

# Dates for your Diary

May 2018

## Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the school hall at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## Village Party

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May,  
3.00pm!

Don't be late!



## May Bank Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday  
7<sup>th</sup> May

Spring Bank Holiday  
28<sup>th</sup> May

## Road Closures

Sellars Bridge is closed from the 30<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Rea Bridge is due to be closed from the 21<sup>st</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June.

# Longney & Epney Parish Newsletter

## May 2018

*This beautiful watercolour is by the very talented Angela Scriven!*

*Angela's picture has been used as the background to the village party invitation and the original has been very kindly donated as a raffle prize for the village party! Don't miss out on the opportunity to win this!*



So, folks of Longney and Epney, the party of the year is fast approaching! **19<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm – don't be late!** We hope you have saved the date and your invitations are safely stored. The team have been working incredibly hard to get everything prepared..... meetings to organise food, raffle prizes, entertainment, games and much more has been going on behind the scenes by some very dedicated members of our community.

A programme of events will be coming soon but just a hint of a few things on the day are; music from the very talented Patsy Gamble, a top saxophonist and vocalist who has accompanied some very famous people including Mick Jagger! Check out her website <https://patsygamble.co.uk/>

There will be table tennis, children crafts including a crown decorating competition, bouncy castle, kickboxing demo, face painting, hit the golf ball across the river challenge, photo booth, traditional races including sack races and three-legged races all topped off with a tug of war challenge Longney v Epney maybe!! Not forgetting the raffle... and boy do we have some fab prizes! Following on from the tea party into the evening we will have live music provided by four members of The Free Spirit Band, starring a very famous local villager Mr Paul Dempster aka "The Stratman"! They will perform music from the 60's to present day and hope to have you all singing and dancing! The Anchor have very kindly offered to provide some food in the evening at pie night prices and we would really love you all to make a full day off it and stay late into the evening to support this amazing village event.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be posting on Facebook to request some assistance with specific things leading up to the event so please keep a watch on the Longney and Epney page and let us know if you can help in any way.

Please can we ask that you liase with Cathi Beloe on [cathi.beloe@sky.com](mailto:cathi.beloe@sky.com) with extra items you are able to bring to the party! Extra quiches, cakes, sandwiches would all be really helpful. Thank you.

## Planning

At the Parish Council meeting we will have two planning officers from Stroud District Council, Holly Simkiss and Geraldine LeCointe. They will talk about the planning process and will answer any questions that you may have. They only have a short time slot so please come prepared with anything you would like to ask.

## Parish Garden Tools

We have available a rotavator and shredder for use in the parish at a nominal fee. Please contact the parish clerk or Roger Godwin to arrange hire.

## Facebook Page

If you use Facebook please don't forget to join our page... Longney & Epney Village News. It's a great way to share important information, events, photos and general village news. Also if you know of anyone not receiving the email newsletter please contact the Parish Council clerk.

# Elgin Energy Solar Installation at High Green

The planning application by Elgin Energy for has now closed for any further public comments.

The results of the village referendum were as follows:-

## 246 Total Voting Papers

81 No

51 Yes

23 Neutral

91 No Response

The area **outlined in red** would be the proposed site for the Solar Installation



The application along with all public comments is still available to view at: -

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=P546EMPNK7B00>



## The DEBRA Charity

DEBRA is the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

For those that don't know anything about EB, it is a painful, genetic skin blistering condition which in the worst cases, can be fatal. It causes the skin to be fragile like a butterfly wing, resulting in blisters and skin tears from the slightest friction. It also affects the internal linings of the body.

Please visit:-

<https://www.debra.org.uk/>

for more information on the cruel condition of EB.

## Longney Longest Day Bike Ride

16<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 6pm start at The Anchor Inn!

Fancy dress "Anything beginning with the letter "A" .... start planning your costumes and dusting off your bikes!

## Our Very Own London Marathon Hero – Rob Harding!



Big congratulations to Rob who has completed the London Marathon this year all in aid of the charity DEBRA. His amazing time was 4.45.49 in 24c heat, the hottest London Marathon on record!

Rob has joined forces with Hanne & Mike Foyle who organize the "Longney Longest Day Bike Ride" to raise as much money as possible for local charities.

This year's charity was chosen to help raise awareness of a rare condition called Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). EB is a rare genetic condition which causes the skin to blister and shear at the slightest friction, or even spontaneously. "Butterfly children" is the term given to those born with the disease, as their skin is seen to be as delicate and fragile as a butterfly's wings.

Rob became aware of this very rare condition from a member of the gym he attends. Jasmine, the daughter of a fellow gym member suffers from EB a heart-breaking condition which can mean you can't even cuddle your child properly as their skin is so fragile, for most people this is simply unimaginable.

So far Rob has raised over £5000 and is extremely grateful for all sponsorship! If you feel you could add a few extra pounds to his total, please visit Rob's Just Giving Page by clicking the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DebraFund>

**Church Services**  
**Longney & Elmore**  
**May 2018**

**Sunday 6th May 2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
 Elmore 9.30am

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
 Longney 9.30am

Sung Evensong at  
 Elmore 4.00pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
 Elmore 9.30am

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Storyteller Eucharist at  
 Longney 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at  
 Elmore 4.00pm

# Longney C of E Primary Academy School News

## End of Term Residential

At the end of March Year 5 and 6 children went on a residential to Morfa Bay in Carmarthenshire!

They had a fun packed week getting very wet and dirty on an assault course. Putting their fear of heights behind them on a climbing wall and zip wire adventure! Learnt some essential surfing skills, experienced a wartime bunker and learnt some cycling proficiency!

Follow the link below to see some fab pictures from the week.

[http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/march\\_2018/338572](http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/march_2018/338572)

## Eggmore at Elmore Court

The 25<sup>th</sup> March saw the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted at Elmore Court and run by "The Friends of Longney School". This was the third year of the magical family Easter trail. All proceeds from the event will be put towards the refurbishment of the schools Spiritual Garden where children can go at lunchtime or as a class for a collective workshop, quiet activities, storytelling or reflection.

## Marathon Training & Archery

Rob who runs Marathon Kids came to speak to the children about how running can help us keep fit, give us energy and help us concentrate. As part of the Daily Mile the children will challenge themselves to complete the distance of a marathon this term!

The archery team took part in the School Games tournament at KLB school on Thursday 19th April. They won this round of the tournament with their fantastic score of 861..... well done everyone!

Follow the link below for some pics of the marathon training and Archery.

[http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/april\\_2018/346864](http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/april_2018/346864)



# Longney C of E Primary Academy Ofsted Inspection



We are very proud to report that Longney School has maintained its “Good” grading during the latest Ofsted inspection. We’d like to share this great news with all residents of our Parish and below is a copy of the letter from the Chair of Governors to the parents of pupils at the school.

Dear Parents,

**I know that you have all recently received notification of the result and sighted the report of our Ofsted Inspection that was carried out at the end of March. It was very pleasing to see that we have maintained our ‘Good’ grading.**

**I would like to thank all parents, the Friends of Longney School Committee, the School’s Headteacher, her staff and the wider supporting community, my fellow Governors and last, but not least, our pupils who all have worked so hard to help contribute to achieving such a good inspection result and who all contribute to the success of our thriving school.**

**If at anytime you wish to contact the Governing Body to discuss anything regarding the School, please do not hesitate to contact me through the School’s Reception Office.**

**Yours sincerely,  
Graham Wingrove  
Chair of Governors**