

Friends of Longparish School

**May Fayre
Saturday 10th May
12 – 3pm**

A great day out for all the family!

We would be grateful for donations of any of the following:

- good quality books and toys
- bottles for the bottle tombola
- cakes, biscuits and preserves for the cake and refreshment stalls
- quality 'recycled' gifts for the gorgeous gifts stall
- plants & seedlings for the plant stall – to Maggie Barber 720459

Donations of books, toys, gifts and bottles can be left in the collection boxes which will be placed outside the school from 1st May.

Cakes and biscuits can be brought to the Community Hall from 9am on the day of the Fayre.

Our team of volunteers will be out and about around Longparish in early May collecting bottles for the tombola. You can also make donations of bottles into our collection box at the village shop which will be in place from 1st May.

If you would like any further information or have a donation you would like us to collect, please contact Lindsay Howie on 01256 895373.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on 10th May.



Spring Plant Fair

Wednesday 23 April 2008

In aid of The Art Fund

In the beautiful five acre gardens of

Ramridge Cottage

on the A342 Andover to Ludgershall Road. Second on right after Weyhill Fairground roundabout. It will be signposted!

Entrance £3

10am – 2pm

Lots of award-winning nurseries will be there.

Julian Curl cycling to provide 'Help For Heroes'

If you see a familiar face under that bicycle helmet, ignore the lycra and give an encouraging wave. Julian Curl is in serious training mode to do his part for 'Help for Heroes'. H4H is a new charity for service men and women who have been injured and require rehabilitation, founded by the cartoonist Bryn Parry, and with Jeremy Clarkson as its patron. At the end of May, the charity is holding a 360-mile bike ride through the battlefields of Northern France to the Cenotaph in London. Over five days, the 300 participating cyclists hope to raise funds for a new gymnasium and hydrotherapy pool at the Tri Service Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court



Preparing for the race has been a challenge for someone in full time employment. Training on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings, Julian credits the Andover Triathlon Club for taking on the task of getting him fit. "They've given me a warm welcome, and helped enormously with the training. Getting the finer points of technique from experts helps me stay in the saddle and focused." Julian has already shed a stone in weight since Christmas, but with a characteristic smile says, "free physio sessions would be gratefully received as a donation in kind".



Julian Curl served, like Bryn Parry, for 20 years in various theatres of operations and was lucky enough not to be injured. Now he intends to compete in the bike ride to, in his words, "pay back

to the less fortunate service men and women who have been injured in Iraq and Afghanistan." Julian is aiming to raise a target amount of £5000 sponsorship money by May – if you'd like to help him reach it, please contact him at julian.curl@btopenworld.com or telephone on 720548.

TENNIS COACHING

As Spring and Summer is fast approaching it is time to start thinking about tennis. My name is Carol Rogers, I am an L.T.A. Qualified tennis coach (CCA Performance) and CRB checked). At present I run after school sessions at Whitchurch tennis club and during the Winter months we go into the Sports Hall.

There are quite a few children already on the programme that come from Longparish. So if you would like your children to learn how to play tennis either within a group or individually or a shared lesson either at Longparish or at Whitchurch, please call Carol on 07939 264999 to find out further information.

I also coach individuals and group sessions on private courts if you have your own court.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN – INSIDE AND OUT
Saturday 12th April 10am- 12 noon

Please come and help make the church sparkle ready for Nona's farewell service.
 Coffee and cakes provided but bring your own tools
 Tel Christian Dryden 720 398

Scramblers

Nona's last service for young children will be on

21st April at 2.15pm. *Jesus is alive and always with us*

Casino Club in Longparish

Tuesday evenings in April will herald a new cultural era for all adult citizens of Longparish. With their many years of expertise, *Gamesters4You™* will offer, in the luxurious setting of the Village Hall made-over by our design consultants just for the night, 6 full size snooker tables, roulette, and a choice of three gaming machines as well as a fully licensed bar. As part of the initial membership, each guest who signs in on the opening night will be given £10 credit by their hostess for the evening to spend in any way, at the bar or gaming, on the premises. There will be a heated marquee outside, with consoles linked by the very latest wireless technology to the main games inside the Hall so that guests can keep playing while fulfilling their smoking needs. This will be no dark den of iniquity, do not worry, rather an enlightened evening of high class entertainment. Neighbours who have been polled by our boys in other villages where *Gamesters4You™* has been operating for some weeks are 150% in favour of bringing sleepy rural villages into the 21st century, switching on the bright lights of Vegas in some of the dullest places on earth.

