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## Farewell from Craig and Jane

Dear Friends,

I am sure that most of you will know by now that Jane and I will be leaving St. Mary Bourne and the wider benefice this month. Our final 'farewell' service will take place in St. Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors at 11.00am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Our departure date from the vicarage will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March when we shall head off to our new ministry in Yorkshire. My new role is to be the Rector of the Lower Wharfedale Benefice, living in the village of Huby, Leeds.

These past five years have been happy years. During this time, we have had the privilege of living and serving alongside you all and the even greater privilege of being present with you during your joys as well as your sorrows. For your friendship and permission to minister to you in whatever way over these past years, we offer sincere thanks.

As you are all aware, living in a community is not just about fulfilling one particular role, it is about participating in its life. Visiting the schools, participating in the pantomimes and social groups and joining in with village events are just a few of the many activities which have helped me and Jane see what a strong, vibrant and welcoming community this is.

In the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, chapter three tells us that there is 'a time for everything'. I believe this is our time to move on. As we leave the parishes of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St. Mary Bourne and Woodcott this month, we do so with mixed emotions but please be assured of our continued prayers for the life and future of all the villages in this wonderful part of Hampshire.

Thank you for being such fabulous friends and neighbours.

With every blessing

*Craig and Jane*

### Vicar's Diary Dates and Notices

Thursdays    Home Group                      3.30pm                      4 Applegate, St. Mary Bourne

## Services in the Parish Churches & Church Registers

### March 2020

#### 1<sup>st</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
Longparish	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
St. Mary Bourne	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
Woodcott	No Service	

#### 8<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent

Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	<i>Family Worship</i>
Longparish	11.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
Woodcott	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>

#### 15<sup>th</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<b><i>Benefice Communion</i></b> <i>followed by Parish Lunch</i> <i>for Revd Craig Marshall in</i> <i>Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall</i>
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#### 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Mothering Sunday

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>
Longparish	9.30am	<i>Family Communion</i>
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>
Woodcott	No Service	

#### 29<sup>th</sup> March - 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent

Hurstbourne Priors	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Longparish	9.30am	<i>Family Communion</i>
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
Woodcott	9.30am	<i>Mattins</i>

#### Scramblers in St Mary Bourne

There will be no Scramblers in March. The next Scramblers will be **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm** (Maundy Thursday before Good Friday)

#### Lent Course

The theme is: **Lent, Holy Week and Easter** and we will look through four lenses, in four different locations, at four different places - but all on **Wednesdays**

Date and Time is	The Location	The Lens
<b>7.30pm</b>		
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	St James' - Woodcott	Through Art
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	St Peter's - St Mary Bourne	Through Music
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	St Andrew's - Hurstbourne Priors	Through Poetry
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	St Nicholas' - Longparish	Through Experience

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#### From the Church Registers

##### Baptisms

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Longparish**

Baptism of **Frank Peter Malcolm Taylor** in St. Nicholas

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February - St. Mary Bourne**

Baptism of **William Michell** in St. Peter's  
Baptism of **Ruby Ponting** in St. Nicholas'

##### Weddings

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Longparish**

Marriage of **Victoria Healey** and **Henry Braithwaite** in St. Nicholas'

##### Funerals

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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - St. Mary Bourne**

Funeral of **Judith Ikin** in St. Peter's

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - St. Mary Bourne**

Funeral of **George Potticary** at Andover Crematorium

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Longparish**

Funeral of **Heather Sawtell** in St. Nicholas'

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - St. Mary Bourne**

Funeral of **Richard Archer** in St. Peter's

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# INCINERATOR ABANDONED !

## WHEELABRATOR HAVE PULLED OUT

### NO MONSTER INCINERATOR - IT'S BEEN BINNED

### CAMPAIGNERS "OVER THE MOON"

A great cloud has lifted from the village with the decision by Wheelabrator Technologies to abandon plans to build their massive incinerator. In a two-page statement they said they would "no longer proceed" with the project. David Wright, Chair of the Keep Test Valley Beautiful Campaign group spoke for us all when he said: "We are delighted and relieved."

Wheelabrator said: "Having undertaken a strategic view of the wide range of opportunities in our current pipeline, we have decided to focus our efforts on further advanced waste-to-energy projects, and as such we will no longer continue to invest in the development of the Wheelabrator Harewood waste-to-energy facility". Questioned by a BBC reporter, Wheelabrator declined to give a specific reason for pulling out of the project.

