

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017



NEW LONGTON RECEIVES AWARD



At the Lancashire Best Kept Village Awards Ceremony held at The Villa Wrea Green on the 23rd October 2017, New Longton was awarded first place in this year's large village class. Cllrs Riley and Alsop attended the ceremony to receive the award, which was only announced on the day at the event itself. New Longton has now emulated Longton village which won this same award only a few years ago. The competition, which is about the cleanliness and tidiness of villages across Lancashire, had 70 entries in various categories so this award was no mean achievement. Thanks go to all residents who have helped to keep our village clean and tidy and particularly Peter Heise, our lengthsman, who as

part of his duties undertakes additional litter picking and weed removal as well as maintaining the two small garden areas which the Council is responsible for. The Parish Council will now have to decide where to place the plaque which has been received to commemorate the achievement.



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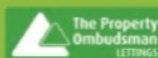
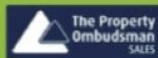
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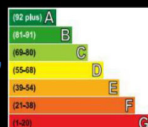
However, regardless of whether you are selling or not, you can still request a report to know how energy efficient your home is. The report will highlight any improvements you can make including estimates of cost.

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NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is a popular venue for a wide range of community groups and also private functions. It provides excellent facilities to meet any event requirements, having three rooms which may be used independently.

The Main Hall 58' X 28' has a stage. It can seat 200 theatre style and 120 for dancing or at tables. There is a serving hatch from the kitchen. There are 2 smaller meeting rooms of equal size 30' X 15' with a large connecting door and the rooms may be used independently or together. The kitchen is suitable for providing refreshments. It has a serving hatch opening into the main hall.

Further details are on: www.newlongtonvillagehall.co.uk. Booking Secretary **01772 612298**

The Annual Flower and Handcraft Show was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th September 2017 and was well attended. Local residents had the opportunity to show their skills in growing, painting, crafts, baking and photography. The event was opened by the Mayor of South Ribble.

New Longton Under 5s Nursery open from 7:30am to 5:30pm every day for 50 weeks of the year (closed 2 weeks at Christmas) and offering the Government's extended 30 hour childcare provision.

New Longton Under 5s Play Group 9.00am to 12.45pm, Monday to Friday during term time. Welcoming all children between the ages of 2 and 5 years.

Mother and Toddler Group held on a Monday afternoon. Pre-School sessions held on Thursday afternoon. Ofsted approved. Staff are qualified and fully trained in all aspects of childcare. Contact 07963987765 www.newlongtonunder5nursery.com

New Longton Artists, this friendly group is always keen to welcome new members to its Wednesday evening sessions. An exhibition is held every summer and a Fine Art Fair is held around October every year. For further information please contact Brian Thomas 01772 614270 www.newlongtonartists.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Circo Rum Baba - 'Dress Up for Christmas' - a wonderful Christmas tale, with lots of audience participation and slapstick to entertain all ages! Sunday 10th December 2017 at 3.00pm at the village hall. Tickets £7.50 adult and £5.00 Child. Contact Margaret on 01772 614264.

Friday 15th December at 7.30pm in the village hall sees the welcome return of Ian Bayley and Tim Chu with a '**Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel**'. Tickets are £12 and will be on sale from Monday 2nd October from New Longton Post Office or buy online from www.classicsingersongwriters.co.uk/sandg

Missing getting up for a dance to the music you know? Well **Reelin 'N' Rockin** will be back on 27th January 2018 playing 60s, 70s and 80s music. Further information contact Tricia 01772 615093.

LONGTON FETE 2017



This year's fete was marred by disappointing weather, but nonetheless this did not seem to dampen enthusiasm. It was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of South Ribble, Mike and Carole Titherington. The cycling 'smoochie' proved very popular with all age groups, the fairground attractions, fun pillory stocks organised by Longton Scouts, Matilda the 'milking cow', an agricultural quiz for children and of course the ever popular Punch and Judy were well liked by the younger children. In addition Greenpeace offered face painting and the Sunshine Day Nursery a number of games which further entertained them.

