

The Best Fete in Hampshire

“It’s the best fete in Hampshire”: one visitor on why he comes from the other side of Andover to Longparish fete every year. And it was especially good this year thanks to great organisation by Patrick Beresford, lots of help, generous contributions and wonderful support from hundreds of people on the day. The weather was good to us too and it really was an enjoyable and successful fund-raising afternoon, clearing over £6,000. The village hall and the church fabric fund are the financial beneficiaries and both the hall committee and the PCC are very grateful.



The duck race - a peaceful break



Enjoying the magic show

Thank you to everyone who helped and who came on the day. Any brilliant ideas for next year - do let Patrick Beresford, Peter Jones or me know while they’re fresh in your mind!



Taste those hot dogs!

Cathy Burnett

Grand Draw

1st	Bridget Graham	11th	North
2nd	Ron West	12th	John Snow
3rd	Vi Mears	13th	Sarah Baulf
4th	S Vize	14th	Anne Sands
5th	Chris Purdue	15th	Mrs Burlison
6th	Jenny Jolliffe	16th	Lynch
7th	Sid	17th	C Firebrace
8th	Edwards	18th	Anne Sands
9th	Huxford	19th	Rosemary Tennant
10th	Jean		

Once again I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sold tickets before and on the day and congratulations to all our winners!

Jan West

Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

With the end of our competitive programme a touring party took to the road at the beginning of September, travelling to Devon to play two clubs in the Sidmouth area. This year the weather made up for the poor summer and we were blessed with warm, sunny conditions much enjoyed by the 16 players and 19 supporters in the group. Although we lost the match at Ottery St Mary on the Saturday, the weekend finished on a successful note on the Sunday when the Club recorded a win in their game at Seaton.

Senior and Colt teams from the Club will soon begin their programmes in the Winchester CCA Indoor League and at Dummer Cricket Centre. This year we have entered three teams in the Winchester Senior League and one team in the Junior, while at Dummer two Colt teams and two Senior teams will be competing, giving plenty of action during the winter months for the players.

Winners of the August 100 Club draw were:-

1 st	£35	No 7	Steve Hogg
2 nd	£15	No 11	Jean Gardner
3 rd	£15	No 23	Richard Channon

Kate Hibberd

Copy for November

Please email or send copy for November to the guest editor, Jeremy Barber, who is beginning to realise the immense gratitude we owe to Mary Jo for doing the job every month!

The Tour of Britain Whizzes By

Suddenly the teacher tells us to line up at the classroom door. I look at the clock but it's not assembly time. So I thought I'll wait and see. We are outside and I see the whole school leaning on the fence next to the road and I realised we were going to watch the Tour of Britain. I was so excited I run to meet my friend Josh. Because the cyclers weren't there yet I told jokes to Josh. After a while they still weren't there yet. There were loads and loads of motorbikes coming through with cars. One of the cars stopped on the side of the road. It shouted to us (well he talked in a microphone). He said, "We have a competition to see which school will cheer the loudest!". I screamed as loud as I could, I had lost my throat at the end. I didn't think we would win because we were a small school. The cyclers still weren't coming through yet so I just cheered the motorbikes that were closing the roads. Some cars were coming through and then suddenly a car came round the corner with spare bikes on the top. I assumed the cars meant the bikes were coming



so I did not let anyone distract me; I just looked at the road. And then finally I saw what I wanted to see; two bikes whizzing through. And then 9 or 10 seconds later I saw the peloton trying their hardest to go faster. Let's say they were going very fast. And it was finished. The teacher told us to line up and we went back into class.



The peloton trying their hardest

Matthieu Rident – Age 8 Longparish School

Celebrating Harvest in the Great Outdoors

We had a very good and well attended Open Air service for this year's Harvest on Sunday September 16th. Our theme was "A celebration of our countryside" – and how glorious it was to be celebrating the wonderful countryside which surrounded us as we sang!

On the patio behind school, we set up chairs, keyboard and a sound system and a wonderful altar with lots of harvest gifts – our traditional harvest loaf, beautiful flowers, Nigel Griffin's basket of home grown vegetables – impressive as ever – and lots more. In such a setting, it wasn't difficult to be saying "thank you" to God for "all the good gifts around us" and to sing our praises in worship. We considered how God has given us our 5 senses with which to appreciate his world and everyone there received a grape to taste and a flower to smell as we feasted on the sights of harvest and listened to the prayers

and music. Thank you to all who helped towards this special event that brought together so many people.



