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September 2023



The New Bishop of Winchester

Rumours were afoot in The Bright Waters Benefice in early July – a celebrity was rumoured to be visiting St Peter’s Church! Who was it going to be? – why was it so secret? – was it worth hanging about around the church to catch a glimpse?

Well, the celebrity in question was the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, currently the Bishop of Truro. On 6th July, the day his appointment was announced, Bishop Philip took the time to meet some people around his diocese. It was definitely an honour that Bishop Philip chose to visit our Benefice.

He was greeted by the bells being rung at St Peter’s Church as a sign of welcome and a group of churchwardens, members of the congregation and ministers joined him for lunch inside the church. He was keen to chat and get a taste firsthand of what life was like in our benefice.

After lunch, Bishop Philip moved onto St James in Woodcott where he met farm workers and the estate gardener who presented him with a sapling grown from an 800-year-old yew tree from the churchyard.



Finally, Bishop Philip visited Berehill House Care Home to meet some of the residents and to join them in singing and some prayers.

Of his visit, Bishop Philip said,

“To visit the Bright Waters Benefice was to see rural ministry at its very best. It was to meet a loving warm community (and to be greeted by the sound of bells!). It was to see the Church so embedded in the life of the village: church and pub were right next door to each other. It was to see people who stepping out in service, as an LLM, or a deacon, and in so many other ways. It was to witness the church sharing love and care with the very elderly. It was to see how integral church is to rural life and the farming year. So much to celebrate and rejoice in!”



Alpha Course – Autumn 2023

Rev. Russ Smart and Rev. Nicky Smallwood will be running an Alpha Course for the communities across the Benefice of Bright Waters, starting on Tuesday 26th September.

Alpha is organised as a series of sessions over 10 weeks, giving an opportunity for discussions and conversations around faith, life and God. We are planning for each session to start with pudding and drinks - to offer time to connect, relax and build friendships. We’ll watch a 30 minute film to explore issues of life and faith, and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like “Who is Jesus?”, “Why and how do I pray?” and “How does God guide us?”. This will lead into small groups for discussions to give an opportunity for everyone to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspectives in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Everyone is welcome to attend and it is free of charge. Please register in advance for catering purposes.

Contact: allhallowsalpha@gmail.com or 01256 893573

Where: All Hallows Church Rooms, Whitchurch

When: Tuesdays @ 7.45pm-9.30pm (26th Sept – 28th Nov)

September 2023

All Zoom details are available from the Church wardens or Dodie Marsden.

Sunday 3rd - Trinity 13

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| St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors | 10.30am | Morning Prayer |
| St Nicholas', Longparish | 10.30am | Morning Prayer |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 10.30am | Animal Service |
| St James', Woodcott | 9.00am | Animal Service |

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Wednesday 6th

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| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
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Sunday 10th - Trinity 14

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|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors | 10.30am | Animal/Pet Service |
| St Nicholas', Longparish | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.00pm | Benefice Evensong |
| St James', Woodcott | | No Service |

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Sunday 17th - Trinity 15

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|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| St Nicholas', Longparish | 10.30am | Animal/Pet Service |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 10.30am | Morning Prayer |
| St James', Woodcott | 9.00am | Matins |

Winchester Cathedral Church of England Zoom Service Online

Wednesday 20th

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| All Hallow's, Whitchurch | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
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Sunday 24th - Trinity 16

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| St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors | 10.30am | Family Praise |
| St Nicholas', Longparish | 10.30am | Morning Prayer |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| St James', Woodcott | | No service |
| All Hallow's, Whitchurch | 5.00pm | Deanery Songs of Praise with Bishop David |

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am



Hill & Valley is celebrating!
New members have recently volunteered to join the team:

- Emma Palmer from Longparish (advertising manager)
- Helen Mason-Belshaw from St Mary Bourne (treasurer)
- Nigel Dickinson St Mary Bourne community pages editor
- Felicity Long Hurstbourne Priors community pages editor

Pictured, back row (left to right):
Nigel Dickinson and **Angie Curtis**
Longparish community pages editor

Pictured, front row (left to right):
Tom Bremridge, **Michael Widén**
H & V editors and **Felicity Long**

A big Thank-You to All! MW

For all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact the Church Office Administrator: ☎ 01256 893573 brightwatersbenefice@gmail.com

Rev David Roche: ☎ 01256 892535 revd.davidroche@hotmail.com

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:
☎ 01264 738211
dodie.marsden@gmail.com

• For details of **Roman Catholic Services** in Whitchurch or Andover: ☎ 01264 352829

• **Methodist Minister** for our parishes:
The Revd Rachel Borgars, 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, RG28 7SU ☎ 01256 895878 or rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

"Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father."

Thomas Goodchild and **Emily Goodchild** – 2nd July – St Nicholas'

Ian Anthony Baverstock – 21st July – St Peter's

Sophie Lecuyer – 22nd July – St James', Woodcott

Edward Nelsey – 30th July – St Peter's

Sophie McCullough – 5th August – St Andrew's

Charlotte Hill – 5th August – St Nichols'

Hugo Baines – 20th August – St Peter's

Weddings

"Marriage is a gift of God in creation ..."

Congratulations to

Jo-ann Sadleir and **Ian Anthony Baverstock** - (wedding blessing) – 4th August – St Peter's

Jessica Clare Densley and **Ward William Busby** – 11th August – St Andrew's

Funerals

"Into God's loving care we commit you ..."

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Ann Maureen Black – 27th July – St Peter's

Arthur Smith – 16th August – (interment of ashes) – St Peter's

LET US PRAY - If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please email stnbrightwaters@icloud.com giving the name (no surname required) and include a reason if you wish, or contact a member of the local ministry team.

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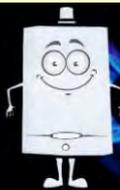
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WEATHER JULY 23

Rainfall this month 107mm. =. 4.21ins

Total for 2023 579mm. =. 22.79ins

Total for 2022. 303mm. =. 11.92ins.

Max temperature 27c. =. 80f (28th)

Max night temp. 16c. =. 60f (28th)

Min temperature. 12c. =. 54f (3rd)

JULY

- Hottest July since records began - world wide but not here !
- A very wet month, 107mm (July 20 year ave 59mm)
- Last July no rain at all .
- Recent wet July 126mm (2017)
- This year sixth wettest July ever !

Hurstbourne Priors May Fair

Following the highly successful May Fair this year, raising a record amount for Village amenities, it was agreed at the 'wash up' meeting in June that there should be a discussion into the running of the May Fair going forward. Not least as the agreed formula for the division of proceeds has been running for many, many years and it was felt that times had changed and it was time to review the division of profits.

The May Fair has always been run in order to provide funds for our three village amenities – St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground & Pavilion. Considering the influx of new families to the village and St Mary's Hill over the past few years it is time to review the way in which the May Fair is organised and run.

Over the next couple of months we will be meeting to formulate the plans for the May Fair 2024 and we are looking for ideas which will contribute to another successful event.

As well as the ways the funds are raised and used, but also the set up/break down over the weekend, collection of items for the stalls and new entertainment for visitors to the event.

At the meeting in June there were a number of 'ideas sheets' available or comments and suggestions.

This is the list by way of a prompt as to things which might need to be looked at:

MARQUEE STORAGE

Large space for marquees and trestle tables needed. It must be dry and insured.

ATTRACTIONS

eg: music, bees, wildlife stalls, trade stalls, circus workshop, maypole, pony rides, bouncy castle, kids' games, face painting, toddler area

VILLAGE STALLS

eg: plants, cakes, toys, books, bric a brac, nearly new

CATERING

eg: pub, teas, candy floss, BBQ, ice creams

SET UP/BREAK DOWN

eg: tents, cadets help, site clearance, lost property

SITE OPERATIONS

eg: loos, bins, car park, signage

VILLAGE COMMS

eg: for volunteers, donations, results

EXTERNAL PUBLICITY

eg signage, programmes, social media

FUNDING FORMULA

In an ideal world where would you like the May Fair proceeds to go?

