

Longparish School



May Fayre
Saturday 8th May
12 noon - 3pm

Fun for all the family
 Entrance fee 50p; children free

Opening by Andover Sound
 Stalls

Break the crockery
 Beat the goalie
 Treasure hunt
 Flower pot painting
 Cakes
 Plants
 and many more...

No dogs except guide dogs
 FOLS registered charity 1001539

Appeal from the FOLS committee

We need **plants** for the plant stall and **cakes** for the cake stall! If you could pot up a few spare seeds, or have any plants you don't need, please do donate them. Plants can be left at school or at Playgroup. For the cake stall, we would be very grateful for all delicious donations; please bring them to school on the morning of Saturday 8th May or the evening of Friday 7th May. Many thanks.

For more information please contact
 Kristy Bowman on 01962761193 or
 Alison Cooper on 720324

May Haiku

Woodland floor in spring,
 daffodils supplant snowdrops.
 Hurry, bluebells soon!

THE LONGPARISH PLAYGROUP
 PRESENTS A

Spring Concert

Saturday 22nd May at 8pm
 St. Nicholas Church, Longparish

Popular music through the ages including:

Vivaldi / Gloria (extract)
J.S.Bach / Toccata & Fugue in D minor
Mozart / Laudate Dominum
Holst / Mars from The Planets
Mancini / The Pink Panther Theme

Performed by local musicians, including
 The Longparish Village Choir

Tickets £5. Available from:
 Longparish Village Shop / Nicky Smallwood, 01264 720086

All proceeds will go to the Longparish Playgroup, Registered charity #1001065



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

The final few indoor matches in the Dummer indoor leagues resulted in two losses for Justin Jackman's Longparish Lightweights side who finished in fourth place in Division 1, a creditable performance for a precocious side who were promoted to the division last season. Paul Blackmore's Longparish Longhops will join the Lightweights in Division 1 after a win in their final game of the season secured second place and promotion.

Longparish U15s bid to be indoor champions of half of Hampshire came up short in their penultimate game against Yateley A. A side littered with county stars, Yateley A was dismissed for 110. In reply Longparish was cruising to victory at 50 for 1 before a spectacular batting collapse gifted the game to Yateley A with last man, Alex Coetzee, deemed run out for 37, 9 runs short of the target with two overs remaining. Longparish still maintained hopes of the title if maximum bonus points could be scored in their final game against Basingstoke and N Hants U15, who unfortunately did not show up. Longparish was awarded the game but denied the chance of scoring the extra bonus points that would have maintained their title chances.

Outdoor cricket has currently broken out, with nets for Colts and Senior sides in full swing. League campaigns for all sides begin in early May. Details of fixtures, results and training can be found at the Club's temporary website www.longparishcc.hitscricket.com

100 Club March draw

£35 Kelly Herbert
 £15 Nan Snow
 £15 Sarah DeWatteville

The Longparish Link

The first 'Longparish Link' event held in March at the Plough Inn was considered a great success. In addition to enjoying a glass of wine and a fine lunch with lots of lively conversation, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know more about the incredible diversity of businesses, skills, people and talent that exists in our beautiful village.

The twelve strong group that attended the first lunch represented services from bed and breakfast through to graphic design, web development, interior design and travel. If you were interested in cookery, art, designer gifts or discussing counselling, programme management, customer experience or legal affairs, expertise was available in abundance.

Interest is growing, all are welcome, if you missed the last one do come along in May and help us extend the Longparish Link network

Are you...

- Working from home or seeking new business or work opportunities?
- Operating a business in or around Longparish?
- Looking to build your business or extend your network?
- Keen to get feedback on, or discuss, new ideas?
- Retired and keen to contribute?
- Interested in meeting new friends?
- Missing the banter of the office?

If you answered yes to any of the above then why not join us for lunch at the **Plough Inn, Longparish, from 12 noon to 2pm on Wednesday May 19th 2010. 2 courses and a glass of wine £15.00**

Interested? For more information, contact:

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Cass Scott email: carolyn@speckled-hen-interiors.co.uk

Telephone: 01264 720018 mob 07810 522500



Do you care for someone with an eating disorder? Would you like to come along to a friendly support group in Winchester?

For more information call

07900 490609 Monday evenings 6.30-9.00 (at other times the answer phone is on)

or email b-eatwinchester@tiscali.co.uk

(emails answered within one week)

Did you see Monty at the Longparish Fête?

A query from the Longparish website

"I was born in Longparish in 1956. My parents took me to the village fête and apparently Field Marshal Montgomery opened it and looked in to my pram and said hello to me! Does anyone know what year that was and if any photographs exist of the fête that Montgomery attended?"
Tim King, Shrewsbury".