After the service we had a picnic in the Community Hall, and children had some games on the playing field, while the rest of us chatted over cups of tea. Truly, God's family in Longparish.
Nona Harrison

Scramblers

Scramblers services are designed for young children and held in Longparish Church once a month, usually on the second Monday of the month, at 2.15pm, finishing in time to collect from school.

All young children are welcome along with parents, grandparents, carers etc. and we are now joined by Year R from Longparish School. Do come and join us for bible stories, songs, crafts and refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere. This term the theme is God's World.

Mon Oct 8 "Celebrating God's World at harvest"
Mon Nov 12 "The seasons in God's World"
Mon Dec 10 "Jesus came into God's World as a baby – the 1st Christmas".

The Ark

The Ark is our group meeting for children from Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. We meet twice a month during term time, at 9.30am on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month, at the same time as the service in St Nicholas Church. There is a 9.30am Family Service at Hurstbourne Priors on the second Sunday of the month and at Longparish on the third, so children are provided for on every Sunday.

Forthcoming dates are October 7th and 28th November 4th and 25th and December 2nd. We meet in the Playgroup building for songs, games, teaching and craft activities, and finish in the church for refreshments after the church service. We are completing our series on the Lord's Prayer and then we will be working on a special Christmas project. Do come and join us.

Nona Harrison

FoLS 100 Club Results

	August	September
1 st £25	18 Mr & Mrs Barber	42 Mr & Mrs R Wills
2 nd £10	59 Mr & Mrs R Wills	87 Mrs Colquhoun
3 rd £5	65 Sarah Dewbury	135 Mr Aldridge



News from Kidz Zone

The next outing is on 17 October to JJ's at

Basingstoke. They have what is probably the largest climbing frame in England offering a host of physical activities. The minibus will leave from the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. and return at 9.30 p.m. The cost is £5, and includes juice. There are only 14 places on the bus so if you have not already booked please contact Andrea Hulme on 01264 720347 to check on availability. There will be no Club meeting that night.

It's a balancing act On 19th Sept, the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Youth Options team brought the Circus Skills workshop to Longparish. Kidz attempted walking on stilts, spinning plates, juggling and much more.

Over to Andrea Andrea will write this column in future, but before stepping down I'd like to invite the village to help to run the Club. With Trevor and my moving on, the Club needs fresh helpers. KidzZone has established itself as a place where Longparish's youngsters can meet safely, catch up with their friends and let off steam. It would be a shame if they didn't have a Club to go to. Andrea would be pleased to tell you about it - give it a try - you might enjoy it and the Kidz love their Club.

Dates in October The Club is open to anyone in Year 6 upwards and will meet at the Village Hall on Wednesdays 3rd and 31st October between 7:00-9:30 p.m. We will go out on 17 October to JJs.

Cheryl Dowler

Thanks very much to Cheryl and Trevor for all they have done for KidzZone. We will miss them and wish them luck for their move to Spain. Ed.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 23rd October 7 p.m.

At Longparish Village Hall

Subject: **Roses**

Speaker: Stewart Pocock of Pocock's Roses, Romsey.

All welcome: non-members £3.00. It would be helpful to know numbers, so please let Rosie Lowry 720325 or Julian Curl 720548 know if you would like to come.

Please bring plant/jam/produce if possible to raffle.

Money to help towards future speakers.

Rosie Lowry



Longer Opening Hours at School

As part of a national policy, over the next couple of years our school will be offering facilities to children, parents and all others in the community outside normal school hours.

As a first step, and in response to a survey of school parents, we would like to start by providing a Breakfast Club from 8.00 to 8.50 am Monday to Friday. There will be a small charge for this. We hope to start running this from next January at the latest.

Are any parents or grandparents (!) interested? Your child does not have to attend the school or playgroup to be eligible. You do not have to commit to attending every day. We would like to find out how much potential demand there is for this.

We also need to find staff to run the Club - this would be paid employment on normal school terms and conditions. Is anyone interested? Volunteers would also be welcome to help with this and future initiatives to offer the longer opening hours for community benefit.

If you have interest in any of these, please contact the school admin office on 01264 720317 or by email adminoffice@longparish.hants.sch.uk.

