



## Dates for your Diary

September & October 2018

### Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the school hall at 7.30pm.

### Contact Details for our local PCO Ben Rollins

PCO Ben Rollins can be contacted by anyone, anytime if there are any concerns or suspicions about anything going on in our villages.

Ben Rollins PCSO 9105, mobile 07816 212447

[Benjamin.rollins@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Benjamin.rollins@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Alternatively you can call Gloucester police on 101.

# Longney & Epney Parish Newsletter

## September & October 2018



If the Village Party is a distant memory and you are missing all your parish neighbours then come along and join in the "Great Harvest Show" at our beautiful Church, St Laurence in Longney. Following the Harvest Festival Service there will be an exciting array of local art displays, competitions, children's activities, refreshments and cakes, produce stalls, treasure hunt, raffle and a tombola.

### Competitions

#### A Tale of Two Islands – Photographs of Longney & Epney

Class 1 – Adult

Class 2 – Children 10 and Under

Class 3 – Children 11 to 16



#### Fruit & Vegetables

Class 4 – Children 10 and Under, Animal made from vegetables, fruit, pasta, seeds or nuts.

Class 5 – Children 11 to 16, Animal made from vegetables, fruit, pasta, seeds or nuts.

Class 6 – Open to All, Best home grown vegetable, any variety.

Class 7 – Open to All, Best home grown fruit, any variety.

Class 8 – Open to All, Best collection of 4 home grown vegetables/fruit.



#### Cakes

Class 9 – Open to All, Six cupcakes, creatively decorated.

Class 10 – Open to All, The Great Longney & Epney Bake Off, a competition for the yummiest cake.



## Village Open Gardens

We would like to say a very “Big Thank You” to all our fabulous gardeners of Longney for sharing your beautiful outdoor spaces with everyone on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. Glorious weather along with some yummy tea and cake made for a relaxed afternoon wandering through some exquisite Gold Medal worthy gardens!



## Crafts

**Class 11 – Children 10 and Under, Harvest Drawing/Painting/Collage.**  
**Class 12 – Children 11 to 16, Harvest Drawing/Painting/Collage.**

### Build a Scarecrow

Build a Scarecrow by the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, get creative with your design and when he/she is ready email Suzi Wingrove a picture and location of your entry, judging will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.

[grahamandsuzi.wingrove@gmail.com](mailto:grahamandsuzi.wingrove@gmail.com)

The winner will be announced at the show on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>!



### Produce Stall

There will be a produce stall on the day and we would welcome any donations of local Fruit and Veg, Jams, Chutneys, Home Made Food or Drink (thankfully none of Hartley’s Scrumpy – phew!!) Flowers, Plants or anything else you lovely people have to donate grown or made in the villages. Also items of fruit, vegetable and cakes entered into the competitions would be welcome after judging.



### Bottle Tombola

Donations of any bottles will be gratefully received and can be dropped off with Suzi Wingrove at Castle End Farm, or send Suzi an email [grahamandsuzie.wingrove@gmail.com](mailto:grahamandsuzie.wingrove@gmail.com) and she will collect.

### Harvest Display from Longney School

There will also be a super display of Harvest themed art and written work from the children of Longney School

**Please note there will be a 50p donation per entry, per class for the competitions.**

## Village Neighbourhood Warden

Longney and Epney have a new Village Neighbourhood Warden and her name is Carol Novoth.

Neighbourhood Wardens work across the Stroud District by providing a highly visible presence, whilst acting as the eye's and ears of the community. The Wardens create a safer, cleaner and greener district by engaging within the local parishes and actively responding to community issues. Our Wardens can help and support you with the following issues:

- Supporting vulnerable people.
- Anti-social behaviour.
- Abandoned and untaxed vehicles.
- Bogus and cold callers.
- Free home security and crime prevention advice.
- Hate crime and bullying.
- Litter.
- Dog fouling.
- Fly-tipping.
- Fly-posting.
- Graffiti.
- Supporting residents and partner agencies.
- Personal safety talks.
- Installing and maintaining Careline equipment.
- Neighbour disputes.

Contact Carol on:-  
07970 250343  
[carol.novoth@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:carol.novoth@stroud.gov.uk)

## Village Defibrillators



Each year **60,000** people in the UK lose their lives due to **Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)**. Community Public Access Defibrillator schemes play a vital role in saving many lives and give the public access to life-saving equipment, which anyone can use, regardless of training.

