

Longford Parish Press

What A Find!! *By Tim Cox*

I am a keen metal detectorist and I would like to tell you about my amazing find in a field locally.

There were eighteen silver hammered coins from the reign of Elizabeth 1 and James 1 all found close together on ridge and furrow pasture about eight inches below the surface. They were either lost or buried I suppose we shall never know. The find is classed as a hoard so I had to contact my local finds liaison officer at Derby Museum and the coins now become the property of the Crown.

The find was made on 1st August 2025.

These sorts of finds are the real high point of the hobby but a lot of the time I spend full days searching and only find trash, so you need to be patient.

When you dig up a coin that was lost hundreds of years ago it's just amazing to think about the person who lost it all those years ago - where did they live and what was their occupation?

Please be aware before you go metal detecting you always need the land owner's permission.



Elizabeth 1



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James VI of Scotland became James I of England in 1603



Cookery Corner *by Longford WI*

There appears to be a plentiful supply of apples locally at the moment so I have used some for this recipe from Ashbourne Show.

Apple Crumble Custard Cake**Ingredients:**

150g softened butter
3 large eating apples
2 eggs
220g caster sugar
260g self raising flour
2 tablespoons custard powder
180 ml milk

For the topping:

110g plain flour
165g light soft brown sugar
75g desiccated coconut
100g softened butter

**Method:**

1. Butter a 23cm springform tin and line with baking paper.
2. Peel, core and slice the apples thickly. Put the slices in a pan. Add 60ml water. Cover and simmer until just tender. Drain and cool.
3. Preheat the oven to 170C/ 150C fan. Place all the crumble topping ingredients into a food processor and process until it resembles rough breadcrumbs. Set aside.
4. Now make the cake mixture. Whisk the eggs and sugar until light and creamy. Add the butter and process for a further 2 mins. Add the flour, custard powder and milk and process until combined.
5. Place the cake mixture into the cake tin and level the top. Lay the stewed apples on top, covering all the cake mixture. Sprinkle over the prepared topping. Bake for about an hour – a skewer inserted in the centre should come out clean.

Serve as a cake or dessert.

W.I. Diary

We've had another interesting few months at Longford WI.

In June we had a really interesting talk from Liz Keeley about the history of menstruation. In July we'd a fascinating trip to Beamhurst Museum in Uttoxeter and our August meeting was our social at The Horseshoes, Long Lane. A lovely evening!

We also enjoyed entering our bakes and crafts into the WI tent at Ashbourne Show. We had lots of entries in the baking, knitting, embroidery, painting collage and photography categories. We were delighted to come away with a few prizes too!

We won 3rd prize in collage, 2nd prize in painting, 2nd prize in embroidery, and 3rd prize in the lemon drizzle baking category.

In September we're looking forward to making ceramic pumpkins at Wyaston Village Hall, led by the fantastic potter Vicky Scotcher. In October we'll welcome Shelley Davies from Cameo and November is our AGM. If you're interested in coming along, you'll be more than welcome. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Pump Room, at 7.30pm.

Children's Hospital Pyjama Appeal *by Kathryn Ferris*

It's that time of year again where I am collecting pyjamas for children who are unexpectedly admitted to hospital and don't have any comfy pyjamas to change into. This will be my fifth year supporting this and I have always had an amazing response/support from the people of Longford and surrounding villages. The pyjamas can be age birth up to and including 18 years old and must be brand new. They are distributed between Derby Royal Children's Hospital and the Children's ward at Burton Hospital. **I will be opening up the Pump Room between 8.30am and 1pm on Wednesday 14th October for donations. Alternatively, they can be dropped at my house, 2 Longford Lane, or I am happy to collect. Drop offs at my house are welcome anytime.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS
SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT
CHARITY NUMBER 1185739

PYJAMA APPEAL!
• WE ARE A COLLECTION POINT •

Donate a brand new pair of pyjamas for a poorly child

Children's Hospital Pyjamas are a UK based charity that collects donations of brand new pyjamas for children aged from newborn to eighteen. These donations are then shared between local hospitals, hospices and women's refuges.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas. Drop them into us. We cannot take used pyjamas.

HOW? Bring in a pair of PJ's and we will forward them on your behalf.

WHEN? From To

WHY? Because no child wants to be in hospital and if they have to be, they want to be wearing brand new cosy PJ's!



Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages to see us delivering your PJ's x

Facebook: [Children's Hospital Pyjamas](#) Instagram: [@childrenshospitalpyjamas](#) Twitter: [@CHPyjamaCharity](#)

COKE'S EDUCATIONAL CHARITY APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS 2025

Coke's Educational Charity (Reg'd No 527028) is a local charity established in 1689 by Dame Katherine Coke to assist young persons living in **Longford, Hollington, Rodsley and Alkmonton** in connection with their education and training. The Charity nowadays does this in part by making grants of modest financial assistance to young persons under 25 years of age living in these villages who have left secondary school and are in, or are about to begin, university or college courses, apprenticeships or similar training. The grants are usually paid in December or January and limited to two grants per person.

Please spread the word that applications are now invited for grants for 2025. Applications should be submitted by email to Paul Hudson at paulhudson67@icloud.com and applicants should ensure that they receive an acknowledgement of receipt from Paul to confirm that their application has been safely received.

Applications should state:

- (i) the applicant's name, home address, and age;
- (ii) what course is being undertaken, their university/college/ employer and what year of the course the applicant is currently in; and
- (iii) any specific purposes for which the grant may be sought in order to help the Trustees in considering the application (iv) and whether this is your first or second application.

In addition, it will be necessary for applicants to provide written evidence that they have secured their place (or continuation of their study) at their university/college or provide a letter from their employer confirming that their apprenticeship or training is being undertaken.

The deadline for submitting applications is **31st October 2025** and we look forward to receiving your application. If you would prefer to submit a written application, please send your letter to one of the following:

Longford: Paul Hudson, Longford Oaks, Long Lane, Longford, ASHBOURNE DE6 3AH or Ginty Leedham, Mill View, Longford, ASHBOURNE DE6 3DR

Hollington: Mike Monk, Pear Tree Cottage, 3 Old Hall Farm, Hollington, ASHBOURNE DE6 3GB

Rodsley: Ian Chapman, Hillcrest, Park Lane, Rodsley, ASHBOURNE DE6 3AJ

Alkmonton: Richard Spencer, Bentley Fields Farm, Alkmonton, ASHBOURNE DE6 3DJ

Parish Council News

Churchyard tidy up

We are having our usual autumn tidy up of the churchyard on **Saturday 11th October from 9.30am onwards**. Volunteers to help would be most welcome. The work is general trimming, sweeping up etc. If you can help please bring your own tools.

Longford Parish Press

This newsletter is published quarterly on the parish council and village websites. If you have something to add to the newsletter please submit it to parishpress63@btinternet.com.



Longford & District Pumpkin Club



We are once again pleased to announce that the Annual Presentation, Meal, Judging and generally a 'Jolly Good Time' will take place on **Saturday 4th October 2025 in Wyaston Village Hall**, and after the hilarity and excitement of last year, our Grand Fettlemeister has announced that a 'Fettlesome' will be taking place again this year.

The classes this year are:

PUMPKINS – Heaviest, Girth, Colour, Height, Decorated, Fettler and Most Rounded.

FLOWERS – Best Single Rose, Best Single Flower, Best Small Arrangement.

FRUIT & VEG- Best Single Fruit or Veg, Longest Runner Bean, Longest Carrot, Best Single Fruit or Veg (Home Grown), Decorated Veg (Halloween Themed).

BEST SPONGE CAKE (any flavour) - adult and child classes.

Tickets for the night are still £10 Adults, £5 Child, Under 5 Free. Please book in advance on the village website www.longfordvillage.co.uk or the Growers Gaffer 330257, Pumpkin Assayer 07730 051634 or Gopher to the Growers Gaffer 330678

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CANCER RESEARCH UK. LAST YEAR, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE RAISED £1,100 FOR THE STROKE ASSOCIATION.

Please give us your support and if you can contribute to the raffle or food for the evening feast, we would be most grateful.

Growers Gaffer



Hedgehog House *by Mick Tunncliffe*

Four years ago some friends bought us a hedgehog house as a present, which we placed in what we considered was a very suitable sheltered spot in the garden. We had occasionally seen a hedgehog in the garden but more often than not just hedgehog poo, and no sign of a hedgehog using the box.

Early last winter, Christine was pottering about near the box and had to move it, she thought this is heavy and when she slid the cover across, it was absolutely jam packed full of leaves and she saw the prickles of a hedgehog. She hastily slid the cover back and the hedgehog remained in the box all winter.

About four weeks ago we became aware that the box was again very heavy, so Christine put special hedgehog food and water out every night which had subsequently gone by the morning. We have seen him/her out and about around dusk, which is really great to see.