David said: "KTVB has had tremendous support from local residents, environmental groups, local councillors and our MPs, particularly Caroline Nokes. The community response objecting to this project has been phenomenal and I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to make the case against this proposal." He said that KTVB had consistently argued that this is the wrong site for the project and the group is delighted that concerns have been listened to and that the campaign to stop the project has been successful.

Wheelabrator also said: "We would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback as part of our recent community consultations."

You can read the full statement at [www.bintheincinerator.com](http://www.bintheincinerator.com)

Caroline Nokes MP posted on Facebook on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February:

It was a massive relief to learn at about 9.30 this morning that Wheelabrator had withdrawn their proposal to build a giant incinerator between Barton Stacey and Longparish.

Keep Test Valley Beautiful and hundreds of local residents have worked so hard to oppose this monstrous plan, and their efforts have certainly paid off.

I always said during the 2019 General Election that I would make opposing this proposal my number one priority if re-elected. So far this year I had raised it in PMQs, in two Westminster Hall debates, I mentioned it during the Environment section of the Queen's Speech debate, I had a meeting with the then Secretary of State at BEIS, Andrea Leadsom, and was scheduling a meeting with the Minister Rebecca Pow (at her invitation). I was determined to make sure every Minister with any responsibility understood that this was the wrong solution to industrial waste, in the wrong place.

I must pay credit to all those in the affected communities who mobilised, who campaigned, who ran in the rain, who sang, who baked cakes, erected the most impressive poster display I have ever seen, wrote letters of objection, attended public meetings and consultation events. I remain on your side, there may be fights to come over the future of the site, but today is one for all of you to celebrate!

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## Linking Our VillagEs

The LOVE run was a great success despite the appalling weather. Runners and marshals on the 10Km (6.2 miles) route were battered by 60mph winds and rain squalls.

It was touch and go whether the event would take place at all because of the awful weather forecast but the last minute decision to go ahead was a good one. The bad weather brought out the best in everyone. We nearly re-located the drinks and jelly baby station but the Dunfords were determined and went ahead, ferrying our MP to the most exposed point on the whole route. The wind was so strong that they had to tie their banner to a tractor!

Caroline Nokes, MP was there with Paul North, leader of Test Valley Borough Council who was a runner and gave a brief speech at the Barton Stacey start. Local TVBC member David Drew was a marshal and HCC local member, Andrew Gibson was a tail runner. They have all been very helpful in leading opposition to the incinerator and we could not have asked for better support.

We helped raise awareness about the incinerator with placards and banners on the route, displays at the two village halls and items on Radio Solent and BBC South Today and in the Hampshire Chronicle and the Andover Advertiser. We also raised over £600 for KTVB. Caroline Nokes spoke about the incinerator in Parliament the following Tuesday.

Despite the conditions, 100 runners had a great time on the run. They shared high 5s and hugs on the way and were warmly welcomed with tea and cake, lots of cake, in the village halls at Longparish and Barton Stacey so the other objective of enjoying ourselves and Linking Our VillagEs was achieved as well.

Thank you to everyone who took part: marshals, helpers in the halls, bakers, cheering crowds, politicians, KTVB, reporters, photographers, course signers and runners. You are all heroes.

*Jeremy Barber (the mad person who had the idea)*



Caroline Nokes, MP, with run director Jeremy Barber and tail runner Oli Coleman

## Birds of Longparish by Chris Bowman

### LONGPARISH TROUT FARM

The trout farm is a great place for bird watching. I have seen 71 different bird species. Watching what the birds get up to, like the cormorant, they dive in the lake and catch fish and then stand on the bank with wings outstretched drying them. A kingfisher has nested in the bank for two years raising three broods. I have seen over 100 sea gulls there, four different types. They feed somewhere else but come to the lake for a bath and rest. During breeding there are far less as most of them nest on the factory roofs in Andover but a few still come. They fly up and down the rivers and around the lakes looking for young birds.



