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Remembrance Sunday - 14th November

Dear Friends,

I hope these beautiful autumn mornings find you keeping well.

Following on from David's update in last month's Hill & Valley, I am one of the 6 clergy within our new ministry team. I started my role as curate (trainee) last October, and look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months. As well as working in our parish, I also juggle part time chaplaincy work with older people, and at Naomi House & Jacksplace hospices for children and young adults. Previously, I enjoyed working as a small animal vet, before spending 3 years working with women in recovery from addictions.

The two days a week I spend as an Anna Chaplain is all about providing spiritual and emotional support for older people, and I spend a lot of my time visiting residents in two care homes. This year, in preparation for our Care Home Remembrance Services, I'll be interviewing 2-3 older residents who have memories of serving during WWII. It feels like such a privilege to be able to spend time with these amazing people and to hear their stories. My Grandparents all played their part in WWII, and my Grandpa also in WWI, but I'm just mindful that our children today don't have that direct link, and how important it is for us to keep the Remembrance alive for future generations.

And thinking about a very different type of battle, I'd also like us to remember somewhere in the region of 1,500 health and social care workers from up and down our country, who have so tragically contracted Covid-19 and died, whilst working on the pandemic frontline. Back in July at a Memorial Service in London, Sara Gorton said, *"The hundreds and hundreds of dedicated NHS workers who died battling to save the lives of others must never be forgotten"*.

Please join us for one of our 'Services of Remembrance' held across our benefice on Sunday 14th November – details listed.

This time last year, the pandemic had stopped us from remembering the life, death and resurrection of Jesus through Holy Communion.



So, thank goodness for the words of St. Paul:

'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:38-39)

Whilst we 'remember' this year, I urge us all to hang on to the words of St. Paul, and to the hope that they offer us.

With my warmest wishes, **Nicky**

Services in the Parish Churches

November 2021

The Benefice will continue to have a Zoom service each week. But as you will see below, all our 11am services are moving to 10.30am to be in line with everyone else in the Benefice. As always suggested, if you are isolating, in a vulnerable category or are unsure, please stay safe, stay at home and come to Zoom. All Zoom details (incl. the link) are available from the Church wardens, Caroline Hoyes or Dodie Marsden.

7th November - Trinity 23

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<i>All Age Communion</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Home Zoom service at 11.00am		

14th November - Remembrance Sunday

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
Home Zoom service at 10.50 for 11am		

21st November - Christ the King

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Family Communion</i>
	4.00pm	<i>Prayer Service for the Benefice</i>
St James', Woodcott	no service	
Home Zoom service at 11.00am		

28th November - Advent Sunday

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.00am	<i>All Age Family Worship</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>All Age Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>All Age Family Worship</i>
St James', Woodcott	no service	

Midweek Holy Communion - 9.30am at St Peter's, St Mary Bourne on Wednesday 10th and 24th November

For all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact Karen in the Benefice Office

☎ 01264 738 308 or email:

office.brightwaters@btinternet.com

If you wish to contact the Revd Canon Dodie Marsden, please call ☎ 01264 738 211 or email: dodie.marsden@gmail.com

If you are unable to contact Dodie, in an emergency, please call ☎ 01264 720 215 or ☎ 01264 738 489

• 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 email: rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

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

Flora Ross at St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors on 3rd October

Esmay Honey Ponting at St Nicholas', Longparish on 3rd October

Harriet McCullough at St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors on 16th October

Weddings

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

Donna Jackson and **Martin Clay** on 2nd October at St Nicholas, Longparish

Funerals

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

With deepest sympathy we record the following:

The Funeral of **Pam Davies** at St Peter's, St Mary Bourne

The Burial of Ashes of **Sybil Grunsell** at St Peter's, St Mary Bourne

We remember them and their families in our prayers





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WEATHER – SEPTEMBER 2021

Total rainfall for month	76mm	2.99in
It rained on	7 days	
Rainfall same month last year	45mm	1.77in
Total for 2021	740mm	29.13in
Total for 2020	751mm	29.56in
Max temp on 7 th	31C	88F
Min temp on 29 th	5C	41F

Rainfall to the end of September is nearly the same as last year and it was the second warmest September since records began.

John Smail

LADIES' COFFEE MORNINGS

The November coffee morning will be hosted by Lois Jones on Wednesday, 17th at 28 Hurstbourne Priors, any time between 10.15 and 12 noon. All ages welcome!



For more information, or if you would like to host a coffee morning, please contact Susie Sorby (tel. 892665 or sbsorby@hotmail.com)

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee Needs You!!

Due to a number of Committee members leaving the village recently, we are now looking for some new members to join our group.

The responsibilities are not onerous - we meet only three times a year - but are important in order to maintain this much loved and vital community facility and building. We would welcome new ideas for fundraising and are always looking at ways to improve the Hall to ensure that we offer the best facilities possible to our bookings.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Caroline Glover 01256 893550.



THE WONDERING FIDDLERS

An International trio will be creating a joyful evening of accessible Early Music including works by Bach and Boccherini

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They are all tutors with the charity Early Music as Education (EMAE) based in Merseyside. Their shared love of early music and historical performance influences their choice of repertoire and use of copies of historical instruments. We are incredibly lucky to have them perform in Hurstbourne Priors. It is our good fortune that their cellist Elizabeth Elliott is related to one of our parishioners.

TICKETS £15 to include our usual generous interval refreshments. (Children under 16 are free). Proceeds are shared between the Group and the charities (EMAE and St Andrew's Church).

Apply to

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Mandy: a.briantevans@gmail.com
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WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

**Food Festival a Great Success**

We're delighted to report that our first Food Festival was a great success. All ran incredibly smoothly, nearly 1100 visitors came, and we and the local businesses that joined us worked hard to ensure everyone had a good time. Several of the stalls, including the Hampshire Deli and Karina's Cakes, sold out of their wares very swiftly, Grandad's Fudge sold four times the amount of fudge he would expect to at such an event, and we sold 93 glasses of Pimm's! There was no entry fee, but visitors donated generously, so we're happy about that, too. None of this would have been possible without the volunteers who helped us with the planning, preparations and on the day, and we thank them wholeheartedly. If you'd like to volunteer to help with future events, such as Winter Lights 2022 (28 January to 6 February), do get in touch.

Waterwheel Update

Our Crowdfunding campaign is going well but it looks as though we won't quite meet our target, so if you've been intending to donate and haven't yet done so, we'd be very grateful if you'd do so, and please also spread the word. A big thank you to those who have already donated so generously.