Both Mr King at timothy.king@yahoo.com and Mary Jo Darrah 720320 would be pleased to hear from you.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE DUNNOCK



This month's bird was requested by Rosie. The dunnock was once called the hedge sparrow, but is no relation to the house or tree sparrow. It is a robin sized bird and both sexes are similar. It has a streaky brown back, grey underparts, grey head and throat. It is a song bird sounding similar to the wren. It makes a nest of twigs and moss, lined with hair, in a hedge or bush. It lays 4-6 light blue eggs and is very often the host to the cuckoo. Eggs are laid in April and incubated for 12-13 days by the female. The young are fed by both parents and will fledge after 12 days. The parents may have 2-3 broods a year. The dunnock is polyandrous which means she will mate with any male in the area and he will with any female, so there is a very slight chance that the young he rears are not his.

I saw my first swallows in Longparish on the 25th March, a total of three flying north over North Acre, and another on the 1st April. Easter Monday was a great day with an osprey, house martins and sand martins all around the Cleeves. As of the 16th April I have not heard or seen the cuckoo, but it has been heard in Barton Stacey. In the middle of March I saw a robin with a beak full of moss, two long-tailed tits with beaks full of feathers, a jackdaw building a nest in someone's chimney and a tree creeper taking small twigs in behind some dead ivy on a tree. They seem to be nesting early this year. Don't forget to look out for the swifts. They will be back in early May.
chris bowman

Result of Longparish School's Run for Haiti

The children raised the magnificent sum of £1300.88 for the DEC Haiti appeal by their sponsored run.



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Obituary**Mickey Gifford 1908-2010**

Family and friends of Miss Bertha Muriel Gifford, also known as *Mickey* or *Giffey*, said good bye to the village's oldest resident at the graveside in Longparish Cemetery on Tuesday 30th March. Her request was for a quiet, simple service without music or service sheets, just as she had asked that her 100th birthday in 2008 – as Longparish's first centenarian in living memory -- be celebrated with no visitors, cards or presents.

Mickey was born in Somerset, the middle child of five. Her father managed Warbridge Flour Mill in Frome. He taught her to drive at the age of 13 and cars and motorbikes remained an enthusiasm. She worked in both London and South America before coming to Longparish in 1956 as secretary for Richard Wells who was Estate Manager for Captain Wills. For many years she ran the office at Middleton. Mickey lived in Owls Lodge in Forton, moving to another house in Forton before finally retiring to the old Post Office Cottages.

Just before Christmas, Mickey went to live at Mountwood Care Home, Andover which she noted was near a mill, so that as well as being born near one she would die near one. She was known for her keen sense of humour, love of poetry and enjoyment of the good things of life with her friends.

Terry Hemming

HELP FOR HEROES

I would like to thank everyone who supported my son, Mike, and me, with sponsorship in the Devizes to Westminster Race which, at 125 miles and 77 portages, is the world's longest non-stop kayak race. We are still receiving money and the final figure will be over £5,000 for Help for Heroes and separately we will also make a substantial donation to The Parachute Regiment Trust.

Of the 151 two-man kayaks which started the race, 50 retired and 101 finished. We came 42nd in 22 hrs 37 mins, well inside our 24 hour target. The early part of the course was slow with adverse winds on the canal section from Devizes to Reading. All the portages, of which the longest was a mile, were in heavy mud. By Theale night had fallen and the River Kennet which flows in and out of the canal raised our average speed. However, the high water conditions at night caused many capsizes on the Kennet and, more particularly, the Thames. There was no point at which we could relax especially, Mike, who was steering. Dawn broke as we reached Chertsey. The Tideway from Teddington to Westminster was the hardest part for us; we just about managed to keep the kayak upright and pointing towards Westminster.

Without the support of our 'shore' party who kept us fed and watered at pre-arranged RVs throughout the race, this result would not have been possible. The party included from the village, Jeremy Barber, Tom Bremridge and Jonathan Frere. Others involved included Jeremy's brother, Andy. I would also like to thank Jeremy for his help throughout the year assisting with the many "recces" of the canal and Thames, and the planning for this project.

John Ellicock

Saturday 4th September

Is the date to remember

Why ?

**Village fête – event of the year –
at the Cricket Ground**

Country and Western Music and dancing

Punch and Judy Show

Gymnastics and dance displays

Dog show

Tug of War

And all the famous, fabulous stalls:
beer, books, bottles, bric a brac, burgers,
cakes, produce, grand draw etc
For further information and your ideas and
suggestions email or call :

Tom Bremridge 01264 720689

tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk

Welcome for new villagers

Wednesday 12 May 2010

Reception for new villagers
at 8pm
in the Longparish Village Hall.

