

## LONGPARISH FETE – 2008

Before giving you the detailed results, thank all of you for taking part, either before the Fete by collecting for stalls, baking cakes, making jams or growing produce, or selling Grand Draw tickets and on the day for running the many various stalls. Thanks too are due to the small band of helpers who turned out the day before to prepare the site, many of whom stayed on after 4 o'clock on Saturday to clear up after the Fete. And thanks to the team who struck the LCA Tent at midday on Monday. The Fete Committee thank Mr and Mrs Chris Woodhouse for allowing the Fete to be held in the grounds of Longparish House and Ingrid Woodhouse also for welcoming us to her new home in opening the Fete. We were delighted that they were able to be present throughout the afternoon and participate in so many activities. And finally a big thank you to all villagers, their friends and families who came to support us on the day.

The overall financial result was:

Income	£7,307.36
Expenditure	£2,519.97
Profit	£4,787.39

With the agreement of the PCC and the Village Hall committee we propose to retain £787.39 in the Fete account (for the purchase of new tents or gazebos for stalls) and divide the balance equally between St Nicholas Church and the Village Hall, thus each will receive £ 2,000.00.

The overall profit last year was £ 6,672.58 and in 2006, another wet year the profit was £ 4,600. You may be interested in the profit since 2001:

2001	3550
2002	4720
2003	4735
2004	5375
2005	6320
2006	4600
2007	6672
2008	4787



### Lost Property from the Fete.

Please ring Patrick Beresford on 01264 720421 to claim anything that is yours.

An AKUBRA fur felt hat, size 57, made in Australia

A blue & grey Peter Storm anorak, size 11/12, with name tag "Charlotte Burgess"

Children's books, Sailor Pig and Carly the Car

New paperback "Football Fantasy" book of football games.

2 x children's pinkbags & hair band in original sealed packets

2 x pencil cases each with 1 x pencil

1x girls fashion choker, in original wrapper.

Patrick Beresford



### Winners of the Grand Draw 2008-09-20

1st Smallwood	9th H.Ridge
2nd Dunford	10th Jackie Algar
3rd Lewis	11th Dave West
4th Stewart Roberts	12th Lily Johnstone
5th Hewlett	13th J
6th Lynch	14th Read
7 <sup>th</sup> Maggie c/o J.Young	15 <sup>th</sup> P.Cotton
8 <sup>th</sup> Lowry	16 <sup>th</sup> Roebuck
	17 <sup>th</sup> C.Birtles

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

### Winchester Cathedral Refectory Friday 17th October

Please let me know if you are able to come and help in the Cathedral Refectory on 17th October.

We are always pleased to have new helpers and there are three different shifts to suit as many as possible.

Rosie Lowry 01264 720325



### LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Talk with Slides by Wendy Ellicock  
"Longmead Garden"  
7 p.m. at The Village Hall.

We will have the usual raffle in aid of future speakers and we hope to see you there.

Non-members welcome £3.00

Next meeting

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 7 p.m at The Village Hall  
Decorations for Christmas by Eila Chamberlen.

## Longparish School News

### School Council

At the beginning of this term, hustings took place in each class as the start of the process for electing our new School Council. Children made posters and wrote speeches in order to promote themselves as candidates within each class. Members of last year's School Council organised the election, taking on the roles of Returning Officer, Poll Clerk and Election Counters. The children



then entered the polling booths, using real voting booths and ballot boxes kindly loaned by Test Valley Election Department. Taking part in the election provides the children with a valuable first hand experience of democracy and citizenship. The School Council takes an active and leading role in the management and organisation of the School.

### Admissions

It is that time of year again, when parents of children who will be 4 before 1st September 2009 need to start thinking about selecting their preferred schools for their child's education. We are holding Open Days on the morning of Monday 6th October and the afternoon of Tuesday 4th November in order for parents to see the school and meet the pupils and staff. The closing date for this year's applications is Friday 21st November. If you would like any further information regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Office on 01264 720317.

### Senior Citizens

We are looking forward to welcoming our Senior Citizens back for our monthly lunches together. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining us for these events, please do contact the school so that we can give you more information. ~~Wed, Thu, 22 & 23~~ ~~Thu, 25~~ ~~Out of this~~ ~~term~~ are: 14th October, 18th November and 18th December (Christmas Lunch). The cost is £2.25 for two courses. The children look forward to these lunches and the opportunity to converse with other members of the community.

