



## Dates for your Diary

November 2018

### Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the school hall at 7.30pm.

### Harvest Scarecrows



# Longney & Epney Parish Newsletter

## November 2018



Harvest Festival was another wonderful community event this year! A great celebration followed the service at Longney Church..... tea, coffee and homemade biscuits were served along with some delicious freshly cooked samosas whilst neighbours and friends caught up with each other amongst the beautiful displays and competition entries. The choir carried on with their practice undaunted, preparing now for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

Along with the beautiful flower arrangements by Judy Smith and her team Longney School pupils had decorated the porch and the interior of the church with Autumn themed poems and artwork. Exhibitions included paintings and photographs by local residents. There was a variety of competitions for all ages ranging from Photography, Animals made from Fruit and Vegetables, Best Home Grown Vegetables and Fruits, Harvest themed drawings and "The Great Harvest Bake Off" which saw a range of the most delicious and exquisitely decorated cakes! We have some amazing talent in our two Parishes!

Activities for children included decorating gingerbread men and making vegetable kebabs for their Sunday lunches. The treasure hunt was fun with children exploring all areas of the church in search of clues.

The bottle tombola was a great draw (excuse the pun) and the mighty raffle raised over £1000! The produce stall was overflowing with delicious things to eat and plenty of local fresh fruit and vegetables were on sale as well as the cakes from the competitions. The plant stall did well with lots of healthy looking species ready for autumn planting.

Probably the biggest excitement was the scarecrow competition – and a drive through the villages of Longney and Epney over the Harvest weekend was very entertaining and full of surprises!

A whopping £1598 was raised for the church. So a big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with this super event, it will definitely be on the calendar for next year and we would welcome any ideas or feedback!

# 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 are 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.



Harvest Scarecrow photos  
by Jenny Fenn

## Planning

The latest information we have regarding the Solar Farm application is that it will be presented at the December Development Control Committee meeting at Stroud District Council. We will hopefully be able to confirm this at the next parish Council meeting.

## 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.



## Household Recycling Centres

From 28<sup>th</sup> October Gloucestershire County Council's Household Recycling Centres will be closed one day mid-week, either on a Tuesday, a Wednesday or a Thursday.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-september-2018/changes-ahead-for-your-recycling-centres/>

As the evenings get colder and darker, the HRCs across the county receive almost 30 per cent less waste and recycling. In order to reflect this and save taxpayers money, HRCs will be open from 10am until 4pm, six days a week.

On Tuesdays, Fosse Cross (Cirencester) and Oak Quarry (Coleford) will be closed.

On Wednesdays, Pyke Quarry (Horsley near Stroud) and Wingmoor Farm (Bishops Cleeve) will be closed.

On Thursdays, Hempsted (Gloucester) will be closed.

The council collected data from recycling centres and this told us that midweek is the quieter period at our sites. Importantly, the closure rota also means HRCs in the county will still be open on Bank Holiday Mondays and Good Friday, which are especially busy days at the sites.

Residents will have a reasonable alternative recycling centre with this closure pattern, by closing sites at opposite sides of the county. The new opening arrangements and how the sites are used will be monitored.

The information on the closure days and new seasonal times are now online at [www.recycleforgloucestershire.com](http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com)



## Church Services

Longney & Elmore

November 2018

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
Elmore 9.30am

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
Longney 9.30am with  
Wreath Laying

Elmore War Memorial  
Wreath Laying & Prayers  
3.30pm

Sung Evensong at  
Elmore 4.00pm

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
Elmore 9.30am

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
Longney 9.30am  
Sung Evensong with Hymns  
at Elmore 4.00pm

# Stroud District Council Community Governance Review

## *What is a Community governance Review?*

A Community Governance Review is the process used to consider whether existing parish arrangements should be changed in any way. This includes:

- **Altering the boundaries of existing parishes.**
- **Changing the names of existing parishes.**
- **Creating a new parish or abolishing an existing parish.**
- **Creating or abolishing parish councils.**
- **The electoral arrangements for parish councils (including the number of councillors and arrangements for parish warding).**
- **The grouping or de-grouping of parish councils (and consequential changes to their electoral arrangements).**
- **The 'style' of a parish (enabling an area to be known as a town, community, neighbourhood or village rather than a parish).**

## *Who is carrying out the review?*

Stroud District Council is statutorily responsible for carrying out the review. The conduct of the review will be overseen by the Council's Community Governance Review Members Group, which includes councillors from all political groups. Formal decisions as to the terms of reference for the review and the recommendations arising from the review will be made by full Council.

