

# Dates for your Diary

April 2018

## Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the school hall at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## Easter Dates

Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Don't forget that most large shops will be closed on Easter Sunday due to trading laws.

## Road Closures

Fretherne bridge is due to be closed from 9<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Sellars bridge is due to be closed from 28<sup>th</sup> April to the 13<sup>th</sup> May.

# Longney & Epney Parish Newsletter

## April 2018

We would welcome some local photos of the area to head up our newsletter so if you have a picture that you would like featured please email in to us or post it to Facebook!

*Photo Credit: Brian Everett*



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## Newsletter

We would like to apologise for the delay in sending out a newsletter, we are hopefully back on track now. This will be an interim letter for April and then we will be back to two monthly editions starting for May and June! If you would like to contribute, please email to [longneyandepneypc@cotswoldwireless.co.uk](mailto:longneyandepneypc@cotswoldwireless.co.uk)

## Solar Installation

Hopefully everyone is now aware a planning application has been submitted by Elgin Energy for a Solar Installation on Lands East of Longney Road. The Parish Council requested an extension to the response date to Stroud District Council in order to post out a village survey and hold a meeting to get a feeling of the parishioner's views. The response date has been extended to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for both the Parish Council and the public.

The application is available on the Stroud District Council Planning website via the following link:

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=P546EMPNK7B00&activeTab=summary>

Anyone is free to make a comment on this site.

## Dog Fouling

A reminder please... it is an offence not to pick up after your dog, please ensure you carry sufficient poo bags and deposit in your black bin.

## Parish Garden Tools

We have available a rotavator and strimmer for use in the parish at a nominal fee, please contact the parish clerk or Roger Godwin to arrange hire.

## Riverbank Clean Up

A big thank you to those people who helped clear the riverbank of plastic bottles and general rubbish after the recent high tides. All help was greatly appreciated.

## Parish Council Contact Details

Longneyandepneypc@cotswoldwireless.co.uk

## Village Party

### 19th May 2018 at The Anchor Inn

So the 19<sup>th</sup> May is a very important date in the calendar this year not only is it the FA Cup final and the wedding day of a couple of pretty famous people..... most importantly it's the Longney and Epney village party!

The team have already been working incredibly hard to get plans under way for "the only" place to be seen in May! Food, cakes, games, but most importantly an opportunity to get to know all your fellow neighbours as they will undoubtedly be at the party of year!

Sally and Rob have very kindly offered our local watering hole as the venue and offers have been coming in for the loan of a marquee and some chairs, but we really need help with preparation on the day also cake baking, maybe a photographer, ideas for some games, and generally anything you think you can help with. Also, as requested at the last parish council meeting we would like to hold a raffle with some fab prizes, so if you can help donate some "out of the ordinary" gifts that would be great and much appreciated! Please contact Nikki Leach on the Parish Council email if you would like to offer some help or a raffle prize.



Please keep everything crossed for a beautiful sunny day to reward all the hard work being put in!

## Severn Bore

Only one 3\* bore in April on Sunday the 1st. It's not too early, so before you start tucking in to your Easter Eggs you can nip down to the riverbank and watch the wave go by!

<http://www.thesevernbores.co.uk/timetable/4594160181>

## Longney School

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### School Holidays

School finishes for Easter holidays on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and returns on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### End of term Residential

Year 5 and 6 are away on a residential in Morfa Bay, Carmarthenshire from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will see what exciting things they have been up to in the next newsletter!

### Litter

We are suffering with an excessive amount of litter along our roads and hedgerows in the village, from passing, thoughtless traffic. If you are willing to tidy the verges by your property that would be much appreciated. Hopefully we can organize a village litter pick soon!

## Longney C of E Primary Academy School News

### Gloucestershire Dance Festival – February 2018

Twenty pupils from the school took part in a dance festival at The Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham during February!

Below is link to a video of the evening!

[http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/february\\_2018/338484](http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/february_2018/338484)

## Big Bang Science Fair – March 2018



The children visited the The Big Bang Science Fair in March at the NEC in Birmingham, they got to experience all things Science related and even got to sit in a Red Arrow aircraft! Below is a link which shows some of the pictures at the fair!

[http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/march\\_2018/338572](http://www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk/website/march_2018/338572)

## Church Services

Longney & Elmore

April 2018

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
2018, Good Friday

The Road To The Cross at  
Elmore 6.30pm

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018,  
Easter Sunday

Said Eucharist at Longney  
8.00am

Festival Eucharist at  
Elmore 9.30am

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018,  
Sunday after Easter

Parish Eucharist at  
Longney 9.30am

Sung Evensong at Elmore  
4.00pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
2018, Easter 3

Parish Eucharist at Elmore  
9.30am

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
2018, Easter 4

Short Eucharist and APCM  
at Longney 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at  
Elmore 4.00pm

# St Laurence Church

## April 2018



## Origin & History of Easter Eggs

Next to the Easter bunny, the most familiar symbol is the Easter egg. Like others, the egg has a long pre-Christian history. Again, there's no certainty as to why it became associated with Easter.

Many Ancient cultures viewed eggs as a symbol of life. Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, and Phoenicians believed the world began with an enormous egg. The Persians, Greeks, and Chinese gave gifts of eggs during spring festivals in celebration of new life all around them. Other sources say people ate dyed eggs at spring festivals in Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome. In ancient Druid lore, the eggs of serpents were sacred and stood for life.

Early Christians looked at the connection eggs had to life and decided eggs could be a part of their celebration of Christ's resurrection. In addition, in some areas, eggs were forbidden during Lent; therefore, they were a delicacy at Easter. Since many of the earlier customs were Eastern in origin, some speculate that early missionaries or knights of the Crusade may have been responsible for bringing the tradition to the West.

In the fourth century, people presented eggs in church to be blessed and sprinkled with holy water. By the twelfth century, the *Benedictio Ovorum* had been introduced authorising the special use of eggs on the holy days of Easter. The timing of this blessing would uphold the idea that Crusaders may have brought the tradition back. Even though eggs had been used previously, the Crusaders may have made the custom more popular and widespread. In 1290, Edward I of England recorded a purchase of 450 eggs to be coloured or covered with gold leaf. He then gave the eggs to members of the royal household.

Once the custom became accepted, new traditions began to grow up around it. Eggs were dyed red for joy, and in memory of Christ's blood. Egg rolling contests came to America from England, possibly as a reminder of the stone being rolled away.

What about the familiar Easter Egg hunt? One source suggested that it grew out of the tradition of German children searching for hidden pretzels during the Easter season. Since children were hiding nests for the Easter Bunny to fill with eggs at the same time they were hunting pretzels, it was only a small leap to begin hiding eggs instead.