The platform and cradle that will support the waterwheel while it's being restored have been assembled and attached to the supporting walls either side of the wheel. They provide full access to the area via a boarded floor, secure lifting and proper support for the two-ton wheel assembly, and also access to the walls of the wheelhouse so we can do some repairs to those, too.

Pins & Needles November

Join us on 5 November between 2pm and 4pm for the next in our regular adult crafting sessions, to learn a new skill or just to enjoy the company of some like-minded crafters. Tickets at £10 include tuition, all materials and a hot drink from the café. Places are limited, so book as soon as you can.

Silk Paper Vase Workshop 10 November, 10am to 3pm

Learn how to make silk paper by combining silk mulberry tops with a textile bonding agent to give a colourful textured paper, then how to place the paper on organza or other fabric and use it to cover a glass vase, and then how to embellish it with hand embroidery and beadwork. This workshop is suitable for all abilities and no previous skills are necessary. All materials provided. Cost £45 per person.

Threads in Sheds Exhibition until 21 November

Our 'Threads in Sheds' exhibition featuring contemporary tapestry pieces created by members of the British Tapestry Group, and showcasing the work of renowned tapestry weavers Joan Baxter and William Jefferies, has been drawing in interested visitors from far and wide. The exhibition is free with Mill admission.

Next Exhibition: Made in the Hood 27 November–9 January. Made in the Hood is a group of artists and craftspeople based around north Hampshire. Their exhibition will showcase work including painted silk and silk paper craft, bobbin wire lace, fused and stained glass, ceramics, paintings, jewellery and textiles. Lots of lovely Christmas present ideas!

Contact: info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 01256 892065 – www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

ALL HALLOWS CHURCH AUTUMN CONCERTS

Tickets are on sale for our 'All Hallows Church Autumn Concerts' in Whitchurch. Please buy your tickets through Eventbrite (see the links below), or by calling Revd Nicky on 07922 086314. Tickets are priced at £8 each.

Friday 12th November at 7.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-hallows-autumn-concert-friday-12th-november-tickets-178271614197>

On Friday, we'll be treated to a variety of music from exceptional local musicians, including Vincent Lindsey-Clark (classical guitar), Susie Urquhart (classical and musical theatre singer), Paul Price and Lizzie Kirk (clarinet duo), Lynda and Martin Frith (jazz duo) and a Jazz Wind Quintet.

Saturday 13th November at 7.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-hallows-autumn-concert-saturday-13th-november-tickets-178341222397>

On Saturday evening, why not chill out to a fabulous evening from local band 'Rum Runners' (playing rock music from 60s-00s), and Folk music from Paul Sartin.

There will be a bar on both evenings. We only have 150 tickets available for each concert, so I'd encourage you to buy them quickly! Any questions, please email:

rev.nicky@ahwhitchurch.org.uk

Revd Nicky Smallwood

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 27th November at 7pm in the Village Hall.

All residents of Hurstbourne Priors are welcome to attend and do not need to let the Clerk know beforehand. However, if there is something particular you would like to discuss it might be helpful to let him know so that it can be added to the Agenda. The Clerk, Richard Waterman, can be contacted on

Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com or on 01264 772460.

All copies of the minutes of previous meetings are on the village website.
Clare Read, Chairman

TESTBOURNE SCHOOL - AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and valued members of the community,

As we go into a second academic year of Covid, and after all we have been through over the past 18 months, we reflect upon the start of the new academic year.

During this term, we continue our journey in developing our teaching and the opportunities for our children. Like many schools, we have been faced with many disruptions and challenges due to absence of children and staff alike because of Covid. Our school has been incredibly resilient throughout and the quality of provision for our children has not been noticeably affected. All children who are off school but are well enough to access lessons, can join their classes through remote connection or use our SharePoint system to access the work required. This has minimised the disruption as much as possible.

One of the most obvious developments on the school site now is the refurbishment of the SCOLA building. This is an ambitious scheme to re-clad the building and to make significant improvements to the internal layout and facilities. We look forward to having our new and larger canteen back at the end of phase 1, in November, and to using the brand-new toilet facilities, science lab and other exciting amenities that result from the work. Please do contact the school if you would like to know more.

Finally, we were pleased to welcome around 600 people to our Open Evening and over 100 families to our open mornings in September. These were events of great atmosphere and demonstrate how our school retains its reputation as a wonderful place to send your children for their education. You can find out more by emailing admin@testbourne.school

I wish all readers the very best in these challenging times.

Jon Beck, Headteacher, Testbourne Community School
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CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas Trees for Sale with Free Delivery

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A limited stock of Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, either 5-6ft (£26) or 6-7ft (£32) are available for FREE DELIVERY to your home in Whitchurch and surrounding areas on Saturday 4th December 2021. Non-contact deliveries available. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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We are looking for Volunteers in your Community



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Just 2 hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

What support will I be given?

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Interested?

For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on: 01264 835293
 Email: Caroline.Nash@hhft.nhs.uk

Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

Caroline Nash
 Befriending Manager

WORD OF THE MONTH

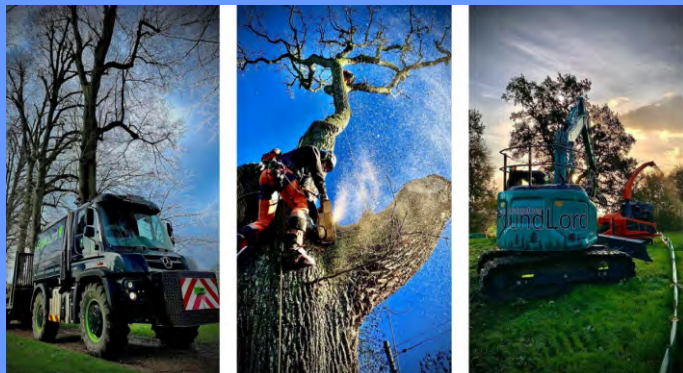
The word for November is one to describe poverty of light: CALIGINOUS which is beginning to affect our evenings although we are still being blessed with warm sunny days in late October!

Barbara Carrodus

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like be included on the village email list to be kept informed of village events, please contact Ann Orr (annjorr@btinternet.com)

Events we would notify you about include Safari Supper, May Fair, Church events or those happening on the Recreation Ground or Village Hall. *Please rest assured your information is kept securely and will not be given to anyone else without your consent.*



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TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK: SUE AND TONY'S STORY – PART TWO

Part One of this article is in September's Hill and Valley.

