



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



To: All Longbarn residents

October 2023

If you already attend our 6-weekly Residents' Meetings ~ Thank You. But if you don't, please tell us why. Loads of residents used to turn up pre-Covid, but not so many since Lockdown ended. If that's you, please tell us why what could we do to tempt you out for an hour or so? If you'd like us to invite guest speakers, tell us who they are. We'd love to hear from you. We do lots of stuff for our community, & our meetings provide an opportunity to review what we've done & chat about what's in store. More importantly, the meetings provide an opportunity for you to share your views about LRA Land & ask us questions. So do please drop us a line at lrasecretary15@gmail.com In the meantime **you are cordially invited to our next meeting, which will be held on Thursday 9 November at Padgate Village Club (the bar will be open), starting at 7.30pm.**

LRA POPPY APPEAL

The poppy is an enduring symbol of remembrance of The First World War. It was a common sight on The Western Front, & is strongly linked with Armistice Day. In modern times poppies are now worn as a symbol both of remembrance & out of respect, for those we've loved & lost in worldwide conflict.

Folk may remember that LRA bought a load of super large plastic poppies (18" x 18"). And each year we invite residents & local businesses to sponsor them; decorate each one with the name of the sponsor; & erect them on the lamp posts on Harper's Road.

Last year the sponsorship raised £1,420 ~ an incredible show of generosity & community spirit ~ which we donated to The Royal British Legion. A credit to all concerned.

With Poppy Day looming (Saturday 11 November 2023) we're now launching the activity again. Sponsorship costs £20 per poppy & as with last year, all proceeds will be donated to The Royal British Legion.

Whether you're a resident or a local business who would care to commemorate a loved one who has lost his or her life in defence of the realm, please contact us on 01925 820647 (answerphone) & leave your name, address & phone number (so we may collect your sponsorship), & the name you would like to see on your poppy. Thank you.



LRA SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2023

Advertised in our May Newsletter & our social media pages, We subsequently distributed free seeds to those who asked for them. Judging was announced in our August Newsletter & social media, & Geoff Orange & Bob McLaughlan did the rounds to judge, measuring the height of your sunflowers (tallest sunflowers win). And the winners are

Trish, who lives in Fallowfield Grove & whose sunflower measures a magnificent 10' 4"

And the pupils at Christ Church School, whose array of sunflowers complemented their Coronation scarecrows of King Charles & Queen Camilla in the school's Coronation Garden & orchard

With grateful thanks to the school, shown in the photo with their prize are:

Scarlett Robertson
Izzy Stringfellow
Auden Losty
Iyla Wilson
Alfie Bennett
Jack Fitzgerald
Abigail Colquhoun
Harriet Clarke
Millie Howarth





WARRINGTON COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Promoted by Warrington Voluntary Action, Warrington Community Lottery is a new weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Warrington. LRA has joined the scheme & by taking part & **selecting LRA as your good cause**, for every £1 ticket you buy, 50p will be donated to LRA by the scheme, providing us

with even more opportunities to carry on with our good works in Longbarn Land.

Tickets cost £1 per ticket per week. You may choose your own ticket numbers or elect to have 6 numbers randomly selected for you by the automated system.

You may pay weekly or by direct debit. You may cancel your involvement at any time. A weekly draw takes place every Saturday night.

Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top weekly prize of £25,000.

Plus, each month, there is an additional prize for the winning ticket. Details of the October additional prize, as follows ~

WIN A LUXURY THEATRE TRIP

October's Super Draw is a luxury theatre trip worth £1,500. Whatever your favourite theatrical flavour is, from West End musicals or Shakespeare at The Globe, to immersive theatre or local community productions, create your perfect theatre trip.

OR you may choose to take the £1,500 as cash.

October's Super Draw will take place on Saturday 28 October.

The special prize draw will take place on Saturday 26 August. For more details, & the opportunity to register & buy tickets, please visit ~

warringtoncommunitylottery.co.uk

AND WHEN YOU SIGN UP, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHOOSE LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AS YOUR GOOD CAUSE!



Have your say on policing in your area...