So, Tuesday evenings in April, take that straw out of your mouth and join the real world of BIG winnings and glitzy evenings with a new focus and direction to your life. Just look out for the laser-light display balloon hovering over the Village Hall from 9.00pm on 1st April and COME AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!

PS If there are any sad neighbours or conservative moral high grounders intending to cause *Gamesters4You™* trouble on the night, remember what our boys did in Pidbury-on-Teme. It was not a pleasant sight.

PPS This is a done deal – we have friends in high places – so no grumbles, please.

Testbourne Community School
Parents, Teachers and Friends Association
Ladies Night on Friday 9th May,
7.00 – 10.00
in the school's Youth Suite.

This evening will run on similar lines to our previous Pamper/Ladies and we have also booked two beauty/skin care demonstrations by a Nutrimetics representative and a cookery demonstration by a Pampered Chef representative. There will also be various tables selling jewellery, silk handbags, unusual gifts, handmade cards, Phoenix cards and lots of other lovely things plus a chance to have a mini treatment or two.

Admission is free but due to the venue there are restrictions on the number that can attend so we suggest you book your ticket early to avoid disappointment on the night.

If there is anyone out there who does reflexology, manicures, pedicures or nail art and would be interested in taking space at this event we would love to hear from you.

For enquires or ticket bookings please ring Hilary Bond 01256 892350.



Open Studios & Summer Exhibition 2008
in aid of Alzheimer's Society

Saturday 10th May & Sunday 11th May
 10am – 5pm

10 Open Studios ~ Full Programme of Demonstrations & Workshops
 Over 30 Visiting Artists ~ Exhibition in the Courtyard Garden

Entry ~ £5.00 under 16's free
 (entry includes a substantial donation to Alzheimer's Society)

GALA EVENING & PRIVATE VIEW ~ Friday 9th May 5pm-8pm

Auction of artwork donated by exhibitors
 (all proceeds going to Alzheimer's Society)

Wine supplied by Caviste of Stockbridge and Overton, Canapés &
 Music by 'Just 4 Jazz'

Admission strictly by pre-booked ticket ~ £10.00
 Tel: 01264 889889

Special attractions:

Artists in Test Valley – an independent group of artists and makers who create sculpture, jewellery, ceramics, stained glass & paintings;
Exhibition of Sculpture in the Courtyard Garden

Location – just off the A303 opposite Thruxton race circuit
Lains Farm, Quarley, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8PX

AN APPEAL TO DOG OWNERS

We own the footpath which runs from the village main road to the 'Christmas tree' field, adjacent to our house, Mayfield. We regularly check the footpath and remove branches that have fallen from the overhanging trees, cut back the weeds in summer, cut the hedges in late summer and put down bark chippings to try and stop the path becoming too muddy.

Over the space of one recent weekend we removed seven different piles of dog mess from the path. This is not a pleasant task and one we should not have to do, as it is now a legal requirement for all dog owners to clear up after their dog immediately their dog has defecated on any public open space within the Test Valley area. This legal requirement was introduced on the 14 November 2006 as a result of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 being adopted by Test Valley Borough Council. Penalties for failing to comply with this requirement are fixed penalty fines of £75 (£50 payable within seven days). Failure to pay the fine within 14 days may lead to a summary conviction with fines up to £1,000.

Over the last few weeks we have spoken to many of the regular dog owner/walkers using the footpath who are aware of the regulations and say that they do not allow their dogs to foul the footpath. We are very grateful to them and hope their good example will rub off, eventually, on the irresponsible minority of dog owners who are ignoring the new regulations.

Jenny and Andy Jolliffe

LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 2008
at 6.30 p.m.

VISIT TO HARDY'S GARDEN PLANTS, FREEFOLK, WHITCHURCH

Everyone welcome - £3.00 to non-members.

We need to know how many people will be interested so please contact either:

Rosie Lowry (01264 720325) or
yewcottage@ukgateway.net or
Julian Curl (01264 720548) or
julian.curl@btopenworld.com

Finding Gardening Difficult?

Can **Thrive** help you or someone you know?

Thrive is the only charity operating nationally in the field of disability and gardening. Thrive's activities focus on promoting the benefits of gardening to individuals and organizations, as well as teaching techniques and practical applications so that anybody with a disability can take part in and benefit from gardening.