Our wooded area had been heavily mown by the previous owners, but aside from cutting a few paths we left the grassy sections alone. The result has been beautiful orchids and an amazing abundance of insect life. Small mammals can hide in the undergrowth, while owls hunt along the paths. When managing the trees, we leave logs, stumps, and piles of chippings as habitat for moths, reptiles, hedgehogs, and fungi.

We also planted trees and mixed hedging in our main field, which we sub-divided in order to add a wildflower meadow. Nature has done her bit, with many new plants spreading on their own; the teasels are a delight and orchids have emerged along the riverbank. One of our simplest and most rewarding additions has been a muddy puddle – every morning in the summer we top it up, and the birds come down to collect their nesting material. It's an absolute joy to watch and costs nothing but a bit of time.

We want to do all we can to help wildlife, but have found that this is not a one-way street: owning the land is a privilege that gives so much back to us. Every little thing we've done has given us moments of real joy - a lizard basking on a bench and the grass alive with froglets, the flash of a kingfisher and the rustle of reeds as a water vole crosses the stream. The constant hum of insects alongside the flutter of tiny wrens, huge red kites, and our seasonal friends the swallows, swifts, and house martins.

One of the biggest lessons we've learned is that land managed for nature won't always look tidy - nettles and thistles aren't the most beautiful plants, but they provide fantastic food and cover for wildlife. It will also be a little unpredictable: our first season of wildflowers gave us the most amazing show, but last year's was dominated by just a few species. It's all a balance, and the reward for embracing this is small surprises; this year's has been cowslips.

Even looking back at all our progress, we know there is still much more that we can do. This winter we sowed yellow rattle in the woodland to suppress some of the more dominant grasses and help diversify our plant species. We plan to increase our current number of bird and bat boxes too. Our next big project is to try to create a large pond on an area currently used for grazing, then complement this with marginal planting, trees and hedges. Once it's in place, we'll wait to see who arrives! We know that not everyone has the opportunity or land availability to do what we've done, but in our experience the little things really do make a big difference. Research and advice can be invaluable aids; we had a visit with Maggie Shelton from the Wildlife Trust, which helped shape the plans for our pond. Whatever your circumstances, do what you can – you absolutely will not regret it.

Want to support your local stream? Get involved:
www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes

ANDOVER FOODBANK - CHRISTMAS

Christmas is approaching! Each year we try to help families and individuals with some gifts and treats so they have a chance to celebrate the season rather than survive it. It can be a very difficult time.

This year we will be doing our children's gift boxes and providing hampers filled with festive treats. With the cut in universal credit, increased energy bills and the end of furlough we expect to have a busy season. Last year you helped us distribute over 1000 gift boxes and 700 hampers. We would be very grateful for your support again this year.

Information on how to make up and donate a children's gift box using new and age-appropriate gifts is now on our website. The deadline for donations is Friday 5th November. They are distributed to children who are supported by our partner agencies where there is a risk that they won't receive other presents. Our website and social media pages will have lots of ideas of what to include and how to pack them.

Christmas hamper collections start with our 12 Days to Christmas campaign on 8th November. Hampers need to be at the foodbank by Sunday 28th November when we will be open in the afternoon between 2-4pm. They can be delivered to the foodbank before this date during our usual opening hours, Monday-Friday 9:30-12:30.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, you can do so online from our website or for giftboxes, text GIFTBOX and the amount you would like to donate to 70085 (eg GIFTBOX 15 would donate £15). Texts cost the donation amount plus one standard rate message. Text GIFTBOXNOINFO if you don't want to hear from us further. For other ways to help, visit our website or email us at office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

For more information visit our website at www.andover.foodbank.org.uk.

Thank you so much for your support. These items make such a difference to families and individuals in our local community.

Andover Foodbank

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST LUNCH

Thank you everyone for your help with this year's Harvest Lunch. To members of the PCC who helped set up the Village Hall, to the many cooks for delicious puddings, sausages – not to mention our traditional red cabbage – and to everyone who came! And a special thank you to Rose and Joseph Urquhart for selling lots of raffle tickets. We raised just over £200 for the Mityana Projects Trust.

Thank you too for your generous gifts of food items donated at the Harvest Festival and to Caroline Glover for transporting them to the Foodbank.

Fenella Williams

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been the warm, friendly face that has welcomed so many staff, parents, children and visitors into our school. She is, without doubt, all things to all people; If children need medicine, off they go to Mrs Torkington;

"Where are the pens? Let's go to see Mrs Torkington"; "We're running late! Better let Mrs Torkington know";

"How much money do we have in the budget this year? Jan will know!" And "Oh no! It's broken! Quick, tell Mrs Torkington!"

Not having Mrs Torkington at school will take a great deal of adjustment for us all and she will be missed immensely. However, we have been blessed to have her for so long, serving our school and its community brilliantly. We wish her a very well-deserved retirement and hope that she enjoys all the fun things she has planned. Thank you so much, Jan, for all that you have done for us.

St Peter's Animal service

The annual animal service was held on 12th September at St Peter's Church. Some of the animals who attended are pictured below including the 158-year-old tortoise!



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our concert "An evening of music". We raised £465.00 for St Peters church.

Harriet Dickinson

The Lunch

We are very pleased to say that the monthly Village Community Lunch is restarting in January!

As before, our light low-cost lunches will be held in the Village Centre at 12.30pm and we restart on **Wednesday 19th January 2022**. Again, these will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, except for November and December which will be the second Wednesday. But in the meantime, we are also pleased to say that we are providing a **Christmas Lunch in the George Inn at 12.30pm on Wednesday 1st December** which will include a small raffle. This is a joint venture with the George and there will be a limit on numbers that can attend. Please phone Eve on 01264 **738681** by 11th November to book, and if a lift is needed phone Chris on 01264 **738110** by 30th November.



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Although I have mentioned it before now, I feel that it is finally officially OK to talk about CHRISTMAS! Word to the wise... if you don't want to wade through the crowds at the supermarkets or fight for the last packet of sprouts on the shelves, you know that you can pre-order everything you need for Christmas from us, right? Fill in our order form (available at the shop); come to the shop on Christmas Eve, or earlier (where parking is not an

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Lara

Village Shop 100 Club

Application Forms to join the 2022 Village Shop 100 Club will be in the Shop at the beginning of November. £25 gives you 48 chances to win a monthly cash prize + an extra £50 draw at Christmas. Payment by cash or debit card only please. All proceeds in support our Village Shop.