Hedgehog numbers are decreasing but Longford seems to be bucking the trend; I know four properties that have hedgehogs including one with young and no doubt there will be others.



The Longford Book Group *by Angela Churchill*

This is our 20th year and we have had a busy summer. In June we had a “Jane Eyre Walk”, a hilly circuit beginning in Hathersage and taking in eight points of inspiration for Charlotte Brontë’s book. It was a beautiful sunny day and we had a picnic stop on top of Stanage Edge.

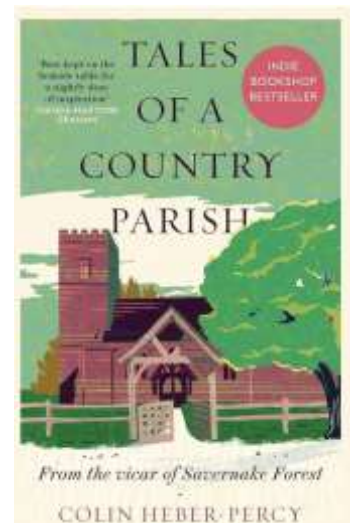
Our next event was a huge surprise (to me at least); an afternoon of Regency dancing which was perfect timing on the 250th anniversary year of Jane Austen’s birth. Our dancing was rounded off by a wonderful afternoon tea in the beautiful, sunny garden of one of our members. We found Regency dancing quite tricky and consequently quite amusing as we tried to remember our moves. Sara, our other founder, was much remembered during the afternoon; we also felt pretty sure she’d have been our best dancer! We had a lot of fun and happily took our final bow with full sets of toes! Our teachers told us that aristocratic children of the era would have had dancing masters from around the age of 7 years old. We discovered that being asked for more than two dances by a Regency gentleman implied that an engagement to be married might well be expected, that to “pencil in” comes from writing down the list of names of one’s prospective dance partners and that a tune that was a “maggot” was what we’d refer to today, as an “ear-worm”.



In between other activities we have read 2 books.

Tales of a Country Parish by Colin Heber-Percy, (Octopus), Book Group Score 6

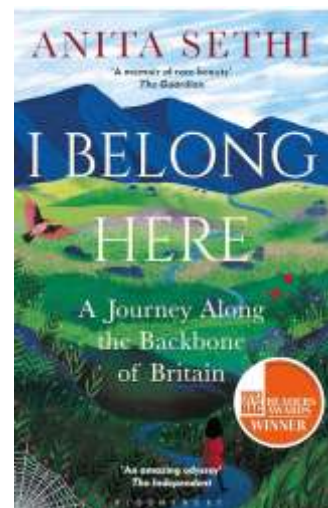
Written by the vicar of Savernake Forest during the Covid lockdown, this is a book full of thoughts and ideas about faith, often triggered by an everyday event from his life during this time. Colin Heber-Percy draws on experience, biblical knowledge, history, philosophy, etymology and more to explore his subject. Although easy and accessible to read, we thought this book best read and digested in bite size pieces. We felt it might work better in a “thought for the day” type format, due to how densely packed with information each chapter was. We also questioned the accuracy of the back cover which states that the book is relevant to all, “regardless of faith and creed”, since either all the ideas explored in Tales of a Country Parish are based around Christianity, or Christianity is used as a key point of exploration of the idea, with biblical references. The book comes with a list of music, listened to by the author at various stages of writing, which was interesting and which we talked about.



I Belong Here by Anita Sethi, (Bloomsbury), Book Group Score 6

In this book, Anita Sethi explores racism and at times, sexism, whilst walking in the North of England. Despite a number of accolades, this was definitely a Marmite book for us, with most of us thinking Anita Sethi had sought to tackle some weighty topics but seemed to have done so in a superficial way. We felt factual reference was needed for some comments and context for others, whilst the writing style was at times repetitive in both use of words and content. Those who had enjoyed the book had listened to the audible version. They enjoyed hearing the information discussed and the descriptions of Yorkshire in particular. They also liked Anita Sethi as the narrator. Overall we agreed that it was shocking that racism continues to be experienced in the 21st century.

Our next 2 books are both novels, the first to be discussed at our September meeting.



Padley Centre donations

St Chad's is having a Community foodbank collection for the Padley Centre in the **Pump Room on Saturday 27th September between 9am and midday**. Below is the list of items that they've requested.

Thanks to the WI and Kathryn for helping with this and to Dave for support in collecting and delivering the items to the Padley Centre.


