



ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 3rd December
Longparish Community Hall 2pm – 4pm

Come along to the St Nicholas Christmas Fair, make it a real community event and bring your family and friends. Entrance £1 for adults including a glass of mulled wine.

Santa's grotto

Home produce – jam, chutney, mincemeat

Christmas cake & pudding raffle

Book stall

Hamper tombola

Teas & cakes

Craft stall

Children's tombola

Mulled wine

Cake stall

Raffle

Local gift & craft stalls

All proceeds to St Nicholas Church



Longparish Village Hall
Refurbishment

We have added more than £16,000 in the last month to the total we've raised so far bringing it to more than £235,000. This is mainly from donations plus £600 from the Race Night. Thank you very much to everyone who has already contributed – more than 80 individuals so far. It's still not too late and we'd be very grateful for any donations, large or small. We still need at least another £35,000. We are continuing to seek further grant funding but these will only be small amounts.

By the time you read this we will have gone out to tender for our planned schedule of works. By the end of December we hope we will have appointed a contractor and that work will start by 1 February.

Fundraising events continue with the Tuesday Talks and there will be a big Christmas Quiz for you to buy and puzzle over. There will be another Bridge Tea organised by the Gardening Club in February half term and on 6 July there will be a performance of Much Ado About Nothing in the lovely gardens of Lower Mill.

For further information about the refurbishment see www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/hall_refurbishment.php or contact John Scott 720018.

Major Lanoe Hawker's memorial unveiled in France on 11.11 2011



On a foggy afternoon in the village of Ligny-Thillois, near Bapaume, south of Arras, past and present members of 24 Squadron RAF stood to attention as the memorial to their first commanding officer was unveiled by their current CO, Wing Commander Tim Jones, and the Maire of the village. The brick-built plinth, with a headstone given by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission which might have marked his grave had his body been found, stands beside the village memorial to the dead of both world wars in front of the church. Lanoe Hawker was shot in the head by Baron von Richthofen after a dog fight lasting about half an hour in which they circled each other. Hawker's plane crashed about 1 km south of Ligny Thillois on 23 November 1916. He had been the first pilot to be awarded the VC. The ceremony was attended by representatives of Richthofen Fighter Wing 71 and the French airforce who also laid wreaths. Two of Hawker's great nephews and a cousin were there representing his family. One read a message from Peter Hawker, the son of Tyrrel Hawker, who with his sister, was responsible for the fine window in St Nicholas Church in memory of their brother. Most of the village seemed to be present for the ceremony and at the Vin d'Honneur afterwards, where there was present giving, speeches, and grateful reference to the current peace in Europe.

Sadly the weather prevented the planned flight of the replica DH2 over the site, although it happened the next day. The occasion marked the climax of 2 years planning and fundraising by Flight Lieutenant Phil Mobbs and 24 Squadron. Mary Jo Darrach

Fresh meat now available from Acre Stores

Anne and Pat Burke are delighted to have found a source of good quality fresh meat from Hardy Country Meats, locally raised on farms in south west England. A wide range of beef, pork, lamb and chicken is available at competitive prices, as well as bacon and sausages. To get what you want, order from a list available in the shop on Wednesday or on Thursday morning and it will be delivered on Friday. Save yourself a trip to town and try this new range. As an example two packets of 2 chicken breasts cost £5. The shop carries a small selection.

LCA Tuesday Talks

Tuesday Talks are organised by the Longparish Community Association for the village. You don't have to be a member to attend, and there is no admission fee. We just ask that anyone attending makes a donation on arrival, to help pay for expenses.

13 December, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
More memories of Longparish by John Woodcock.

Note that In the New Year Tuesday Talks will become Wednesday Talks held in the Community Hall, whilst the Village Hall is refurbished.