October 2021 - 1🎉 Club Draw:

£50 - A Woodhouse **£20** - J & D Peart

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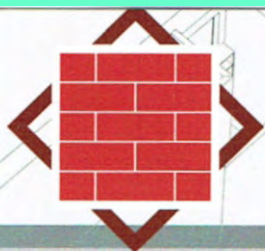
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The extended bank holiday from **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June** will provide an opportunity for us all to get together to celebrate this historic royal first and a group of us have started to try to do a bit of advance planning. It is all at a very early stage and we would welcome views on what we have come up with so far and any suggestions for additional events or activities. The main focus is on us getting together as a community to share friendship and fun and we want there to be something for everyone.

The official programme announced to date starts with **Trooping of the Colour on Thursday 2nd June** with **Platinum Jubilee Beacons** being lit in the evening in the UK and across the Commonwealth. There will be a **service of thanksgiving** in St Paul's on **Friday** and the BBC will broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace (**the "Platinum Party at the Palace"**) on **Saturday**. **The Big Jubilee Lunch** will take place on **Sunday** when people are invited to come together for a street party or picnic to bring the jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. **The Platinum Jubilee Pageant** will also take place around Buckingham Palace on **Sunday** and will combine street arts, theatre, music, circus, carnival and costume in a celebration of service to the community.

Our initial discussion resulted in the following suggestions which all need fleshing out but are at least a starting point:

Thursday evening – Bonfire party with our own beacon being lit at 9.15pm to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons. We are working on finding a location for this.

Friday – Jubilee bike ride around the parish with refreshment stops.

Saturday – Sports on the recreation ground in St Mary Bourne (something for children and adults- perhaps including cricket?) followed by an evening event in the Village Centre featuring local musicians and other entertainment. We thought we might also try to get a drone up to take a village photo of a mass gathering on the Rec.

Sunday – Service of celebration in St Peter's in the morning (and possibly bell ringing too?) with street parties/picnics in St Mary Bourne, Stoke, Binley, Egbury and Wadwick as part of the Big Jubilee Lunch and maybe including our own local aspects of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant (dressing up and music could easily be in there and possibly more!).

One other activity we discussed and would very much like to include is **tree planting**. The Queens Green Canopy is an initiative created to mark the jubilee and invites people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". The best time for planting is between now and next March so we would want to do this before June, possibly in February to mark the Queen's accession. We need to find one or more suitable locations for this.

Other ideas that we didn't link to a specific event included a poetry competition (perhaps to link to the tree planting?) and activities for children (draw, paint or build a castle from recycled material, describe what the Queen means to me, decorate Jubilee Crown biscuits etc). We also thought that the school choir might like to be involved in an event.

We want these events and activities to be what you would like to participate in so please don't be shy and let us know what you think - e: karencrofts@hotmail.com. We have had some great community royal celebrations in the past and we know how to throw a good party, so let's make this the best ever!

KC



to Gordon Pearce - 100 years young on 28th September.

Gordon has lived in Hampshire all his life. He moved to St Mary Bourne with his wife Dorothy 40 years ago when he retired as a postman. Gordon worked for the Post Office for 34 years. Before that he served 15 years in the Army, seeing active service with the Hampshire Regiment fighting the Desert War with the Eighth Army and then, having transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps, he took part in the Normandy Landings towards the end of the Second World War. He will proudly join the British Legion at the annual Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial this year.

On his birthday Gordon enjoyed a surprise party arranged by his niece for over 50 family members, friends, neighbours and former colleagues at the British Oak pub in Smannell. The Patron of the Royal British Legion Lieutenant-General Sir Mark Mans came to congratulate him and he also received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson, as well as over 70 cards from family and friends, and most importantly a signed card of congratulations from HM The Queen.



Sandra and the Grunsell family would like to thank everyone who attended the service in St Peter's to celebrate Tony's life and for the very generous donations made to Macmillan Cancer Support in his memory.



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Parish Council

Summary report from the **October** meeting of St Mary Bourne Parish Council

Cllrs Peart, Fullerton, Madge, Randall and the clerk attended the meeting. County Cllr Thacker, Borough Cllr Carr and one member of the public attended part of the meeting.

B&DBC Cllr's report - Cllr Carr reported that there are two vacancies for Governors at St Mary Bourne School. Interested people should apply direct to the school. He also reported on the Borough's future housing requirement which equates to 900 houses per year. This impacts on the Local Plan and the current StMB Neighbourhood Plan and the chairman planned to meet the B&DBC Planning Officer soon to discuss this and other matters.

HCC Cllr's report - Cllr Thacker reported that savings of £80 million were required over the next 2 years. He outlined various proposals of how the County Council could achieve this. It was also probable that Council Tax would increase by approx. 4%. Various outstanding highways repairs and footpath matters in the parish were discussed. Cllr Thacker admitted that there were faults in the county council website which recorded and tracked direct notifications and these were being addressed. The parish council and parishioners could report matters direct to him if they weren't satisfied.

Flood & Emergency Group/Lake - River bank restoration work near the lake would be carried out within the next few weeks. A full cut of the lake surrounds and tree work would be carried out during October.

Highways - The PC was hoping to find a local contractor who could repair the Jubilee Light. Also someone who could source a new cover with frame to repair the manhole by the Cricket pavilion.

StMB Children's Play Area - Update - The steering group were looking for grants and engaging with schools and other childcare organisations.

Sustainable Bourne Valley - A report had been presented to the meeting and circulated to councillors. A copy could also be requested from the Clerk.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:

Tuesday 9th November, 19.30

Village Centre Club Room - Public welcome

All minutes and reports can be viewed at

www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

Details of all Planning Applications for the Parish can be accessed on the B&DBC website:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk ☎ 01264 738 039

Newly registered Planning Applications November 2021

• Erection of a steel framed agricultural building - **Swampton Farm, Gangbridge Lane (Wadwick Bottom)** - 21/03174/AGPD - 8 October 2021

• Erection of an Agricultural storage barn - **Mayfield, Binley Bottom** - 21/03062/AGPD - 27 September 2021

• Erection of outbuilding following demolition of existing garage outbuilding. Single storey porch extension to existing dwelling, and removal of existing bay window - **Windmill Cottage, Egbury Road** - 21/03048/HSE - 6 October 2021

• Erection of a single storey rear extension. Removal of existing mono pitched roof to larder and replacement with lead flat roof - **Butlers Farm, Gangbridge Lane** - 21/03004&05/HSE - 12 October 2021

