

*St Nicholas Wives Group  
1959-2009*

*Service of Celebration*

*at*

*St Nicholas Church*

*Longparish*

*on*

*19 March 2009 at 5.30pm*

*Afterwards for drinks and canapés  
at the Village Hall*

*RSVP 01635 521556 or 01264 720382*

**Children's clothes for Chernobyl**

I am collecting children's clothes for some children from Chernobyl who are staying with host families in Winchester in June. They come from very poor backgrounds and often arrive with only a carrier bag with a few possessions in.

I am trying to help collect clothes in advance of their visit for them to wear here and take home with them. If you are having a clearout of your children's wardrobes I would be grateful for any donations, so that I can pass them on to the host families. The children are aged under 10 but they are small for their ages. Any clothes that are too large or small will be taken home for their siblings.

Many thanks

Mandy Hopwood (Robbins) 720610

**Thanks**

Simeon Evans lost his wallet with all his birthday money in it on a cycle ride, and several people offered to look out for it. He and Alice would like to tell them that it was found and to thank all of them and especially Eve, our lovely post lady, who actually found and returned it.

**Longparish Village Choir**

We are now rehearsing for Easter. New members are very welcome. We have a vacancy for a tenor in particular! Do please get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

Cathy Yelf 720790

**GRAND CLEAROUT  
at the Village Hall  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
from 10 am**

Would all user groups who have any items stored at the Village Hall please arrange for at least one able-bodied representative, with authority to make decisions on whether to keep and store or throw away, to attend the GRAND CLEAROUT at the Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10 am. This is essential so that we can go ahead with the planned refurbishment.

A 20 foot container will be situated behind the hall for storage of essential items and a skip for things to be thrown away. In the absence of any claimants any unclaimed equipment will be put in the skip.

If any able bodied villagers would like to come along to assist, then they would be most welcome.

Tea and biscuits provided.

Gina Snowden 720128

**Murder Mystery Night**

*in aid of Longparish Playgroup*

*on 28 March 2009*

*at 8pm in the Village Hall*

*Please bring your own food and drink.*

*Raffle*

*Tickets cost £5 and can be collected  
from the Playgroup*

## JOB VACANCY

### Longparish Parish Clerk

The Longparish Parish Council wishes to recruit a new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer as Paul Jarrett, who has held the post for the last eight years has had to retire because of ill health. The role of the Clerk is to manage the day to day business of the Council, provide advice to the Council and implement the Council's decisions. The duties include

- Attending monthly council meetings and occasional meetings of committees and taking minutes
- Dealing with correspondence
- Keeping records, including financial records which are held on an Excel spreadsheet

This is a part time job, working from home, which would suit someone who is literate and has good computer, administrative, communication and interpersonal skills. The ideal candidate will live locally and hold or be prepared to study for the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The salary is in accordance with the National Scale for Local Council Clerks points SCP15-18, £8.23 - £8.80 per hour for approximately 18 hours per month.

If you would like to apply or to find out more please contact the Chairman, Jeremy Barber, tel 01264 720459, email [jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk](mailto:jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk)

## Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the February meeting. Minutes of meetings are in the Parish Council area on the village website [www.longparish.org.uk](http://www.longparish.org.uk).

### Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk, Paul Jarrett, has had to retire because of ill health. The Council heard this news with great regret. We are very grateful to Paul who has served our parish well for eight years. Our thanks also go to Mary Jo Darrah who has kindly covered for Paul on a voluntary basis while he has been unable to attend meetings. We now have to recruit a new Clerk. Please see the separate advertisement and contact the Chairman if you are interested.

### Open Spaces

The football field has been aerated.

### Reception for New Villagers

The Council is sponsoring a reception for new villagers on Tuesday 17 March in the Village Hall. Please see separate advertisement.

### Roads

There are numerous new potholes because of the recent hard frosts. Hampshire Highways are responsible for

repairs. If you would like to report a problem, you can use the online form at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/onlinefacilities/all-forms.htm>

OR you can telephone the Highways people on 01264 368679,

email [hampshirehighways.west@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hampshirehighways.west@hants.gov.uk)  
OR write to HCC, Hampshire Highways West, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AY.

If you do so, please advise the Parish Lengthsman, Christian Dryden, so the Council can back up your representations.

### Village Hall

The Hall Committee is having a grand clear out on Saturday 14 March. The Council agreed that equipment that needs to be retained but is not in frequent use (for example fete stuff) will be stored in a container to be sited at the rear of the Hall.

### Planning

The Council had no objection to

- revised plans for an extension at Woodstock, East Aston;
- a two storey and single storey front and side extension at 127 North Acre
- bunds at the edge of the Owl's Lodge shooting ground nearest the village.