Alex Foggo

### NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

We have got off to a good, positive start to the school year, in spite of the prevailing damp conditions and excess of wet lunchtimes! Our new Year 7s seem to be settling in well and we have been pleased to welcome some new staff and are enjoying improvements to our site.

**STAFFING CHANGES** A number of new staff have joined us this year, including:

Mr. Archer in PE; Miss Clacy in Music/Performing Arts; Mr. Ferrier in Special Needs/English; Mrs. Pate as Head of Design Technology and Mrs. Shearing as Head of Humanities/Geography

**SITE IMPROVEMENTS** Major improvement works have been going on over the summer holiday:

- ◆ Two old laboratories have been gutted and completely refurbished and one classroom has been converted into a demonstration lab. These will provide excellent, modern facilities for Science lessons.
- ◆ All the ceilings and lights in our Scola block, built in the 70s, have been replaced.
- ◆ Stairwells and downstairs corridors in that block have been decorated, with upstairs due to be done at half term.

Amongst other works there has been some redecoration in the Sports Hall Entrance and ICT Suite; our Learning Support Team has moved to the refurbished Caretaker's House; our Administrative and Support Offices have been reorganised; a new Connexions Office has been created.

We are very pleased with the improvements which are part of our ongoing plan to ensure Testbourne provides excellent facilities and a bright, smart, stimulating environment for us all to work in and enjoy.

**RESULTS ROUNDUP** This year we are pleased to report that we have met or our targets at Key Stage 3 and 4, based on information received so far. The targets are set taking account of the academic profile and previous attainment of the cohort and can, therefore, vary from year to year.

We know that pupils achieved well in their Key Stage 3 SATs. We did not, however, receive the English results until near the end of the holiday ~ and we still do not have a full set of Mathematics and Science results, with some individual levels still missing! Until these arrive we still do not have final percentages.

At Key Stage 4, pupils were bang on target with 67% of pupils achieving 5 A\* - C GCSE passes. Congratulations to our ex-Head Boy, Sean Main, who has just achieved a clean sweep of A grades at Peter Symonds and is off to Kings College London to study Medicine

**"FUN FAIR"** We run a host of extra-curricular activities and this year ran a lunchtime "Fun Fair" ~ with stalls organised by prefects ~ to let pupils know all the different opportunities open to them. Clubs ranged from Chess to Choir to Cricket. There was a really good turn-out, with lots of pupils signing up to use their free time well!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 09 October: 6:30 – 8:30 pm Open Evening  
 Wednesday 22 → Saturday 25 October Buggy Malone ~  
 our first major arts production of the year. Tickets on sale in school from the beginning of October.

### SITUATIONS VACANT

Lunchtime Supervisor - One-hour a day Monday – Friday.  
 Learning Support Assistant - Full or part-time, term time only  
 We are also looking for "lay people" who would be interested in becoming independent members of our school's Admission Appeals Panel. The Panel meets to consider appeals from families who have not been offered a place because a particular Year group may be full. It is a valuable role and training will be given.

Please phone my PA, Mary Payne [previously Soper], for further details.  
 Hilary Jackson



## Longparish Community Association

### October Afternoon Tea



Rosie Lowry is hosting this month's get together on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October between 2.30pm and 4.00pm at Yew Cottage.

There will be a charity clothes sale during the tea. If you have any "good as new" clothes you need to remove from your wardrobe to make room for your new Autumn fashions bring them along and you will have a chance to sell them and donate a percentage to help a local charity.

Everyone is welcome - if you need a lift call Gloria on 720425 and it will be arranged.

### Party tent

The Longparish Community Association has a party tent which is available for use by LCA members. It was used at the cream tea on the Midsummer Fun Day and it was the beer tent at the Fete so you may have seen it already. The tent is 10m long by 4m wide and holds about 60 people standing or 40 sitting.



LCA will provide the tent and an expert to help put it up. You provide at least two helpers, make a donation (min £30) to LCA and give the expert a suitable bottle. It is also available free for use by affiliated village organisations for events like the fete. If you'd like to find out more please contact Jeremy on 720459.