Registration fees from the ever popular fun dog show were donated to the Guide Dogs charity with the winners of the nine categories each receiving a prize donated by Superpet Warehouse, Preston. All runner up entrants to the show also received a prize, making their owners happy since their pets were not left out of the prize giving.

Other charities present included Derian House Children's Hospice, St Catherine's Hospice Longton, Fairtrade, Fomo and the Samaritans. Singing entertainment was provided by the Longton based Do-Re-Me singers and dancing provided by Sandham & Fitchett Performing Arts Group who performed ballet, tap and modern jazz. Both groups were excellent and much appreciated by their audience.

Refreshments were provided by Longton Scouts in their new marquee. The Fire Brigade were in attendance and people were invited to have a tour of the fire engine and an explanation as to how it is operated.

Thanks go to the business sponsors, those who donated raffle prizes, volunteers, SRBC Neighbourhood Forum and County Cllr Graham Gooch who supported the event with a donation from the LCC Member Grant Fund.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

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 9/10th of December 2017 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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FLOODING

As we approach winter the likelihood of heavy rainfall and flooding in the area will once again be of concern to residents. We have put together a short synopsis of where to report the various types of flooding that can be experienced. What is very important is that incidents are 'reported' in order that a database of 'events' can be compiled so that the appropriate authorities have records of what has happened, can take action as appropriate and can consider the effectiveness of their action dependant on whether there is further repetition in the future.

Flooding Emergency: If there is an immediate risk to life or you are trapped by floodwater call the emergency services on 999.

If you wish to report a flood incident or have concerns that your property may be immediately at risk of flooding contact the **Floodline Service on 0345 988 1188**.

Flooding from highway drainage, surface water, groundwater or watercourses: Call Lancashire County Council on 0300 123 6780

You may also report on line – www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'Report It' – a report form will appear which allows details and location to be entered.

South Ribble Borough Council may also be able to help. <http://www.southribble.gov.uk> or **01772 421491**

Flooding from Main River or Coastal Waters: For the latest forecast and flood warnings, information and advice on protecting your home and what to do in the event of flooding call the **Environment Agency 0845 988 1188**.

Flooding from sewers or burst water mains: Contact your water provider: **United Utilities 0845 746 2200**.

BEST KEPT GARDEN AWARDS 2017

Below are the details of the awards made to local residents at the New Longton Flower Show held in September 2017 in New Longton Village Hall.

LONGTON

Mr P Fallon 5 Clifford Avenue PR4 5BH

Mr and Mrs Skirvin 17 Mereside Close PR4 5ZY

Mr and Mrs Hayes 16 East Square PR4 5NL

NEW LONGTON

Mr and Mrs Wright 31 Chesham Drive New Longton PR4 4YJ

Mr and Mrs Sidgreaves 10 Hilltop New Longton PR4 4YR

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Geoff Welch	3 Oak Grove New Longton Preston PR4 4XT	617791
Graham Gooch	57 Shirley Lane Longton Preston PR4 5WJ	614974
Bill Coulton	14 Boundary Close New Longton Preston PR4 4BD	619279
Karl Turner	35 Landsmoor Drive Longton Preston PR4 5PE	07516 427142
Ann Mather	Peartree Farm 247 Chapel Lane New Longton Preston PR4 4AD	614608
Gill Garside	126 Chapel Lane Longton Preston PR4 5FB	617742
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DATES AND VENUES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month (exc January & August) commencing at 7.30pm (an adjournment is provided in order that the council may listen to representations from the public)

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5th DECEMBER 2017 @ NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

9th JANUARY 2018 @ LONGTON LIBRARY

6th FEBRUARY 2018 @ NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

UPDATES

- **'In Bloom'** village pride campaign is up and running - posters have been placed around the area at play areas and schools - a Committee has been formed and preparation work is underway for 2018.
- **The Monthly Dementia Friendly Café** run by volunteers at the back of St Andrew's Church is proving popular. The 'Welcome Café' as it is known is seeing new people attending each month.
- There is a proposed project to consider clearing and tidying the **Chapel Lane Underpass** between Longton and New Longton.
- **Longton Village Market** continues to thrive with seven new stalls coming to the market in August and September.