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

If you have new neighbours 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 Copen Parish Priest

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL
REFECTORY DATES
Monday 21st June.
Friday 22nd October.**

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Spring Fever

As we start the new term there are plenty of signs of Spring in the air and a feeling of Summer not far around the corner. Many pupils returned to school in their Summer Term blue polo shirts, the swimming pool has been repaired and painted ready for the new season and Year 11 are spotted more frequently at lunchtime and after-school revision classes, in one last effort to gain those wished-for GCSE grades. A rarer feature this year is the presence of the general election - the first which many of our students will really be of an age to understand or take an interest in. We're hoping a bit of election fever will grip our young citizens as we run our own mini election campaign.

Could you be a Silver Surfer?

Are you of a certain age? Are you baffled by Wikis, Tweets and Blogs? Are you fed up with youngsters knowing more than you do? Then why not come along to Testbourne for a free taster course during Silver Surfers' Week - 17-21 May? There will be friendly and helpful assistants to help you find out more about using computers and the internet - and nice tea and cakes too. Contact us at school on 01256 892061 if you are interested - we'd be really happy to welcome you and may be able to help with transport too if you need.

Pupils Find out more about Local History and Traditions

Local history and traditions came to life for our Year 7s recently when they had the chance to learn more about how their ancestors filled what little leisure time they may have had. Paul Sartin, a local musician and member of Bellowhead, (a fantastic folk band whom some of you may have had the pleasure of hearing), took them away from their games consoles to experience the joys of traditional music and dance and Richard Sylvester, a professional storyteller led them on a history-finding walk around Whitchurch to give them the inspiration for some excellent storytelling of their own. The project is the result of our becoming a Creative Partnership school - and is opening really exciting and imaginative opportunities for our pupils - who have had to do a lot of thinking for themselves in the process.

Winning Ways

Congratulations go to a number of our teams who have enjoyed success in recent weeks:

- Our Year 7 Team were the highest-placed state school in the local round of "The Times" Spelling Bee Competition, with Sarah Difford being the last speller standing of all the competitors - an excellent achievement all round
- Our Year 10 Team won the annual prestigious IBM Bright Sparks and Blue Fusion Competition, competing in ten different events which included problem solving, building a prototype, deciphering codes and overcoming business problems. They did brilliantly to win the event, in spite of being a "man down"
- Our Year 8 Netball Team won the Area League.

Plants to Spare?

Last year many local residents kindly donated their spare vegetable plants to our school allotment, which our Land Applications Group then successfully grew (and ate!) with great relish. We are planning to get planting again so if you find yourself with plants to spare again this year we would be most grateful and happily find a home for them. Offers of help also gratefully received.

Date for Your Diary:

Saturday 12th June - Midsummer Ball for over 18s, 7.30 'til late in the Testbourne Sports Hall. £10 a ticket including live music. To book a ticket or table contact Sophia Steeden on 07766100783 or dave.armes@googlemail.com. All proceeds to the 2010 Team Uganda fund. Come along for a great night out, including Charity Auction. The team will really appreciate your support.

St Nicholas' Church News

Those present at the Annual Church Meeting held on 18th April wanted particularly to thank Cathy Yelf and the Longparish Village Choir publicly through this magazine for their outstanding and very uplifting singing in St Nicholas Church on a number of occasions last year, but especially on the recent Easter Sunday.

At the Annual Vestry meeting held earlier, Robert Charlton and John Young were thanked for their generous work in 2009 and re-elected as Churchwardens for 2010-11. Also, Jean Chambers, Amanda Hopwood, David Ankcorn and John Collins were re-elected and Graeme Francis elected for the first time to serve on the PCC.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday, 25th May 2010 at 6.00 pm.

Evening Visits to
Hurstbourne Priors Gardens :
**The Long House. The Barn House,
The Old School House & Bourne House.**

Longparish Gardening Club members - no charge
Non-Members welcome - £5.00.

If you have any queries please get in touch with
Rosie Lowry 01264 720325
Rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com

Next meeting
Tuesday 22nd June 6.30 pm.
NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE:

We are now going to visit Turrill House,
Southington, Overton



Longparish Community Association

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AGM

Thursday 20th May 2010
8.00pm at the Village Hall

Drinks and nibbles by Linda

All members are invited to come and hear about our activities in 2009 and our thoughts and plans for 2010.

Do come along and share your ideas on what else we could be doing to support the community in Longparish.

We are also looking for people to join the team running the LCA - if you would consider helping (1 meeting every 2 months), please contact Fiona on 720709

Midsummer Fun Day Saturday 19th June 2010

Please come and join us for a varied day of activities for all the family. Events will include:

- Nature walk
- Bacon Butty and Bucks Fizz breakfast at Lower Mill
- Family football
- Home-made cream tea and activities for the children at Longmead House
- Bring-your-own picnic at Community Hall
- A performance by the Longparish Choir
- Barn Dance with Out of Kilter Ceilidh Band and caller

Further details on the insert you'll find in this edition of Hill and Valley.