Longney and Epney Parish Council now own both telephone boxes in the Parish. In response to requests from Parishioners and in line with other local villages, we are now in the process of installing a defibrillator in each box. As you are all probably aware, a defibrillator can save your life in the event of a heart attack. Given our rural location it is often not possible for the Ambulance Service to achieve the National Standard response time of seven minutes. The potential for saving a life in the event of a cardiac arrest is dependent upon time and community defibrillators have a very important role in helping to save lives in rural communities. The Parish Council would like to ask local businesses and individuals to sponsor the installation and maintenance costs of these. Each defibrillator and the secure cabinet to house it in costs around £2000. Every donation, however large or small will be very gratefully received.

If you would be willing to contribute, please contact the Parish Council clerk: [clerk@longneyandepneyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@longneyandepneyparish.co.uk)

## New Parish Website

We have been working hard on a new village website and we're pleased to say it's finally ready!

Please have a look through the site and let us know if you have any items or information you'd like added.

We would really welcome any local photographs Especially old photos of village life.

[www.longneyandepneyparish.co.uk](http://www.longneyandepneyparish.co.uk)







If the sign is on  
the road we are  
**Open!**

Facebook



@whollycowgelato

Web



www.whollycow.co

## Hobbs Dairy Wholly Cow Gelato



Our vision is becoming a reality at Barhouse Farm! We have been wanting to produce quality products from our own free range (Pasture Promise) milk for years.

We have now opened a small retail room on farm where visitors can come and try our gelato, and purchase cones, tubs and takeaway pots of this amazing Italian style ice cream.

Gelato is a more dense ice cream style. Each batch of our 'fior de latte' – milk gelato is produced with with over 70% of our whole milk (unhomogenised) and pasteurised in our own machines with free range double cream, the sugar is then added – it isn't over-sweet and it is served at a slightly higher temperature to give it a perfect, lickable consistency, which is spatula'd into the cone rather than scooped.

We are also producing pats of butter made with the free-range cream the farm helps to produce along with 8 other local free range dairy farmers adhering to the Pasture Promise standards – where cows are given freedom to graze in fields for a minimum of 180 days a year.

We would love you to visit – our opening hours are 11am to 2pm Monday to Saturday and on Sunday afternoons - 2pm to 5pm through the summer months, check the website and Facebook page for opening times!

Listen to an interview at the dairy on Radio Gloucestershire via the following link! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06fndgf>

Hobbs Dairy & Wholly Cow Gelato, Barhouse Farm, Elmore, Gloucester, GL2 3NT



## Longney & Elmore Church Choir Summer Concert and Party

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September,  
7pm for 7.30pm Start.

Madam's End Farm,  
Hardwicke, GL2 3SQ

There are a limited number of tickets for this event and they are £5.00 each. Call 01452 720401 or email:- [catherine.be-loe@sky.com](mailto:catherine.be-loe@sky.com)

## Road Closure

On Sunday 9th September 2018 a temporary closure on part of the Perry Way and one way road closures of the rest of the Perry Way, Frampton-On-Severn will be put in place. This is to allow for safe ingress and then egress of traffic for the Frampton Country Fair.

A no parking / no waiting order will be applied to parts of Whitminster Lane and School Lane and temporary traffic control will be on the A38 junction with Perry Way and A38 junction with School Lane.

## Gigaclear Fibre Broadband

The actual arrival of Gigaclear groundwork's contractor, Complete Utilities, in the Parish at the end of June took us all by surprise.

Just in case you are not aware Gigaclear are working as a joint partner of Gloucestershire County Council's Fastershire project to introduce a new faster fibre optic broadband network throughout more rural and remote parts of the County that will enable consumers to receive data up to 1000 Megabytes per second. Although the majority of Longney is now able to receive faster broadband over the BT Openreach fibre network, the whole of Epney and some parts of Longney do not receive this service. The Gigaclear network should provide all the properties in Longney, Epney as well as Elmore the potential to connect to the new network should you wish. It is worth stressing that this new network is totally separate from the BT network and will not provide a traditional telephone capability.

The installation of the Gigaclear network has generated a number of problems and concerns, including some damage to personal property; known specific issues have been relayed to their Deployment Manager. The installation has and continues to generate traffic congestion within the Parish but of course it is worth bearing in mind that this will be for a limited period.

However, to provide an update:

We have been advised that that the more intrusive groundworks of the installation through Epney, Elmore and Longney should be complete by mid-October and the build completion date for the network is January 2019. The go live operational date of the new network has slipped to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 because of difficulties connecting the network to its source, which is now going to be reached by going under the River at Elmore Back. All properties in the villages will have the potential to connect to the network via the connecting pots on the highway outside each property; at one time the intent was to limit connectivity to properties currently receiving less than 30 megabytes on the BT network but this restriction has been withdrawn on expediency grounds. There are costs associated with connection to the Gigaclear network, which are dependent upon the distance of the property from the highway; an indication of these costs is available on the Gigaclear website.