I have seen a herring gull standing on the bank above a coot's nest waiting for her to leave so they can eat the eggs or young. Luckily most coots and

moorhens leave the lakes and nest elsewhere. A pied wagtail nests in one of the sheds on site as does a swallow. There are many birds nesting in the surrounding hedge eg: long tailed, great and blue tits, chaffinch, greenfinch, blackbird and woodpigeon. The green woodpecker is very often there probing in the ground for ants. In the spring and autumn big flocks of swallows, house martins and sand martins appear from nowhere and swoop down for a refreshing drink before carrying on with their journey.

Richard Bourne tells me he has had otters in his garden. There seem to be a few in the village now.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Longparish Village Choir presents:

**A Roaring 40's Evening to mark the 75th anniversary of V.E Day.**

**Friday 8th May, 7.30pm, Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.**

**Saturday 9th May, 7.30pm Longparish Village Hall. BYO supper. There will be a cash bar.**

Optional 40's costume. More details in the next issue of Hill and Valley.

### LONGPARISH FETE

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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## A COMMUNITY ASSET

The best way to ensure the Plough is protected as an Asset of Community Value, for everyone to enjoy in the long term, is for the community to buy it and reopen it as a Community Owned Pub. There are already over a hundred very successful pubs like this around the UK.

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The Plough is now on the market at £550,000, although professional valuers suggest the price should be nearer to £400,000. The Plough will need to be refitted and will need some renovation work, although the building is actually in pretty good condition. Overall, we'll need to raise £650,000 to cover the costs of putting the Plough back on its feet.

## CAN IT WORK?

Pub professionals, other community owned pub operators, and financial lenders are all telling us **YES**. Operating free of tie and without huge rents to pub companies changes everything. We'll need to attract customers from outside Longparish, offer B&B, a café, good beers, local well-cooked food, great service and above all be somewhere everyone can feel welcome. The Plunkett Foundation have already offered a combined grant & loan worth £100,000 based on our business plan. Our financial modelling suggests that we can generate a healthy surplus after the first year. But first we need to raise the money to buy the Plough and convince the owner to sell it for what it's really worth. This is where we will be asking for everyone's support to invest in an exciting new community business.

## WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Social contact generated by the Plough will enhance quality of life in the village. It's all too easy to become isolated in a village and, as we have an ageing population, with many residents living by themselves having a café and community owned pub would make a real difference: Meeting friends for coffee, or a pub lunch; Maybe the convenience and lifestyle benefits of walking to drop off a parcel, or pick up a delivery; Perhaps a B&B for relatives to stay close by at Christmas; Drop by for a coffee and a cake after you've walked the dog or dropped the kids off at school. There would be something for everyone. A re-opened Plough will offer local employment opportunities and will complement other village facilities such as our church, village hall and school.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

It depends on what you want! Maybe you just always fancied owning a bit of an English country pub? However, this is not only about buying a pub: It's about helping to

sustain our community. Any financial reward will be limited - so this is an investment in the future of the Plough as a community hub. It's an investment in our village. Somewhere you're recognised as a local and an investor, and the warm feeling of truly belonging!

## WHAT ABOUT THE VILLAGE SHOP...

The village shop offers a highly valued convenience store for the community and is a lifeline for many. This important asset has been supporting the village for around 60 years. Reopening the Plough would not compete with Acre Stores.

## ...AND THE CRICKETERS?

The Cricketers Inn is another great historical asset for our community, and there is no reason why both pubs should not thrive. Previously the success of one business has helped the other. Communities much smaller than ours have two or even more pubs offering choice and variety. But the Cricketers is a privately-owned business, controlled by a pub company supported by venture capital, whose goal is to generate return on their investment. As demonstrated all too recently, our community has no input on how the pub is run, or even whether it remains open.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

A community share offer is being launched in April. There will be community meetings to keep everyone informed. To hear how you can invest in the future of the Plough, please look in next month's Hill and Valley for details of dates and venues of the meetings, or maybe have a chat with any of the management committee.

Longparish Community Pub Ltd – Management Committee:

*Jeremy Barber, Alison Cooper, Christopher Duxbury, Graeme Francis, Andy Jolliffe, David Marklew, Stuart Montague, Mark Reynolds.*

## Cricketers curtains still closed

Red Oak Taverns have confirmed that they are still searching for someone to take over running the Cricketers which has been closed since the departure of Ian and Lorraine a month ago.

A spokesman says a potential tenant "has shown some interest" but that the pub is still being advertised on the findmypub.com website. The advertisement reads: "Enthusiastic operator needed for this attractive Grade II listed country pub with free of tie and stepped rent options available"

Red Oak are asking for an annual rent of £22,500 with £5000 "ongoing costs". A caretaker has been living in the pub since its closure.