Wednesday 18 January: Jeremy Barber on
The Silk Route and an Eclipse of the Sun

Wednesday 8 February: Matthew Dryden on
Penguins in the Surgery: a general practice in the Falklands

Wednesday 7 March: speaker to be confirmed
Christine Beresford



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors
With skipper George Kousseff out for the season Longparish I have found it tough going on their return to the top flight of the

Winchester & District league. In their game with Winchester, Nigel Miller and Barry Blackmore picked up wickets as Winchester posted 125 for 5 but the Longparish batsmen fell 33 runs short with overs to spare. The following game against Owslebury was a far more exciting affair as Longparish set 111 as a target which Owslebury passed with a ball and a wicket to spare. In the same division Paul Blackmore's Longparish II skittled Swanmore for 58 with Matt Jackman taking 2 wickets, a total that they passed with 4 wickets remaining and Alex Coetzee the principal run scorer with 28. Against Easton & Martyr Worthy all the Longparish II batsmen contributed to their score of 136 for 5. The Easton reply faltered in the face of some superb fielding and Ben Gardner, William de Cani and Paul Blackmore took 2 wickets each to seal victory by 24 runs.

Warren Bonathan's Longparish III have had a tough month, first losing to an Easton III side packed with players from the top division and then coming up against a star-studded Sparsholt side returning to the Winchester

indoor league. Better days lie ahead and there have been several bright spots: U15 Oliver Coetzee has bowled superbly, and Bonathan's canny captaincy keeps even the top sides on their toes.

In the Dummer Leagues, William de Cani's Longparish Lightweights were given a baptism of fire in their first game following promotion to the Premier division, against last year's champions and pitch proprietors Serious Cricket. The Lightweights were U17s to a man, bar Stuart Tognarelli, Serious Cricket included a former England U17 cricketer, a couple who play in the Southern Premier League rep side and a few county coaches. The Lightweights lost for the first time since February 2010 but not by much. The Lightweights fared better in a convincing win over Sheffield who posted 121 for 4. Stuart Tognarelli and William de Cani were unbeaten on 27 and 42 respectively as the Lightweights passed the target with 4 balls to spare. In Division 1 Paul Blackmore's Longparish Longhops got off to a great start with a win over Cody Cowboys. The Longhops were dismissed for what seemed an under par 91 with Chris Clarke hitting 26. Cody Cowboys looked to be cruising to victory until the introduction of Martin Savage who took 3 wickets for 3 runs in 2.4 overs to dismiss The Cowboys 11 runs short of the target.

In the first game of their Division 4 campaign, The Longparish Lappas hit a mammoth 168 for 4 against Oakley Saplings with Justin Jackman and Gary Taplin both unbeaten on 32. Taplin took 2 for 19 and U17 Dan Pomroy had a great game behind the stumps as Oakley fell 16 runs short. A convincing 5 wicket win against Cove Crusaders followed with Justin Jackman again in the runs, U15 Ollie Coetzee taking 1 for 18 and U17 William Jackman 2 for 26.

The U11 and U12 sides have two games before the Christmas break and look to continue their impressive early season form.

Fixtures, Results, Scorecards and League Tables for all indoor leagues can be found on www.longparishcc.co.uk

Kenny Ball won a pride of Andover award and enjoyed a brief liaison on stage with Esther Rantzen whom he charmed with tales of wicket preparation and scarification. Well done, Kenny - a well deserved award.

The Cricketers Inn will kindly host the Christmas Draw and final 100 Club draw of the year on December 14. Tickets are on sale and all are welcome on the night for nibbles and a drink.

Longparish CC are one of the recipients of the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme for December so get along to Leckford Nursery and fruit farm to cast your vote. On Saturday 17th December the club will be selling cakes and bread on Stockbridge High St, If you can bake some cakes or help out on the day please get in touch with Carol Aldridge or Julie Taplin. Thanks to Robinsons butchers for providing the pitch and supporting the club. Calendars are still on sale - contact Rachel de Cani on 01962 760442 or racheldecani@googlemail.com,

LCC 100 Club Draw

£35 Malcolm Spence Herbert
£15 Doreen de Cani
£15 Peter Herbert

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

It was a beautiful sunny morning for the November race which started an hour earlier than usual because of Remembrance Day. 14 runners turned out despite the early start. First home was Forton's Dave Henery



who smashed his handicap by nearly a minute and a half to become Most Improved Man in a new personal best time for the course. All that half marathon training is clearly working! In case you can't read it from the picture, the writing on Dave's tee-shirt by the mug says "They can't mug what they can't catch". Liz Mayon-White from the Station was 4th home and Most Improved Woman.