• Erection of double car port - **Saint Augustines House, Upper Link** - 21/02542/HSE - 24 September 2021

Recent Local Planning Authority Decisions

• Alteration and change of use of existing barn to artist's studio associated with residential use - **Stubbs House, Binley** - 21/02410/FUL - 20 July 2021 - **granted**

• Erection of outbuilding following demolition of existing garage outbuilding. Single storey porch extension to existing dwelling, and removal of existing bay window - **Windmill Cottage, Egbury Road** - 21/01772/HSE - 24 May 2021 - application withdrawn



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St Mary Bourne has a 'dark skies' policy with no street lights in order to minimize impacts on

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Find out more at

www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (also known as COP26) will be held in Glasgow between 31st October and 12th November 2021. This is a critical summit for global climate action. We are all aware of the desperate consequences of global warming such as flooding, droughts, hurricanes and other extreme weather conditions which affect our natural habitats and threaten the whole future of our fragile planet Earth. To have a chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 °C, carbon emissions must halve by 2030 and reach 'net-zero' by 2050.

Why not discover your own Carbon footprint by using a Calculator developed by the World Wildlife Fund:

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Or visit our Sustainable Bourne Valley link on the parish council website to get some ideas of how to work together individually and collectively to reduce carbon emissions locally and in the wider world.

Small steps can make a big difference.



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Light Touch Saving the Planet

In all the doom and gloom of the climate news it is easy to feel helpless, anxious or to just switch off as it is all too overwhelming. These light touch articles started in 2011 as part of the church's environmental scheme suggesting small things, we could all do to lessen the harm done to our planet. This year's attention to soil health, avoidance of peat and more self-sufficiency all help to lessen our personal carbon footprints. Recent research indicates that private gardens in Britain cover an area bigger than all the country's nature reserves combined, estimated at over 10 million acres. When you consider the enormity of our environmental issues, it can feel as though one garden won't matter. Recent research states that there are still 83 million gardens in the UK so our small actions will add up.

But we do need Governments to legislate to achieve major change and **one action this autumn is vital**. It cannot have escaped your notice that November is the month of the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties. Boris Johnson brought out his new strategy on 19th October in time for COP26. (gov.uk/path to net zero strategy for 2050) We can all read some of this and lobby our Member of Parliament, (email: kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk or write to him at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) to keep the pressure on after the visitors have departed. This year is special as it is the first time the leader of every nation on earth is being invited and assisted to attend as opposed to sending representatives. This is because it has become very obvious that agreements made in 2015 in Paris are not going to keep global warming under 2 degrees, let alone 1.5 degrees. It is essential that from this time on, the whole world must work together and help each other. The UK in an independent report was recorded as having made some progress: coming second in the world with a rating of "almost adequate"!

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Habitat improvements for St Mary Bourne's chalk stream

The beautiful Bourne Rivulet is an iconic feature of the valley which shares its name. This precious chalk stream is particularly special: being a winterbourne, it ebbs and flows in sync with the seasons due to its reliance on our county's chalk aquifer. This quality makes it a naturally dynamic habitat, with as much value in its dry phases as in its damp ones.

Over time, however, certain stretches of the stream have been altered from their natural form. This has left them vulnerable to excess sediment and loss of the plants that would usually provide wildlife habitat and protect against bank erosion. Now, one stretch in St Mary Bourne is being helped through the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme.

Where the stream runs alongside the village lake, we're undertaking improvement works to reduce sediment deposition, stabilise the eroded banks, and establish native aquatic marginal plants. This will help to keep the gravelly bed clear, minimise future erosion, improve water conveyance, and create habitat for species such as water voles.

These works are taking place with the kind support of local riparian landowners and shouldn't cause disruption for village residents. For queries about the works, please contact Moragh Stirling at moragh@wessexrt.org.uk. For more information about Watercress and Winterbournes, please visit our webpages at www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes.

Postcard from Binley November 2021

Sometimes you could be forgiven for thinking the entire countryside is held together with baler twine. Take an amble around, it's everywhere. Gates are kept shut or held open with it. Ricketty fencing is secured with it. The gizmo that holds the split pin to the thingamabob on farm machinery runs on it, trousers are held up by it and scruffy terriers walked on the end of it. It pairs a brace of pheasants together and tools are hung from nails in sheds with it. Here in Binley there is a proliferation of fuchsia pink baler twine. Driving down a lane you'll catch a sudden flash of it in a hedgerow as you would the azure of a kingfisher. When ratting you are told it is vitally important to tie the bottoms of your trousers tight with baler twine to prevent a rat running up the inside. Despite nearly forty odd years knocking around the countryside I've yet to see this happen and to say I'm disappointed would be an understatement. Not to me of course but to some other poor soul! It's quite one thing to put a ferret *down* your trousers but altogether another to allow a rat up 'em! I shudder at the thought of it.

I was delighted to have been contacted by a number of people in relation to last month's "postcard" regarding favourite sticks and the length of time they've owned them. I'm pleased it's not just me that sees their sentimental value. Peter Corbett stopped me to show me the stick he carries around on his mule every day which he whittled when he was fourteen. Others have their father's or grandfather's sticks. I suppose there is something very tactile about wooden objects or "treen" to give them their correct name. It's warm, nice to handle, comforting even. There was a chap, Paul was his name, who lived at "Old Lawn" in Binley. A dead ringer for Clark Gable and many will remember him. He was a regular in the Hurdlers Arms and an accomplished wood turner. He made me a beautiful pair of

candle sticks from some pear wood I had which reminds me, somewhere I have a small stool made from pear by Maxie Lane. What a character he was, long gone now and at one time his chain saw carved furniture was all over this valley, exchanged for the cost of a few pints in the pub but I haven't seen anything in a while now.

The papers are having a meltdown over face to face doctors appointments or rather the lack of them. I had a telephone consultation booked for 6.30 the other evening with one of the practice nurses at Derrydown which I attended in my underpants and little else in the privacy of my conservatory. In my right hand was a fat cigar, in my left a large gin and held between my knees a big bowl of cheesy Wotsits. So much more preferable to sitting in that waiting room with all those ill people! I nodded sagely as I listened to the results of my recent medical MOT, discussed my diet in between sips and puffs and in general it was a convivial experience and I could answer the question about my weekly alcohol units without fear of squirming in my seat or looking shifty. What troubled me a little was the fact that the sugar free muesli I have endured for breakfast which tastes like horse feed is very bad for me? It's the dried fruit apparently. Too much sugar. Who'd have thought that? When you consider what's more likely to kill you, the hands of a deranged crack addict with a £300 a day habit or a dried apricot it all gets a bit perplexing.