## Longparish School News

We have some very exciting activities planned for our children during the spring term, 2020.

*We are absolutely delighted to have received a very special acknowledgment from the Minister of State for School Standards, Rt. Hon Nick Gibb MP, stating that we are in the top 1% of all primary schools across the country. Our results demonstrate that 100% of all our Yr. 6 children achieved or exceeded the expected standards in English and maths assessments last year.*

*My special thanks must go to all our Teachers, Higher level teaching assistants, Teaching assistants, Office staff, Volunteer helpers and Catering staff for their collective hard work, perseverance and patience with all our wonderful children.*

*The governors and I are delighted with this accolade and thank everyone for their part in making this school such a special place in which to learn and work.*

As we approach Easter, we will hold a special Easter service in St Nicholas Church at 9.30am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – please do join us if you can.

We have places available in many year groups. If you have moved into the area or wish to join a Church of England School, please contact us on 01264 720317. You will receive a warm and friendly welcome! Here's to the spring of 2020! With best wishes Trudie Cawthra – Head Teacher.

## Longparish Little School

In February we made a farm using breakfast cereal, made mud pies in our mud kitchen, and became vets, nursing our sick toy animals back to health!

We went book crazy during half term with our sponsored read. The children read as many books as they could, and the winner of the most read books will be announced on World Book Day (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March). You can sponsor our children via our Wonderful web page: [www.wonderful.org/charity/longparishlittleschool](http://www.wonderful.org/charity/longparishlittleschool). What's more, you can check the gift-aid box so that we get even more money from your donation.

It is with great sadness that we announce our manager, Claire Nash, has decided to hang up her paintbrushes and move on to new challenges in May. Claire has worked at Little School for 19 years and is known and loved by many in the village. Claire has built Little School into the incredible preschool it is today and will be sorely missed.

We are actively recruiting a new Early Years Manager. Please contact [angela@longparishlittleschool.org.uk](mailto:angela@longparishlittleschool.org.uk) for more information.

We are currently taking bookings for next September. Spaces are filling up fast, so please contact us to arrange a visit to our preschool and forest school. You can call us on 01264 720455. We do currently have afternoon sessions available.

## Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

### May Fayre



We are busy preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year, our May Fayre, which this year is taking place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12noon – 4pm**. We will be looking for donations of raffle prizes, books, toys, bric a brac, gorgeous gifts, lucky jars nearer the time. If you have some donations now and are unable to store them until May, please contact either Rebecca Witcher on 07981457245 or Penny Billingham on 07809 591619.

If you are interested in having a stall on the day, please contact Gail Hunt at [tilburyg@hotmail.com](mailto:tilburyg@hotmail.com) for more details.

More details about the May Fayre to follow next month.

## Longparish Cricket Club

Most readers don't think about cricket during the winter but Longparish CC have been active in the indoor winter cricket leagues at River Park in Winchester (2 Men's teams) and Dummer Cricket Centre (2 junior teams). The Men's 1sts have won 4 out of 6 matches and the Men's 2nds have won 3 out of 6 matches. The U15s have won 2 out of 4 matches and the U13s have won all 6 of their matches to date. The Club will soon be opening up the ground to prepare for the season ahead and is hoping for plenty of volunteers to paint, clean and tidy the club house and grounds. Longparish Cricket Club is a friendly and welcoming village side who play their cricket in the Test Valley in Hampshire. The Club runs 3 men's teams - the 1st XI play in the Hampshire League Division 1, 2nd XI in Hampshire League Division 5 NW and the 3rd XI in Hampshire League Division 6 NW. The Club has a strong junior section offering coaching to players from the U9 age group upwards and runs junior teams at U11, U13 and U15 age groups who play in the local leagues. **We are always looking for new members - adult and junior - so if you or your children are interested in playing for the club this summer please email Justin Jackman at [jackmanjustin@aol.com](mailto:jackmanjustin@aol.com)**

## Longparish Parish Council

### Report from Meeting Held on 10 February

**Planning:** The Council had no objection to: Installation of a swimming pool at **The Cottage, Longparish**

**The Plough Inn** On behalf of Longparish Community Pub Limited (LCPL), the limited company set up by the Plough Ahead group, Andy Jolliffe attended the meeting to advise the PC that the company intends to submit an offer for the purchase of The Plough Inn. ( See full report on page 3)

**Love Run** The Councillors and Cllr Drew congratulated Jeremy Barber and all the volunteers on a very successful run, which was well attended despite the weather, and received some media coverage.