For more information: Call Thrive on 0118-988-5688

Email: info@thrive.org.uk
www.carryongardening.org.uk

Can you help?

Escape proof field / paddock required in local area to exercise / train young gun dog.
No livestock / game.

Please contact Steve & Mary Hewitt, 4 Station Cottages Longparish Rd. tel. 07770 800651 or 07788 754001

Dog Days

Dog sitting while you are away.
Contact Kerry Meaden 720402



NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Behind the usual school scenes we have been busy trying to make a success of a one-off opportunity to improve our facilities. As many of you may know, we have been hoping to sell a small plot of unused land on the school site to fund these improvements. We have actually been working towards this for a number of years. We carried out an initial local consultation, applied for permission to sell from the Secretary of State for Education, met changing criteria, drew up and amended plans and finally submitted our planning application before Christmas. In drawing up the plans with Hampshire County Council we bore in mind the need to be considerate towards the local community, keeping the scale of any development very modest, maintaining trees and greenery for privacy and ensuring it included much-needed affordable housing.

We want Testbourne to be the best place it can be - providing the best education for the young people in our area, with excellent facilities which we can share with the local community. We have an old site with buildings which have developed over time, making it hard for us to have the physical "wow" factor which we believe our pupils and community deserve and which many other schools are able to offer. With the proceeds from the land sale we would have the means to make a big difference, creating a performing arts "hub", with a welcoming foyer, a proper dance/fitness studio and a theatre

hall with proper seating - all available for the community to use and share. This would also release much-needed classroom space to enable us to cater for the increased number of pupils we now have.

We understand that some local residents are concerned about the traffic congestion which occurs in Micheldever Road, particularly at school opening and closing times, and this has regrettably led them to object to the planning application. As the proposed development only includes eight dwellings the Highways Survey concluded that this would have little or no impact on the current situation but we appreciate that traffic congestion can be a nuisance. We, therefore, have a travel plan which will provide a safe, convenient alternative dropping-off point and drastically reduce the number of cars in Micheldever Road at school opening and closing times.

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide more information about the bigger picture and what we are trying to achieve. I hope this explains our determination to work with the local community, solve the traffic problem and bring about something really special for us all to share and be proud of. You can find out more on our website at www.testbourne.hants.sch.uk.

ADMISSIONS

Many local parents of Year 6 pupils recently received their letter telling them which secondary school their child will be attending in September. Previously we have been able to offer places to all families who made us their first choice but this year have found ourselves quite heavily oversubscribed, partly as a result of the new equal preference system. We are pleased that so many children do want to come to Testbourne but very sorry for those we have had to disappoint.

PERFORMING ARTS SUCCESSES

- ◆ Our quite newly-formed orchestra made their first public performance at our Spring concert in March. Pupils, including a number of Year 7s, delighted us with their rapidly expanding repertoire, including part of Mahler's First Symphony and the stirring theme from Pirates of the Caribbean. They have been working in partnership with members of the Southern Sinfonia Orchestra and it was heart-warming to hear the progress they have made and see their pride and enjoyment in playing.
- ◆ Other pupils have been learning new film skills as a result of a partnership with Panasonic. They have formed a 'Kid Witness News' team and produced a four-minute film with training and equipment donated by the company. Their film, entitled, "Won't Listen ... Can't Hear", is a mini-documentary on the dangers of listening to loud music. It has already won first prize in a regional Media 4 Schools competition and will compete nationally when it is shown at the UK Youth Parliament in Birmingham in April.
- ◆ *New Courses on offer* - from September pupils will have the opportunity to take a BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts - with some very keen to follow the technical and production route.
- ◆ April 22nd - our next Dance entry in the Global Rock Challenge - aimed at giving a "drug free high".

WATCH OUT DRAGONS' DEN!

Early this year, a group of Year 10 pupils set up a company called "*Party Smartys*" as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. They appointed their Managing Director, developed their idea - a party pack for young children, sold shares and have now marketed their "product" at a Young Enterprise Fair in Basingstoke. They have been learning valuable business skills and really could be the entrepreneurs of the future.

Situation Vacant: Site Assistant, full time. Please contact Mary Soper on 01256 892061 for details.

Hilary Jackson Headteacher

Longparish Community Association

Coffee morning



Rita Twine is hosting "Coffee and Chat" on Wednesday 16th April at her home Lacey Gates. Do come along between 10.30 and noon, you are assured of a warm welcome. For a lift give Gloria a call on 720425.