### School Admissions Policy

The Council is concerned that the way the system operates denies places at Longparish School to some children who move into the village after the normal admission deadline of November for admission the following September. The result is that they have to travel to other schools even though fewer than half the children using the school come from the village. The same problem arises with other popular schools. The Council has joined with Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council to respond to the School's consultation on admissions with suggestions that may help alleviate the problem. As the issue is a widespread one, the Councils have also asked our Borough and County Councillors and MPs whether they can help.

### Conservation Area

Over 50 people came to the public exhibition. The Council reviewed comments that had been made and

- supported the retention of the existing Conservation Area;
- objected to Gladstone Terrace, the Village Hall and the Cemetery being added;
- was content with the other proposed additions

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 9 March at 7.30pm in the Ellicock Room. 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)



## MEET THE FRIENDS OF LONGPARISH SCHOOL

In the past couple of months the Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) Committee has welcomed several new faces to its ranks. As well as new committee members, there are two new Chairs taking the helm. Lindsay Howie, a committee member since 2005 and chair since 2006, has now stepped down and has been replaced by Leanne Hollingdale and Shirley Carter.



**FoLS committee**

Leanne has two daughters at Longparish School. When the family moved from Thatcham to Andover six years ago, Leanne searched for a small school in a village location - and found Longparish. Now both her girls have started school, Leanne has returned to work. She works five days a week as a technical support administrator, supplying reservation software for hotels. Leanne has been a member of FoLS since October 2006:

*"I wanted to be involved in what was going on and I was keen to learn how things are done. I feel that I'm helping towards the children's education by raising money for that extra sports equipment or that special school trip."*

Joining Leanne in the Chair is Shirley Carter. Shirley has lived in Longparish since July 2007. She has four boys: One is still at Longparish School, another has just left to go to The Westgate School.

Shirley has recently given up work at the DE & S (formerly the DLO) and is busy renovating her house but she says helping to run FoLS will keep her brain in gear:

*"Lindsay Howie did a brilliant job and will be a hard act to follow, but I'm looking forward to the challenge. We're very lucky to have the support of experienced committee members who have already covered the ground. The school staff are always very helpful, particularly Mrs Leach, the school secretary and Mr Foggo, who has been assigned the FoLS point of contact."*

The Friends of Longparish Committee was set up to supply additional funding and support to the school. Although it functions in a similar way to a PTA, it is actually a registered charity.

Every year, FoLS runs the village Quiz Night, the May Fayre, the Longparish School Summer Barbeque and camp out, the School Disco and the School Christmas Party. But it also works to raise money for special

projects. In the last couple of years, Lindsay Howie and her committee managed to raise over £19,000 for the school Timber Trail, which is about to be built in the school grounds.

This year, the committee will be helping the school with its project to refurbish the school library. The library, after many years of use, is now in real need of an overhaul. The plan is to restock it with new books and new storage equipment.

As well as raising and providing extra funds for schemes like this, FoLS also helps to reinforce the very strong relationship that already exists between Longparish School and its parents, by having a dedicated FoLS committee member for every year group.

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### Longparish School's link with Bukanaga, Uganda

On Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am in the Parish Communion service, Dodie Marsden will be talking about her most recent visit to Uganda and showing some pictures of Bukanaga. The pupils at Longparish School have written letters to students there. The piglet project is going well and you can hear all about what's going on out there.

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### St Nicholas Church Church Spring Clean inside and out

**Saturday 28th March 10.00 - 12.00.**  
Coffee and cakes provided.

Volunteers to join the regular church cleaning rota are desperately needed. It involves joining or making up a team of three or more to sweep and dust the church, probably once but maybe twice a year. With three it takes about an hour and a half with plenty of time to chat. You can count it as your work out for the week!

Contact Christian Dryden 01264 720 398

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### Longparish Playgroup – forthcoming car boot sale



The Playgroup is planning to hold a car boot sale after Easter and would be very grateful for any donations.

If you have things you would like to give straightaway we would be happy to receive them in advance. If you have any things suitable please take them to the playgroup. If for any reason you cannot deliver them yourself please ring the Playgroup on 720455 to arrange collection.

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### New editions of the Directory and Handbook

I am currently updating both the Longparish Directory and the Handbook, and would be very grateful for any suggestions in the first week of March for improving or correcting either. Mary Jo Darrah 01264 720320 or email g.darrah@virgin.net.

## NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

### Snow Patrol

For the first time that I can remember we had to close the school for two days at the start of February because of the treacherous conditions caused by the snow and ice. Many staff were unable to get into school – or even out of their drives, school buses didn't run and the school site itself was not safe. We always try to open if we can and did manage to do so later in the week in spite of being on the north/south snowline, albeit with depleted numbers. Needless to say pupils responded with some glee to the prospect of a couple of unexpected days off school enjoying some rare fun in the snow. I think I would have done the same in their shoes.

### Sports Provision Gets National Recognition

We are pleased to report that we have again achieved the national Sportsmark Award – one of only four schools in the local sports partnership to do so. The award recognises the quality and quantity of sporting provision at the school.

A team of Year 10 pupils has just completed their entry for the 2009 Kid Witness News Competition and sent it off to Panasonic for judging. This year their film is called "Leaving Your Mark" and looks at the ways which humans have communicated the simple message "We were here". The film includes filming in the inner circle at Stonehenge and an interview with world famous author and local resident Richard Adams.

### Testbourne pupils go to BETT

Two of our pupils, Daniel Wigmore and Joseph Newell, were excellent ambassadors for Testbourne, when they spent a day on the Studywiz stall at the national BETT ICT Exhibition at Olympia. They were complimented on their knowledge and enthusiasm, demonstrating how Studywiz – the learning platform we use to give 24/7 access to ICT in school – can be used.

### Situations Vacant

We are looking for reliable, conscientious individuals to add to our pool of examination invigilators. The work is on a casual basis throughout the year, with the majority of sessions occurring in May, June and November. If you would be interested, please contact Nicky Alcock, our Examinations Officer, in the school office (01256 8920161). She usually works Wednesday to Friday.

### Forthcoming Events

Drama "Triple Bill" featuring three half hour performances by Year 7, 8 and 10 pupils, including the delightful Ernie's Incredible Illusions, is now taking place on Thursday 5th March at 7.00 and Friday 6th March at 6.30 (this was postponed in February due to the snow). Tickets available from Kirsten Sagar in the Performing Arts Office.

Our Year 10 pupils will be out on their annual work experience from March 9th. Our thanks to all local employers who support this valuable opportunity to taste the real world of work.

Hilary Jackson  
Headteacher

## LONGPARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



What do you want to do at Kidz Zone? If there's an activity or craft or new skill you'd like to have a go at let us know and we'll try and organise it for you.

### Club nights in March

Kidz Zone meets in March on 11th and 25th between 7:00 and 9:00p.m. in the Village Hall. New members in Year 6 or above and their friends are welcome to join - just turn up.

### LCA Morning Coffee

On Thursday March 12th Isobel Johnston is hosting the coffee morning at her home Blacksmith's Bridge House. You are welcome to join with neighbours and friends between 10.30 and noon for coffee and chat. If you need a lift please give Gloria a ring on 720425.



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

No report this month as we had to cancel the February race because of the treacherous icy condition of Nuns Walk and The Cleeves.

The next race is on the second Sunday in March, which is the 8th, starting at 10am at the Cricket Ground. Runners of all standards are welcome as are brisk walkers. It is a handicap race so 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.

Jeremy Barber

### ?? LCA Christmas Quiz ??

We hope you enjoyed the Quiz. We certainly saw quite a few people walking purposefully round the village looking for the answers to the Longparish questions. The number of Chimney pots on Middleton House was an interesting one but then we know you love a challenge. Our thanks go to the mystery compiler, the markers, the sellers and everyone who helped raise the surplus of £200 for KidzZone by buying it. You can see the answers on the village website. The winner was Gill Peek from Hurstbourne Priors, closely followed by KidzZone's own Andrea Hulme, Andy and Jess Ward, Ian Beveridge and Claire Nash.

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY

A reminder that our day is **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH** If you think you would like to help, please get in touch with Rosie Lowry on 01264 720325 or [yewcottage@ukgateway.net](mailto:yewcottage@ukgateway.net) to find out more.



## Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

With March, and hopefully spring, just around final stages of their indoor programmes and the start of outdoor action. I am delighted to report that both teams in the Winchester Indoor League finished in medal positions and all the players involved deserve congratulations for their consistent performances. Longparish I, with 68 points, claimed second place, (for the third year running) in the very strong and competitive Division 1, coming just 8 points behind the winners. Longparish II (a team made up of three senior players and three colts for each game) finished winners of Division 3, having won 6 of their 7 games and scored 86 points, a lead of 12 points over the second placed team.

The summer fixtures for both Hampshire League teams have arrived, and special interest is being shown in new clubs to be played, especially if away from home! To date, information on our opponents in the first round of the Village Knock-Out is not available but will hopefully arrive before my next item for Hill & Valley.