Jim announced at the June meeting that 2024 will be his last year as chairman of the May Fair Committee and Kim has decided to step down from the Committee.

We would like to thank her for her incredible hard work and commitment over the past few years. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee do please let Jim know, there are not many meetings as most is done by email but obviously the end of March and April is quite busy and you need to be free on May 6 th.

Please submit all your views, comments, suggestions by September 15th to: jimvysearks@gmail.com or call 07970 533764

Thank you to those who have supported the May Fair in the past and we look forward to hearing from new villagers!

Jim Vyse, Fenella Williams, John Perry, Susie Urquhart, Kate Gardner and Clare Read

The May Fair Committee

Thank you Fenella!



Fenella Williams with Hill & Valley management committee members Michael Widén and Clare Read.

At the Hill & Valley 'Drinks & Nibbles' party in the Village Hall on 22nd June, we said thank-you to our many volunteers and contributors and we welcomed our new editor for Hurstbourne Priors Felicity Long. Retiring editor Fenella Williams was thanked and presented with flowers. A previous presentation had been made to retiring St Mary Bourne editor Pearl Pritchard who was unable to attend the party.

M. Widén

Stinkhorn Fungus!

The rich and diverse eco system of Hurstbourne plays home to trout, kingfishers, bees, toads and much more but there's a new fun-gi in town and he's kicking up a bit of a stink!

Last week a fungus so rare only 6 have ever been recorded in the UK (statistic provided by the Daily Mail and therefore wholly accurate) appeared in the compost heap of Stable Cottage, Hurstbourne Priors.

What appeared to be an old red dog toy on closer inspection turned out to be a something quite different, a bright red fleshy looking basket, covered with flies attracted to its stench of rotting flesh.

A quick Google deduced that this was a Basket Stinkhorn Fungus, or clathrus ruber, very rare in the UK but more common in the warmer climate of Europe and North Africa. It's red basket like appearance, makes it easily identifiable along with the smell! It gets weirder as the fungus grows in a white egg type casing from which the fungus erupts.

Not known to be edible, European folklore suggest that all those who handled it succumbed to 'various ailments', needless to say we did not take our chances.

It only lasts for a day or two, which was no bad thing considering the stink! But Google does say they normally appear more than once, as the flies attracted to its odour disperse the spores. Quite why it has chosen to grow in our compost heap we will never know. It has been recorded on the Fungal Records Database.



Pets' Service – 10 th September

Our annual Pets' Service when we celebrate and give thanks for our animal friends is at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10 th September at 10.30am with Revd Dodie. Weather permitting we will be outside – if it is wet, we will gather in the church. We do hope you will join us with your pets – all are welcome!



This week, the Andover foodbank is in need of the following food and non-food items:-

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Baked Beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Chocolate bars
- Jam/Marmalade
- Laundry pods
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Washing up liquid
- Cleaning spray
- Dish cloths/scourers
- Bath towels
- Plates large and small
- Cereal bowls
- Saucepans
- Deodorant
- Tin openers

As well as food parcels, the Andover foodbank gives out Welcome packs and bedding and towels. The Welcome packs contain basic household/kitchen items such as – crockery, cutlery, saucepans, tea towels etc – and are given to people who have recently moved into new accommodation but don't have any utensils, furnishings etc.

If you any of these items (which must be clean and in good condition) that you would like to donate, the Andover foodbank would be happy to receive them. All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 0930 to 1230.



Ladies Coffee Morning

Our September coffee morning will be hosted by Fran Johnson on Thursday, 21st at 3 Apsley Farm Cottages, SP11 6NB

All welcome from 10.15 am.

For more information or offers to hold a coffee morning, please contact Susie Sorby (tel 892665 or email: sbsorby@hotmail.com)

St. Andrew's Reels – a few remaining tickets!!

Saturday 16th September in the Barn at Chapmansford Farmhouse

Hurstbourne Priors PCC invite you to the St Andrew's Reels in aid of the maintenance of St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 16th September at 7pm in the Barn at Chapmansford Farmhouse.

Everyone is welcome to join in the Reels, including beginners. Tickets are £40 each to include a 2-course dinner, glass of fizz with canapes and dancing. There will be a pay bar. Dress code is Tartan, Black Tie or Smart. Carriages at midnight.

Please e-mail St.AndrewsReels@gmail.com to get your hands on one of the last remaining tickets!!!

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club – 'Farewell, sweet summer'

❖ **Ropley CC 2 nd XI | HPCC**
Ropley CC conceded

❖ **Littleton & West Hill CC 2 nd XI (125 all out) | HPCC (126 / 5)**

HPCC won by 5 wickets

A Nautiyal 33 M Clay 3-6

C Urquhart 25 S Ralph 3-24

❖ **Overton CC 3 rd XI (92 all out) | HPCC (94)**

HPCC won by 10 wickets

A Nautiyal 53* N Tiwari 3-12

J Williams 29* M Weindling 2-17

❖ **Cove CC 4 th XI | HPCC**

Match cancelled – rain

❖ **Basingstoke & North Hants CC 4 th XI | HPCC**

Match cancelled – rain

❖ **Oakley CC 3 rd XI (95 all out) | HPCC (96)**

HPCC won by 10 wickets

W Shahinian 52* S Naik 3-11

J Williams 25* P Thakur 3-20

❖ **Odiham & Greywell CC 4 th XI | HPCC**

Match cancelled – rain

❖ **AWE Tadley CC 1 st XI (150 / 7) | HPCC (151 / 6)**

HPCC won by 4 wickets

R Kumar 53 P Thakur 4-12

M Weindling 24* M Clay 1-14

Zeus, Freyr, Chac, Tlaloc, my wife... all of them, the whole ruddy gang, clearly got together and decided that the summer in which this glorious sport returned to the village was going to be a wet one, with 3 rain cancellations in 4 weekends at a point when we should have been hitting our straps.

Thankfully, this interruption has so far failed to break our winning streak as the club, at the time of writing, go into the last 2 fixtures of August (and the

season) undefeated and sitting at the top of Hampshire NE Division 6.

That said, we must temper our excitement at the prospect of promotion, as the thinnest of margins separates the 4 teams at the top of the league, balanced on a knife edge by mystical calculations of batting and bowling points.

The very real threat of Twyford CC (who have out batted and out bowled us, statistically, but appear second in the table due to aforementioned mathematical wizardry) will be our final fixture on the August Bank Holiday weekend – I suspect it will be a tense affair.

A win away at Easton & Worthy Martyr on the 19 th August will secure promotion, inshallah.

Beyond league fixtures, HPCC have also enjoyed a series of friendly T20 midweek matches against local teams St Mary Bourne, Whitchurch and Overton (Mickey Mouse cricket, as my old man calls it). These have resulted in a rough balance of wins and losses but have been incredibly enjoyable.

More importantly, it has revealed a local enthusiasm and love for the game; if you feel tempted to do so, there are various teams and formats where you may turn over your arm or mark your guard...

This is the last cricket article until next year – soon the gladiatorial contests of summer shall pause, and the colosseum fall silent in shadows cast by fading autumnal light.

I trust you have enjoyed the successes of our season as much as we have. Thank you, dear readers, and good night.

(May I hasten to add a note of thanks to Phillips Law (www.phillips-law.co.uk) in Basingstoke for generously sponsoring the club this season – we are indebted.)