## Home Service

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**at 3pm in the Village Hall**

**with refreshments**

A new show from Susan Flannery and Michael Lunts – a highly professional duo of ex-West End performers. The show draws on a rich vein of material evoking the hardships, humour and heroism of the people who worked the home front. Against the backdrop of blackouts and bombs, the BBC's Home Service fought back with a barrage of wireless entertainment, while ENSA earned its affectionate nickname 'Every Night Something Awful'.

Using authentic broadcasts, songs and comic verse from the period along with first hand accounts of life in war-time Britain, Susan and Michael bring the 1940s to life in all its grit and grandeur.

Tickets £5 LCA members and £6 non members available from the shop, Maggie 720459, Corinne 720643 and Jean 720444. Please contact Maggie or Corinne if you need transport.

## Reflections of a Recycled Teenager

The Recycled Teenagers' Club is open to all the older members of our community and was started by Longparish Community Association last year. Following suggestions and requests from members we have a programme of monthly events or outings. We choose places which are easily accessible to all including our less spritely members.

This summer we have

- visited the Lights in Andover for a bit of nostalgia – next time we'll have tea in their café also
- visited Milestones Museum in Basingstoke – fascinating to see as museum pieces things we remember using
- had a mystery tour ending with a delicious cream tea at Carlo's Ice Cream Parlour in West Wellow where we were delighted to meet up with Nona and Roy Harrison. Our tour took us down to Lepe beach (lovely to smell the sea) in the New Forest, then back through Exbury, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst and the Ornamental Drive.

We use a 17 seater minibus provided by Test Valley Community Services and driven by volunteers (Maggie Barber and now also Joe McHenry). These outings are very enjoyable and enable people to relax in good company and get out and about.

In October we are staying in the village with 'Home Service' – the next Hog the Limelight production - where we will be serving tea, sandwiches and cake (see below). In November we are visiting Wilton Shopping village and in December we hope to go to the Christmas Market in Winchester Cathedral Close again.

If you'd like to find out more why not come along to "Home Service" or contact Corinne on 720643 or Jean on 720444.

We are very grateful to Longparish Community Association for their continuing support.

## Village Hall update

Last month you were asked what you wanted from the village hall. Some people have replied and their wish list includes different heating, better insulation, new windows, keeping the stage, removing the stage, new kitchen, refurbished toilets, different entrance vestibule, to name a few.

Please keep the ideas coming and if you are a structural engineer, heating consultant or architect and are willing to help move this project forward the committee would very much like you to make contact with them.

Jeremy Barber 720459, Christopher Duxbury 720580, Gloria Goodliffe 720425, Gina Snowden 720128



We hope your pumpkins are growing well. But don't worry if they aren't. Last year we had a winner with a pumpkin that weighed less than two ounces! This year's contest will be on Saturday 11 October in Longparish Village Hall. We are starting at 4pm to make it easier for parents to bring children. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available (no charge but donations welcome) to keep hungry people going while the judges do their stuff. All entries are free but please support the raffle (in aid of playgroup) and bring a raffle prize if you can.

There will be prizes for decorated pumpkins, prettiest pumpkin and the most unusual pumpkin as well as the usual prizes for size for all ages. For more information see the pumpkin area in the village website.

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

The day dawned cool and hazy, which provided ideal running conditions. 10 of the 14 runners beat their previous times and both most improved runners posted personal best times over the current course. Congratulations to our most improved runners: Sandra Jones and John Scott. They were presented with the trophies by Jack Ellicock.

Thanks very much to Jack and to Fiona Gould for officiating and manning the food stall, the Cricket Club for the venue and Longparish Community Association for funding new route signs for the runners.



The next race is on Sunday 12 October 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.

Longparish Community Association presents:

## Dominic Holland

An evening of gentle comedy complemented by an excellent meal provided by our very own Linda Blundell.

Dominic is winner of 'Perrier Best Newcomer' and 'Comic Heritage' awards and star of the hit Radio 4 series 'The small world of Dominic Holland'. You will probably recognise him from many TV appearances from the 'Royal Variety Show' to 'Have I Got News for You'

"A comedian who makes you feel glad to be alive" *The Guardian*

"He takes ordinary experiences and spins them into comedy gold" *The Daily Express*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7.00pm for 7.30pm  
in Longparish Community Hall**

Tables will be for 8 people - why don't you organise a group of friends? And don't worry, you're welcome even if your group is smaller than 8!