My thanks this month go to Mrs Elizabeth Maclay for doing far more dogged research in to "Doodlebug Corner" than I did. It turns out that what fell from the skies in the summer of 1944 here in Binley was not a V2 rocket at all but a "Mistel", a cunning but ultimately unreliable method of bringing terror to these shores. There were a number of varieties but in its most successful form a Junkers 88 bomber was packed with explosive and strapped to its back would be a piloted fighter plane known as a "huckepack" (piggyback). This combo would take off and when near its target the fighter would release the Junkers via explosive bolts which would then fly on and ultimately crash and explode.

"On the 10th/11th August a Mistel that was on a mission to destroy shipping in the Channel became disorientated and flew too close to the English coast. Low on fuel it released its Junkers which flew on, eventually crashing in open countryside at Slade Bottom Farm in the village of Binley at 23.35 hrs. The force of the blast reportedly blew a man over almost three miles away." Probably Colin Chilton coming out of the George.

In further news I'm pleased to report that Graham Hamlen has been up to Binley with his impressive probe and actually found the Junkers remains! I bags first dibs on the tailplane!

NA

The 2021 Flower Show

Before the annual thank you drinks held on 8th October the committee met to distribute the takings from this year's Flower Show. An excellent turnout and lots of hard work meant that we were able to distribute nearly £7,000 to the worthy local causes listed below. Many thanks to all those who attended, contributed, exhibited, sponsored and helped in any way. This wonderful annual village event is something for us all to be very proud of.

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The Countess of Brecknock Hospice	£100	Welcome to the Community	£200
Women's Fellowship	£150	Woodcote Church	£100
Sustainable Bourne Valley	£250	Whitchurch Fire Brigade	£100
The Enham Trust	£100		

In addition, the committee were very pleased to be able to thank Bat Redfern and Sandra Grunsell for their many years of service and contribution to the Show. They were both awarded the prestigious RHS Banksian Medal (Bat for 2020 and Sandra for 2021) by the Flower Show President Peter St Quintin. See photos below.



SMBCC Youth Cricket 2021

If you came down to the SMB Rec on a Friday night this summer – you may have witnessed a lot of noise and fun at cricket training, as over 100 local kids (kids between years R and 9) signed up for our first ever junior cricket season. The club is run by Jonny Orange and other qualified and enthusiastic coaches. The kids managed to play over 40 matches (mostly Saturday and Sunday mornings) as the club thrived in post lock-down conditions. The photo below was taken in September – before our awards night in the Village Centre.

Local Businesses did really well out of it: The George, The Village Shop, Bere Mill supplied all our BBQ meat, the club shirts and awards were all made in north Hants – even the local pizza company!

We thank our two key sponsors for 2021 – Ninny's House at home and Vitacress. Critical sponsorship to help us buy equipment... More needed for 2022 though.

We are always on the lookout for new players and coaches. Please contact Jonny Orange on 07931 285 988 or email on youthcricket@smbcc.co.uk

Indoor Winter Nets starts in January on Saturday afternoons – contact Jonny Orange.

We plan to build a new permanent cricket net in 2022. More details to come – but there is a fund-raising **Quiz Night** at the SMB Village Centre on **Friday 3rd December**.





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Service of Remembrance

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Sunday 14th November 2021, 10.50 a.m.

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Service of Remembrance in St Nicholas Church

The service will be led by the Reverend Canon Martin Coppen

Among the music sung by Longparish Village Choir will be settings of the famous poem For the Fallen by Eleanor Daley and the Kontakion of the Dead.

A series of commemorative panels, created in 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, will be displayed in the Church from 1-15 November. The panels tell the true and terrible stories of many of the Longparish men who gave their lives in the Great War and whose names will be read aloud during the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

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REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

27 SEPTEMBER 2021

Raymond Brown A303 Enviropark – application for ancillary storage area. The Parish Council raised a **STRONG OBJECTION** to this proposal. The full response from the PC can be viewed on the Consultation Responses page of the HCC website found here:

<https://planning.hants.gov.uk/Planning/Display/HCC/2021/0545#undefined>

REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 11 OCTOBER

Planning

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to the following planning applications:

- Erection of rear extension at **68 North Acre**
- Tree works at **Newton Cottage**
- Amendments to application for single storey rear extension and garage at **Preston Cottage**

Council Vacancy

Mr Charles Birtles was co-opted onto the Parish Council following the advertisement of a vacancy. Since this meeting summary was prepared, another vacancy has arisen on the Council. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the Clerk or the Chairman for further information.

The Plough Inn

The Plough Inn Committee presented their proposal to obtain a structural survey of the roof and chimneys at The Plough, with a view to the Parish Council considering the ongoing maintenance and repair of this asset. This was approved. Amended Terms of Reference for the Plough Inn Committee were also approved, and are now published on the website.

Open Spaces The next village Clean-up Day will be Saturday 6 November. Volunteers should get in touch with James Hillier, or by contacting the Clerk for further information.

Playground

The ping pong table has now been installed, and a bonded rubber safety surface will be installed during the week commencing 8 November, weather permitting.

Parish Council Meetings

Face-to-face meetings at the Village Hall have now recommenced, adhering to Covid regulations set out by the Village Hall Committee. Capacity of the hall is therefore reduced, and we would ask that anyone wishing to attend a PC meeting should contact the clerk clerk@longparish.org.uk prior to the meeting, so that we can carefully monitor numbers.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 8 November**. Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman - Christian Dryden (Tel 720398, or email christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk) or by contacting the Clerk. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish website <http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes.html>

LEPTOSPIROSIS (WEIL'S DISEASE)

The PC has been made aware of a case of Leptospirosis in the village, and would like to advise all gardeners to wear gloves to avoid contact with rat urine which can cause this disease.

PLAYGROUND - PING PONG TABLE

The ping pong table is now ready to use, and a box containing bats and balls will be available in the playground near the table. Please use hand sanitiser before borrowing equipment, and return for others to use when you have finished playing.

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A303/ Southside Road EnviroPark Ash Storage

Raymond Brown together with Fortis their corporate owner were granted temporary permission at the start of the

pandemic to increase the size of the storage dump for bottom ash in the 'enviropark' on Southside Hill. They have now applied to convert temporary permission to a permanent enlarged dump.