MRJ





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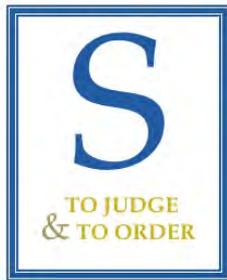
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Harvest Supper

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Saturday 14th October at 6.30pm

Tickets, £7 for adults and £3.50 for children (under 5s are free). Available from Fenella Williams (01256 892081; fenella.williams@bopenworld.com)

There will be a raffle and all proceeds will be donated to the Mityana Projects Trust.

The Harvest Festival is on Sunday, 22nd October at 10.30am in St Andrews Church.

Hurstbourne Priors Gardening Club

As many of you will know the Heroine of the May Fair Plant Stall, Precelly Murray, is moving out of the village later this year. Her gardening skills and knowledge are amazing and as a result her Plant Stall at the May Fair is one of the most popular attractions. We shall all miss her enormously though she isn't going far so will see plenty of her.

Precelly's move has prompted her helpers to come up with the idea of a Gardening Club, to grow and propagate flowers and vegetables for the May Fair. We hope to meet every month with a particular 'topic' as the headline, but, especially early next year and in the run up to the May Fair, there will be plenty of opportunities to meet up to pot on, label, trim, prune and generally prepare the offerings for the Fair in a relaxed way.

At our first meeting we shall be taking cuttings of pelargoniums (geraniums) as they are always good sellers. We will also chat through which plants have historically sold well, when we need to start planting seeds (quite soon for some) and draw up a bit of a timetable. As always in our green and glorious land the weather tends to interfere with best laid plans. We are fortunate that Precelly has entrusted us with her notebooks which are a mine of valuable information.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 8th September at 7.30 at Hurstbourne Priors House – hopefully in the garden but if the weather isn't so nice we shall be inside. If you would like to join please email: clarejread@icloud.com or call 07711 917375 to ensure we have enough compost and flower pots. Please bring your own gloves if you wish. If you have a lovely pelargonium which you would be happy to take cuttings from, do bring it with you.

We look forward to seeing you,

Clare, Kat and Rosie



Gina Annie Yates – 1931 to 2023



Gina was born in Norfolk on 18th September 1931, the only child of Percy and Olive Lavington. Percy was gamekeeper on an estate near Norwich and when it was taken over for an aerodrome in 1940, they moved the Hurstbourne Priors where he was to be gamekeeper at Apsley.

This was the start of Gina's long association with the village. She remembered coming to church with her mother, shortly after they arrived in the village in March 1940 – in 1920, we celebrated Gina's 80 years of worship at St Andrews.

Gina cared for her mother during a long illness until she died in 1954. She then looked after her father until his death just three years later. As an only child, with no local relatives, Gina needed to work. She was a Post Office telephonist and later Supervisor at Andover Exchange for over 18 years and then worked for Test Valley Borough Council for 16 years.

On 22nd August 1960, Gina married her beloved husband Kenneth Yates in St Andrews Church. They met when Gina and her father moved into Andover, and they would wave to each other over the fence. They had a truly happy and loving marriage which lasted almost 45 years until the sudden death of Ken in March 2005.

Ken and Gina served on Hurstbourne Priors PCC for 17 years. During that time, Ken was Churchwarden for six years and Gina was Treasurer for nine years. When Ken was Churchwarden, he and Gina were there faithfully every Sunday setting up the church service.

Planting seeds and cuttings, then seeing them mature and flower was Gina's greatest joy and she felt nearer to God in her garden than anywhere else on earth. She said she could plant and sow, but only God could give the seeds and plants life. Every year, she grew many plants and helped on the plant stall at the May Fair.

Gina was a skilled needlewoman. She hoped to be a dressmaker but gave up her tailoring apprenticeship to care for her mother. Gina still made many of her own clothes and did beautiful cross stitch. She made a wonderful embroidery of a kingfisher for a fundraising auction for St Andrews. In winter, Gina had her knitting. She made delightful cuddly toys for the children's stall at the May Fair and many babies were kept warm in one of Gina's baby cardigans.

Gina had a great gift for friendship with people of all ages. She was so grateful to the many people who helped her when she couldn't quite manage as usual with shopping, lifts, gardening and walking her little dog, Wishes.

Her faith, her friends and the love and companionship of always owning a small dog, helped Gina to live a quiet but happy and contented life. She died peacefully at home on 28th March with Wishes by her side.





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£20 – V. Barton £10 – O. Cumberlege

August 2023 draw:

£50 – Jean Macnamara £20 – Chrissie Henderson
£20 – Nigel Dickinson £10 – Mary Read

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Win Coventry - ☎ 01264 738 199.

The Lunch

Our next Village Lunch will be held on
Wednesday 20th September at St Mary
Bourne Village Centre, starting to serve as

usual at 12.30pm. All are welcome and the suggested
donation is still only £3. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris
Smith on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.



*Fiona Hilleard would warmly like to
thank everyone who celebrated her
90th birthday with her. Their very
generous contributions amounted to
the magnificent sum of £800 which*

has been donated to the Andover Food Bank.

Harvest Supper and Quiz

Saturday 30th September – 7.30pm

The White Hart, Stoke

Save the date! More information to follow on
Stoke Village Fund Facebook page.

Email svfcommunitygroup@aol.com to
register interest and for further details.



Thanks to all that came to the Stoke Village Fund 80th
anniversary picnic and duck race. It was a great event and
we are hoping to make the duck race an annual event. AB

RIDE + STRIDES
for Churches

Saturday 9th September 2023 – 10am to 6pm

Why not take part! Many of you use cycling, walking
and jogging to keep fit so why not make a day of it.
Plan a route taking in as many churches as possible.

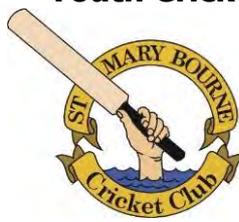
It is a country wide event raising money for historic
Churches and chapels. Half the money you raise through
Sponsorship goes to the Hampshire and Islands Historic
Churches' Trust and half to your own church funds.
Usually 400 churches and chapels are open in Hampshire,
many of them offering refreshments as well.

**The idea is to be sponsored to visit as many churches
you can by walking or cycling to them
between 10 am and 6pm.**

It's a fun thing to do. Why not make up a party and go for
it. Sponsor forms and further information available from Eve
Lind-Smith ☎ 01264 738681. I shall, as I have for the past
few years, be walking from Woodcott to Longparish via St
Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors. You are welcome to
join me for all or any part of it.

Good luck! And enjoy, whatever you do. E L-S

Youth Cricket at SMBCC - 2023 Summary



Over 150 children between the ages of 4
and 15 years were coached this year at
SMBCC, which has given us the accolade of
the 'fastest growing cricket club in
Hampshire'. Zero to 150 inside 3 years!

The 6 youth league teams have had an
amazing 3rd season: About 70 matches
played, 3 hat-tricks, 37 sixes and 7 SMB players in the youth
district/county squads. Our U9 Flyers team & our U11 Rockets
both won their Hampshire leagues this year and 12 U14 players
have now played in Senior matches – we will be celebrating the
success at the youth cricket awards in September.

The club is only possible with the many hours donated by all
our amazing volunteers: coaches, groundsmen, BBQ / bar
helpers, the cricket club committee, the PC and many more.

Thank you also to all the SMB community for helping us fund
the amazing new cricket nets and for supporting the Marsden
Arms. As you will have seen, the nets are being used by so
many – young and old – so thank you for helping us create
such a good community asset for many years to come. And
thank you to our key sponsors Vitacress & Ninny's House who
continue to support our equipment and clothing. Thank You.