Many thanks in anticipation for your donations.


Our Harvest Wishlist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Instant noodles/noodle pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tomatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna snack pots | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned meat meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned soup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal (up to 700g boxes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking sauces (jars) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack pot porridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen roll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet roll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custard | <input type="checkbox"/> Washing powder / gel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-raising flour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned vegetables
(carrots, peas, sweetcorn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden syrup |

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

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| ✗ Fresh veg | ✗ Medical products |
| ✗ Bags of Dry Pasta | ✗ Tinned lentils and pulses |
| ✗ Bags of Dry Rice | ✗ Used toiletries |
| ✗ Household cleaning products | |


LONGFORD
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL


**150 YEAR
CELEBRATION**

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 3-5 PM

PLACE A PLAQUE £10 - Mark your connection to the school	REMINISCE WITH US Bring your best stories & memories	
Refreshments TEA, COFFEE & CAKE	CHILDREN'S TIME CAPSULE A look to the future from today's students	See today's school CHILD-LED SCHOOL TOURS

All welcome - past students, staff, families and friends!
Join us to celebrate!

St Chad's News

Services (St Chad's Longford and Christ Church Long Lane)

5th October 10.30am Long Lane Holy Communion

12th October 9.15am Long Lane Morning Prayer

26th October 11.15am Longford All Age Communion

2nd November 10.30am Long Lane Holy Communion

9th November 10.45am Longford Remembrance Service

23rd November 11.15am Longford All Age Communion

Coffee morning in aid of Alzheimer's Research

Thank you to all who contributed to the Coffee Morning held on 17th September. We made just over £400 which is an amazing result considering how many people could not come. Thank you so much - the charity is always so appreciative of what we give and there are now much better drugs to control this awful disease.

A note from Frances Rymer

I take communion to two housebound people in Long Lane. If you know anybody else who would like this service, please get in touch.

Also we have a small prayer group who meet by Zoom every Thursday from 9.30am - 10.00am. If anybody would like to join us they would be very welcome. Again, get in touch.



Longford fete - Date for your Diaries....

Next year's Longford Village Fete will be held on the evening of **Friday 5th June 2026 in Four Acres Field** (same venue as this year). Looking forward to seeing you all there but meanwhile here are some pictures from this year's event. See if you can spot yourselves. **The fete raised £4769.11 for the upkeep of St Chad's so a big thank you to anyone who contributed in any way.**





St Chad's Church Longford

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Please see the noticeboard outside Longford School and the village website for updates.

A note for your diary:-

The latest date for your contributions to the next Parish Press is **Sunday 16th November 2025**. Please contact parishpress63@btinternet.com

Welcome to new residents

Longford Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say 'hello' and 'welcome' to all new residents of Longford.

Your Parish Councillors can be contacted as follows:

<i>Robert Wakefield</i>	<i>330144</i>
<i>Ginty Leedham</i>	<i>07929 552795</i>
<i>Kevin Johnson</i>	<i>330410</i>
<i>Lara Mosedale</i>	<i>330363</i>
<i>Alan Hall</i>	<i>216300</i>
<i>Darren Fox</i>	<i>07856 098536</i>

Clerk to the Council – *Sophie Goodwin 07530 310650*

District Councillor – *Geoff Bond, geoff.bond@derbyshiredales.gov.uk*

County Councillor - *Steve Bull 01629 535650*

Parish Council meetings

Wednesday 1st October

Wednesday 5th November

Wednesday 3rd December

Meetings start at 7.30 pm and take place in the Pump Room.

Please note these meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Pump Room bookings

If anyone would like to book the Pump Room please call Kathryn Ferris.

Events for your Diary

Saturday 27th September Padley collection, 9am-12noon, Pump Room Main Street

Wednesday 1st October Brailsford Ploughing Match, The Grange, Barrow on Trent, Derbyshire, DE73 7HA

Saturday 4th October Pumpkin Club Extravaganza, Wyaston Village Hall

Wednesday 8th October 3pm-5pm Longford School, 150th anniversary celebration

Saturday 11th October 9.30am onwards closed churchyard tidy up, St Chad's Church

Wednesday 14th October 8.30am-1pm Pyjama appeal collection, Pump Room Main Street

Sunday 9th November 10.45am Remembrance Service, St Chad's Church

Regular meetings:

WI meetings – second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm, Pump Room, Main Street.

Parish Council meetings – see above for the list.

Church services – see above for the list.