**Repairs to the stream bank** The Parish Council has begun research into costing and finding a contractor to repair the stream bank alongside the B3048 in Longparish. St Mary Bourne PC made similar repairs to roadside stream banks last year, and have invited representatives from Longparish PC to view the work, and meet the contractor responsible for the repairs.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 1930 hours on Monday 9 March in the Village Hall. 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: [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)). Minutes of previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish web-site ([longparish.org.uk](http://longparish.org.uk)).

**Wheelabrator Waste –to Energy Facility News** Following Wheelabrator’s decision not to proceed with their project, Longparish Parish Council would like to thank the community for their support and particularly KTVB for their successful campaign to stop the building of a huge incinerator on Longparish and Barton Stacey’s doorstep.

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Email: [Caroline.Nash@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto: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.

### Barton Stacey WI

If you are local to Barton Stacey and would like to get involved or just learn more, please come along to one of our meetings. We have members who live in Norton, Longparish, Sutton Scotney, Basingstoke and even Wiltshire! You will receive a warm, friendly welcome and there is always tea, coffee and cake.

Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month (except in August and December) in the Barton Stacey Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome – we simply ask you to contribute to the refreshments collection. For some events we do sell guest tickets – such as our popular annual Summer Special in August.

We have an exciting programme arranged for 2020, with topics ranging from Beeswax to Gin and from Line Dancing to Quilting! Put these dates in your diary now:

- 26 March All Things Quilting
- 30 April The River Test Distillery
- 28 May Annual Meeting (members only - join on the day!)
- 25 June Strut and stomp with Jill and Jan! Line dancing comes to Barton Stacey!!

We look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions, please just email us on [bartonstaceywi@gmail.com](mailto:bartonstaceywi@gmail.com)

*Barton Stacey WI Committee*

### FILM NIGHT -Village Hall

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Doors open at 7:15pm Film Starts 7:45pm sharp, Free entry to LCA members Join on the night for just £1, Donations welcomed.

### *Hotel Mumbai*

### LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

**TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7pm**

Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB

**ROSIE HARDY of Hardy’s, Whitchurch.**

**On “SPRING FLOWERING PERENNIALS”**

Usual Raffle, LGC Members free

Visitors very welcome to this talk £5.00

Any queries please to

Rosie Lowry 01264720325

[rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com](mailto:rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com)

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Next one Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March!!

## LCA Coffee Shop

The next Coffee Shop is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> may be an unlucky date in some people's eyes but throw superstition to the wind and join us in the village hall between 10 and 12 for freshly brewed coffee or tea with biscuits. Everyone is welcome. For the price of £1 it's a good opportunity to meet up with neighbours and others to exchange news and have a good chat.



## Friday Lunch Club

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March NB not the last Friday!

11.45- 2.00pm in the Village Hall

Come along to a light lunch £2, chat and something different each month. Home workers welcome.

To book a place or transport please call

Christian Dryden 720 398 Andrea Harris 720 457

**Tuesday Talks – New Coordinators Needed** Christine Beresford and Jeremy Barber have arranged 58 Tuesday Talks since the first one took place on 11 January 2011. They would now like to retire gracefully and hand over the running of this much loved village institution to someone else. The role involves finding speakers from among our population for 6 talks a year, opening up / closing the Village Hall, and running the bar. If you're interested and can spare 3 hours a month from October to March, please get in touch with them to find out more.

**Tuesday Talk – 10 March** Don't miss the last talk of the season, when **Peter Jones** will tell us about his **"25 years at the Pointy End of a Jumbo"** Tuesday Talks start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and finish about 8.45pm. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome to support the work of the LCA and the cost of hiring the Hall. There is a cash bar.

## Why Pilates? By Chloe Nicholson

Pilates is principally a programme of exercises that develop your body's optimal strength, flexibility and posture without building bulk or stressing joints. However, "it is so much more than this", says Chloe Nicholson of Keep Moving Pilates. The journey to developing optimal strength and flexibility starts by first reconnecting to your body; reconnecting to the body you were born with which, due to our modern lifestyle, has become de-conditioned over time. As the modern world strives to the goal of convenience, movement has been engineered out of our lives and our primitive bodies are suffering as a consequence.