Tickets £15 for LCA members (£17 non-members)

Includes meal. Bar available.

Tickets from the shop,  
from Becky Bourne on 01264 720816  
or from Nicky on 01264 720452.

Show supported by Hog the Limelight

### Remember...

**11<sup>th</sup> November Choral Concert**  
in St Nicholas Church at 7.45pm

Music and readings celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War Armistice

## Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the September meeting and meetings of the Open Spaces and Footpaths committees. Minutes of meetings are in the parish council area on the village website [www.longparish.org.uk](http://www.longparish.org.uk).

### First Responders

Roger Tym explained how he had set up a First Responder group in Stockbridge. The aim of the scheme is to organise trained volunteers to reach medical emergencies within 5 minutes and give first aid before the ambulance can arrive. A group needs about 8 volunteers and has to raise funds for equipment, such as a heart defibrillator. It works under the control of the NHS Ambulance service. The Council agreed that it would be a good idea for Longparish, and Liz Bourne agreed to explore the practicalities.

### Open Spaces

The village clean up day will be on 22 November. There will be more in the next Hill & Valley. Please reserve the date so you can help keep our village looking good.

Catherine Sweet has resigned as chair of the Open Spaces committee. The Council is very grateful for all the work she has done over a period of some years. For the time being responsibility for open spaces work will be shared. Andy Smith had agreed to take responsibility for the Playground, and will pursue the quotation for mending the skate ramp. Jenny Jolliffe will organise the clear-up days and Jeremy Barber will undertake the administration.

### Footpaths

Phil Wood of Andover Ramblers, who has joined the footpaths committee, was very complimentary about the excellent state of the paths in the parish. Thanks go to Paul Knipe who has mended the broken kissing gate just downstream of Upper Mill and to the landowners and volunteers who keep our paths in such good order.

### Roads

The new pavement provides a safe route between the village hall car parks and the school. It was one of the objectives of the Parish Plan and the School Travel Plan. Please use it so as to avoid the congestion, confusion and danger to children caused by parking at school and on the gravel area by the church.



### East Aston Common

We understand that Mr & Mrs Tacchi have revived their proposal to lodge an application to extinguish common rights over approximately 20 acres of common land at East Aston Common (mainly comprising river bed and islands). In exchange they would grant new common rights over approximately 33 acres of cow pasture (known as Nether Regions and Bank) in the parish of Hurstbourne Priors on the East side of the B3048 to the East of East Aston. This idea was mooted last year

when sounding in the two villages showed no support. The current common land extends from The Cleeves to Britwell Priors and includes some of the most beautiful and nature-rich areas of the village. We will keep you informed of developments. If an application is made it is likely that the matter will go to a public enquiry.

### Planning

The council had no objection to

- a rear extension at **61 North Acre**
- a garage at **1 Gladstone Terrace**
- tree works at **Malthouse Cottage** and **The Willows**
- re-thatching with reed on a small area at the rear of **Newton Cottage**
- alterations at **Foxdale House**

The council decided to object to

- a replacement dwelling at **The Bungalow, Mill Lane**, on grounds of size
- an extension at **River Cottage, Forton** because the proposal included a third floor which is contrary to TVBC policy and the Village Design Statement.

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 13 October. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

Jeremy Barber Chairman. Tel 720459  
email [jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk](mailto:jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk)

## Home-Start Andover & District

If you have time on your hands, have parenting experience and would like to help others, Home-Start Andover needs you.

Across the UK more than 15,000 Home-Start volunteers visit families at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting a struggle. They provide non-judgemental practical and emotional support and help build the families confidence and ability to cope. Home-Start runs more services and has more volunteers supporting more families than any other family support charity in the UK.

Home-Start schemes are managed locally but supported by the national organisation which offers direction, training, information and guidance to schemes to ensure consistent and quality support for parents and children wherever they are.

A new Home-Start Scheme is now starting up in Andover and we are looking for volunteers to be part of this exciting development.

If you have been a parent yourself and can spare 3 – 4 hours a week to offer family support then Marion Woods, the scheme organiser, would love to hear from you. She says 'our own experience as parents brings with it a wealth of knowledge and understanding that can be shared with others who may be struggling for one reason or another. Home-Start offers thorough training and ongoing support and this is an opportunity to reach out into the community and really make a difference'.