There will be a fund raising quiz at the Village Hall on
Saturday 18th November as we embark on our long-term
journey to 'upgrade' the cricket pavilion. Please do get in touch
with the club if you would like more information:

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St Mary Bourne Flower Show & Fête 2023

Thank you to all of you who turned out to support the Flower Show this year. What a great day! The sun (mostly) shone, Test Valley Brass band played, the Pimms, tea and cakes were enthusiastically received and the BBQ fed the masses. Alan kept the crowd updated on the tannoy and our favourite four legged friends put on a great performance for the judges in the arena. There was a lot to see and do and it was wonderful to see some healthy competition returning to the classes in the marquee. Please take a look at our Facebook page to see more photos taken on the day. Our continued focus is to return the flower show class entries to their former glory and we will be building on this year's enthusiasm for the 2024 show.

Thank you to those who gave their kind donations of plants, bottles, bric a brac, cakes and crockery, to those who bought raffle tickets, and provided prizes. A very big thank you to our sponsors and to the team on the day who ensured that tents, exhibits, signs, raffle tickets, traders, cars and programmes were all in the right place at the right time. Please join us if you are interested in getting involved! We will be meeting for drinks on **Friday 6th October at 7.30pm** in the Village Centre. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact flowershow@stmarybourne.org . AV



It's funny how time can drag and go in a blink of an eye simultaneously. I write this on the 17th August (I'm late for copy and Michael has had to send a reminder email to get my skates on). This time last year, building work had begun on the new extension but we hadn't yet moved out of the old shop. It was, inside, exactly as it had

been for the last 21 years. The only difference being that the kitchen extension had been built, so instead of the window behind the till looking out onto the carpark and rolling fields beyond, it looked out onto a breeze block wall with a smiley face graffitied on it, as if to somehow make up for the lack of view.

It's hard to remember quite how the shop was now, less than 12 months later. The new shop and extension have settled to become a warm and welcoming space for villagers and visitors alike. The summer has rolled on, albeit soggy for great swathes of time, but when the sun has shone it's been a hive of activity with people popping in and out for shopping, a bite to eat or a chat and catch up.

However, it's September now and time marches on. Schools are back and everything is settling back into a regular routine. Our summer seasonal veg like the Isle of Wight Tomatoes and Pick Your Own Strawberries will slowly fade away to make room for the stars of the new season like pumpkins and fabulous root vegetables. *Salads in our Deli Counter* will become more substantial and *homemade soups* will return to warm us through. Our *menu in the café* will get a seasonal revamp with the inclusion of Dahl to have in or takeaway as a regular feature.

I'm hoping for an Indian Summer. By George, we deserve one. Warm summer days starting with a clear morning and autumnal dew and ending with chilling evenings just begging for fire pits in the garden. It's a nice thought but nothing is guaranteed in this world so we'll just have to see. And so the earth continues its journey on its annual cycle and we continue to hold on. Hopefully, you'll start the new term invigorated and refreshed after summer holidays and autumn will bring a sense of 'new' allowing us to take a deep breath; push our chests out; hold our heads up and carry on. **It's all downhill to Christmas!** LM



Sustainable Bourne Valley



The winner with the 'Holiest Pants' was Harriet Dickinson, who received a recycled engraved spade, and the person with the least 'Holey Pants' was Lulu Vallings. Lulu was presented with a bag, made from recycled materials,

filled with Alpaca Poo, to help her enrich her poor soil. For more information on the background to the Competition see www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk .

Sustainability Day including the Repair Café on **Saturday 7th October** in The Village Centre 10am to 4pm, with an evening Bat Walk.

- Bike Repairs • Thermal Imaging Camera • Apple Press and more. For more information: www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk

'The Film' at St Mary Bourne Village Centre



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Tuesday 19th September - 7.15pm

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Defibrillator in Stoke

We are pleased to confirm that a new defibrillator has been installed on the roadside wall of the White Hart pub in Stoke.

Many thanks to Brian Haigh for allowing the installation to take place (and supplying the power required). Thanks also to the Stoke Village Fund for raising the request and coming forward with the proposal. Hopefully the unit won't be used, but if required, instructions are on the outside.



For those who don't know the location, try this really useful guidance link:

<https://what3words.com/static.spirit.palm>

The defibrillator in St Mary Bourne has also been serviced. It is located next to the entrance to the Boundary Shop.

New Contact Number

A new Parish 'Office' (mobile) number with answerphone has been set up, **07845 570154**. While the office is not in regular use, Maxine Owen continues to deliver and can be reached by email (see below), and often around the parish.

Improving communications

With so much going on and the want to share information / news / updates as quickly as possible, more information will now be channelled via the Council's Facebook page.

While we appreciate that not every resident may have internet access, most do, or have a neighbour who does. We therefore hope that it is useful to utilise social media to help send out awareness and update posts.

Please follow / like the page so more people are aware that it exists. We can then continue to update all more frequently and you can also arrange to meet up with Max for a chat: www.facebook.com/SMB.PCpage

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**Next parish council meeting:
Tuesday 12th September - 19.30**

Village Centre Club Room - Public more than welcome.

Copies of meeting minutes are available on the parish council website. Please email any questions or agenda points to Maxine Owen: clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk.

Mac's Field

Many of you may know that earlier this year I was lucky enough to be able to buy the field next to the recreation ground in St Mary Bourne – commonly known as Bell's Field.

Of course, rumours always abound when land changes hands – speculation on what the new owner wants to do. So I wanted to take this opportunity to share my thoughts and plans - to hear it from the "horse's mouth" as it were.

To those of you who don't know me, my name is Richard Sutcliffe. I am one of the priests in our local ministry team since being ordained in 2012. I originally moved to the village back in 1980, when I was twelve. My parents bought The George Inn and we lived there for six years. I moved away for University, but after we were married, my wife, Swee, and I were keen to move back to the village – we really wanted to be able to bring up a family here. My parents still lived here and my sister had started her own family, all living in the village. After a little while, Swee and I were lucky enough to adopt our wonderful son, Mac, when he was eight years old and he soon settled into village life – enjoying the countryside and the freedom that living here afforded him, until sadly he died in a road accident when he was sixteen.

That's enough about me – but I hope it helps to explain the motivations behind my plans. Above all, I want to make it clear that I have not bought the land with the intention of building large numbers of houses. I am passionate about the village and the way it develops so that it is in the best interests of us all. It has been home to me and my family for most of my life. St Mary Bourne is and always will be very dear to me.

First of all, I have registered the field with the name "Mac's Field". Currently the field is not registered with any name, and I am sure that many will continue to refer to it as Bell's Field. But I hope over time, the new name will come to be used as a tribute to my late son. This village was very important to him, and he particularly loved to be outside, so it seems like a good name to me.

Ideas for the field are at a very early stage – and none of this will happen fast – but I am gathering a group of interested parties together to talk through some of these ideas:

E.g. a place for children to learn outside – both school groups and church groups; community gardens where people can come together to grow and share food; a small orchard; beekeeping.

I'm sure there are loads of other possibilities – my priority is for us to create something that can become an asset to the community as a legacy and tribute to Mac. My late wife, Swee, and I had always hoped that we could do something in his name – something to help all sorts of children ideally – and I am hoping that the field could be used for my ideas there.

Being fully transparent, I would also like to give two small parcels of the land to my nephews, Dan and Richard Grunsell, for them to be able to build modest family homes. They are village boys who very much want to have permanent roots here and the stability to be able to bring up their families in St Mary Bourne.

So that is all there is to know at the moment. I hope this will be a really exciting project for the village. Obviously I'm very interested to hear your thoughts and any ideas or concerns you may have. Please feel free to email me on rev.sutcliffe@btinternet.com.

Thank you,

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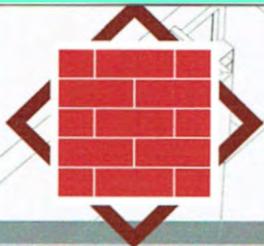
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This monitoring involves disturbing the stream bed before collecting a water sample. The volunteers then count the numbers of certain species – mostly mayflies, stoneflies, and caddisflies – that are good indicators of water quality.