Our Keep Test Valley Beautiful (KTVB) group which successfully defeated the incinerator project has done a lot of work on objecting to the current application which can be viewed on Hampshire County Council web site:

<https://planning.hants.gov.uk/Planning/Display/HCC/2021/0545>

More than 110 individual objections have been submitted by Longparish and Barton Stacey residents and by our own Parish Council. KTVB has employed a firm of planning consultants to provide a detailed professional report demolishing the Raymond Brown justification for the enlarged site. The principal points of objection covered in the report and by most of the individual and PCC objectors are these: The facility is in the wrong place. It is a potential hazard to the environment and to the health of nearby residents in Longparish and Barton Stacey. It contravenes five important national and local planning policies. The need for it has not been proven. (Objectors strongest point)

Many thanks to all those who have taken the time and trouble to send their objections to HCC. If you haven't objected and you would like to, there is still time - even though the official consultation deadline has passed, objections will be taken into account right up to the the determination date, which at the time of writing is unknown". **'Watch this space for further news on the progress of the application'.**

KTBV need funds to pay the consultants fees. If you can contribute please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ktvbfighttheashpile>

LONGPARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Nicky White Head Teacher

Our Year 5 and 6 Chaffinch Class recently went on a residential visit for a week to the Stubbington Study Centre.

Here is a write-up from some of the children :

On Monday 20th September 2021, Chaffinch Class travelled by minibus to Stubbington Study Centre.

During our stay at the Centre, we completed a range of exciting activities. Some were adventurous like 'Amazon Adventures' and 'Earthquake'. Earthquake was one of the favourites because it

involved working as a team carrying equipment around a giant obstacle course. We also loved the 'Seashore Experience' where we created live rock pools, completed a fossil hunt and made some beach artwork. The more educational activities included creating small mammal hotels and studying the mouse that we managed to catch (before releasing it back into its habitat). Plus we did 'Pond Dipping' - finding creatures and studying them under a microscope which was really interesting. We also learned to map read and completed various forms of orienteering around the site.

It was a fantastic week away and we learned a lot. We came back feeling exhausted but it was well worth it! We definitely recommend the trip to others!

Longparish Little School

We really enjoyed the autumn sunshine over the past few weeks.

We have been on some walks through the fields in the village to look at the autumn colours, pick some blackberries and collect some conkers. We used the blackberries we found to make an apple and blackberry crumble. We also noticed the sunflower we have grown had made some seeds. We used the sunflower seeds to make bird feeders and bake some sunflower and oat biscuits. The children have been finding out about animals that hibernate and we have created our own clay hedgehogs.

In Forest School we now have some hammocks so we can relax and Babs our Forest School leader has also introduced a slack line that we can balance along. We have also made conker caterpillars, been on an autumn scavenger hunt and made our own blackberry paint.

We are currently taking bookings for September 2022, if you would like to come and have a look around please email me at claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk or phone 01264 7205455.



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The Plough Update



The Plough Inn is fully up and running, serving really tasty food, excellent beer and delicious wine. Pop in and check out our new menus - including our Christmas menu. (All the menus will soon be available on our new website and you can keep up to date on our Facebook page too). To book a table at the Plough, call Steve on 01264 720069, or contact him via 'The Plough Inn, Longparish' Facebook page.

LCA coffee mornings will start again on 12th November (from 10am to 12 noon). They will be held alternately at the Plough Inn and the Cricketers: same delicious coffee, same tasty biscuits, same excellent value - £1.00. They will be held on the second Friday of every month, starting this month at The Plough.

The beautiful River Room upstairs is available for private dining, meetings, celebrations and community activities. Ask Steve at The Plough for more details and booking.

On 24th November we will be holding our Annual Members' Meeting. We would be delighted to see shareholders at Longparish Village Hall from 7pm. (It will also be available live on Zoom). Details of the meeting will be sent to all shareholders. This is an important moment to hear about future plans and if you want to get involved yourself - as we will also be holding elections for a new management committee. Please do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to find out more about joining the committee. Email info@ploughinn.org or speak to any of the committee members.

And finally; we are looking for a full-time sous-chef and several kitchen porters (to pot wash and work with the chefs). If you would like to apply, or you know of anyone else who might be interested, please do get in touch: call 01264 720069 or email careers@lcpl.org.uk.

We really looking forward to welcoming you at The Plough Inn!

The Blessing of The Plough Inn

Rev Dodie Marsden dropped in at the newly opened Plough Inn in October to bless the pub.

The Sunday lunchtime drinkers were delighted to witness the event, which started with a Celtic-style blessing for the Plough. The blessing began:

'May the door of this pub be wide enough to receive all who need kindness and friendship...' It ended: 'Bless each door that welcomes friends, strangers, kith and kin; 'Bless each shining window, door and path that lets sunshine in. Bless each room above and below, bless every solid wall.'

Dodie finished by saying the community pub was "such an exciting enterprise" and wished The Plough Inn "every possible success and congratulations".



Rev Dodie Marsden blesses the reopened Plough

LONGPARISH WILDLIFE by Chris Bowman

THE FIELD VOLE

The field vole (also known as the short tailed vole) is very common in grasslands. There are estimated to be 60 million field voles. Field voles are grey-brown above and grey below. It has shaggier fur than its close relative the bank vole and a short tail. They are active day and night running along a network of well used runs that lead to their burrow, Field voles breed rapidly, one female can produce as many as six litters of up to eight young in a single year. But most will not live long as they are a very important food source for a number of predators. Owls, kestrels, weasels, stoats and foxes are among the species that prey heavily on them. Their main food is leaves and grass stems.



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

The October race was the day after the Beer Festival which may have affected some performances.

We welcomed two new runners, Steve Howard, the landlord of The Plough and Mark Reynolds plus three very junior runners in buggies.

A hot air balloon drifted overhead as 20 runners gathered for the start on a very pleasant autumn morning.

First home and Most Improved Man was Luke Pierce. His time was his best this year and a magical second inside 21 minutes. Most Improved Woman was Laura Reynolds. Well done both!

The stars of the day were definitely the three infants who all seemed to enjoy the race. There was a battle of the buggies on the sprint to the finish with some interesting cornering by Ela Shaw



Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith, Nick and Sarah Collier, Lucy Holmes and David Gould for helping and the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

Our next event is on Sunday 14th November. 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.

Jeremy Barber
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Help for Nepal

Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed to helping people in Nepal. I am sorry that you have not had individual messages from me. St Nicholas Church is kindly accepting donations through their CAF account and dealing with the Gift Aid. However GDPR means that I am not allowed to know who has given; just the total so far.