Alex Foggo Head Teacher

REUNION - Class of '67

WHITCHURCH COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL (now Testbourne)

We are holding a reunion for the former pupils who attended Whitchurch School and left in '67. This will be the second time the event has been organised, the previous one being eleven years ago when 100 friends were reunited for reminiscing and catching up. So if you remember classmates such as Libby Lloyd, Quiller Taylor, the Randall twins Stuart and Stephen, Gillian Dickerson, Sheila Garrett, Irene Traynor, Albie Watts and Robert Oliver - then this is for you.

The event is being held at Whitchurch Sports and Social Football Club, on **Saturday 6 October** at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 each. One person who lives in Canada has already booked her flight!

Anyone who is interested can contact Stuart on 01256 770018 or Sheila on 01256 780017 mob 07778 767077.



St Nicholas Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December

2 - 4pm in the Community Hall

This year we are hoping to expand the home produce stall, so if you have any surplus chutneys, jams, pickles or preserves please donate to the Fair, they will be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for wicker baskets to use on the hamper stall and any pots suitable for planting bulbs in; also any offers of help on the day would be gratefully received.

Local Christmas gift or craft sellers will be able to book a table at the Fair for £10 plus a donation to the raffle.

Please contact Christian Dryden 01264 720398 or Andrea Hulme 01264 720347 for further information.

Yoga

Brand NEW YOGA classes are now being run in Longparish on Wednesday mornings from 9.15 - 10.15. £6 per class. Be one of the first people to practise The Seven Spiritual Laws of Yoga in England. Everyone is welcome, please call Nixie Graham on 07973 916 887 if you would like to join us.

Smooth Movers



Thursday mornings 9 -10am Village Hall – come and join in some fun exercise to music. New session starting on 11 Oct – more information from Gina 720128 or Gloria 720425

Calling all Keen Cooks, Non-Cooks and Male Cooks!

Come and join us for an evening of Fun, Food and Fundraising!



Tuesday 16th October 2007 Longparish Village Hall

7:30 pm for a prompt start at 7:45 pm

Longparish Toddler Group are teaming up with The Pampered Chef to bring you a live recipe demonstration. Your chance to have some fun, sample some delicious food with the opportunity to purchase Top Quality Cookware and Kitchen Utensils.

There will also be a Prize Draw on the night (Donations of Prizes would be gratefully received).

All money from the sale of entry tickets and prize draw tickets will go directly to the Toddler Group as well as 15% of all your Pampered Chef purchases.

Why not get a table together with your friends? For tickets (£2.50) contact Maria Drewett 01264 354465

Longparish School Prayer Group

A group of parents, along with myself, are starting a prayer group to support and pray for all that goes on in our village school. We are so fortunate to have such a thriving school in our village, and also that it is a Church Aided school and has the support of the church too.

We will hold our first meeting on Friday October 12th at 1 Lower Mill Villas, Longparish - the home of Tracey Fitter - from 9am to 10am.

This is open to all parents, governors, staff, church members – to anyone, in fact, who cares about our school and would like to support it in this way. It will be a friendly, informal gathering – no-one is going to be 'picked on' or made to 'speak out' or feel uncomfortable in any way.

Why not come along and see? If you are interested in joining us, but Friday mornings are difficult, please contact me and we can see about adjusting the time for future meetings.

Nona Harrison (720215)

Freda Curtis

3rd May 1920 – 24th August 2007

25 years in Hurstbourne Priors, 60 living in Longparish, Freda was the third child and only daughter of William and Ann Mason, and was born at 24 Hurstbourne Priors, the old Post Office. Her father was groom to Lady Portsmouth. She did well at Hurstbourne School, was good at numbers, and was a cricket scorer. Leaving school in 1934, she worked at Portals, cycling to Laverstoke Mill, and she was still there when she married Sidney Curtis in St Andrew's Church in 1941. Sid had been living in Ludgershall with his uncle. His childhood had been difficult, he was brought up largely by his Nan in Pewsey. He was a soldier at the time of his marriage to Freda, having barely survived the evacuation at Dunkirk. He then served the rest of the war, ending as a corporal in the Army Catering Corps.

On Sid's demob in 1945, they moved with three year old Beryl to one of the cottages at what is now Little Beck, in Longparish, Sid working for what became the Department of the Environment. In 1956 they moved into the newly built 98 North Acre. The same year Sonya was born.