The resulting data is uploaded onto national databases that can be accessed by organisations like the Wildlife Trusts and the Environment Agency. This makes it enormously valuable at both the local and national levels.

Until recently, this crucial task has been undertaken by Sarah Cooney, Mark Thomas, and Tony Prior. Tony is now stepping down – with our thanks for his hard work – so we're seeking other passionate people to join the group.

We visit two sites between Hurstbourne Priors and St Mary Bourne once a month, usually for around two hours. But your time commitment can be flexible; you don't need to attend every time. All training and equipment is provided.

If you'd like to join our supportive volunteer community, learn more about a fascinating ecosystem, and visit scenic places that are usually closed to the public, email us at winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk. Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Free Online Talks:

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St Mary Bourne Lake

The lake is a treasured asset of the village and is valued by all. In recent years there have been a number of problems regarding its maintenance. It is however a huge area, so it will take time to address them all.

When planning the way forward it is necessary to balance the requirements of the villagers, the fishermen and the conservationists – all of whom are equally important and ensure that it is in accordance with Dr Evan's Covenant.

The following are the first areas to be addressed:

- Communication is important and the plan is to keep the village informed as to the aims of the working party.
- There will be a regular cutting regime to keep the undergrowth down. This will be done with reference to wildlife, the fishermen and residents.
- For the villagers it is important that the lake can be seen therefore to this end some of the trees along the footpath will be trimmed. This will increase visibility and will also increase light levels thus allowing bulbs and wild flowers to be planted.
- There is a problem with nettles. Some are beneficial but there are so many they are restricting efforts to diversify the vegetation. To address this, two areas have been identified where the nettles will be controlled and alternative plants added.

Next working party meeting in the Autumn. *Jeanette Davies*



Community Facilities on the Recreation Ground - Update

Since the Community Play Space project began in 2021, we have had the addition of a new Village Shop and Community Café and seen the growing popularity of the Junior Cricket Club, alongside the Bowls Club and the new location of Ninny's House. We have received match funding from the Greenham Trust up to £25,000 for our project to improve the play area, the asphalt Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and surrounding facilities. The estimated costs, including the removal of the old play area to create more parking, is £125,000. This project is designed to consider the use of the whole recreational ground and the wider facilities; we're excited about what the project could deliver for the community.

That being said, external funding remains a challenge. We will continue to explore different funding routes, but as a local authority, it's harder to find capital grants for this type of community project. To date, we've done several fundraising events and had a successful appeal to the SMB Flower Show and Village Fête. In January, we hosted a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall. In June, we were supported by the Junior Cricket Club who donated BBQ and drinks sales. So far we have raised almost £3,000 and with match funding from the Trust that comes to almost £6,000. We also plan to host a Big Breakfast in the future.

We held a very successful Jazz Evening featuring the Redfern Collective on the 8th of July on the rec with all proceeds going to the project.

We'd love to hear from you. Please follow us on @communityplayspace_smb on Instagram for news and updates.
Amelda de Segundo

Second-hand September

The fashion industry accounts for about 8-10% of global carbon emissions and nearly 20% of wastewater. And while the environmental impact of flying is now well known, fashion sucks up more energy than both aviation and shipping combined.

- Buy only second-hand in September to raise awareness
- Donate clothes to second-hand shops, charity shops or second-hand online stores (e.g. re-fashion.co.uk, preworn.ltd bags supplied and free posting)
- Buy and sell on second-hand sites such as Facebook, Vinted
- Look online for second-hand clothes - Oxfam, Vinted, re-fashion.co.uk, theclearoutstore.co.uk, preworn.ltd
- Repair clothes. Take small mends to the Repair Café for the Cycling Seamstress to help you with. Or teach yourself a new handy skill
- Upcycle - jeans cut into shorts (fraying is in!), iron-on stickers, dye it, patch it, embroider it, cut it, turn old fabrics into shopping bags such as morsbags (pattern available from morsbags.com), quilts or scrunchies, rags for house cleaning, gift wrap (use pinking shears to stop fraying)
- Organise wardrobe seasonally - store away out-of-season clothes that will feel like new when reintroduced into your wardrobe next season.
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Postcard from Binley

*"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date."*

Too b****y right it has! But never mind, this is surely a classic British summer, isn't it? The hot bit, the wet bit, the miserable bit and now on the 16th of August the rather lovely bit. Early morning walks are softly trodden on dew wet grass. Leaves, once vibrant are tinged and on the turn, early Autumnal mists are soon burnt off by a still warm sun and the air is filled with the revving and bluster of keeper's Quads as they tear around the lanes and byways of Binley, their newly arrived young poults in pens, vulnerable to the skirmishes of Kite and Buzzard, the fox, the badger... just about anything sharp of tooth and claw. But as good as he/she can be in protecting his/her birds it is the weather that often does for them. The wet. Let's hope for an Indian summer.

But right now, or at least an hour ago to be precise I was out with the dogs on the top of the downs above the house on a perfectly still warm evening. Below me are two fenced meadows. One has gone for haymaking the other was left alone and now around forty Dorset Long Horns are loafing around in the long, sweet grasses. "*Creeping Bent*", "*Cock's Foot*", "*Crested Dog's Tail*", "*Yorkshire Fog*"! All native grasses which illustrate what an evocative language we have!

A few meters above our herbivorous friends a barn owl is quartering the meadow. I think it has come from the tree owl boxes the Harrisons have put up in the field next door. They have created a perfect habitat with unmowed pasture and it has enhanced this little corner of the village quite immeasurably. A Muntjack deer has carved out a home in the most wickedly sharp and unpenetrative bramble patch at the bottom corner and we have chanced upon each other numerous times over the last few months but I was dismayed to find it a couple of days ago dragged out and half eaten, laid amongst a patch of the bluest cornflowers I think I have ever seen.

But nothing quite prepared me for the thrill a few weeks ago when I rounded a corner and came across a "tussle" of six very young fox cubs bowling around in the lane and very reminiscent of a ball of stoats that I think I have mentioned here before. I have never seen coats so vividly foxy red, they were simply glistening and I was able to stand and observe for a brief moment before one cottoned on to me and as a troop they slunk off through the hedge. I took a few paces forward and examined their exit before I realised they had doubled back and were crossing the lane behind me in to the wood. They are born with a level of cunning that we can only admire.

The other morning I set off on an early run when suddenly I realised I had forgotten something. I'd forgotten I'm an overweight sixty three year old with dodgy knees who can't run for toffee! So I went home. Actually, in truth I never left the house in the first place but there is no harm in having these dreams. And I enjoy every one of them because I never have to carry them out. The thought of turning over new leaves or embarking on regimented regimes chills the blood but I can't tell you how much I admire those that do. The thrill I get from peering out the bedroom window and seeing a sixty something Captain of Industry dragging his creaky frame through Binley in the middle of the day in a heatwave, attached to an expiring labrador just reinforces my belief that the Dunkirk spirit is alive and well and residing in Binley of all places.

NA



Goose for your Gander

In 1532, the House of Commons complained to the king that holy days in general had become far too numerous, encouraging idleness and partying, thus reducing the practice of piety. Henry VIII, for it was he, responded by directing that all churches should hold their dedication festival on the same day, the first Sunday of October. This seems to be the only Reformation directive which was utterly and completely ignored. Parliament and royalty out of touch with popular sentiment? Surely not. But in the face of the archangel Michael and his angel hosts, even government was powerless.