We have relayed any known items of damage to personal property to Gigaclear. We have also relayed concerns that the cabling and conduit might not be installed at a great enough depth, bearing in mind the requirement for ditches to be regularly maintained.

We have asked Gigaclear to now liaise in advance with residents about the precise siting of the connecting cabinets outside individual properties, so that they are positioned as sympathetically and conveniently as possible. Apparently, no planning permission is required for the installation of these cabinets as they are allowed under permitted development rights for utility companies.

Please contact Graham Wingrove for details of the Gigaclear Deployment Manager if you need to contact him directly. [cllr.g.wingrove@longneyandepneyparish.co.uk](mailto:cllr.g.wingrove@longneyandepneyparish.co.uk)

Once the network is live you will need to contact an Internet Service Provider that uses Gigaclear network to connect to the supply.

Contact details for the Fastershire and Gigaclear websites are as follows from which you should also be able to confirm you will be able to connect your property to the network under this phase of the project.

[www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com) or [www.gigaclear.com](http://www.gigaclear.com)

## Church Services

Longney & Elmore

September 2018

Sunday 2nd Sept 2018

Parish Eucharist at  
Elmore 9.30am

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

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

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

Parish Eucharist at  
Elmore 9.30am

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018

Harvest Festival at  
Longney 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at  
Elmore 4.00pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

No service at Elmore or  
Longney, Café Church at  
Hardwicke Primary begins  
at 10.45am. All welcome  
to this informal service.

# St Laurence Church

## Harvest Festival



As the name suggests, Harvest Festival is celebrated around harvest time. More specifically Harvest Festival coincides with the Harvest moon, the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. Harvest Festival in Britain is usually celebrated on the Sunday nearest to this date. This year the autumn equinox is on Sunday 23rd September and the nearest full moon to that date is on 24/25th September. The Harvest Festival tradition pre-dates Christianity and dates back to the pagan times and the name derives from the Old English word Haerfest meaning 'Autumn'. There are some customs and traditions including Lammas Day on August 1 where people are encouraged to take a loaf of bread to their church service to celebrate the reaping of the crops. St Michael's Mass on September 29 celebrates the end of the harvest season and is celebrated with a huge feast. People often eat geese on this day, celebrate with fairs, market stalls and decorating churches with autumnal colours and produce. Corn dolls are traditionally made for the Harvest Festival using the last sheath of the harvest. This doll is kept until spring at which point it is sacrificed along with a Hare made from straw to ensure a good crop in the coming year. The doll is meant to symbolise the goddess of the grain.





## Church Services Longney & Elmore

**October 2018**

**Sunday 7th Oct 2018**

Harvest Festival at  
Elmore 9.30am

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
Longney 9.30am

Sung Evensong at  
Elmore 4.00pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018**

Parish Eucharist at  
Elmore 9.30am

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**

Storyteller Eucharist at  
Longney 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at  
Elmore 4.00pm

**Halloween  
31st October 2018**



# Longney C of E Primary Academy School News July 2018

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July was the last day of term for the before the summer holidays and also the last day ever for Year 6 Pupils who now embark on the next chapter of their educational journey at Secondary School! We wish them well, every success and are sure that the grounding they have gained whilst at Longney School will hold them in good stead.

## Panto Pandemonium

Key Stage 2 enjoyed taking part in the end of year production, Panto Pandemonium! Everyone performed really well and the audience joined in with the traditional pantomime singing and responses! Well done everyone, a great performance.

Take a look at some of the photos from the show!

<http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/gallery/335603>

## Triathlon

On Monday 2nd July, Goldfinch and Swift Class took part in a mini triathlon at Horfield Leisure Centre in Bristol. The event consisted of a 75 meter swim, 1000 meter bike ride and a 500 meter run. Everyone got a medal which was engraved with " I tried, I achieved" which is exactly what everyone did!

The triathlon was organised by the British Triathlon Trust and is known as Katie's Legacy Mini-Triathlon. It is organised in memory of Katie Henderson, an accomplished young triathlete who tragically lost her life in an accident in 2015. Her family and friends wanted to do something that would give children the opportunity to experience the sport that Katie loved and have raised funds to hold this free event for local children.

Take a look at some pictures of the event following the link below!

<http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/triathlon/359641>

## New School Term

Back to School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September!