

LONGPARISH FETE - SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Chris Woodhouse for allowing us to have the fete at Longparish House again this year.

Patrick Beresford is the organiser and if you've not already been signed up but are able to volunteer to run a stall, help with the setting up or knocking down or are willing to try any other task please give him a call on 01264 720421. New helpers are always needed and very, very welcome so please don't feel you have to wait to be asked!

Among the special attractions this year will be a display by one of the country's finest falconers, Jim Chick (pictured). Jim will be bringing a number of birds including falcons and an eagle.



And in keeping with a countryside event we're also lucky to be able to welcome Herbie Perkins from Northington who will give a demonstration of ferret handling and gun dog trials.

Our ever-popular clown will be entertaining us all once again and there will be music and arena events throughout the afternoon.

There will be a casting competition on the lawn and the Duck Race will be held on the river at the end of the afternoon.

Sustenance will be available from the BBQ, beer tent and tea stand.

Stall holders are asking for your help:

Bottle Stall: there will be house to house collections in the next few weeks. If for some reason they miss you, you can leave bottles at the village shop or at the home of Tom Bremridge, The Orchards, Forton. You can also make a cash donation to Tom in lieu of a bottle(s) if you prefer. tel. 720689.

Second Hand Rose: all your clean, quality good-as-new clothes. Named labels especially welcome. Please call Stephanie Berwick tel. 720258 if you have something to donate. NO jumble or school uniforms please.

Bric a brac and silent or paper auction.

Please clear out your reusable but redundant goods and deliver them in the weeks running up to the fete to Nigel or Gloria Goodliffe, Meadow View, Southside Road. Leave things on the back path or phone 720425 to arrange delivery. Most things gratefully accepted: crockery, glass, ornaments, small pieces of furniture, even items you hate someone may love. Please, NO electrical items. **If you know you have a collectable** or something that is too good to be put with the general bric a brac you might like to donate it to the silent /paper auction that will run alongside the bric a brac stall. Last year a few items were selected to be sold in this way and they raised a good proportion of the total sales.

Cakes: please deliver your delicious offerings to the stall on the day.

Books: please bring them to the stall on the day.

Plants and Produce: preserves, chutneys, plants, cut flowers, produce etc to Wendy Ellicock, Longmead House, tel. 720386 or to the stall on the day.

Gifts Galore: Attractive as-new gifts of all sorts – jewellery, toiletries, accessories, pictures, things for the home etc all most welcome. Cathy Yelf tel. 720790

Grand Draw: always a big favourite! Can you donate a prize for the draw? If you can, please call Jan West on tel. 720289

The money raised from the fete is divided between the village hall and the church and provides vital funding for both organisations.

We are most grateful for all your support.

Longparish School

Chaffinch class trip to the Mary Rose

Chaffinch class arrived at the Mary Rose (hairy nose) museum because they were doing a project on Tudors.

They entered the workshop for their first activity which was The Gun Drill. They were split into two groups and numbered 1-5. Nicholas was the Gun captain. They had to pretend to be on board the Mary Rose and their only light was from the gun port. The captain ordered 2 and 3 to remove the wedge. Next 1, 2, 3 and 4 remove the barrel. They were given other orders and it ended with a **big bang!**



The next activity was Archaeologist boxes. The children looked inside a box they had on their table and it had replicas of artefacts from the Mary Rose's crew. The children tried to find out which member of the crew the replicas belonged to. One child's favourite replica was for a carpenter and it was a nit comb, which every person had.

After that they went to the very small cinema at the other side of the museum and watched a 4 minute movie about how the people who work at the museum think the Mary Rose sank.

Soon afterwards they had lunch and looked round the dockyard at the H.M.S Victory and other boats because they had to do work on dockyards. They saw lots of other things like a TARDIS (a student called Sophie was extremely excited about this) and lots of statues.

They then made their way to the actual ship of The Mary Rose! When they entered, they got given an audio set to listen to while walking around looking at the Mary Rose. The grand ship was being sprayed with wax to keep it preserved. Their audio guide says they would stop spraying it in 2009 and it would dry in 5 years. But the adult guide told the group afterwards the scientists would stop spraying it in 2011. The ship will be up for show in 2016.

Miss Taylor explained that the children had to do a worksheet about the museum and its artefacts. Lucy's favourite artefact was a black ring from a cabinet. Sophie's favourite artefact was a big bow and arrow that was very well decorated.

In conclusion the trip was fantastic for Phoebe, Harriet and the whole class. When they got home the parents had something to listen to!

By Lucy Deacon and Sophie Brown.