The total is now well past £1,000 and we have sent the first £700 to Nepal. Part has been given to this elderly gentleman to help with the cost of repairs to his flood-damaged home and part is helping with educational materials at this school.



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Longparish's social calendar came to an abrupt halt when Covid restrictions were introduced last year. The LCA is aiming to restart a programme of community events.

Coffee mornings

Every second Friday of the month 10am to 12pm. Coffee & Biscuits £1 - all welcome.

Nov 12th – Plough Inn Dec 10th – Cricketer's Inn

(The venue will then alternate monthly between our two village pubs)

It also hoped that the popular **Film Night** and programme of Tuesday Talks can restart in January, but these will need volunteers to help assist with running them. In both cases this mainly means identifying and securing suitable films or speakers, and setting up the village hall. If you are interested to help please get in touch with any member of the LCA committee

New Villagers Meeting and AGM

This will be held in January next year. Please see the next issue of Hill & Valley for details. This will be a double event as it wasn't possible to hold this last year. If you have moved to the village since January 2020 please email lca@longparish.org.uk with your details to ensure you are invited.

The first weekend in June next year will be an extra-long holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The LCA has already started planning for a full day of entertainment and celebration. Please get in touch if you'd like to help with the organization.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO KEEP UP TO DATE BY EMAIL?

If you'd like to receive an occasional email to keep right up to date with what's happening in Longparish, you can sign up to the LCA's email list. Just send an email to email.list@longparish.org.uk and put 'subscribe' in the subject line. As well as reading about LCA events in Hill and Valley, you can also keep up to date with what's going on by joining LCA's active group on FaceBook.

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Longparish Cricket Club
Founded 1878

Longparish Cricket Club will be running a Christmas Quiz and Raffle

Venue: Longparish Village Hall, Friday 3rd December 2021 7.30pm



The Quiz is for teams of up to 6 with an entry cost of £3 per person. It is open to all, from within or outside the club. It would be great to see people from the local villages.

There will be a cash bar on the night and we will also be running a raffle on the night with some excellent prizes.

For details on how to enter the quiz please contact Alison Allen at LongparishCC@gmail.com. To purchase raffle tickets in advance please contact Dawn Blackmore at blackmorepd@aol.co.uk

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Friday Lunch Club Autumn Dates 2021

Longparish Village Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm

The Lunch Club is open to anyone in the community. We do ask you to book so that we have an idea of numbers. We serve a light lunch, all home made, of soup and roll followed by cake and tea and coffee for just £3. After lunch there is a talk or quiz - ideas for speakers always welcome.

Fri 26th Nov - Beckys Beezzzs

Fri 17th December - Christmas Lunch and Quiz

**To book a place and transport Andrea Harris
720 457 or Christian Dryden 720398**

01264 720424 – thecricketerslongparish@gmail.com

Hello all, Autumn is well and truly here now, thank you for your continued support. **Not only have we been awarded the Tripadvisor Travellers Choice, but we have also been awarded a National Good Food Award winner 2021!** On these cold damp days you can be sure of a warm welcome and a roaring log fire or two, with a lovely glass of wine or one of our well kept always changing real ales.

We have our Christmas menu out, and are already getting booked up for the festive season. Our woodfired pizza oven is now fully operational, we are cooking delicious home made wood fired pizzas every Thursday evening. Our Sunday Lunchtime roasts are also going down well! Please try to book as we are extremely busy.

OPEN EVERY DAY –

MONDAY – THURSDAY 11.30am – 3pm & 6pm – 11pm

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 11.30am – 11pm

Food served 12pm – 2.30pm and 6pm – 8.30pm every day.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first Quiz night. Look out for our facebook posts to see what we have coming up.

Thank you, Matt and team Cricketers.

LITTER FREE LONGPARISH

**Longparish Friday Litter pick Friday 12th
November**

- meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am and coffee at the Plough afterwards.



Thank you to Jenny J who led the October litter pick (I forgot), and to the two new volunteers who joined her. Surprisingly

the road pickings recently have been less than usual but the footpaths are attracting more litter. The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags. For more information Tel :
Christian Dryden 720 398



**Longparish Village Hall Friday 19 November
7.30pm**

(doors open 7pm) Cash bar

Professional theatre comes back to our village hall. If you went to Bouncers or The 39 Steps or Bully Beef and Whizzbangs then you will know we are in for great entertainment from the Black Box Theatre Company with **Abigail's Party**.

As the gin flows and the cheese and pineapple hedgehog is passed around, small talk turns to outrageous flirting and the thin veneer of middle class respectability slowly peels away as we witness the outrageous Beverley torment her put upon husband and their unsuspecting guests in Mike Leigh's classic comedy.

Tickets £14.00, £11.50 concessions (OAP, child, student, unemployed), £11.50 disabled (to include a helper) and £40 family (2x adult, 2x child) available from Acre Stores or www.ticketsource.co.uk/blackbox

Hurstbourne Priors

- 17 10.15am - Ladies' Coffee - 28 Hurstbourne Priors
- 20 7.30pm - The Wondering Fiddlers, Concert – St Andrew's Church
- 27 7pm Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall

St Mary Bourne

- 6 3pm – The Village Bake Off – Village Centre
- 9 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 9 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting
Village Centre Club Room
- 16 7.30pm - The Film - 'Summerland'
Village Centre
- 26 11am to 5pm – Christmas Fair – Village Centre
- Saturday mornings** - 10.30am to 12.30pm
The Community Library
Village Centre Club Room

Longparish

- 1 All day - 1 to 15 Nov - Exhibition of Commemorative panels showing the WW1 fallen of Longparish – St Nicholas Church
- 6 Morning – Village Clean Up Day
- 8 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 12 9.15am - Litter Pick - Behind Village Hall
- 12 10am to 12 Noon - LCA Coffee Morning – The Plough
- 19 7.30pm – Play: **Abigail's Party** – Village Hall
- 14 10am - Longparish Second Sunday of the Month Handicap Race - Cricket Ground
- 24 7pm - The Plough Annual Members Meeting, open to all - Village Hall
- 26 12 Noon to 2pm - Friday Lunch Club – Village Hall
- 27 2 to 4 pm - Table Top Sale in aid of Andover Food Bank - Community Hall
- 3 Dec 7.30pm Cricket Club Quiz Night - Village Hall



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Andover Artisan Market
Sunday 21st November
10am to 2pm - High Street

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Longparish Village Hall: Mrs Jacqui Healey, ☎ 07748 322533, e: villagehall@longparish.org.uk

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