Thanks very much to Maggie, Emma and Jack for marshalling, to Maggie for the flapjacks, to David for the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

We look forward to seeing you at the next race on Sunday 11 December starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground. Santas or other fancy dress will be very welcome. If you'd like to spectate the runners should be passing the shop at 10:30, or come along to the finish and join us for mince pies and mulled wine. All spectators will be very welcome.

December LCA tea

is on Friday 16th December, hosted by Sarah Nicholson at Nordale, from 3 – 4.30pm. All are assured of a warm welcome. For a lift contact Gloria on 720425

Longparish School News

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Area Director of Education congratulating the staff at Longparish Primary School on being categorised as providing a consistently good/outstanding quality of education over the past five years. In the letter the Director states that 'to be able to maintain this level of consistency over this period is a considerable achievement' and that the school is held in high regard by Hampshire County Council. Recognition such as this is always good to receive, however we continue to set ourselves challenging targets, with the aim to deliver an ever improving education in partnership with parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my hard working and dedicated staff, who are committed to delivering a high quality education to all of our children.

Longparish Primary School teams have taken part in three different inter-school sports events over the last couple of weeks, including a hockey tournament which is

taking place at the time of writing. On 3rd November, pupils represented the school in the Rural Schools Cross-Country Competition. David Gould and Jeremy Barber have kindly continued to assist Jacqui Healey and Doreen Gregori with training the Running Club this year and 15 children from the club took part. It was a wet day, but the children were happy to deal with the mud and impressed us with their determination and perseverance.

There were four races in total, with both the Year 3/4 boys team and the Year 3/4 girls team coming second in their races. We would like to give special mention to Charlie Mottley, who came 2nd and Victoria Goldsmith, who came 6th in their respective races, but, most importantly, congratulations go to all of the runners, who gave their very best and supported all members of the team extremely well. The team came 6th overall in the competition. Photographs from the day can be viewed via the Longparish School website.

On 11th November, pupils represented the school in the Bourne Valley Tag Rugby Festival. A mixed team of Year 3/4 boys and girls took part in the lower junior event and, due to a clash with Year 6 cycle training, a team of Year 5 pupils held their own, undaunted, in the Year 5/6 event! Both teams played extremely well; the short report below is by Barney who took part in the Year 3/4 competition.

As part of our ongoing work with the Hampshire County Council School Landscape Programme, we have completed the site evaluation and this document is now available to view on the school website. You can also find it from a link on the front page of the village website www.longparish.org.uk The document is about 10MB so it may take a while to load. You may find it easier to download it to your hard drive rather than using it online.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the evaluation process, as a result of which the grounds have already been improved. We would particularly like to thank Jeremy Barber, Paul Knipe, Graham Darrah and Nigel Goodliffe for the tremendous amount of work they have carried out in the grounds, which has enhanced the site greatly. We are now exploring options and aspirations for how the grounds will be used in the future. If you have any comments you would like to make they would be gratefully received by any member of the steering group,

We have now started rehearsing for our Christmas production, 'Let's do a Nativity', in which the whole school will take part. There will be two performances on Tuesday 13th December, one matinee and one in the evening. You are very welcome to join us for either of these performances, further details are available from the school.

Our Carol Service is on Thursday 15th December at 2 pm in St Nicholas Church, we would like to extend an invitation to all the community to join us for the service.

Alex Foggo

FOLS 100 Club November winners

1 st	£20	Nicky Smallwood
2 nd	£10	Victoria Elwell
3 rd	£5	Lottie Keith

Rugby Festival. On Friday 11th November some pupils from Longparish School took part in the rugby tournament at Hurstbourne Priors. In the tournament the Year 3 and 4 team came 2nd overall; we lost one match and won the rest. It was a fun day at Hurstbourne; every one of us enjoyed it and we couldn't wait to tell everyone the news back at school. Barney Cooper

Toddler Group closes for refurbishment

The Longparish Toddler Group will be closing temporarily as of January due to the Village Hall refurbishment. It will be back up and running once the weather gets warmer and we can be outside or once the village hall has been completed. For more information please contact either Lizzie Gairdner on 01264 720372, Caroline Butler on 01264 720308 or longparishtoddlergroup@googlemail.com

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Testbourne is proud to be a community school and we were, indeed, the first designated such school in Hampshire. November has been a month when we have particularly felt the strength of the bonds with the community of which we are a part, both near and far.