New Equipment

Has arrived and been well used. Particularly popular are the giant jenga, connect 4 and new age curling. We have also received a Nintendo Wii with sports games from Test Valley Community Association Network. In addition to this we were given 3 places on the Momentum Course for new bike riders which will enable the lucky recipients to take their CBT test. This course usually costs £350 each, so it is a fantastic opportunity for members who are over 15 and a half.

Hints and Tips for Parental Helpers

Kidz Zone is grateful to parents who have offered to come along on an occasional basis to help out at Club nights. A list of hints and tips about procedure has been prepared to assist occasional helpers. Any parent who would like to offer to attend a Club night occasionally to help would be very welcome. Please contact Andrea on 720347

Dates in April There will be no Kidz Zone during the Easter school holidays, the only club night this month will be on 23rd April. We look forward to seeing you then. Visit the Kidz Zone website at www.longparish.org.uk/kidzzone.

LCA Membership

Membership of the Community Association for 2008 costs £1 a year for any one aged 5yrs and over. Members get discounts on events organised by the Association. If you want to join or renew your membership please fill in the form on the back of the April events diary and return it to Christine Beresford. If you don't want to give up this month's diary look at the village website at www.longparish.org.uk. where there's a link to a form you can print out.

LONGPARISH PLAYERS

The next, long awaited, production from Longparish Players will be 'The Continental Quilt' by Joan Greening. The dates for your diary are Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May at Longparish Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly. More details will appear in the May edition of Hill and Valley.

Andrew Smith

LONGPARISH FILM NIGHTS

As you may know, the film nights have not been running recently. This is because we couldn't quite get enough numbers to meet the requirement of the film providers. Many people enjoyed the films and would like to see them up and running again.

LCA members are currently exploring a number of options with a view to restoring the film nights later this year.

More news to follow before too long.

L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of the Month handicap running race

We managed to escape the worst of the poor weather expected for the day of the March run. Emma Smith presented the Most Improved Lady's trophy to Di Leeson and the Men's, jointly, to Andy Smith (again) and Rob Biggs.



The next race is on Sunday 13 April starting at the Cricket Ground at 10am. Runners of all standards are welcome. The handicap system means that the slowest have as much chance of winning the cups as the fastest. There will be refreshments afterwards and supporters of all ages are very welcome.



Longparish School

Kingfishers' trip to the living rainforest!

The trip to the living rainforest was surely the best trip that any one had invented! The only thing that spoiled it was, because it was so realistic, (in fact everything was real) I had to carry my jumper round for the trip as it was so hot, just like it would be in a real rainforest.

One of the plants was poisonous because it made you dumb which I didn't *really* like, so I did not want to go near it and everyone in my group laughed at me! It was called the "dumb cane" and suddenly we seemed to be in history when the guide explained to us that the Aztecs gave the slaves the dumb cane for breakfast.

Then we moved on to seeing some Goeldi's monkeys which were really not very polite because they kept on sticking their tongue out at us. We laughed our heads off then the guide explained to us that the Goeldi's monkeys lived on fruit as all monkeys do. After every one had had a good laugh, the guide took us to see some piranhas that were swimming calmly round their big tank picking food from the floor. I learned that a piranha had never ever eaten a man who was alive. After a while of observation we moved on to the chameleon, which is a very patient animal because we found his supper on his back, which was a cricket. He was waiting and, trust me, he had seen the poor cricket who had not yet noticed that he was standing on a chameleon.

Now let's move on to...TOUCANS. These toucans had had a harsh life before being saved by the amazing living rainforest. Guess why? Well, there are still some people who have unusual pets and don't know how to feed them. Those sorts of people aren't my friends. Sadly, that had happened to the two toucans in the living rainforest, they had crackles in their beaks because their owners didn't feed them enough calcium to develop strong beaks. Unfortunately when the living rainforest saved them it was too late to save their beaks and they grew up with crackles in their beaks. The squawking noise in the cage was **horrendous!** The guide explained to us that toucans were similar to chickens because they could fly, but usually hopped from branch to branch.

Finally, let's move on to the alligator, something we guessed was that they did not move much at all by its movements (none). At the beginning of the visit, we went to see the alligator and he was in a certain position. At the end of visit we went to see him again and guess what, he was in exactly the same position! Also in the same cage as the alligator were some butterflies in their cocoons, there was also a half peeled orange prepared for them...spoilt things!