The process of reconnecting with your body is encouraged by practising Pilates because you will learn to execute the exercises with ideal form and alignment, which requires control over your body. Learning to control your body's movement develops proprioception, which is sometimes described as the 'sixth sense', as it is the body's ability to perceive its own position and movement in space. Proprioception is driven by your nervous system so developing this sense has many benefits outside the Pilates studio of increased balance and awareness.

There are also benefits for your mental health because learning to control your body is a mindful practice meaning the focus required allows you to forget the stresses of the day and relax your mind. Breathing is an important part of practising Pilates and contributes to your general well-being by connecting you with your breath and learning to breathe deeply. Ultimately a physical exercise routine will not overcome bad habits or bad posture if you are not addressing these issues for the hours you are not exercising. What happens outside the Pilates studio is just as important as the practise itself. It is building an awareness of your body and applying that to your everyday which will help you to achieve optimal strength, flexibility and posture.

Chloe believes we must all try to change the way we approach movement and endeavour to improve the way we move everyday. Are you ready to start the movement?

Chloe, a STOTT PILATES® certified instructor, has been teaching Pilates classes in Longparish since October 2017 and enjoys being part of the vibrant community in Longparish. Her classes are a maximum of 10 people to ensure she has time for each individual. There are spaces in her beginners classes on Wednesdays at 10:30am, please contact her to join: [chloe@keepmovingpilates.co.uk](mailto:chloe@keepmovingpilates.co.uk)



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## WEATHER - JANUARY 2020

Total rainfall for month	125mm	5.20in
Rainfall same month last year	31mm	1.22in
Total for 2019	31mm	1.22in
Total for 2020	125mm	5.20in
Max temp	13C	56F
Min temp	-4C	24F

Weather here is fine and warm and average temperature for last month is 26C, up to 30C some days, but heading north soon.



*John Smail  
(from somewhere sunny!)*

## WORD OF THE MONTH

Here are two topical, little used words which seem appropriate for this month:

Firstly PLUVIOPHILE - a lover of inclement weather... had plenty of that ..... (new word for ☁)  
Secondly MENTIMUTATION - as we are all to be the beneficiaries of a momentous change of mind in The Valley this week....

*Barbara Carrodus*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The March Coffee Morning will be hosted by Anne Yeaman (01256 896432) at Paddock View, Hurstbourne Priors on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 10.15 onwards.



## CHURCH AND VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The Hurstbourne Priors Annual Village Clean Up will be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please meet at the Church or Cricket Pavilion from 10am where we will be serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and homemade brownies to help you keep your strength up.

There is a range of tasks from polishing and cleaning in the church, clearing in the graveyard, recreation ground and play area with a bonfire to get rid of all the debris following this very windy weather and general litter picking along the lanes.

Please wear suitable clothing and gloves are recommended for outside tasks. We will have pick claws and rubbish bags available in the Pavilion. Cleaning products will be available in the church for those wishing to take part in 'inside' activities.

Everyone is welcome; no one is too small or too old for a useful task!

*Many thanks,  
Your Parish and Parochial Church Councils*

## VOX CANTAB CONCERT - 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL

MUSIC LOVERS – SAVE THE DATE!

RETURN VISIT OF VOX CANTAB

ST ANDREWS CHURCH  
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 3.30 pm

Back by popular demand VOX CANTAB, the talented madrigal group from Cambridge will be performing 'A Mixed Bag' ranging from motets to madrigals, glee and gospel. Tea and cake afterwards. Admission free and there will be a retiring collection. Not to be missed!

## CHURCH FLOWERS

A lovely group of villagers arrange flowers for the church each month and make sure that it looks lovely for our services and celebrations. If you would like to join the team you would be very welcome. People work as a pair and arrangements can be as formal or informal as you wish - you do not need to be any sort of an expert. Enthusiasm is the key! At festivals such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas we get together as a team to arrange flowers in the windows as well as the larger arrangements.

If you are interested in joining our happy team, please contact Clare on 07711 917375 or [clareread@aol.com](mailto:clareread@aol.com)



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**SAVE THE DATE!****Longparish Village Choir presents**

A Roaring 40's Evening to mark the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day

Friday 8th May, 7.30pm, Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.