Before half term students had demonstrated their generosity, bringing in over 1000 items of food to present to representatives from the Andover Crisis Centre as part of our Harvest Assembly. In November we gathered together on Armistice Day for our Remembrance Assembly, to join with others around the country in an act of remembrance. It always touches me how seriously and respectfully our students respond, with a deep silence and many pupils wearing a poppy they had bought themselves. I was also proud of Joe Robinson and Daniel Wigmore, our Head and Deputy Head Boys, who attended the Whitchurch Remembrance Sunday Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school.

November has also been a special month in our partnership with Mityana. Our Team 2011 returned from their memorable journey to visit our partner school and, as I write, we are making preparations to welcome a group of six Mityana students and one of their teachers at the end of the month. The Rev Dodie Marsden has tenaciously made this possible and the students will be staying with families in St Mary Bourne and joining with us in our schools. We are really looking forward to their visit and returning the hospitality they have shown us over the five years of friendship between our schools and communities.

It seems hardly credible that December is already upon us and Christmas approaching fast. Our musicians are already rehearsing hard and hope to be playing at the turning on of the Christmas lights in Whitchurch on December 1st. Members of the local community are also warmly invited to our annual Carol Concert at All Hallows Church in Whitchurch at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th December. Do come along and join us for carols and music to celebrate the Christmas season, with mince pies to follow. In the meantime I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas from all of us at Testbourne.

Hilary Jackson, Headteacher



Hark! The herald angels sing

The spirit of Christmas with the Longparish Village Choir:

Sunday 18th December:

Carols for All Community Hall 2pm:

Your favourite Christmas music to listen to and join in with plus delicious festive refreshments. All are welcome especially if you cannot get to any of the church services. For further information or if you would like a lift to the hall please contact Maggie Barber on 720459

St Nicholas Church 6.30pm: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The choir will also be performing at the annual carol service later on the 18th. This is a lovely candle-lit service which is followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Other Services at St Nicholas this Christmas

Christingle 5pm Christmas Eve

Especially for young children and their families

Midnight Mass 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Traditional candle-lit midnight service

Family Communion 11am Christmas Day

For all the family

You will be very welcome at any or all of these services

Lift Sharing Scheme?

Is there any support for lift sharing now that the bus service is so limited? My idea is to have an informal scheme so that those who can offer lifts and those who want them can find each other. A time which might be useful would be around 9.15am, when the Andover bus used to go as I think a lot of people used to catch that one. Would anyone who drives regularly to Whitchurch or Andover railway station in time for the 9.00, 9.24 or 10.00 trains be able to offer a lift? Or at the same times to the bus station?

I drive into Winchester near to the city centre on Mondays and Wednesdays, leaving Longparish at 9.00am and leaving Winchester just after 4.30pm and would be willing to give anyone a lift either way.

If you are interested please contact me on 01264 720347 or email sarah_phil@tiscali.co.uk Sarah Harris

Longparish Fête 2012

Happy Christmas and Very Best Wishes to all Fête supporters, helpers and followers. Your hard work in 2011 was hugely appreciated and valued. The 2012 fête will be on the Cricket field on Saturday 1st September. In the meantime have a wonderful Christmas. If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year do let me know. Tom Bremridge 720689 or tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk

Rake with green metal handle left after Clear Up –
Please claim from Jeremy Barber tel. 720459

**Gladys Annie Peacock,
28th March 1915—14th October 2011**

Gladys Kimber was born in Andover and brought up at Cottage End, Longparish with her six brothers, Bill, Steve, Eddie, Frank, Harry and Georgy. Eddie is now her only surviving brother.