If this is of interest to you, or to someone that you know, then do contact Marion on 01264 362919 or mobile 07827790418 who would love to hear from you.





## Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

As the outdoor cricket equipment is packed away, the Club can reflect, for the second year running, on a season that was spoilt by disappointing and definitely not summer weather. While we did not have as much rain as last year, the playing months from May to August were mainly dull and chilly, with only a handful of games being played in bright and warm conditions, and it must go down as one of the coldest seasons for scoring cricket that I can remember.

Through all of this, the Firsts have put up an excellent performance to finish in fifth place in County 3, especially considering player absences due to injury, holidays, work commitments etc., and credit is due to the captain, Paul Blackmore, for keeping his ever changing band motivated and in good heart. Following promotion at the end of last season, the Seconds struggled in Regional Division 2 (NW) and will probably be relegated, but with a blend of experienced players and the ever growing number of colts now making the team, I am sure they will quickly bounce back.

Once again, the Club sent a touring team to Devon at the beginning of September with fixtures planned at Bovey Tracey (a new venue) and Seaton. Unfortunately Bovey Tracey had to call off their match with us due to the wet weather, but Seaton were excellent opponents on the Sunday, with victory going to the visiting team! The tour organiser, Neil Bonathan, tells me that the travelling players and supporters managed to fill the unexpected free time on the Saturday by playing golf and watching Exeter FC play at home!

Please note that the 100 Club draws in October and November will be held at 9pm on the last **Tuesday** of the month. This is because the monthly General Committee Meeting has also been rearranged to the last Tuesday, owing to indoor fixtures on Wednesdays.

### Winners in the LCC August 100 Club Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£35	no.90	John Jackson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	no.192	Dawn Blackmore
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£15	no.99	Frank Hibberd

Frank Hibberd

## HAMPSHIRE ART FAIR

**The Barn, West Stoke Farm, Stoke Charity**  
**Wednesday 1 October – Sunday 5 October 2008**

Now in its fourth year, the art fair is exhibiting a very wide selection of paintings and sculptures from both well known and newer artists with contemporary pieces sitting happily beside the more traditional. The work is of a very high quality and, with over 300 pieces of art, visitors are ensured of diversity. From Longparish, Zanny Mellor is exhibiting her 'Albert Bridge' painting.

The website, [www.hampshireartfair.co.uk](http://www.hampshireartfair.co.uk), has more information and a map giving directions. In addition, the event is clearly signposted with AA signage.

Opening times are:

**Wednesday 1 October** Preview 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm

**Thursday 2 October** 10 am to 4 pm

**Friday 3 October** 10 am to 4 pm and 6.30pm to 9.30pm

**Saturday and Sunday 4 and 5 October** 10 am to 4 pm

We hope to see you there!

Sarah O'Rorke and Nadia Waterfield

## What is wrong with the horse chestnut trees?

Many of our horse chestnut trees are looking very sick. This can be due to a number of reasons, two are serious, the others less so. The serious ones that cause bleeding cankers are a fungus (*Phytophthora* spp) and a bacterium (*Pseudomonas* spp). They can be recognised by dark, tarry stains on the bark, which they kill. If the branch or the tree is completely girdled then the branch or the whole tree will die. The fungus has been around for a long time but the bacterium has only recently been recognised and seems to be much more virulent. How virulent remains to be seen, so the scare stories about the end of the horse chestnut seem premature.



Chestnut near Longparish House

The commoner damages are more striking but less lethal. There are several fungi that cause leaf blotches and also a little leaf miner moth. This moth arrived from the continent in 2002. Its caterpillars live inside the leaves, eating away and causing large pale dead areas. As many as 700 caterpillars have been recorded from a single leaf. Bad attacks cause the leaves to shrivel and die so that the trees take on an autumnal look much earlier than normal, although horse chestnuts often do take on autumn colours earlier than other trees. Although disfiguring, neither the leaf miner nor the fungal leaf blotches are life threatening to the tree, which has made most of its growth before the leaves are severely damaged.

There are no known cures for bleeding cankers, nor is there much that can be done to control damage to the leaves. Sweeping up the leaves from around a favourite tree and then burning them would seem to be about the best one could do. So far our village trees do not seem to have bleeding cankers but a survey will be made when the trees have lost their leaves.

Graham Darrah