It is important to us that we know about the issues that cause you concern. We have set up a survey where you can tell us about the things you would like us to focus on in your area.



Open the camera or a dedicated QR code reading application on your phone and hover over the QR code to scan it.

You will be taken to a page where you can complete the survey.

If you can't scan the code you can go to www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicewarrington

CONTACTING OUR LOCAL POLICE

As well as the usual phone numbers for contacting the police (999 & 101) Cheshire Police have introduced an on-line facility, Residents' Voice. Scan the bar code on the leaflet & you'll be directed to their website which provides the opportunity for you to have you say & raise any issues which cause you concern.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

WHAT?

Children's Christmas Party

WHERE?

Padgate Village Club

WHEN?

**Sunday 17 December
2023 2-4pm**

Tickets cost £8, which includes entertainment courtesy of Dazzle The Clown. Plus a goodie bag (food & drink), selection box, & of course Father Christmas who will present toys to your kiddies.

Numbers for the event are strictly limited to 30 tickets, for children up to 10 years of age, which will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please note that the event has been advertised on our LRA website & Facebook page for a couple of weeks & there are a handful of tickets remaining.

For tickets please phone 01925 820647 (answerphone) with your name & contact details, & the name & age of your child(ren) so that we may tailor Father Christmas' shopping list accordingly.



LRA FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

We had scheduled our annual Fireworks Extravaganza for Friday 3 November, to take place on the Kassia Academy school playing field. Sadly the building works taking place at the school render that location unavailable. At our recent Residents' & Management Committee meetings we discussed potential alternative locations & dates. But for all sorts of practical reasons we've not got a viable alternative & have reluctantly had to cancel this year's event. Which is a great shame, the event is always so well supported by our people & creates a great community event for young & not so young. Rest assured we'll come back even bigger & better next year. In the meantime our excellent team of volunteer firework setter off-ers will be doing the business at The Station House Fireworks Display being held on Saturday 4 November (please see poster for details).

FAMILY BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday
November
04th

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TICKETS ONLY

Live Music
BBQ Cookout
Firework Display
TOMBOLA Prizes
BONFIRE

Entry Fee
£5 ADULTS
£2.50 KIDS

SCAN TO BUY
TICKETS!



*LIVE MUSIC
AFTER THE
FIREWORKS*

Working with the Poulton & Fearnhead Parish Council FOOD BANK we want to raise much needed funds for Christmas so money raised from tickets and events will go to benefit the local comm.



LETTER FROM KASSIA ACADEMY

"This term we are excited to welcome a new external building to our premises at The Kassia Academy. We are very lucky to have received funding from the Department for Education to replace our old portacabin for a brand new building. This building will be multipurpose and will act as a whole school library for Kassia learners as well as housing a formal academic space for teaching and tutoring those who are unable to access mainstream schooling. We are delighted to continue to share our new school space with the Longbarn Residents' Association outside of school hours and hope that the building can make a positive contribution to the work of the LRA in the community. Lindsay Regan (Head Teacher)."



The Kassia Academy & Support Services
Fallowfield Grove, Longbarn,
Warrington WA2 0QQ
Tel 01925 452020
Headteacher: Lindsay Regan

Dear Resident,

18th October 2023

MPH Building Systems will be carrying out construction works within The Kassia Academy to install a new modular classroom block for completion early December 2023. The works will commence on 23 October 2023.

MPH Building Systems will keep the level of disruption to a minimum and all the work will be carried out with consideration to residents, visitors and the general public. In addition:

- We will ensure that work does not start too early or finish too late. Normal working hours on the site will be carried out between 07:00 and 1800 hours Monday to Friday and between the hours of 08.00 hours and 13:00 hours on Saturdays if required.
- We will aim to inform neighbours in advance of any unusual activities, such as large loads. It is currently planned for the building sections to be delivered on Thursday 26th October and we request no parking on Fallowfield Grove on the 26th October from 9:00am till 4:00pm
- We will restrict the times of deliveries especially during rush hour and school drop off/collection times
- All MPH Contractors will park within the school site compound and we will try and avoid off-site parking.
- We will minimise noise and dust close to the school's neighbours

Our Site Manager will deal personally with comments or complaints from the public or neighbours and aim to resolve all complaints swiftly.

