



Dates for your Diary

October & November
2019

Parish Council Meeting New Venue

After some positive feedback regarding the change of venue for the July Parish Council meeting the decision has been made to use the Church in future. Therefore, the next meeting will take place on Monday 11th November 2019 in the church at 7.30pm.



Halloween

31st October – share some of your pumpkin creations on the village Facebook page!



Longney & Epney Parish Newsletter

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High Green Solar Installation



Elgin Energy have won their appeal lodged against the initial decision which refused the larger Solar Farm at High Green, Longney.

After having the second, slightly smaller application passed in July they have now had the initial decision overturned on the 26/09/2019.

All documentation regarding the appeal can be found following the link below.

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/appealDetails.do?previousCaseType=Application&keyVal=PT34GRPN05U00&previousCaseNumber=S.18%2F0537%2FFUL&activeTab=summary&previous-KeyVal=P546EMPKNK7B00>

Rogue Traders

Our local PCSO Rachel Addinall has made the Parish Council aware of a Rogue Trader incident that occurred in the Elmore Back area on Monday 2nd September 2019. The homeowner had some people come onto their property to offer to do some tarmacking, they said they were from Worcestershire Council and had some loose chippings and they could re grade the drive area. A price of £100.00 was agreed but the people did extra work that wasn't agreed and they stated they had completed £2,200.00 worth of work and demanded more money. The homeowner refused to pay anymore, the males got abusive and threatening but eventually left with no payment.

The vehicle was quite distinctive, it is like a Highways Van/Road Maintenance vehicle with red and yellow chevrons on the rear. The VRM is AJ10 DXV but these are false/cloned plates as the vehicle comes back to a Blue Ford Mondeo Zetec.

Church Flowers

Longney church has a rich tradition of floral arrangements throughout the year. The team of volunteers has depleted and new blood is required. No previous experience is needed and the task is light, a maximum of two arrangements in any church year.

If you love flowers please contact Judy Smith on 01452 720386

or email at

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The males returned at around 0830 hours on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 but in a different vehicle, they knocked on the door but then drove away. Unfortunately, the registration plates for the second vehicle were not obtained.

A similar incident was reported in Longney. Two men were seen looking around outbuildings and when challenged they said they were selling tarmac, after the offer was declined the males drove off. This was a white car/van VRM AO16 CBY. The registered vehicle should be a Silver VW Transporter so again these are believed to be false/cloned plates.

If there are any sightings or concerns, please call on 101.

Longney School AUCTION of MOST MARVELLOUS PROMISES

A huge “**THANK YOU**” to all who donated to the Longney School Auction of Promises.

A whopping.....

£3054.35

.....was raised!

Harvest Scarecrow Competition



1st Place.. The Hartell Family



2nd Place... The Smith Family



3rd Place The Sprague Family



The Longney & Epney Great Harvest Festival 2019



Some more fantastic Scarecrows this year for the Harvest Festival, the winner was made by the Hartell Family - congratulations! Fabulous cakes and veg entries along with photographs for the competitions. An amazing £728.00 was raised for the Church. Thank you to everyone involved and all the donations.



Below are pictures of debris found last year after bonfire night.



Fireworks can damage buildings and vehicles and cause extreme stress to animals.



Bonfire Night



Please be thoughtful of your neighbours if you are intending to have a bonfire and fireworks this November. Inform them of your intentions in case they need to move animals, or they have indoor animals that require company when fireworks are being let off. It's extremely important in our rural area where there is a whole range of livestock and pets that can be affected by fireworks. Also be aware and responsible for collecting any leftover firework debris, especially if they are landing in fields where livestock may be hurt.

Where possible build your bonfire on the day you are going to light it to prevent any wildlife nesting or hiding in it.

If you are hosting your own bonfire night party, the Fire Service has prepared some tips to make sure you stay safe.

Make sure your fireworks comply to the British Standard (BS7114 or are CE marked)

- Only allow adults to handle fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- For an emergency keep buckets of water or the garden hose close by.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.
- Keep children under supervision when using sparklers.
- Prepare a bucket of sand to dispose of used sparklers.
- Never buy fireworks from unlicensed sellers.
- Pour water on the embers before leaving.

To make sure that everyone has a fun and safe bonfire night this year consider attending one of the county's many organised events.

Licensed events are the safest way to view fireworks because they have experts who plan and design an exciting and safe display.

A few more of the Harvest Scarecrows.....



Longney C of E Primary Academy School News

Stonehouse Junior Park Run

junior parkrun

On Sunday 15th September the school 'took over' the local Stonehouse Junior Parkrun. Lots of pupils and parents turned up to run the 2 km in their purple tops and FOLS ran the refreshment cafe. It was a beautiful morning and everyone enjoyed being active and being outside. The Daily Mile training helped!

http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/stonehouse_junior_parkrun_takeover/423365

Whole School Trip to Westonbirt

The whole school enjoyed a lovely day in the sunshine learning about the different trees and taking part in a variety of workshops at Westonbirt Arboretum on Monday 16th September.

http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/september_2019/423364

Plastic Free School



The school Eco Council has worked hard to achieve a Plastic Free Schools Award! Well done everyone involved in completing the five steps of the project. The school gives thanks to Miss Wilce for helping with this project. Keep up the good work!

http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/october_2019/428497

<https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-schools/?fbclid=IwAR0xdEZr6TbStT5v3V3x6XOjqk7oIZn3lgLPQwlcfiR-flerIKDoeB2HldW4>

Church Services

Longney & Elmore

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Sunday 6th October

Sunday 3rd November

Parish Eucharist at
Elmore 9.30am

Sunday 13th October

Sunday 10th November

Parish Eucharist at
Longney 9.30am

Evensong at
Elmore 4.00pm

Sunday 20th October

Sunday 17th November

Parish Eucharist at
Elmore 9.30am

Sunday 27th October

Sunday 24th November

Storyteller Family
Eucharist Longney at
9.30am

Evensong at
Elmore 4.00pm

St Laurence Church

Vacancy for Vicar

Our church has been "in vacancy" i.e. without a vicar in the benefice along with the parishes of Elmore and Hardwicke since April this year, when Andrew James retired after 13 years with us.

The diocese is leading the recruitment processes and advertising, although the ultimate selection largely rests with a panel of six representatives, two from each parish.

Nick Stewart and Liz Bates are Elmore's representatives, Neil Hollis and Andrew Plater are the Hardwicke representatives and Mike Farmer and Tom Whittaker are the Longney representatives.

This is, by any standards, an attractive and appealing area to live, work and minister and our expectations are that there should be a good response and a strong list of candidates.

The diocese is planning interviews and these should take place in the first quarter of 2020.

