

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

LONGTON FETE RETURNS

After an absence of two years as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic the spring fête returned and was held on June 18th.

It turned out to be a successful and well attended event helped by pleasant late spring weather and much to do in the way of entertainment.



The fête was opened by the Mayor of South Ribble, Cllr. David Howarth.

Then followed a brilliant performance of Irish dancing by the Egan Academy. Later on, the all-age dancing group, Dance Talent Studio, whose "Gangsta Grans" had participated in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London, performed ballet and contemporary street dancing to a very high standard.

The proceeds of the ever-popular fun dog show went to the Guide Dogs Association with prizes for the various canine categories kindly provided by Superpet Warehouse of Preston.

There were an array of stalls, the majority of which represented charitable causes. Lancashire Badger Group, the RSPB group and Matilda "the Milking Cow" with owner Jayne of the Hodder Valley Agricultural Show provided agricultural, farming and wildlife related quizzes for children and anyone else who wished to participate.



Cycles Recycled of Clitheroe provided the popular cycling 'smoothie' maker enabling people to make 'smoothie' drinks through pedal power. There were ample fairground entertainments provided for children and teenagers in addition to refreshments being provided by the fairground people.

The Fête Committee would like to express its thanks to Cycles Recycled for the provision of the bike, to Superpet Warehouse for the provision of prizes for the fun dog show, to all local businesses that donated prizes for the fête raffle and also to those that provided financial sponsorship for the fête. Thanks are also extended to the volunteers who assisted with the preparation for the event and also to those who helped on the day itself.

There is always a friendly and pleasant atmosphere at the fête, so do come along to the next one in spring 2023".

PAST TO PRESENT (200 YEARS)



Established in 1822, the once brewery tap for the long defunct Wilkins Brewery, the Golden Ball pub has a prominent position on Liverpool Road at the junction with Marsh Lane. Longton was the main coaching route between Liverpool and Southport to Preston, whilst Marsh Lane formed the Longton end of a crossing of the river Douglas from Hesketh Bank.

It is interesting to note that the Golden Ball was run for a short period by the proprietor of the first brewery in Longton in Dale Avenue, James Pye, but was taken over by the Wilkins Family in 1851, by which time, all public houses were selling beer when brewing and malting were thriving businesses. Thomas Wilkins and his brother-in-law, John Southworth operated a successful malting business and supplied large quantities of malt and smaller quantities of hops to the Farington Family estate in Worden Park. The Golden Ball provided accommodation as a coaching inn and a community hub mainly for local men. The Malt House part of the Wilkins' Brewery was built in 1883 in Marsh Lane. The stone over the door had the inscription "W and R Wilkins 1883 Maltsters". A boom in seaside holidays brought more customers to the Golden Ball and other coaching inns along the route. The Wilkins Family eventually relinquished control of the Golden Ball in 1952.

The Golden Ball is now one of the oldest and most well-established buildings in Longton. It was dramatically refurbished and was also winner of the Dog Friendly Business of the Year Award by Visit Lancashire.



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CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS 2022



The Parish Council will once again this year be running the 'Christmas Rosebowl Competition' and 'Christmas House Display Competition'.

The Rosebowl Competition is open to all local shops in the Parish (no entry form required) and is an award given for the best shop window display during the run up to Christmas - the winner will receive the 'Rosebowl' including flowers to be held for the following 12 months.

The Christmas House Display Competition is open to all households in the Parish (again no entry form is required) and is an award given to the best external house lighting display during the run up to Christmas - there are two awards: the Vi Peacock Cup (New Longton) & Christmas Cup (Longton).

Parish Councillors have been chosen to undertake the judging.

All judging is expected to take place on the weekend of the 3/4th of December 2022 and the awards will be made to the winners by the Chairman of the Parish Council shortly thereafter. So why not give it a go and see if you can help to brighten up our two villages during the festive period?

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BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION AWARDS 2022

LONGTON

Winner - 36 Formby Crescent - Mr and Mrs Bleasdale

Second - 17 Mereside Close - Mr and Mrs Skirvin

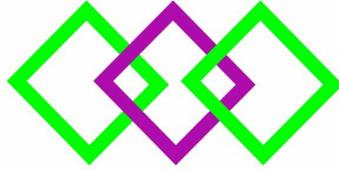
Third - 11 Orchard Lane - Janet Rance

NEW LONGTON

Winner - 29 Shaftesbury Avenue - Mr & Mrs Hawkins

Second - 5 Hill Top - Mr & Mrs Carroll

Third - East View, Brownhill Lane - Peter Johnson



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December 3 - Elvis Tribute Night



Lee Newsome is one of the top Elvis Tributes performing in the World today. With his stunning suits handmade by Mr Gene Doucette who actually made Elvis's suits and Lee's unrivalled powerhouse vocals, Close your eyes & you will swear Elvis is back in the building. A no expense spared show awaits. **Tickets £12 from the venue or Online**

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December 31 - New Years Eve Party



We're delighted to announce that New Year's Eve Celebrations are back again! Tickets will go on sale at 12:00 on early November.

Remember, you must have a ticket if you want to be there on the night. Don't leave your night to chance, register for updates... Live Music, DJ, Hot Supper and bar until 1:00 for more details
email andrew@longtonvm.co.uk

QUIZ NIGHT - EVERY THURSDAY 9:00pm

WHAT IS A LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL?

PARISH COUNCILS were established in law in 1894 having their origins in the development of villages all over England during both Saxon and Norman times. Villages in those past days were ruled by the Lord of the Manor with little national control. Sometimes the villages all met to make decisions which affected the whole community. Gradually it seems that parish priests and sometimes school masters joined the Lord of the Manor to become an effective ruling clique and it was probably from this that the first Parish Councils were formulated.

After the second world war the profile of local Councils increased significantly and the National Association of Parish Councils was formed. Since that time there has been much debate concerning the value of these Councils however today with a Central Government view of involving local communities it may be that the involvements of Parish and Town Councils will increase in the future.

A Parish Council is democratically elected to serve a defined and local area. Most of the current Council members were elected to serve for 4 years at the last election in May 2019. The next elections will take place in May 2023. Maybe you would like to stand and become involved in things that effect your area.

Parish Councils exist to protect the interests of their communities and in many cases provide local services either directly or in support of higher tiers of local government (County, City, Unitary & Borough Councils).

Parish Councils have a statutory right to make comment on all planning applications within their boundaries however the decision does still rest with the higher tier authority for the area.

Longton Parish Council has the services of a lengthsman who supports and adds value to existing County & Borough authority services. Peter can be seen out and about in Longton and New Longton undertaking general maintenance and litter picking support and he can sometimes undertake Public Right of Way maintenance on paths close to our village centres, for which the Parish Council receive a small grant.

The Council is also able, through representation, to assist in improving the area in general and its opinion is often sought where significant changes to the area are involved such as SRBC planning policies.

Longton Parish Council often comment on planning applications for the area and it is not unusual for residents to seek its support on applications which are of concern to the local populous.

Longton Parish Council is not a clearing house for complaints regarding the service delivery of higher tier authorities which should be addressed in the first place to the responsible authority concerned.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AREA

6th December 2022 at Longton Library commencing at 7.30pm

(Dates for 2023 will be released on our web site shortly)

*THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY EARLY IN THE MEETING FOR RESIDENTS TO
MAKE REPRESENTATION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM OR RAISE ISSUES OF
CONCERN, HOWEVER, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL CANNOT
MAKE ANY DECISIONS UNLESS THE ITEM HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED ON
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