LCA Coffee morning



Mary Jo Darrah is hosting the monthly coffee morning at her home, Saddlers Cottage in East Aston. Do come along between 10.30 and noon on Thursday 20th May. If the weather is fine we will be able to enjoy the garden. You are assured of a warm welcome. There is some parking in the drive and some at Home Farm Cottage next door, courtesy of Eila Chamberlen. If you need a lift give Gloria a call on 720425.

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

It was a sunny day for the April race and conditions were good though there was a bit of a nip in the air.



Newcomer Richard Hoad's time of 18 mins 35 secs was a new course record. Congratulations! We also welcomed Robin Bruce and Nicolette Walsh and Ben and Simeon Evans running with their father as 'accompanied minors'. All ran faster than their predictions but the silverware goes to the most improved competitors so you can't win

it first time. This month's most improved lady and gentleman were Jacqui Healey with her first ever outright win and Rob Biggs.



Thanks go to everyone who competed or officiated and to the

Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on Sunday 9 May starting at the usual time of 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. Supporters of all ages are very welcome.

Summer noise

If you are seriously bothered by intrusive noise, now that we are all outside more, you can report it to TVBC Environment and Health Department (tel 368000). It is best to phone while it is happening so that they can visit to assess the situation. Outside normal business hours there will be a duty Environment and Health Officer on the same number.

Wendy Ellicock tel.720386

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the Annual Parish Meeting, the April Council meeting and meetings of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Committees. The minutes are on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting

It is a pity the turnout from parishioners was not better as there was a comprehensive review of the last year with reports from the parish council, the school, the village hall, the playgroup, the community hall, the police and our borough and county councillors. Low attendance is usually a sign that parishioners have no complaints but it would be good to see greater support for all the speakers who do such a lot of work for our community. You can read their reports on the village website

Planning

The Council had no objection to

- Dormer windows at Orchard House. The Council welcomed Mr Evans' decision to modify the plans by moving the windows down the roof in accordance with the Village Design Statement.
- Alterations to Firgo Farmhouse which the Council considered were sympathetic to this listed building
- Tree work at Stream House

Open Spaces

- The skate ramp has been refurbished and we hope it will now provide good service for some years to come.
- Thank you to everyone who helped at the Clean Up Day on Saturday 24 April.
- Hurstbourne Estate has cleared the meadow to the east of footpath 4 at The Cleeves and have installed dragon's teeth after consultation with Natural England.

Roads

Councillors selected five sites we hope will be suitable for grit bins. They are in North Acre, near the School, on Southside Hill and on Forton Hill.

Do you have practical ideas for improving road safety education in the village? If so please contact Christian Dryden (tel 720398).

HCC will repair the surface of the passing place on Southside Hill.

Welcome event for new villagers

If you moved to the village in the last couple of years please come to the welcome event on Wednesday 12 May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Footpaths

The County Council is responsible for the surface of footpaths but has limited resources so we try to help with volunteers from the parish. Landowners are responsible for ensuring that overhanging vegetation does not obstruct paths. There is an online form where you can report problems – see

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/problem-report.html>

Martin Lampard leads our footpaths committee. Please let him know on 720529 if you make a report.

This is the time of year when our footpaths volunteers dust off their mowers and strimmers and start work. If you can help please contact Martin. We have six volunteers who maintain particular paths regularly. We could do with more and we have a training course coming up soon for which there are still a couple of places.



If you are a dog walker please help our volunteers by ensuring that your dog does not foul our footpaths or the verges of them. There are few experiences worse than strimming a fresh heap of dog sh poo and getting a face full. Please bag it and bin it.

School

Mrs Helen Mehaffey, Chair of Governors, advised the APM that the school admissions policy has been modified to give greater priority to children from Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. The Council welcomes this news which we hope will reduce the number of village children who have to go to schools outside the village.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 10 May. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

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

Spring Clean Up Day

It was a lovely morning for the Spring Clean Up. Thanks very much to the twenty volunteers who helped. We did a lot of work including:

- painting the newly refurbished skate ramp
- clearing the stream and repairing the bank where someone large had driven into it
- putting new surface shingle on the church/school car park
- tree work in the village hall car park
- litter picking
- levelling and putting a new surface on footpath 10 as it leaves North Acre
- washing road signs, benches and the cemetery gates
- enjoying an excellent lunch of sandwiches and chips at The Plough



Thanks very much also to Raymond Brown, owners of the A303 recycling facility, who kindly provided the shingle for the car park and the scalping for the path.

There are more pictures in the photo gallery on the village website.