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Busy end to the year

The end of term was a very busy time for pupils and staff alike: Year 10s in Paris, Year 7s on an activities residential in Calshot; Swimming Gala; Sports Day; an Expressive Arts "India" day for Year 5s, Prefects running the Testbourne Tea Bar at the Overton Sheep Fair and raising over £500 to share between our partner school in Uganda and school funds; and our week-long Arts Festival.

This year the festival included many areas of the curriculum, with a fabulous Maths and Dance workshop, a Slam Dunk Poet, a professional artist & photographer, as well as a range of workshops including salsa, Drum Blondes and folk music. There were performances by all our GCSE performing arts students and the orchestra. The highlight of the week was the performance of "Joseph", by a massed choir and dancers from Longparish, St. Mary Bourne and Whitchurch Primaries, as well as Testbourne. Some of the loudest applause of the night went to a great opening number of "Any Dream Will Do" by a group of pupils from Icknield Special School, who have been practising with some of our Year 10 Dance students. The whole event was really heart-warming experience.

We also said farewell to a number of really committed and dedicated members of staff including Mr Jerome, Head of Design Technology, Mrs Blakey, joint SENCO, Miss Sroa, PE, Mrs Thrussell, Maths, and Mrs Nairne Head of Geography. We wish them every success and happiness in either retirement or their new posts.

Planning Application Gets Go Ahead

Five years after we first took the decision to try and sell a small plot of our land, we have finally gained approval for outline planning permission. This was granted at the meeting of the Basingstoke and Deane Planning Committee in July. We still have some conditions to fulfil, including an amendment to our Travel Plan, but are hopeful that we will be able to sell the land to fund improvements at school in due course (perhaps when the housing market improves a little!). We do want the overall scheme to be of benefit to the community and will be working hard to reduce school-related traffic congestion as part of the overall scheme.

SATS Saga Affects Testbourne

At the time of writing we are one of the schools who has not received a full set of KS3 SATS results. Maths have arrived – with 87% of pupils gaining Level 5 and above, Science results are incomplete and there is still no sign of English. This is a wholly unsatisfactory situation as you will have heard in the national press, unfair on all involved and leaving a feeling of uncertainty about the reliability of the results overall.

Once we've had a bit of rest and recuperation we shall be looking forward to coming back at the start of September, hopefully with two beautifully refurbished Science laboratories. We wish you all a good summer too, if and when it arrives.

Hilary Jackson, Headteacher

New footway from Village Hall car park

Work on the new footway from the car park to the school and church is expected to start in August. The target date is 12th August but there may be some delay if the previous job takes longer than expected. Every effort will be made to have it finished before the start of the new term. It will involve a temporary closure of the road while the new kerb is installed, and then traffic lights until the work is completed. Diversions will be signposted and those most immediately affected will be contacted by the Highways Department before work starts.

Parish Council Profile

Christian Dryden



Christian Dryden moved to Longparish in 1992 to live in her parents' house in the Withies when her husband, Matthew, took up an appointment at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. She already had a connection with

Hampshire as her grandparents farmed near Whitchurch and she has happy memories of holiday spent with them and at Laverstoke School which she attended for a short time between postings. Her parents were in the diplomatic service and she was born in Benghazi, Libya. Her early years were spent in different parts of the world as her parents moved regularly.

She trained as an occupational therapist in Oxford where she met Matthew, and worked in Kidderminster and London before starting a family. When they came to Longparish they had two young children and two more were born in Longparish. They outgrew their first home but wanted to stay in Longparish and moved to Forton in 1996. All the children attended Longparish Playgroup and the village school and Christian became involved in community life on the committees of the Toddler group, Playgroup and FOLS, as well as through the Church as a member of the Parochial Church Council. In 2000 she returned to work as a community occupational therapist in Andover, which keeps her very busy.

She counts herself lucky to live in Longparish in such beautiful surroundings and is keen to contribute to the community. She was a member of the group that organised the questionnaire on affordable housing. In 2007 she was co-opted to the Parish Council and has recently agreed to take over the job, created by Ricky Bourne, of Parish Lengthsman, liaising between the village, Parish Council, and other responsible councils on matters relating to roads..

Mary Jo Darrah

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the July meeting. Minutes of meetings are in the parish council area on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Affordable Housing

The council decided that the results shown by the questionnaire did not justify further work on the proposed project. See separate article.

Footpaths

Dr David Wright informed the council that he will be seeking to divert the footpath behind his house on to the track of the permissive path.

Phil Wood of Andover Ramblers was co-opted to the Footpaths Committee.

Ricky Bourne has kindly offered to run a strimmer and brush cutter course for anyone who would like to use the council's equipment to work on footpaths. If you are interested please contact the chairman (tel 720459).