By Matthieu Rident (with the help of Ben Evans)

OBITUARY

CHARLES COLIN BERWICK

28.08.34 - 03.01.08



More than 150 people filled St. Nicholas Parish Church on 19th March, to pay their final respects to Colin, and to extend their fulsome tributes to a man who was much loved and admired by many.

Educated at Kings

Wimbledon and All Hallows in Devon, he was accepted at Guys Hospital Medical School, where he qualified as a Dental Surgeon in 1959. He joined the Royal Navy on a Short Service Commission, was appointed to complete the Commando Course - which entitled him to wear the Green Beret - and joined 42 Commando as they were deployed to Malaya in anti terrorist operations. In 1962 there was an uprising in Brunei, and L Company 42 Commando and two minesweepers were despatched to resolve the conflict. Colin was appointed to the Field Hospital - the British Army's equivalent of the American MASH.

He completed his tours of duty, and returned to the UK to join his father and his brother at the family practice in London, from which he also launched a second practice in Streatley on Thames.

His association with the Navy continued as he spent over thirty years with the Royal Naval Reserve in Southampton where, as a Surgeon Captain he was appointed ADC and Honorary Dental Surgeon to Her Majesty the Queen, the highest rank in his specialisation. He was also awarded the Reserve Decoration for service to the RNR and was later awarded a bar to that decoration. He and Stephanie moved to Longparish in August 1997.

An avid sailor, he sailed his own boat, and others, in many seas worldwide. He played hockey with huge enthusiasm, was always ready to host a party, and adored his family with a passion. Tributes during the Memorial Service echoed a common theme. Fun and a degree of mayhem were balanced by love and admiration for Colin who had an amazing capacity for work and an amazing capacity to help others in need - a man with a calm thoughtful disposition, driven by a superb brain and a wonderful heart.

His acid wit and amazing sense of humour, indeed his telling of tales was second to none, and his laughter was infectious to say the least. To seek him out in a crowded room was not hard because he would be the one in the middle of the circle surrounded by people jostling to hear his clever funny stories. His insight into human nature was legend; he was a gentleman in both senses of the word.

He bore his illness with courage and dignity, and will be forever loved and missed by his wife Stephanie, his daughters Karen, Sarah and Jane, and his four grandchildren - Adam, Tom, Nathan and Georgina.

Roy and Nona Harrison

As mentioned in the March issue of Hill & Valley, Nona's final Sunday of public ministry amongst us is a 3.30pm service on Sunday 27th April. This will be followed by refreshments in the School and Community Hall.

We are making a collection for a farewell gift to say 'Thank you' for Nona's ministry within the benefice. It goes without saying that everyone in the benefice is welcome to attend the service on the 27th and the refreshments afterwards. It would be helpful for catering purposes to have some idea of numbers, so if you are intending to come, can you please let John & Jane Young know on 01264 720233.

If you would like to make a contribution to the farewell gift, please give it or send it to: Robert Charlton, Lacey Gates, Longparish, SP11 6PG Tel: 01264 720382. Please make any cheques payable to: "St. Nicholas, Longparish - Roy & Nona Fund".

St Nicholas Wives Group

All tickets available for the April 3rd visit to The Lights for An Evening with Ann Widdecombe have been sold.

On May 15th the loW and Hampshire Air Ambulance representative will give a talk on the work of the Air Ambulance in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Members £2 Non-members £3.50
Mandy Robbins tel 720610

Village Clean Up

Saturday 19 April 10.30am - 1pm

Volunteers are needed to help with the Spring Clean Up Day. Please meet at the Ashburn Rest at 10.30am.

We will be painting the bus shelters, clearing the feeder stream of duck weed and branches. 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, wheel barrows, 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.

March FOLS 100 Club draw winners

1 st	no 138	Lisa Williams
2 nd	no 108	Mrs Meares
3 rd	no 105	Emma Shelley

There are still some of the children's recycle bags left if any one would like to buy them. Please contact Lieska Wade email lieska@homecall.co.uk

Parish Council Profile

Christopher Duxbury



Christopher Duxbury moved to Longparish with his wife Barbara and their two sons in December 1985, while he was still in the Army, serving in London. They both quickly became involved in village life, particularly with the Church and the annual fete. Christopher joined the Parochial Church Council (PCC) as Treasurer in 1987, a role that he held for nearly 15 years.