They moved to North Acre, Longparish and Gladys attended Longparish CE School until the age of 14. She went into service at various houses. One lady she worked for, at a large house in Chute, was so unbearable that Gladys and her friend who also worked there decided to leave. They walked to Gladys' aunt's house in Appleshaw, only to be told that they couldn't stay there. So after a cup of tea, they walked all the way back to Chute! The following day Gladys' mother, Daisy, arrived in a taxi and took her home. (It is not known what happened to the other girl!)

Gladys also worked at a butcher's shop called Fletcher's, where she enjoyed making sausages. She worked too in the Central Hotel, Andover. She met Fred Peacock about 1937 and they were married in Longparish Church on 7th September, 1940. They moved to the bungalow at Andover Down that Fred had built prior to the wedding. They called it *Hillside*. Fred spent most of the war years in Norway. When he was discharged he worked for Archie Ponting.

Gladys was very busy keeping the garden in tip top condition, her flower borders were amazing. She also mowed the lawns with a hand mower in the early days. Maurice was born in 1944 and Malcolm in 1954. She spent many years looking after her mother, who was still living in Longparish.

Gladys loved knitting and doing crochet. She was an excellent cook and her apple pies and cakes were fantastic. Fred was very quiet and wasn't keen on going out. One day Gladys persuaded him to go to Salisbury on the bus. When they arrived at Salisbury Bus Station, Gladys got up. Fred said, "What are you doing?" She said she wanted to look around the shops, but he wouldn't. So, she sat back down and the bus returned to Andover with them still on it!

Fred died in 1988 and Gladys continued to live at Hillside with the support of her family, friends and good neighbours. When she was in her eighties, she did a paper round in the area which she really enjoyed. She had a good relationship with both her sons and daughters-in-law, Sandra and Angie, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

**Wing Commander Clifford Barrington Elford
11th October 1919 – 9th October 2011**

Barry Elford died in Norwich Hospital two days before his 92nd birthday and his funeral service was held at the crematorium on the site of the WW2 RAF airfield at Hawkinge, where tribute was paid to him by his long term friend Group Captain John Woodard.

Barry was born in 1919 in Salisbury and was educated at Bishop Wordsworth School. He joined the RAF in 1936, first as a wireless operator and then a gunner. During the

2nd World War he flew 118 operational sorties, including the 1000 bomber raids on Cologne and Emden, before being posted to India in 1942 as an instructor. He spent the rest of the war there, finishing as director of staff at the Officers' Advanced Training School.

A brief spell in Ceylon in 1946 led to him meeting Sue, then in the WAAF, in rehearsals for a production of *The Ghost Train*, which, co-incidentally, was filmed at Longparish in 1927. They married in England in 1947 and had two children, Anthony and Angela. Barry had several administrative postings in the UK and Germany, including President of the Officers' Selection Board at Biggin Hill. In 1963 he went to Ghana for 3 years as Chief of Staff Administration. His final posting was in charge of quartering air staff for all of NATO. After retiring from the RAF in 1974 he was well-qualified for his first job at the Hospital Savings Association as office manager.

Barry and Sue Elford came to Longparish in 1978. He was then project manager for the HSA's move from London. He chose Andover as the most suitable location for HSA, and then saw in the Times an advertisement for a house in Longparish. They loved it at first sight, and very much enjoyed living in the village. When Barry finally retired in 1985, he had more time to pursue his passion for birdwatching, shared with Sue. He was Chairman of the RAF Ornithological Society for 5 years, and on the International Council for Bird Preservation. He was on the Council of Hampshire Wildlife Trust, and also played an active part in Andover Music Club and Longparish Conservative Association. He was the editor of *Parish News* from March 1997 to October 1999.

He had an exciting life, with many adventurous holidays. He qualified as a glider pilot in the 1950s, and had his Yacht Master's certificate. He was involved in sail



Barry celebrating his 90th birthday with a bottle of Le Vieux Barry training in Tall Ships, as well as much sailing with friends in the Mediterranean. They enjoyed skiing in Germany and walking. He was an active and much respected Freemason.