MPH Site Manager contact details will be posted on the Main Contractors board at the site boundary.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Sean Broughan

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LRA JUBILEE BOWLING CLUB

When Anwyl Construction completed the build of Harper's Green, they laid new turf on the bowling green, built a new storage unit free gratis, & handed back the facility to Longbarn Bowling Club. LRA realised its long-term future by successfully having it secured as an Asset of Community Value with Warrington Borough Council. Sadly, in the couple of years since then, the bowling green fell into disrepair. LRA has taken over the facility & obtained grant funding to bring the green up to scratch, & with weeding & scarifying & mowing the bowling green's beginning to shape up nicely. With further grass treatments being applied during the winter months, the bowling club will be ready for use in April 2024.

The club will be a 'members only' facility, with annual subscription fees as follows

- £25 per person
- £40 per couple
- £50 family membership (for 4 persons)
- £20 per person for Harper's Green residents
- £10 for under 18's

We'll also lay on taster sessions, & rent out bowls (£5 for 2-hourly sessions for up to 4 people; £2 per person for hire of bowls). We presently have 12 pairs of bowls complete with bags & accessories; if anybody has an unwanted set of bowls gathering dust, we'd be delighted to take your donation.

For application forms or any enquiries, please contact Club Chairman Bob McLaughlan on robert-mclaughlan@sky.com

We'll keep you posted with news on our website, LRA Facebook page & future editions of our Newsletter.



HELPING TO KEEP LONGBARN A PLACE TO BE PROUD OF

We're so lucky on Longbarn Land to have volunteers who kindly give of their time to keep our highways & byways well maintained, cutting grass & tending to our planters. Maybe it's to be expected that most of our volunteers are retired ~ arguably they have some free time to offer. But we're not getting any younger & we seriously need some young blood to help us keep Longbarn a place to be proud of. If you have a few hours to spare here & there, do please join our community spirit & contact lrasecretary15@gmail.com



LRA MINDFULNESS PROJECT

We take the wellbeing of our residents terribly seriously. We're helping to improve physical wellbeing with our fortnightly seated exercise classes. We're helping to improve the wellbeing of our senior citizens by getting them out & about, at our fortnightly Afternoon Tea events. And now we've initiated a Mindfulness Project aimed at providing help & support for those in our community troubled with dementia & Alzheimer's, & their carers. To make that work we've got loads of ideas for events for residents suffering with dementia & Alzheimer's & their carers; we've received a grant from Cheshire Community Foundation to translate our ideas into practice; we have meetings set up with subject matter experts; & we plan to have events in place by February 2024. To be clear, we're not proposing a glorified counselling service ~ we'll draw upon the support of the professionals. And to tie all this together we'd like to set up a small but perfectly formed project team consisting of 1 or 2 of our LRA Management Committee members together with some of our residents (maybe a team of 6 in total), to discuss & plan how best to spend the grant aid we've been allocated, targeted in the most effective way. If you're a carer of someone suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's, or work for the NHS & have some insight in this field, & have a few hours to spend over the next few months, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Paul Adams at lrasecretary15@gmail.com

Mindfulness

'Footloose in Longbarn,' our weekly dance studio (all ages, all dance styles) held at Padgate Village Club every Tuesday (1-2pm).

Afternoon Tea held alternate Fridays at Padgate Village Club (2-4pm). Next 2 sessions 27 October & 10 November, where we'll entertain you with tea & cakes & bingo & 'Play Your Cards Right.'

Seated Exercise Class, where you really can sit down for fitness, held alternate Fridays at Padgate Village Club (2-4pm). Next 2 sessions 3 & 17 November.

LRA Residents' Meetings ~ Next meeting 9 November at Padgate Village Club, starting at 7.30pm, where we chat about all things Longbarn (& the bar will be open!).



Let's Celebrate

If you're a resident with a good news story you'd care to share in a future Newsletter, please send us your story & an accompanying photo or 2 to lrasecretary15@gmail.com

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