The new path to replace the one through Paper Mill Farm should be ready for use within 6 weeks and it was hoped that the permissive path from Whitchurch to Hurstbourne Priors would be open by the end of the year.

Open Spaces

The annual village inspection showed that the state of the village was pretty good.

Andy Smith was co-opted to the Open Spaces Committee and has kindly offered to co-ordinate work on playground equipment.

Planning

The council had no objection to

- noise attenuation bunds between **Owl's Lodge shooting ground** and the village; or
- internal alterations to **The Thatch**.

It was decided to make a site visit to consider a proposal for a rear extension at **61 North Acre**.

Borough Councillors will consider the **Tesco magashed application** at a special public meeting at 5.30pm on 1 September at The Lights.

Telephone boxes

The council will object to proposals by BT to remove the two telephone boxes in the village.

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 8 September. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

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

Affordable Housing Questionnaire

This is a brief summary of the information in the full report which you can read on the village website.

We would like to thank everyone who responded, the group who designed the questionnaire, the teller and the shop for hosting the box.

The questionnaire was designed to provide information about the extent of

- village support for a proposal to build 12 affordable homes and up to six commercial homes on a particular site and provide community benefits
- village support for the principle of affordable housing.

Forms were issued individually by post to everyone (549 people) on the electoral roll. There were 288 valid responses (52.4%). A further 5 different forms were issued to people from the village who were not on the electoral roll.

Question 1

This question asked, "Do you support a project of up to 12 affordable houses and up to 6 houses for sale on the open market on this site (max.18 in total)?" There were 285 (99%) responses as follows

Yes 113 (40%)	No 172 (60%)
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Included are 25 people who live adjacent to or opposite the site. 20 of those (80%) said No. The responses varied with age and length of residence in the village. Support was greatest among those over 60 and people who have lived in the village over 30 years.

Question 2

This question asked, "Even if you do not support a development on the currently proposed site, do you support the proposal **in principle** of building affordable houses to be made available for lower than market rents to people with strong Longparish connections if a suitable site were available?"

There were 252 responses (87%) as follows

Yes 120 (48%)	No 132 (52%)
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It seems clear from the analysis that some people did not answer because they thought there was no need to do so if they had answered yes to question 1. Of the 36 people who did not answer question 2, 28 answered yes to question 1 and 5 answered no.

Question 3

People who had not answered questions 1 or 2 were asked to say what further information they would need in order to give an answer. Five people gave details of the further information they would need including planning rules on parking and street lighting, proof of need, guarantees on allocation of homes, information about Lower Mill Villas, the split between houses, flats, etc, and the effect on infrastructure. Another 5, and some 14 other people made comments which showed no particular trend and which are recorded in the main report.

Question 4

The questionnaire invited views on what percentage of respondents to the questionnaire would be needed to indicate a clear result either for or against. 188 people (65%) responded.

The average among those who responded was 66%. The responses varied with the answers to question 1. The average percentage suggested by people who were against the specific project (i.e. who answered no to question 1) was 72% but for those in favour it was 58%.

Afternote

A summary was published on the parish notice boards and the village website on 12 July.

The Parish Council considered the information at its meeting on 14 July and resolved as follows.

"The Parish Council accepts that the questionnaire shows that there is no mandate for further work on the site identified in the report under ESN06, and notes the outcome of the questionnaire."

Jeremy Barber & Christopher Duxbury
Longparish Parish Council.

Longparish Community Association Annual General Meeting

The second AGM of the LCA was held on 3rd June 2008. Fiona Gould reported on activities in the past 12 months and David Wright reported on the Association's finances, which are healthy thanks to continued support from the Parish Council, many donations and money raised from events.

Thanks were expressed to Gloria Goodliffe, Wendy Ellicock and Alix Bremridge who have stood down from the Management Committee. Fiona Gould, David Wright, Christine Beresford, Patrick Beresford, Andy Smith and Jeremy Barber agreed to stand again, and new volunteers Trevor Elkins, Becky Bourne and Nicky Derrick offered to join. All were elected, with David as Treasurer and Trevor as Secretary. Subsequently Fiona was re-appointed as Chair and Christine as Membership secretary. Becky represents the Parish Council.

KidzZone has again had a successful year with an average of 20 members attending each session. The group now has lots of great equipment and is run by a volunteer committee of Andrea and Martin Hulme, Karen Lewis, Georgina Knipe and Nigel Deacon. Any offers of help would be gratefully received.