Also on Saturday 9th May, 7.30pm Longparish Village Hall.

BYO supper. There will be a cash bar.

Optional 40's costume.

More details in the next issue of Hill and Valley.

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This handsome man is Snowy who came into our care as his owner was struggling due to ill health. The vets estimate he is about 6 years old. He has had lots of dental work done and will be ready for homing soon. He is very friendly so will love a fuss once he has

settled in. Daisy, our featured cat from last month, was homed to an older couple and is being thoroughly spoilt.

Helpful tip - Cats have evolved to eat little and often – in the wild a cat would eat around 10-12 small meals throughout the day.

Pet cats will often prefer the same, although once neutered, cats typically have reduced energy needs, so consider cutting down their daily amount accordingly.

We are urgently in need of more volunteers and have several roles available. Please get in touch if you think you can offer any assistance to help our little branch.

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**HAMPSHIRE COUNTRY AND GARDEN FESTIVAL 2020**

This year's Hampshire Country & Garden Festival will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Bere Mill so do put the date in your diary. This wonderful family day raises much needed additional funds for the NHS through the Hampshire Medical Fund which supports our local hospitals at Andover, Basingstoke and Winchester. For more information and ticket details go to [www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk](http://www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk)

**GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE****Ideal Home Show - Olympia**

Tuesday 31st March 2020 8.30- 6.30pm

£33 incl coach and admission

An opportunity to visit the Ideal Home Show-Olympia. The coach will leave Whitchurch at 8.30 am and will bring those tired feet all the way back to Whitchurch at 6.30pm. Lots to see and do for a memorable day.

**'The Test Valley Citizens' Wallpaper'- Martin Nangle**

( This is an innovative re-envisioning of the Test Valley Tapestry for our contemporary time)

2nd March – 29th March (accessibility Friday mornings only 8.30 am – 12.30 pm)

The project uses photojournalism to produce a series of large colourful collages representing life in the Test Valley, focusing on the area in the North of the Valley – from the source of the River as far as the Whitchurch area.

**Stowe House and Gardens**

Tuesday 28th April 2020 8.30- 6.00pm

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## BIG BREAKFAST AND PANCAKE RACE



Racing frying pans at the ready, a happy band of all ages gathered in the Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> February for the Big Breakfast and Pancake Race. After a hearty breakfast of bacon and egg rolls, eager competitors of all ages lined up to race up and down the length of the Village Hall with eagle-eyed marshalls checking that pancakes were tossed in the right places.

Congratulations to our champions: Annabel Adeney (under 5s), Rufus and Freddie Adeney (joint winners under 16s) and Andrew Ross (adults).



This was an opportunity for villagers to hear about the plans for this year's May Fair on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, and find out how they can help before, during and after the Fair. Thank you to all those who have offered to help so far.

If you were unable to come to the Big Breakfast, and would like to help with the May Fair, we would still be glad to hear from you.

Please contact Kim French [home@thefamilyfrench.co.uk](mailto:home@thefamilyfrench.co.uk) or Fenella Williams [fenella.williams@btopenworld.com](mailto:fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)



## NEW BUS SHELTERS AT LAST!

The Parish Council is delighted to report that work has now started on replacing the bus shelters which were burned down in the lorry fire last year. The haulier's insurance company have been dragging their feet and coming up with lots of excuses not to pay up. Luckily we have now had confirmation that they will be paying to replace them as they were and to replace the wooden bench.

The thatched shelter was made of English Elm which is quite hard to get hold of, but we have a fantastic team working to re-build it exactly as it was before.

It is unfortunate that the metal bench, which had survived the inferno, didn't fare so well when hit by a VW beetle last month, but again their insurance company will be paying to replace it.

Both shelters and benches will be in place by the time of the May Fair.

Clare Read

## ANDOVER FILM CLUB



March's film is *Harriet* a 2019 American biographical film about abolitionist, Harriet Tubman showing at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Directed by Kasi Lemmons, it tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes whose courage and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history.