Firmly carved into the legal, employment, calendrical, astronomical rhythm of life in towns and villages was the feast of St Michael and All Angels, 29 September—Michaelmas. It was effectively the end of the agricultural year, an achievement in itself worth celebrating. Rents were due, manor courts held, university terms begun, fairs held, including at Weyhill. You might celebrate by eating goose, but should be wary of picking blackberries after old Michaelmas Day (11 October). When St Michael and his angels expelled the devil, Lucifer, from heaven (Revelation 12.7-9), he fell from the skies and landed in a prickly blackberry bush. Satan cursed the fruit, scorched them with his fiery breath, stamped, spat, and urinated on them, so that they would be unfit for eating. More pleasantly, one of the few flowers left around at this time of year is the Michaelmas daisy (Aster). 'The Michaelmas daisies, among dead weeds, Bloom for St Michael's valorous deeds...'

Old markers move. Early September is the end of the school holidays, the beginning of the autumn term. In our supermarkets, the harvest is endless and not bound by seasons. A few legalities are still connected to the Michaelmas quarter day. It might be remembered in church that day or the Sunday following. Two of the churches in Andover are dedicated to the archangel. But otherwise, Michaelmas is all but erased as we desecralize time.

MC

Go Star Gazing in September



15 - New Moon. Moon will be located on same side of the Earth as the Sun & will not be visible in night sky. Best time to observe galaxies & star clusters.

19 - Neptune at Opposition. The blue giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth & its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than at any other time of the year & visible all night long.

22 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation. Best time to view Mercury in early morning sky. Look for planet low in eastern sky just before sunrise.

23 - September Equinox. The sun will shine directly on the equator & there will be nearly equal amounts of day & night throughout the world. This is also first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in Northern Hemisphere & first day of spring (vernal equinox) in Southern Hemisphere.

29 - Full Moon Supermoon. Moon will be located on opposite side of the Earth as the Sun & its face will be fully illuminated. This is known as the Harvest Moon as it occurs closest to September Equinox. This is the last of four super moons for 2023. Moon will look near its closest approach to earth & may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. RS

*Andover Astronomical Society's new regular meeting venue is Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre. The first meeting, all about the planet Mercury, is on **Thursday 21st September** starting at 7.30pm. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month and run from September through to April. The web site www.andoverastronomy.org.uk has lots more information.*

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Remembering...

Ann Maureen Black

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Ann Byford was born on 2nd January 1945 in Old Winton Road, Andover. She was the third daughter of Evelyn and Horace Byford. She had two older sisters, Sheila and Eileen. The family lived at Hilliers Farm, Upper Wyke and the children enjoyed a country childhood, forming lifelong friendships with their neighbours.



Ann would walk to school in St Mary Bourne with her sisters and friends, and later on caught the bus from there to school in Whitchurch. After her schooldays, Ann worked for Lord and Lady Monk at Hurstbourne Manor. It was a long cycle ride but it eventually led to romance as she met Harry Black one day when he helped her out with a problem with her bicycle. At that time Harry's family ran

The Railway Inn (now The Bourne Valley Inn) in Lower Link.

Harry and Ann married in St Peter's Church on 20th November 1965 and started their married life in Southview Terrace, Lower Link. Their son Malcolm was born in 1967 and daughter Hilary followed in 1976. The family then moved to Andover to live on the Southern Water site on River Way where Harry worked for 30 years. After doing the housework and getting a home-cooked dinner ready, Ann worked evenings at G B E Legg, Andover

Eventually Malcolm and Hilary left home and started their own families; Malcolm with Angela and daughter Amelia, and Hilary with Geoff and daughters Vicky and Aymee. On their retirement from work, Harry and Ann then decided to move back to St Mary Bourne. They were the first residents in the new-build Stud Farm development which was perfect for them. They settled back happily into village life and enjoyed local activities, the monthly lunch club and the annual flower show.

After Harry passed away in 2020, Ann bravely continued to manage her life independently until her health began to deteriorate and dementia was diagnosed. Nevertheless, with visits from Malcolm and Hilary and regular weekly outings to the Kingfisher Club, Ann stayed at her much-loved home until April this year, when suffering from sickness she was taken into hospital and inoperable cancer was discovered.

Ann received wonderful care and support from the Countess of Brecknock Hospice and Ashbourne Court Care Home but on 23rd June she lost her battle for life. She is now reunited with Harry.

We send our sympathy to all Ann's family who deeply mourn the loss of a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Interview

Leadership at Testbourne



In the Summer Term, Ruby Reid was appointed one of three Executive Leadership Prefects, along with two others, Jake and Ollie. Testbourne has moved on from 'Head Boy and Head Girl' and makes appointments to the Leadership team through merit and excellence, without regard to gender. So, each year the number in this role depends on the quality of the applicants. There is a rigorous application process where candidates have to show qualities of leadership, reflecting the school's ethos and strapline *Achievement – Excellence – Integrity*.

Ruby says: *"The selection process was quite tough. I had to prepare a power point presentation to Mr Beck, my year group leader and the Chair of Governors. I had to demonstrate who I was, what I value and how I have been involved in school activities over the years."*

And the list is not short! She has been involved in sporting activities, theatre production, the equality and diversity and mental health teams, the School Council, the Eco Club and more. She says being involved in these activities has meant her confidence has grown.

During the course of the interview Mr Beck found Ruby to have the qualities of leadership needed for the role she would, if successful, be appointed to. She showed maturity, kindness, ambition, respect, the right attitude to learning, behaviour and a good life/school balance.

So, I asked two questions:

1. What do you hope to achieve in your year?

"I hope that the School Council can engage more with the Student Body. We want to make the 'planner' more useful. I am hoping to have equality for uniform choices including shorts for boys and girls.

I hope students feel they can come to us, if they suffer any bullying.

And to ensure the School Council makes an impact on the School.

My ambition is to aim high, finish the projects we have started and make sure the handing over runs smoothly"

2. So, would you like to have input into next year's group?

"Yes, I'd love that. To help them 'relax' into the job in the handover period, to keep stress levels low and to tell them to make the most of it."

Congratulations and good luck Ruby, one term down two to go.
Dodie Marsden

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REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 10 JULY

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

A number of members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns and comment on the recent decision by LCPL to remove their General Manager. After the meeting, a summary of the questions and comments raised by members of the public and councillors was sent to LCPL for their response.

PLANNING

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to:

- Tree work at **Longparish Playground**

The PC agreed to suggest to TVBC that **PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED** for a proposed fish tank/stock pond at the **Watercress Beds (Land north of Nuns Walk)**.

FINANCE

A grant of £200 was approved for Longparish Little School towards the cost of a new wood-working area.
OPEN SPACES – B3048 stream bank maintenance

The Parish Council has a licence to manage and maintain the stretch of stream bank alongside the B3048 close to the Ashburn Rest and is very grateful to Paul Knipe for managing this on behalf of the PC, and reintroducing native wild plants to enhance the wildlife diversity in this area. This verge has been removed from the HCC cutting list for this purpose and must only be cut or strimmed by Paul at the appropriate times. Please report any issues with this bank to the clerk.

HIGHWAYS

The PC agreed to fund line painting and road markings at the junction of Southside Road/Sugar Lane to improve traffic safety in this area.

Plea to Property owners – it is time to cut back hedges that border roads or footpaths

Under the Highways Act, roadside hedges are the responsibility of the landowner who has to: Prevent the hedge from overhanging the highway. Prevent hedges from obscuring streetlights and road signs. Clear the road of debris after hedges have been cut.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Residents can report problem hedges on the Hampshire website. This may result in Highways cutting back the hedge, but the bill will be sent to the property owner, so property owners are well advised to keep hedges cut back from the road or right of way to avoid a hefty bill.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24 JULY

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to:

- Single storey rear and two-storey side extension at **The Old Curacy, Longparish**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 11 September**.

Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman, or on any matter as part of the Period for Public Speaking.