The new LCA Committee is now planning activities for the coming year. We have booked a number of Hog the Limelight events (see Diary) over the autumn/winter and are looking at further entertainment options. We are exploring ways in which we can once again show films without the support of Moviola. KidzZone and the Recycled Teenagers will continue to organise activities both in and outside of the village. And, of course, old favourites such as coffee mornings and the L2SOTM, our second Sunday of the month handicap race, will continue. If you have any ideas for activities or, better still, would like to get involved in organising or supporting them, please get in touch with anyone on the Committee.



LCA coffee morning

Ann Sands is hosting "Coffee and Chat" on Wednesday 13th August at her home Rowan House. Do come along between 10.30 and noon, you are assured of a warm welcome. If you need a lift give Gloria a call on 720425.

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

You've gotta be in it to win it, as they say. A reduced field because of the New Forest 10 and the Andover Triathlon gave Wendy Beveridge and Jeremy Barber the chance they needed. Jeremy's time was his best ever as he gears up his training ready for the New York Marathon.



Jack Ellicock presents the cups

The next race is on Sunday 10 August starting at 10am at the Cricket Ground. Runners of all standards are welcome. It is a handicap race so

the slowest have as much chance of winning the cups as the fastest. Hope you can come. There will be refreshments afterwards and supporters of all ages are very welcome.



Congratulations to Tom Lewis and Elliott Burns who have completed their Momentum course which in this case is aimed at young people learning to ride motorbikes or mopeds. It involves a mixture of theory, basic bike control, practice riding on an off road car park area and finally a test ride on the road accompanied by an instructor.

Tom successfully passed his Compulsory Basic Training Test and Elliott will be taking his shortly. The Mayor of Test Valley presented certificates in front of family and friends and all participants thought it an excellent course and well worth attending. This was paid for by Test Valley Community Association network and hopefully will be available next year.



Kidz Zone has now finished for the summer. The next Kidz Zone meeting will be on 10 September 7-9pm.

Andrea Hulme

July Bring & Buy sale

Ella Scott, Vi Meares and their helpers would like to thank all those who came to the coffee morning and supported the Bring and Buy at Ella's on one of the wettest days of the summer. They raised £90, which was a very welcome boost to Longparish Community Association's funds



Smooth Movers Ladies Exercise Class

Classes are led by Carol Dunford, a fully qualified instructor. She teaches low impact short routines to music. *This is kinder to your joints.* It is not a fast pace class so is ideal for complete beginners and senior ladies. Each session includes:

Gentle Warm up

Cardiovascular exercise to increase heart-rate (nothing major!!)

Toning – concentrating on those problem areas (Arms, Bums, Tums)

**Longparish Village Hall,
Thursday mornings 9-10 am**

Wear comfortable clothing and non-slip footwear.

Everyone works at their own level, no pressure.

Need more information? Phone our instructor Carol on 720227

Come along and give it a try.

Free parking -
so why travel to Andover for a class?

***New term starts Thursday
11th September, £5 per session.***

*Longparish Community Association -
Enjoying village life together*



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

As we reach half-way in the Hampshire League programme, it is interesting to look back and compare these weeks with the same period last year. In 2007 we had above average rainfall and after nine weeks the first XI had lost four games due to the weather and the Seconds three games. This year the temperatures have been somewhat lower than usual, more like early spring than summer, but with the drier conditions the Firsts, captained by Paul Blackmore, have played all nine scheduled fixtures, (winning seven) and are comfortably placed in the top half of Division 3. Losing only one fixture to the weather so far, Skipper Mike Wakefield and his 2nd XI squad have found promotion to Regional Div. 2NW quite a challenge. They have yet to record a win in this season, but performances are steadily improving and success is surely just round the corner.

Again this year the Club is using the Wilds Sports Mid-week League to give competitive experience to some of the older Colts, even though we gained promotion to the top division for 2008. Our one win so far was against Easton and Martyr Worthy CC, which also has a policy of playing several colts in their team, and it was good to see two clubs giving their youngsters an opportunity to compete against stronger players. For me scoring the match was an absolute pleasure.

Frank Hibberd

Winners in the LCC May 100 Club Draw were:-

1 st	£35	no.222	Frank Hibberd
2 nd	£15	no.160	Ann Herbert
3 rd	£15	no.148	Brenda Smith

Winchester Walk for Life

Jo Clear walked 5 km and raised £213 for Cancer Research. She would like to thank all those who supported her.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

There will be no meeting of the Longparish Gardening Club in August

Longparish School 100 Club

June Draw results

1 st	no.25	K.M.Dinesen	£25
2 nd	no.31	E. Hanbury-Bateman	£10
3 rd	no.106	Vi Meares	£5

July draw results

1 st	no.41	Emily Hollingdale	£25
2 nd	no.27	Rachael Parkins	£10
3 rd	no.134	Eric Aldridge	£5

Maria Drewett