During this time, he left the Army to take up an appointment in the private sector with a Support Services and Construction Group based in London, becoming very involved in forming consortiums and negotiating several Defence Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts.

In March 2006, Christopher joined the Parish Council, bringing current commercial and contracting skills to the table. Now that he has retired, he feels that he has time to give to his role as Chairman of the Planning Committee, working alongside Jeremy Barber and the Parish Council team, endeavouring to keep the village informed and abreast as to how new planning initiatives could affect Longparish. Current initiatives, which all take time to research, include the South East Plan, the TVBC Core Strategy and the Hampshire Minerals Plan.

In parallel with his Council activities, he has taken up golf, with great enthusiasm, re-kindled his long time love of fishing and is enjoying more time with his family and grandchildren.

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the March meeting. Minutes of meetings are on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Welcome event for new villagers

If you moved to the village in the last couple of years please come to the welcome event on **Tuesday 15 April at 8pm** in the Community Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be on Monday 12 May at 7.30pm in the new Community Hall. The APM is your opportunity to hear what the council has been doing in the last year and ask questions. All parishioners are welcome and there will be light refreshments afterwards.

Open Spaces

Please support the **Spring Clean Up day** on Saturday 19 April.

The team using the **football field** has stopped coming because of the amount of dog mess. Please bag and bin dog mess in the green bin by the entrance from Sugar Lane.

Planning

The council had no objection to

- a conservatory at **Grebe House**, Forton;
- a flue at the new woodchip shed at Pachington (provided TVBC Environment and Health officers are satisfied that there will be no nuisance from smoke);
- tree works at **Newton Cottage** and **Chapel House**.

HCC Minerals Plan - Gravel extraction at Cutty Brow. A full report of the public meeting on 22 January is available on the village website at <http://www.longparish.org.uk/pccissues/Minerals.php>

Footpaths

Alex Lewis, Senior Rights of Way Officer gave a very useful presentation about the new restricted by ways. She confirmed that there is no right of way for cars or motorbikes on restricted by ways. You can see her notes at <http://www.longparish.org.uk/walking/>

Community Association

The Council has received a grant from HCC of £300 to help with the cost of a barn dance band and caller at the LCA Midsummer Event on Sat 21 June.

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Ellicock Room at the Community Hall. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

Jeremy Barber Chairman. Tel 720459
email jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk

Village Directory April 2008

With your magazine this month you should receive a copy of the updated Village Directory, which is sponsored by the Parish Council. Any comments to Mary Jo Darrah tel. 720320.

East Aston Common

You will recollect from the November and December editions of Hill & Valley that Mr & Mrs Tacchi applied to the Secretary of State for the common rights over approximately 20 acres of common land at East Aston Common (mainly comprising river bed and islands) to be extinguished in exchange for them granting new common rights over approximately 33 acres of meadow land (known as Nether Regions and Bank) on the East side of the B3048 to the East of East Aston. The main issue is the complex balance between preserving and improving the natural environment and public access under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act. The Planning Inspectorate returned the application for technical reasons and they have recently advised that, "There is no current application". It is open to Mr & Mrs Tacchi to make a fresh application under new rules which apply from September 2007.



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

The Club is most grateful to have received two generous donations, from the Richard Thompson Educational Trust and from an anonymous donor, which have enabled it to buy a much-needed heavy roller and portable covers for the approaching season. In preparation for the first home match at the end of April, there will be a Clean Up Day on Saturday 12th April starting at 9.30am. All help will be welcome.

The 1st XI finished as runners-up in the Winchester & District CCA Division 1 for the second year running, although our three teams were all knocked out of the Knock Out Competition. The U16 team only lost to the final winners in Wilds Sports U16 League in their last game playing as a junior team. The Club would like to congratulate them on the standard and manner in which they have played their cricket over the last 3 years, and to wish them luck in the senior teams. Both the Longhops and the Lightwits did well at Dummer, and the U13s have won 5 out of 5 matches so far.

The Club is sad to announce the retirement of Joan Hibberd and her sister Jean Gardner from their splendid service of providing teas with delicious home-made cakes, for the last 30 years in Joan's case, and nearly as much in Jean's. They will be greatly missed and the Club is very anxious to find volunteers to help with catering for home matches. Please contact Martin Bearpark tel. 01962 760334 to find out what is involved.

Winners in the February 100 Club Draw were

1 st	£35	no.269	Trevor Herbert
2 nd	£15	no.287	Vi Meares
3 rd	£15	no. 92	Pete Newman