

## WHAT'S ON during the week at the community centre

Please consult our website for updates.

\*\* denotes term time only

### Monday:

\*\*Buggy Club @ 9.30-11.30 longfurlongbuggyclub@hotmail.com

\*\*Rainbow Guides @ 17.30 Jo Ovenden, 07894706601

Pawfect Pals 17.00-18.00 & 18.00-19.00 Info@pawfectpals.co.uk

Zumba with Thea @ 19.45- 20.45

\*\*3rd Monday of month Berkshire Family History Society @ 19.30- 22.00

Abingdon@berksfhs.org.uk

### Tuesday:

\*\*Yoga @ 10.00 - 11.30 Sue Little s.littlecmi@btinternet.com

Slimming World @ 17.30 -19.30 Kevin 07568092964

\*\*3rd Abingdon Guides @ 19.00- 20.30 3rdabingdonguides@gmail.com

\*\*1st Tues of month Blue Sky Café @ 12.00-15.00

[www.BlueSkyEcoCafe.org.uk](http://www.BlueSkyEcoCafe.org.uk)

### Wednesday:

\*\*Zumba Gold @ 9.30-10.15 & 10.30-11.15 info@gemmapearcefitness.co.uk

Slimming World @ 18.00 and 19.30 Kevin 07568092964

\*\*Brownies @ 18.00 - 19.30 Jane: The\_robinsons@ntlworld.com Hilary:

habeale124@gmail.com

2nd Wed of month Friendly Cuppa @ 14.30 Jane 01235 202514

### Thursday:

Pilates @ 9.00-9.45 Gemma Abitabile, Stella School of Dance

gemsy9@hotmail.com

Slimming World @ 9:00 - 12.00, 18.00 - 20.30 Kevin 07568092964

\*\*Singing Circle @ 10.30 - 11.30 Jane 01235 202514

Line Dancing @ 18.30 -19.30 and 19.45 -20.45 Claire

rhinestonerhythm@hotmail.co.uk

### Friday:

Olive's Tots @ 9.00-12.00 Olivia Field oliviafield68@gmail.com

### Saturday

Dojang X Martial Arts Academy @ 10. 00 - 11.00 Sabrina dojangx@gmail.com

07938537310

### Sunday:

\*\*Christchurch on Long Furlong @ 10.30 Kath lf@cca.uk.net

# Long Furlong Link

## Autumn 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of our local newsletter!

Recently, things have been a little trying for some of us on Long Furlong due to the temporary traffic lights on Dunmore Road and Boulter Drive. The drainage work is finished, but now they are laying an electricity duct, and are also starting work on widening Dunmore Road. This work starts at Boulter Drive and will proceed towards Peachcroft roundabout. The work is not due to finish until the spring, so patience is required!

But there is good news. You may have noticed a couple of improvements on the estate. One is that the flower bed at the side of the Community Centre is now well tended again thanks to Nicki who volunteered to be our gardener. Her work is much appreciated.

You may also have noticed that we now have a bus service along Dunmore Road. The X1 bus runs approximately every half hour on the Wantage to Oxford route. There will eventually be another bus stop further along Dunmore Road, nearer to Peachcroft roundabout, but we will have to wait quite a while for that to appear.



### Try this word game

How many words of 2 or more letters can you make out of these letters:

F U R L O N G

10 = good, 15 = excellent, 22 = really brilliant, 30 = total genius, over 30 = you are obviously a professional Scrabble player!

### What's in a name?

**Loyd Close** is next up in our occasional series on the origins of our road names.

Most of our roads are named after mayors, but Archie Kirkman Loyd was never mayor of Abingdon. Rather, he was MP for Abingdon, 1895 - 1905 and 1916 -1918. He was a barrister, Queen's Counsel and deputy lieutenant of Berkshire.

His wife was the wealthy Henrietta Clutterbuck and they had four sons. They lived in Wantage.

Loyd has been described as 'assiduous if unspectacular as an MP' (AAHS) but prior to that, had many adventures. He was close to his second cousin, heiress Harriet Loyd, and her husband Loyd-Lyndsay who was one of the founders of the British Red Cross. For that organisation, in 1876 during the Serbo-Turkish war, Loyd went with Loyd-Lyndsay to help provide humanitarian relief. They were nearly caught in a very bloody battle. Then, in 1877, Loyd led a mission to the Russo-Turkish war. He was thanked by the Tsar himself at Plevna in what is now Bulgaria. Representing Abingdon in parliament must have seemed quite quiet in comparison!

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### Christmas Events, Christchurch Long Furlong

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. **Long Furlong Christmas Give-away Morning.**  
10.00 – 12.30 in Badger Hall of the Community Centre. Make Christmas stars, enjoy a mince pie and hot drink, and take home a small gift bag.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve). **Christingle Services.**  
3.00 and 4.45 in the LF School Hall. A service with candles to celebrate the start of Christmas. Suitable for all ages. Refreshments after both services.



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day).  
10.00 in the LF School Hall. **Celebration Morning Worship for all ages.**  
Also available on Zoom:

Please check on the Long Furlong Church website ([www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk](http://www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk)) for Zoom details and to learn of any changes of venue etc.



### Contact us

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<https://longfurlongcommunitycentre.wordpress.com/hall-hire/> and print, complete, and email the Enquiry Form to [bookingsec.lfca@live.co.uk](mailto:bookingsec.lfca@live.co.uk)  
*The hall hire booking must include enough time to set up and clear away.*

To hire a hall on a regular basis, please email [regularhire\\_lfca@yahoo.com](mailto:regularhire_lfca@yahoo.com)

For non-booking enquiries, email [longfurlongcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:longfurlongcommunity@gmail.com)

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