

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2021



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

COUNCIL VACANCY



Following a recent resignation there is now a vacancy on Longton Parish Council, East Ward. The Parish Council is now able to co-opt a new member to fill that vacancy. If you would like to be involved in local affairs, then this is your opportunity to put yourself forward without the need to go through a formal election process. All that is required is a letter to the Council outlining your personal details. This should ideally include your work experience, the length of time you have lived in or had connections with the area, any existing local memberships and a

brief outline of any skills that you might be able to bring to the Council. Letters of request will be considered by the Council at the next available meeting. If you are interested or want to know more, please get in touch with the Clerk to the Council who will be more than happy to assist.

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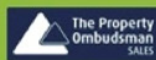
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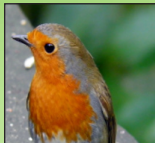
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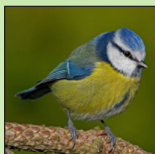
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RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2022



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022 is just one way to enjoy nature and be part of a community looking out for wildlife. You will be part of an active community helping to protect birds and other wildlife, joining in national and international efforts to save wild places and bring back rare or threatened birds and other animals too. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, or any of the bigger green spaces in Longton and New Longton for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022.

Contact: wildlife@rspb.org.uk or phone
RSPB 01767 680551 with
your results



For keen ornithologists, the event will be broadcast live by RSPB on Facebook and YouTube.

CONSUMER ALERTS OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2021

COLD CALLERS SELLING HOUSEWARES: Cold callers offering household wares have been reported operating in parts of Lancashire. The sellers claim they have recently been released from prison and are on probation. Please remember the Probation Service do not instruct people to carry out door to door selling for them or on their behalf. Never feel pressurised to buy anything, often items can be expensive and are of poor quality.

Trading Standards advice is to always say no to cold callers. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk

SCAM POST OFFICE TEXT: Beware of receiving a text pretending to be from a post office or delivery company claiming you have to collect a parcel which could not be delivered, then asking for a payment of £1.99. If you respond you will be asked for further details including your card number, bank account number and sort code. This scam is most likely to catch people out who are expecting the delivery of a parcel, as many will, as we approach the festive season. Avoid clicking on any suspicious links and if in doubt check directly with the parcel delivery service and check their website for information on current scams.

*Contact the Trading Standards Service via the Citizens
Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133*

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS 2021

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 will take place on the weekend of the 4/5th of December 2021 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?

GARDEN COMPETITION AWARDS 2021



LONGTON

1st Place - Mr P Fallon 5 Clifford Avenue Longton PR4 5BH

2nd Place - Mr and Mrs Skirvin 17 Mereside Close Longton PR4 5ZY

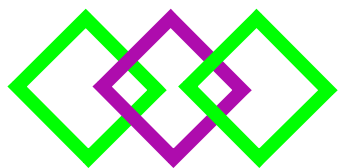
3rd Place - Mr and Mrs Mayor 1 Bankcroft Longton PR4 5AL

NEW LONGTON

1st Place - Mr and Mrs Sutherland 5 Churchside New Longton PR4 4LU

2nd Place - Mr and Mrs Halloran 19 Sheephill Lane New Longton PR4 4ZN

3rd Place - Mr and Mrs Kershaw 2 Mossway New Longton PR4 4ZQ



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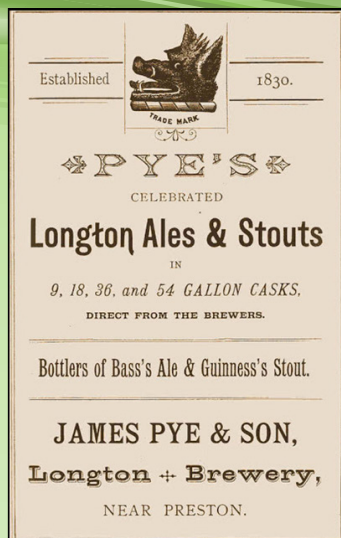
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A TALE OF TWO BREWERIES



The Beer Act of 1830 was aimed at reducing the consumption of spirits by promoting beer drinking, introduced the concept of the beer house. This permitted any rate paying householder to apply for a licence to brew and sell beer. 46000 beer houses came into being within the next eight years although ultimately they could not compete with larger breweries who had better equipment.

James and Elizabeth Pye moved to Longton in 1833, where James already worked as the innkeeper of the Golden Ball beer house, owned by Ellen and Thomas Wilkins who also owned an inn, then known as The Mermaid but which eventually became The Dolphin. James Pye embarked on commercial brewing in 1830 setting up a brewery on Dale Avenue which had a reservoir built opposite to it to hold an adequate water supply for the brewing process. The 1871 census shows that Pye's Brewery employed eight men, but was still considered to be a main employer in Longton along with its rival Wilkin's Brewery. The Smithy Inn of Much Hoole was one of ten pubs

which sold Pye Brewery beers. The brewery went on to merge with Walmsley and Company in 1904 and became Walmsley and Pye.

W & R Wilkins Ltd, Marsh Lane (The Maltings) was established in 1841. Ellen and Thomas Wilkins and brother-in-law John Southworth began by supplying malt and hops to local brewers from 1804, but the brewing company was established in Longton by sons, Richard and William Wilkins in 1841. Barley had to be imported from Ireland, to supplement locally grown supplies.

The 1871 census shows that Wilkin's Brewery then employed twelve men, including carters, coopers, labourers and maltsters. The Malt House was built in 1883 in Marsh Lane (The Maltings) replacing the one in Mill Bank in Preston, where Thomas Wilkins had set up the first brewery. This was partly attributable to the arrival of the railway with the 1882 opening of Longton Bridge Station on the newly constructed West Lancashire railway from Southport to Preston, improving communications with both towns and expansion of the business to Southport.

The stone over the door of the brewery had the inscription 'W and R 1883 Maltsters'.

A reservoir was built to the rear of the brewery, larger than the one attached to the Pye Brewery. An ordinance survey map of 1892 shows the fair degree of complexity in the brewing operation. A boiler provided steam to the brewery engine used to power mechanical processes such as grinding and hoisting the malt and hops from where they would be gravity fed to various stages in the brewing process.

Both breweries were among the main employers in Longton between 1851 and 1902. The Wilkins brewery business reached its peak in the 1920s with 20 outlets. Some were coaching inns on the way to Southport and some in Southport itself, the expansion taking place at the time of the boom in seaside holidays. All pubs had stables where horses were fed and watered for the return journey. Trips to Longton were popular with people coming from Blackburn and elsewhere in Lancashire.

W & R Wilkins became a private company in 1937 and was acquired by Groves and Whitnall Ltd in 1952.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:

7th December 2021 at Longton Library commencing at 7.30pm

(Dates for 2022 will be released on our website 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 THE FORMAL AGENDA