Chairman: Mr Peter Hull - email

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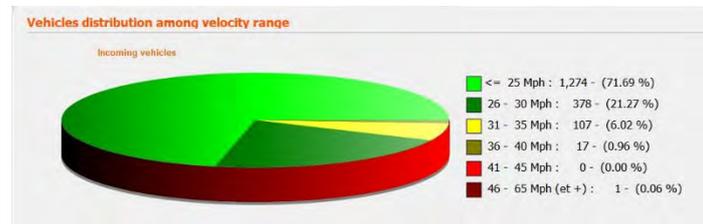
Longparish Speed Indicator Device

Longparish and Barton Stacey bought a Speed Indicator Device three years ago which is rotated between the villages. We have 4 sites in Longparish, near the shop, near the playground, by Buck Close FIELD and by the Forton bus shelter. The device acts as a reminder for drivers to slow down and also gives data for speeds and numbers of vehicles at different times of day and shows the impact of blockages on the A34 or A303. The data confirms that the majority of drivers (80%) drive at 30mph or less through the village.

“When you’re driving, it’s hard to perceive that a slight increase in speed is really so damaging. It’s easy to let speed creep up. But a crash at 30mph involves twice as much energy and destructive potential as a crash at 20mph.”

Brake, the Road Safety Charity www.brake.org.uk, an interesting organisation who campaign for safer roads.

It is encouraging to see that most people do drive more slowly past the playground see the pie chart below for a week in April, over 70% driving under 25mph. This is a small change from other years.



The Parish Council is very grateful to the volunteers who have managed the device to date and are now looking for two more volunteers to take it on, full training and guidance will be given.

If you are interested, please contact the clerk, Email sally.lawmanpc@longparish.org.uk



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Countryside Club - Pond dipping

As part of the Greening Longparish



Initiative, we held the first Countryside Club event since the Covid outbreak. This Pond-dipping on the Village Green near Long Bridge was attended by parents and 27 children. It was led by local Naturalist, Paul Knipe. Despite the overcast conditions we were lucky to see a selection of common species of butterfly; **Comma, Peacock, Red Admiral, and Meadow Brown** as well as a **Banded Damselfly**.

The group was split into two parties each taking turns to walk around either the Ox-eye Daisy maze or the Meadow Cranesbill maze while the other party took to the stream Pond-dipping. The health of the river proved to be in good shape with many indicator species being present. These included **freshwater shrimp**, three **bullheads** and plenty of **stickleback fry**. Plants spotted were **Hemp Agrimony, Marsh Woundwort, Hay Rattle, Black Knapweed, Meadowsweet** and **Angelica**. The children were well-behaved and enthusiastic with shouts of 'Paul, Paul come and see what we have caught'! Thanks must go to helpers including Becky Hopkinson, Susie Urquhart and to Georgina Knipe for helping with drinks and healthy fruit refreshments.

The children at Longparish Little School awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag.



The children at **Longparish Little School** have earned an international accreditation this academic year, recognising their amazing work in making their preschool more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness.



The Eco-Schools programme was established in 1994 and is now delivered in more than 70 countries across the globe. More than 1 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England in 2022-23. The children at the school first formed an Eco-Committee, then helped our Eco School Coordinator, Sylvia, to

conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly their preschool is. Building on their findings they planned a year of action designed to advance their green credentials, improve their

local environment, and protect our planet. The Eco-Committee connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: **litter/ waste, school grounds** and **global citizenship**. They then planned a variety of projects including **litter pick around the village, growing our own flowers, fruit and vegetables, re-homing toys in our toy swap and lots of recycling**.

The whole of Little School is overwhelmed with excitement after receiving our Eco School's Green Flag. We decided to throw an Eco party to celebrate all the fantastic things we have achieved. We had a lovely homemade **Eco cake** to enjoy for our snack.



Sylvia Condon said the children were very enthusiastic and engaging in learning about our planet and different ways in which we can help save it. I am very proud of all the things they learnt on this journey. Charlie aged 4, who was one of the children on the Eco School committee, said, "My favourite things were planting because my sunflower has grown really big. It is important to **plant flowers** so **bees can make honey**." Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "The Eco-Schools Green Flag award is an internationally recognised symbol of high environmental standards. The pupils and school staff that earn the award deserve immense credit for their hard work, determination, and creativity. Their passion for protecting our planet is an inspiration to us all."



Friends of Longparish School

FoLS will be at the Longparish Fete this month. Please come along to say hello and find out our plans for the year ahead. Our AGM will be held in October – all are welcome to attend (more details to follow).

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

Fields were small in July and August with many runners away on holiday. But the competition was fierce, nonetheless. This is a handicap race, so the trophies go to the most improved runners not necessarily the fastest. In fact, a slower runner has more chance of improving than a fast one who may already be near their limit.

By a strange quirk of fate, the Most Improved Man in July was the slowest runner, Mike Dukes in a time of 34mins 32secs for the 5K (three and a bit miles) while in August Mark Curtis, the fastest runner was MIM in a time of 20mins 3secs. So, you can see that it does not matter what pace you run at; everyone has a chance.

But the prize for the broadest smile went to July's Most Improved Woman, Elizabeth Benedetto who says she has never won a cup before.



Thank you very much to everyone who helped and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on **Sunday, 10**

September, the day after the fete, starting at **9am**. New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

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The John Woodcock Trophy – Longparish Village Cricket Day – Sunday 2nd July!

“John Woodcock would have loved it!” to quote one supporter who enjoyed the wonderful weather, thrilling cricket, perfect Pimm’s and Hampshire’s finest Hotdogs!

This was the second annual village Cricket Day but the inaugural Village match playing for the splendid John Woodcock Trophy, kindly donated by Jonathan Palmer of Longparish House.



The purpose of the Village Cricket Day, as well as fund raising, is to open up the club to the whole village, giving as many people as possible the chance to play on the

hallowed turf. For some it was their first introduction to cricket, for others it re-kindled their love of the game. If the club benefits from more members as a result – social or playing members – then so much the better!

The day started with the Junior Under 13s putting up a spirited display against a very strong Hursley Park side. Dawn and Alison’s bacon butties and teas went down a treat as the Under 11s then played an enthusiastic inter-club match.

Following the Junior Club matches, more games and activities were organised for any other children, sisters and brothers that wanted a go and join in. Thanks to Justin, Martin and Timo for your skill and patience giving everyone a great morning of cricket-based entertainment!

Meanwhile, the BBQ was in full swing thanks to culinary volunteers from the 3 senior club teams. Adjacent to the BBQ, other members of the committee had Pimm’s on the go and manned the bar!



The eagerly anticipated John Woodcock Trophy match duly began with the Club batting first – their team a mix of juniors and seasoned pros. The Village took to the field – their team a mix of over-seasoned amateurs.

The game swung one way then the other, like an over from Jimmy Anderson in his prime. It culminated in the most exciting finish with the Village needing a boundary off the last ball, from the Village number 16 (there was 19 in the Village team!), managing a respectable 2 which gave the Club victory by one run.

Festivities ensued - and the all-important raffle draw!



Jonathan Palmer congratulated the winning captain, Jack Ashmore, and spoke warmly about John Woodcock, the Club and the Village which ended the day perfectly!

My thanks go to all the Committee members who made this possible as well as Club members, and the Village team that put in an amazing performance. Some notable performances on the Village side deserve a mention – Graeme’s, John’s (x2), George’s, Andy’s, Matt’s, and Martin’s bowling; the Hulme’s footballing influenced fielding technique; Connor’s (find of the day), George’s, Jimmy’s, and John’s batting. Plus, everyone else too!

Thanks also to raffle prize donors – including Petal Boutique, River Test Distillery, Hillier Garden Centres, the Williams family. The Event raised £1,300 which will go toward the re-thatching fund for the pavilion.