At the age of 80 Barry with Sue decided to move to the Dordogne, and at an age when most people are putting their feet up, they took off with their dog and their caravan. They had over 11 happy years at Razac de Saussignac, enjoying the French way of life, the sun and wine, continuing French lessons and entertaining friends and family. Only a few weeks ago Barry suggested to a friend that they go to Hawaii for the transit of Venus in 2012. Their daughter, Angela, died in 2008 to their great sorrow. Our sympathy goes to Sue, Anthony and to her grandchildren and great granddaughters.

Longparish Parish Council

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- The felling of three conifers and a poplar at Garden Cottage, Longparish.
- The provision of twenty free standing PV panels at Foxdale House, Andover Down.

Minerals and Waste Plan

As part of the next stage of the draft plan preparation process, Hampshire County Council is seeking comments on its 'soundness'; this consultation process finishes on 19 Dec 11.

All the relevant documents are available on the Council's website and further information can be obtained from the County Planning Policy Team on 01962 845515.

Open Spaces

Playground

A firm quote for the new equipment for younger children has been obtained; and a grant application submitted to TVBC for half the cost.

Bench for North Acre

Highways has given permission for the new bench to be sited outside No: 88. The next stage is to choose a suitable bench and fund the project.

Cemetery

Mr Cullen did his usual annual clean of the war memorial ready for Remembrance Sunday and will now quote for some additional maintenance work to keep it looking as good as it is.

A quote has been accepted from Test Valley Fencing to replace the fence at the far end of the cemetery. The oak has been ordered and weather permitting the work will be completed in mid December.

Highways

The Borough Engineer has now authorised Highways to repair the surface and repaint the white lines at the North Acre junction.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 12 December. Meetings are public; and Parishioners are welcome to come and speak by arrangement with the Chairman - Christopher Duxbury Tel: 720580 Email:chairman@longparish.org.uk

Help for pensioners from Age UK More Money in your Pocket campaign

New research by Age UK of over 1,200 over 65s revealed that nearly 1 in 5 pensioners had cut back on their heating over the winter months in order to make ends meet. Among poorer pensioners, 1 in 5 say they are going out less in order to save money, and over a third are buying cheaper or less food. These results highlight the importance of Age UK's 'More Money in Your Pocket' campaign encouraging people in

later life to claim the benefits to which they are entitled. As much as £5.4 billion in pensioner benefits goes unclaimed each year, because people assume they are not eligible, think the claiming process is too complicated and intrusive, or feel too proud to make a claim.

Pension credit is a very important benefit that is under-claimed. But around 88% of claims are actually successful. Around and 2.7 million households across the UK receive it, and having some savings or another pension doesn't necessarily rule you out. In fact, if you're aged 65 or over you might be entitled to extra money for having saved some money towards your retirement. And the first £10,000 of your savings will now be ignored when working out if you can get Pension Credit.

Even if you only get a little extra each month, receiving Pension Credit may help you get money for other things, such as rent, council tax or towards the cost of keeping your house warm. If you have tried before but failed to get pension credit, it is worth applying again as your personal circumstances could have changed, and there's been a change to how entitlement is worked out which means even more people could now be eligible

There are a variety of benefits that apply to older people. You can find out more about them by looking on www.ageuk.org.uk or by picking up a More Money in Your Pocket booklet from Age UK Andover & District at Town Mill House (by Bridge Street). We are open for enquiries 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Fridays, tel. 01634 354425. We also have a pensions and benefits adviser and volunteers who make home visits to help with filling in forms such as attendance allowance.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE CARRION CROW



The carrion crow, a member of the crow family, is a completely black bird, slightly larger than the rook. It's the cleverest of the crow family, very wary of man. Carrion crows are usually found in pairs, but will mix with rooks and jackdaws. As its name implies it likes to eat carrion, but will also eat grain and birds and their eggs. If it finds a pheasant's nest it will take an egg, fly off and eat it, then return for another until it has eaten the lot - not a very good friend of the gamekeeper. Carrion crows nest alone; they will take up a territory and defend it against others. In late March to April they start building a large nest made of sticks lined with grass, usually high in a tree. They lay 4-6 eggs, slightly glossy from light blue to green with variable speckles, spots, blotches and scrolls of olive green to blackish-brown. Incubation is 17-20 days. The young fledge in 28-38 days and stay with the parents for some time.

chris bowman