Freda had a number of jobs, all in Longparish. Starting in the School kitchens, she worked in the Café at what is now Lacey Gates. Working at Gay's Shop in Sugar Lane until it closed, she then went on to Acre Stores for ten years, finally bunching watercress at the Cressbeds. She had a strong social life, in church and chapel (earlier in life she had been a Sunday School Teacher). She was a member of The Village Club, which met in the Village Hall. She and Sid enjoyed shared holidays in Devon and Cornwall with the Smarts and others.

Freda suffered a stroke in 1982, but managed to regain a full and active life, with much support from Sid, who had retired after six years working for Portals. They were both devoted to each other and when Sid died in 1996, she found it very hard, though gradually found a new balance through the Welcome Club, and the community lunch at the School and Dial-a-Ride. After a series of turns in 2002, her quality of life began to deteriorate, then more severely in recent months in hospital and nursing home. These days have been a great trial, but she knew love and care in Copper Beeches. We may celebrate her long life in Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish, a true villager through the changes of the 20th century, who knew and gave love in her marriage, a kind person in so many ways, a good mother. We offer our deepest sympathy to Beryl and Sonya and their families, and all Freda's wider family and those who will miss her in these villages.

Martin Coppen

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

We are always looking for new helpers to come and help in the refectory. If you think you would be interested please contact Rosie Lowry 01264 720325.

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the September meeting. Minutes of meetings and the current agenda are on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Planning Before the formal business Giles Wordsworth, representing Zurich Insurance, explained their ideas for development of the site of Lower Mill Villas (LMV). The ideas were at an early stage and they had not consulted TVBC. He expected that a planning application for LMV would be made within six months, whatever the state of play on ideas for affordable housing. He showed a plan for seven houses, three 2-bed, three 3-bed and one 4-bed and said that two affordable homes would be included and that existing tenants would be offered alternative accommodation. A lively debate ensued. Particular concerns were expressed about parking and density. Our TVBC councillor, Jim Neal, said that the idea was contrary to policy as it included 'tandem and backland development'. Mr Wordsworth said his clients would take the views expressed into account, consult TVBC planners and come back to consult again. The chairman subsequently confirmed with TVBC planners that the ideas presented to the meeting were not in accordance with the TVBC policy. We wait to see the revised ideas.

The council supported proposals for

- A grain store at Harewood industrial estate;
- An external staircase at Yew Cottage.

There was no objection to

- An extension at 132 North Acre;
- Tree works at White Windows;
- Internal alterations at Yew Cottage;
- A conservatory at 4 Station Cottages

The council objected to

- A rear wall at The Cottage because of the guidance about boundaries in the Village Design Statement and concerns about trees and the footpath;
- The proposal for a megashed on the former Andover Airfield site, primarily because of concerns about traffic on the A303.

Affordable Housing Preparations for the Open Forum on 22 September were well in hand. A detailed list of questions and answers will be available at the forum and in the shop and on the village website.

Open Spaces The council appointed a small working group on flooding (chair Tim Sweet tel 720550). This was prompted by two factors – the inexcusable failure of the pumping station opposite the Plough in August and concerns that the high level of the water table may bring problems in the winter.

A group was appointed to consider proposals by Testbourne Estate about East Aston Common. It is likely that the estate will apply to de-register parts of the common and register an area of pastureland instead. There will be more on this in the next edition of Hill & Valley.

The Clean up Day was set for Saturday 27 October. Work will be targeted on the stream to help reduce the risk of flooding.

Footpaths The new leaflet has been well received. The condition of footpaths is pretty good and thanks go to the volunteers and landowners who maintain them.

Bus to Peter Symonds The council is pressing for the stop on the way home to be restored. It is absurd that the bus stops to pick up in the morning but won't drop off in the afternoon.

The next meeting is on Monday 8th October in the Ellicock Room at the Community Hall. Meetings are public and all parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation. Jeremy Barber Chairman. Tel 720459 email jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk

Village Clean Up

Saturday 27 October 10.30am – 1pm

Volunteers are needed to help with the Autumn Clean Up Day. Please meet at the Ashburn Rest at 10.30am. Because of the high water levels, we will be clearing the feeder stream. Other activities will be cleaning benches, playground equipment and street signs, and litter picking.

Please bring along your own equipment such as buckets and sponges, rakes, wheelbarrows, pruning saws and secateurs. People who use the skate ramp - and their parents - are particularly welcome.