Longparish Cricket Club

"LCC ran another successful All-stars Programme for 19 children aged 5-8 between May and July. Enjoyment levels were high, and we hope that the children will return next year and continue their cricket journey. The junior teams fixtures were impacted by difficulties in putting out teams but both the U15s and U13s managed to play a full programme of fixtures.

The senior teams Leagues finish at the end of August. The 1sts are currently 12th out of 18 in Hampshire Division 2, with the last 4 teams being relegated and 9 teams still in danger of finishing in a relegation place including Longparish; one more win should secure cricket in Division 2 for next season. The 2nds are 5th in their League and the 3rds are 9th.

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The WI isn't just old ladies baking cakes, it is about learning, growing, and making friends... and sometimes baking cakes.

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We are very excited to have the Larondina Dance Company performing for us in the round in the Church. They are a very special dance company because they are all trained Down's Syndrome dancers. They have performed in many countries where Down's is very prevalent and misunderstood and on the West End stage at Her Majesty's Theatre and have participated at National and International Festivals at Olympia, the Excel Centre in London and Disneyland Florida. Other highlights have been performing for Pope Benedict in Hyde Park and taking part in Sky TV's 'Got to Dance' Competition.

They have just returned from Rome where they danced for Ambassadors from all over the world to observe Down's Syndrome Awareness Day and had an audience with the Pope.

This is a special opportunity to see this unique and captivating dance company.

Tickets @ £20 to include a sparkling reception with delicious canapés after the performance available from The Clatfords' Village Store, Greenfields, Abbots Ann Village Store, **Rosie Barclay 365914, Lynda Gent 332524, Emily Fabricius 360359, Betty Armstrong 361017, Sylvia Kennedy 323226.**

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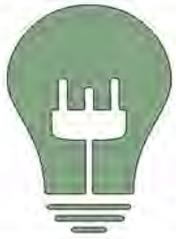


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A warm welcome to The Plough!



We're delighted to welcome Ray O'Beirne as Manager of The Plough. Ray has a wealth of experience in pubs and hospitality and joins us from North London.

"Thank you for your welcome to lovely Longparish, I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and sharing your pub and hub with you."

Hog Roast on Saturday 9th September!

From 3pm – 9pm on Saturday 9th September we'll be serving succulent spit roasted free-range Hog with the best crispy crackling and exciting sauces at The Plough! A perfect way to complete your day after a fun visit to Longparish Village Fete.

Book now on 01264 720069 or on the website www.ploughinn.org.

News of Autumn theme nights

We can exclusively reveal that Ray is exploring new theme nights – a curry night and a steak night on Mondays and Tuesdays. Fabulous! Look out for details on The Plough website (www.ploughinn.org) and on the blackboards in the pub.

Come and taste our chefs' new dishes! Whether you want a light snack or a Sunday dinner there's something for everyone. Find our Lunchtime Menu, Evening Menu, Sunday Menu and Children's (or small eaters') Menu, just a click away on our newly refreshed website.

Huge thanks to all our local customers, loyal staff, volunteers, and shareholders. We truly appreciate your support and hope you will enjoy The Plough's warm welcome throughout the autumn.

With best wishes from Ray and the team at The Plough

Longparish Wildlife: How to spot the Lesser Greater Plastic Flamingo



The Lesser Greater Plastic Flamingo was first spotted in Massachusetts, United States in the late 1950s. The first of its kind, fondly known as Diego, was discovered by an American Artist and avid plastic ornithologist. His

discovery later earned him a Nobel Prize in Art in 1996. Since the 1950s appreciation and awareness of the Lesser Greater Plastic Flamingo has grown immensely. Normally preferring warmer climates, they can often be found in beach communities along the coastal United States. Some Plastic Flamingos have also been known to thrive in gnome infested gardens, regardless of geographical location. This species of Flamingo is hardy and can now be found on almost every continent.

It is always enjoyable to spot the Lesser Greater Plastic Flamingo. However, it is important to approach them with caution as this species has no known predators and are basically the top of the food chain. Large groups of wild ones have been seen to clean the bones off a full sized dinosaur.

There is a small passive flock that wanders the village from time to time. If tamed they make lovely pets, enthusiastically adorning outfits for every occasion.

Angie Curtis

Have you noticed the Hidden Flamingo? It has been sneaking around the Longparish pages of the Hill & Valleys. The flamingo can be found hidden in pictures or text in every issue.



Christmas Fayre

Longparish Christmas Fayre will be back this year on **Saturday 9th**

December in the village hall. If you know anyone who would like a stall, please ask them to contact me on the email below. We will hold a raffle to raise money too, so if you are able to donate a prize, please let me know. Also, if you are able to help at all I would be very grateful, thank you.

Contact **Laura** at lpchristmasfayre@mail.com

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Tuesday Talks

The LCA is delighted to announce the return of 'Tuesday Talks' on the second Tuesday of the month over the autumn and winter months, and to reveal that our first talk on **Tuesday 10th October 2023** will be given by **Matthew Dryden** 'Travels with my microbes - journeys to the UK overseas territories post covid'.

Since retiring from the NHS, Matthew Dryden's recent travels have been in his capacity as the infection doctor for the UK overseas territories.

The talk will begin at 7 p.m. Village Hall doors open at 6.30 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are welcome to offset the cost of hiring the Hall.

There will be a cash bar.



Longparish Fete 9th September
The TEA Stall and The CAKE Stall would love donations of Cakes and Biscuits – any shape, size, or flavour, please list all ingredients
Deliver in the morning to the cricket pavilion
Or for collection ring **Rosie 720325 or Christian 720 398**
Volunteers for the TEA STALL urgently needed too! Shifts of an hour so time to enjoy the fete as well.
Ring **Christian Dryden 720 398 or email drydencr@googlemail.com**

LONGPARISH FETE BOOK/CD/DVD STALL - ITEMS NEEDED TO SELL

If you have any **Books, CD's, and DVD's** to donate to Longparish fete please phone **Jenny Jolliffe on 07471 942 496** or 01264 720207 to arrange collection.

I am happy to collect items from anywhere within the Bourne Valley any time before the fete date of 9 September 2023

Longparish Church & Village Fete – Saturday 9th September 2023

12 – 4 pm Longparish Cricket Field

By kind permission of Richard Wills, Middleton Estate and Longparish Cricket Club

The fete will be opened at 12 pm by the Reverend David Roche



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- Bottle Stall - Coconut Shy – Gifts – Book stall - Bric-a-Brac – Second Hand Rose
- Children's Toys – Quick Draw

CAKE DONATIONS ON THE DAY FOR THE TEAS AND FOR THE CAKE STALL WILL BE MOST WELCOME

It would be great if you could email * to say what you might bring. Thank you.

For information about joining the enthusiastic team of volunteers to set up on Friday and/or help on the day, please contact Peter (720551) or Georgi (720829) or email: * stnbrightwaters@icloud.com *

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- 16 7pm – St Andrew's Reels –
Barn at Chapmansford Farmhouse
- 21 from 10.15am – Ladies' Coffee Morning –
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- 2 10am to 12 Noon - 'The Repair Café' –
The George Inn
- 9 10am to 6pm – Ride & Stride for Churches
- 12 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 12 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting –
Village Centre Club Room
- 19 7.15pm – *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* –
Village Centre
- 20 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre
- 30 7.30pm – Harvest Supper and Quiz –
The White Hart, Stoke

LONGPARISH

- 5 7.30pm – Bingo - Village Hall
- 8 10am to 12noon - Coffee Morning - The Plough
- 9 12noon to 4pm - **Longparish Church & Village Fête** –
Cricket Ground
- 10 9am - L2S0TM Race - Cricket Ground
- 11 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 26 6pm - Gardening Club - Lower Mill
- 29 12noon to 2pm - **Lunch Club** - Village Hall



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Enham Summer Fête
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