette and its own entrance from the terrace, will be suitable for a range of activities, involving smaller groups, thus enabling the main hall to be available for larger functions.

Our website, longwickvillagehall.com is updated regularly, and includes information about the hall and a booking form. To enquire about availability, or to make a booking, please call Julie Lawrence 07793 001191 or email julielawrence1983@aol.com



St Peter's Ilmer Church

Many of us enjoy walks around Longwick, and there are a few routes that take in the picturesque hamlet of Ilmer. Next time you walk that way, do stop and have a look in St Peter's Church which is at the heart of Ilmer adjacent to the villiage green. When the door is open you are welcome to enter and enjoy the peace and quiet of your surroundings. A monthly service of Evensong with Holy Communion is held once a month on the third Sunday - currently at 3pm but moving to 6pm from Sunday 17th April when we celebrate Easter Sunday. The small but friendly congregation welcomes you to join them and do contact Kathryn Trout for more information: parishoffice@stmarysrisborough.org.uk.

St Peter's is a beautiful little church and is one of the oldest churches in the Oxford diocese. It was originally built in the Norman period, and then in the 14th century, it was rebuilt in the Perpendicular style. It has undergone many repairs and refurbishments over the years, most recently in 1973. The stained glass in the north window vividly depicts the story of the Good Samaritan and in the south window you can see a depiction of the parable of the Sower.

St Peter's has now begun a fundraising appeal to pay for the repair of the church roof which urgently needs new tiles. We need to raise £20,000 and work is planned to commence before the Autumn. If you would like to donate to the appeal which will ensure that St Peter's remains at the heart of the village, please go to: https://www.stmarysrisborough.org. uk/2021/11/st-peters-church-ilmer-needs-your-help/



St Peter's is part of St Mary's Parish in Princes Risborough, and Revd David Williams, Rector, is well known to many of us from his attendance at Longwick events such as the Village Fete, Christmas

Carols in the Village Hall and Remembrance Day at the memorial. Helping David with the monthly services at St Peter's is Longwick resident, Tony Eccleston, who is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Anglican Church. Tony

also leads an online weekly fellowship meeting for church members in the Longwick area which began during lockdown, and which continues to provide support and friendship.

St Mary's provides a wide range of Sunday services from the traditional to the contemporary, with Children's Church meeting during the 11.15am service. Every month there is a special afternoon service for Families and children, featuring the ever popular 'Messy Church' with crafts, games and a meal. Our new Play Café provides a fun and safe space for parents and toddlers to meet on Tuesday mornings during term time. Our Senior residents enjoy a monthly lunch club which provides not only lunch, but also crafts, tabletop games, and entertainment. For all the info on these events and more, look at our website: www.stmarysrisborough.org.uk – you'd be very welcome to join us.



Allotments

Are you interested in growing more produce in the garden, but don't have the space? If so, you might like to put your name on the waiting list for an allotment. There are twenty-two plots in the allotments known as

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"The Bennell" in Stockwell Lane, Meadle and although this field is almost fully booked one can never know when one of the existing tenants will decide to retire and when that happens the first person on the waiting list will have the opportunity to take over the plot. This field is administered by the Monks Risborough Parochial Charities, if you would like more information contact Jane Rogers at jane.rogers.owlswick@outlook.com or ring 01844 347906

Monks Risborough Horticultural Society

After a break of two years MRHS is busy planning a Summer Show on Saturday 6th August and more events for this year and into 2023. The show schedule has been reviewed to include more classes for residents of the wider Risborough area.

Our Annual Quiz is on 23rd April at Monks Risborough School 7.00 pm for 7.30 start, £7.50 per person.

To book a table contact Betty Cresswell 01844 344837.

On Wednesday 18th May we have a talk by Chris Day from Buckingham Nurseries, free to members. New members welcome. £10 per family £6 single.

For further details see below.

We have a new website: https://themrhs.wixsite.com/mrhs

Contacts: Andrew Leach (Chairman) 07909 970204

Irene Richards (Membership Secretary) 01844 273755

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Charity Allotments Stockwell Lane Jane Rogers		01844 347906
Buckinghamshire Councillors	Alan Turner	07552 181400
	Matt Walsh	07712 224805
	Gary Hall	07500 441051
Dog Warden	BC-Wycombe Area	03444 828342
Fly Tipping	Fixmystreet	020 3287 9859
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Transport for Bucks	BC	01296 382416
Longwick Fete	Jackie Barratt	07901 556828
Longwick Pre-School	Lisa Lowles	07564 819666
Longwick School	Office	01844 344769
Longwick Scout Groups	www.longwickscouts.co.uk	
Neighbourhood Watch	Val McPherson	07815 144691
Police Neighbourhood	Officer Sgt Nathan Davey	101
Police (call centre)	Non-Emergency	101
Scouts Group Administrator	Alison Ingram	Longwick@chiltern
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Tea at Three	Gill Stone	01844 342796
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Village Hall Secretary	Liz Walker	01844 275492
Longwick WI	Janet Smith	01844 347564
	Ruth Shorttle	01844 342195
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