## *What is the area under review?*

The whole of the Stroud District is included in the scope of the Community Governance Review. However, we are particularly keen to hear from local people and parish councils with proposals as to where and how they believe parish arrangements should be reviewed.

## *Why is the Council carrying out a community governance review?*

In 2016, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England made changes to a number of district wards which resulted in a small number of anomalies in the relationship between the district wards and parish boundaries. A Community Governance Review provides the opportunity to consider whether changes should be made to parish arrangements in response to these and other issues raised by local people. It is intended that any new parish arrangements will take effect at the May 2020 local elections. Furthermore, the statutory guidance indicates that it is good practice to review community governance arrangements every 10-15 years.

## *Complete the survey to have your say!*

The link below will take you to an online survey, which anyone can complete to have their say about the Stroud District Community Governance Review.

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CGRStroud>

It only takes 5 minutes, and will ensure we have District wide opinions on the review when undertaking the Phase 1 consultation

## December Newsletter



You may be wondering why there is no mention of the "C" Word in this newsletter..... I just couldn't think about writing Christmas Wishes in October! It's all too early, stock in the shops since September, full blown displays in Garden Centres certainly by the end of October, let's not wish the year away so soon, summer is only just fading away. It will be here before we know it! So there will be a December Newsletter and we can celebrate all things Christmas in that, or not whichever is your preference!



## Concessionary Bus Passes



An anomaly has been identified regarding the ability to use of concessionary bus passes on services from Longney or Epney.

Normally such bus concessionary passes can only be used on services after 09:30 on weekdays and at any time on weekends. However, the Gloucestershire County Council website lists certain bus routes and services for which there is an exemption to the 09:30 time limit.

Unfortunately, the only regular bus service from Epney or Longney is prior to 09:30 but the service did not feature on the exemption list!

Ian Pears of Longney has challenged Gloucestershire County Council on this and has managed to get their agreement for the concessionary bus passes to be valid on the first Stagecoach 66F service from Frampton-On-Severn. It would be worth passing this information on to your family and friends who live in other Severnside villages through which this bus service also passes. Well done Ian!

Just a reminder you are normally entitled to a concessionary bus pass once you have reached the female state pensionable age for your date of birth, irrespective whether you are male or female. There are other factors which might entitle individuals to receive concessionary bus passes at an earlier age, which are listed on the Free Concessionary Bus Passes page on the Gloucestershire County Council Website.



[https://ticon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/66 Stroud 19 August 2018.pdf](https://ticon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/66%20Stroud%2019%20August%202018.pdf)



# Longney C of E Primary Academy School News

## Pet Show 2018

On Friday 21st September, FOLS organised our annual Pet Show. The sun shone and everyone enjoyed a great social event. All About Agility gave a fantastic demonstration of how agile and obedient their dogs are. Our junior handlers did a great job in the show ring too. There were also chickens, guinea pigs and a range of smaller animals. There was also a good entry in the soft toy class and the colouring competition too. And of course, the unicorn came to visit again!

[http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/pet\\_show\\_2018/369362](http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/pet_show_2018/369362)

## Sponsored Skip

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Bekki Mills, mother of Edward and George, at the end of August.

Bekki worked tirelessly for the school as a parent volunteer, on the FOLS committee, where she helped raise a large amount of money through the Beer Festival, and as a school governor bringing her financial expertise to the governing board. As you may know, her youngest son Edward is an amazing climber and competes across the United Kingdom. He has used his talent to raise money for Climbers Against Cancer and so far has raised over £30,000! Pupils and staff wanted to support this charity and the great work the Mills family are doing at this difficult time. So on Friday 12th October, pupils picked up their skipping ropes and put their skipping skills to the test as they took part in a sponsored skipping relay through the afternoon to raise money for Edwards charity. Each class, including the teachers, took their turn on the playground and although windy, the weather stayed dry. Everyone enjoyed participating for such a good cause. Watch this space to find out how much money we raised!

<http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/news/334975>

For further details of Edward's fundraising click:

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