Our young players (and their coaches) continue to be busy with their indoor schedules in Winchester and at the Dummer Cricket Centre and coaching evenings at Winton School on Fridays. Two members of our Colts Section, William de Cani and Billy Mead, have been selected for the Winchester & District Junior Development squads for the coming season, William for both the U14 and U15 squads and Billy for the U10 squad. They are currently attending winter training sessions and the Club sends them all good wishes for a successful and enjoyable summer.

**The first 100 Club Draw of 2009** took place at the Cricketers on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January when the winners were:

1st	£35	No 18	Angela Carine
2nd	£15	No 38	Neil Bonathan
3rd	£15	No 91	Mick Gray
			Frank Hibberd



## LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Rob Ballard on  
 "The History and Development of  
 Longstock Water Garden"  
**TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH**  
 at 7 p.m.  
 in  
**LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL**

All welcome (£3.00 to non-members)

Usual raffle towards cost of future speakers.  
 Any plant, pot of jam, produce etc. welcome.

Please let us know if you are coming.

Rosie Lowry 01264720325

Julian Curl 01264720548

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th April



## No Dumping in the River



I was on a Sunday walk with the family, as I think most of us love to do. To my surprise when we came up to the ford at Swan Bridge near Lower Mill someone had dumped a bunch of old tyres in the river. We cleared them away but I would like just to remind everyone please to dispose of rubbish the proper way.

Alexandria Denny



## Learn to Grow your own Vegetables.



**One day course  
 on Saturday March 21st.  
 10 - 4pm**

with morning coffee, soup for lunch and  
 afternoon tea, cost £5  
 at Longmead House, near Cricketers.

Phone Wendy on 01264 720386 for further details  
 or to book a place.



## Unsolicited testimonial

Have you tried the take away fish and chips from The Plough? Lovely chunky crispy chips and delicious succulent fish in a great batter. It even comes with a piece of lemon. Not only that but it's cooked to order and you can enjoy a pint while you wait. Excellent!

(Sent in anonymously but endorsed by all I know who have tried them - See the one-off advertisement on the next page. Ed.)

## Welcome for new villagers

### Tuesday 17 March 2009

There will be a reception for new villagers at 8pm on Tuesday, 17 March, in the Longparish Village Hall.

Please do come if you moved to Longparish in the last couple of years. The Parish Council will fund refreshments and it will give you an opportunity to find out more about the village and meet people who lead village clubs and organisations.

If you have new neighbours please bring them along. Please phone Gina Snowden on 720128 if you are coming so we can be sure to have enough food and drink!

Jeremy Barber Parish Council Chair  
Martin Coppen Parish Priest

## The Cinnamon Trust - an appreciation

*from Gill Harwood, Hurstbourne Priors*

No doubt most of you read the appeal for volunteers for the Cinnamon Trust, especially for dog walkers, in the Feb issue. Can I add my heartfelt plea to this appeal? I have two dogs and am now in my 70s, with various health problems, and so am unable to give them as much exercise as they need. Having been a member of the fabulous Cinnamon Trust for several years, I contacted them and asked if there was a dog walker in this area - which is how I came to meet Jo Webb. She came and met my dogs and we agreed that she would walk them at weekends for me. She has been doing this for several months now and my dogs are so pleased to see her and go off quite happily with Jo and her own little dog. They both adore Jo and come back from their exercise so happily that I can relax knowing that they are in good hands and that between us we are doing the best we can for them.

To older people such as myself to be able to keep our dogs happy and healthy with the help of wonderful volunteers such as Jo makes an enormous difference to our lives. So please, if you do have half an hour or so to spare please pick up the phone and contact the Cinnamon Trust 01736 757900 or Jo and give peace of mind to people such as myself. We will be very grateful.

Advertisement

*Quintessential village pub has style on menu*



## *Plough Inn, at Longparish.*

*Licensees David Hicks and Kerry Stannard Tel 01264 720358*

*We've got the AA's Pick of the Pubs already*

The Test Way footpath passes through its car park and ramblers and other walkers provide some of the passing trade at lunchtime.

Ringwood & Black Sheep real ales are always available at £2.90 & £3.00 a pint, along with one other real ale on rotation.

House wines - there are 6 kinds - are £3.75 for a medium glass, and £4.75 for a Weee bit bigger.

"The food is fresh daily and we use as much of Hampshire Fare as we can."

We have a lunch time snack menu, and a 2 courses for £12 menu running alongside our à la carte menu, not to forget the new fresh fish board

Fish & Chips to take away £6.50, pick up only, Monday to Friday

Disabled access is easy, with no steps at the front door, and a disabled loo.

There is a garden with tables, chairs and umbrellas.