FREE LUNCH OF SANDWICHES AND CHIPS AT THE PUB FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO HELP UNDER PARENTAL SUPERVISION

Phone Catherine Sweet on 720550
for more information.

Senior Citizens' lunches

Dates for Senior Citizen's lunches at school are
16 October 13 November
11 December (Christmas lunch).

Andover Library

Andover Library will close from Monday 19 November 2007 until Saturday 19 January 2008 inclusive to allow for redecoration of the entire first floor. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to welcoming you back from 9.30am on Monday 21 January 2008.

Tel: 0845 603 5631 www.hants.gov.uk/library

Autumn Amble - Sun 14 October 10.30

Join naturalist Mike Wildish and a group from the Hampshire Wildlife Trust for an autumn nature walk in **Doles Wood** Hurstbourne Tarrant. Meet and park at the car park by the playing fields behind the school, opposite the Hurstbourne Tarrant church (Map ref. SU 385 528). For further details, contact Mike on 01264 356427.

Longparish Community Association

L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of The Month Handicap Race

It was a fine day and we welcomed four new competitors, for the September race. Nearly everyone was inside their target time. Well done! Congratulations to Sarah and James who were our most improved competitors.

The trophies were presented by Richard Wills, President of the Longparish Cricket Club.



The next race is on Sunday 14 October (the day after Dinner at Mirandolina's Inn). Hope you can come. Six L2SOTM regulars

ran the New Forest half Marathon a couple of weeks later. All did well. Special mention goes to Martin Lampard who, in his first half marathon, recorded an excellent time of 1hr 48 mins for the tough 13 mile course.

Coffee Morning



The coffee morning for October will be held at The Wickets, the home of Pat Burnett. It will be on Tuesday 16th October from 10.30 until 12.00. Do come along and enjoy the company of your old friends and

neighbours and maybe meet some new ones.

Pumpkin Competition

Bring your pumpkins big or small To Longparish Village Hall And if yours didn't even grow Come anyway and enjoy the show.



No prizes for poetry but there are prizes for pumpkins and fun for all at the show on Saturday 6th October 2007 at 4.00 in the Village Hall Everyone welcome and it is all Free



Longparish Players : "It Will Be Worth Waiting For"

Rehearsals for the long-awaited next production by Longparish Players are now underway. With a small membership it's not always possible for everyone to be ready to commit to all the rehearsals and preparation that is needed and so we have had to move the performance of our play, 'The Continental Quilt' by Joan Greening, back until early March 2008. In the meantime, if you would like to help towards the production or wish to be involved in future shows, please do let me know. Budding set designers and stage builders are always particularly welcome. Thank you.

Andy Smith, tel 720034.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

We had a lovely time in Wendy's garden. There were games and competitions and a treasure hunt and cake. See you there next year.

Dinner at Mirandolina's Inn

A racy, romantic comedy with live music and accompanied by a 3 course Italian meal

Saturday 13th October at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in Longparish Community Hall

Show produced by ArtyFarty Ltd and supported by Hog the Limelight

Tickets £15 for LCA members (£17 non-members) Includes meal. Bar available.

Tickets from the shop or from Fiona Gould on 01264 720709.

Village Walks

Saturday 6 October - Forton Loop - leave from church/school car park at 10am.

Saturday 20 October - Harewood Hike and Deadman's Plack - Leave from church/school car park at 9.30am. Bring packed lunch.

Ladies' Cricket In Longparish

On Sunday 16th September with the weather holding, the 'Longparish Vixens' played against the 'Cricketers Pub Ladies' for a rematch following the Vixens' defeat on 19th August. This time the Vixens managed to rise to the challenge and won by the narrowest of margins in a closely fought and exciting match.

The Vixens lost the toss and were put into bat by the Cricketers but despite batting well they could only manage 69 runs in 13 overs of the 22 over match. However, fortified by the tea interval and a good team talk, the Vixens went out to field determined to show what they could do. Some superb bowling, fielding and especially catching lead to a steady fall of wickets before they wrapped up the innings 11 runs short of the required total.

Great fun was had by all with afternoon tea provided and a bar by the Cricketers pub. All proceeds will be shared between KidzZone and the Longparish Cricket Club.

As the girls have had so much fun at practice and in the games (not to mention the after-practice drinks at the pub) they have decided to ask any other ladies' teams in the surrounding area to a friendly game of cricket. For any further information please do call either Carol Dunford 01264 720227 or Alison Burgess 01264 720033.