Pre-booking on line is recommended at [www.andoverfilmclub.org](http://www.andoverfilmclub.org)



## KINGS AND SCRIBES EXHIBITION WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Fascinating details from manorial account rolls in the late Middle Ages reveal that Hurstbourne Priors was one of the most important manors belonging to and supplying the Benedictine Monastery in Winchester. The monastery was a major landowner in and beyond the city and the monks were major and demanding consumers of agricultural produce from their rural estates of which Hurstbourne Priors was pre-eminent.

Some of the more unusual supplies the busy manor farm at Hurstbourne sent down to Winchester included swans, much prized and reserved for the Prior and distinguished guests on feast days. Geese were also in demand for their meat as well as for their feathers which provided quills for pens. Between one and two dozen geese a year were supplied and, as was the custom, the geese would have been walked the fifteen odd miles down to the Priory in Winchester! In addition, Hurstbourne Priors was a major supplier of chickens and capons (castrated cockerels, much valued for their size and flavour).

Fowl were not the only animal exports. Hurstbourne was one of the largest suppliers of cows and calves, a priceless commodity for milk, meat and skins tanned to make leather or treated to make parchment for writing. Bulls and bullocks as well as pigs, sheep and lambs were all in demand. Wool went off too, to make the monks' habits.

Grain crops went down to Winchester in vast quantities. One year, Barton Stacey, another important manor, sent 2.5 tonnes of wheat and Hurstbourne only slightly less. Oats and barley were also to be found in the carts going down to the monastery. Oats fed monks and horses alike and barley, the principal ingredient for beer, was an essential part of the monks' diet given the untrustworthiness of the water supply. 'Dredge', an old word for a lower grain crop, probably oats and barley grown together was useful to make a coarse bread. Lastly, Hurstbourne Priors was a major cheese supplier. In some years, together with the manor at Wootton, as much as half a ton of cheese was made for the monks!

So, the picture emerges not only of very well fed monks in Winchester but also of a highly productive and busy manor farm at Hurstbourne Priors with high standards of animal husbandry and crop cultivation. Such was the pattern of life until the

Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII. Thereafter the Hurstbourne estate was sold into private ownership.

Do go to see this terrific exhibition which among many other exhibits features the latest techniques and analysis by Osteoarchaeologists of pre Conquest human bones, many thought to be of Anglo Saxon royalty. The bones were originally placed in mortuary chests but were famously looted and tossed about willy nilly by Cromwell's men during the Civil War. A skeleton of a young Anglo-Saxon lad has been painstakingly pieced together with various interpretations of his identity, royal or otherwise. In addition, not to be missed is the Library of the famous bibliophile, Bishop Morley, the exquisitely illuminated Winchester Bible and a reconstruction of the enormous tomb of Winchester's patron saint, St Swithin, destroyed among other priceless artefacts when the cathedral was brutally plundered in the 1530s.

Early history comes vividly alive and Hurstbourne Priors takes its place in the exhibition alongside an illustrious monastic foundation and the Kings and Bishops associated with it.

*Mandy Briant-Evans*

## MACABRE CRIME IN HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

*From the Hampshire Chronicle, 22 Nov 1830*

A fortnight ago the body of Jane Matthews interred in Hurstborne [*sic*] Priors church yard, was exhumed, supposed by the same men who attempted, a few nights previous, to take up the body of [James] Ball, interred in Hurstbourne Tarrant church yard. It is strongly suspected that the resurrection men carry the produce of their nefarious pursuit to London by one of the luggage vans. A few days after the interment of Jane Matthews information was given that resurrection men were in the neighbourhood, but this was disregarded. The earth of the grave was entirely removed, the lid of the coffin unscrewed, the shroud left, and after the body was taken out the lid was again put in its proper place, and the grave so nicely filled up as to defy suspicion. The clerk, however, imagined that the turf was not exactly as he had left it, and this induced him to open the grave, when he discovered that the body was missing.

*Hampshire Burials* - 14 Oct 1830 Jane Matthews, 77, Hurstbourne Priors; 7 Oct 1830 James Ball, 35, Hurstbourne Tarrant.

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# The Lunch

Our next Village Lunch is on **Wednesday 18th March** at St Mary Bourne Village Centre, **12:30pm** as usual.

All are welcome, no need to book, and if you need a lift please phone Chris Smith on ☎ 01264 738 110 on the Tuesday before.



## Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning on **Tuesday 10th March** at **10.30am** in **The George Inn**, St Mary Bourne. £2.50

for coffee and biscuits - if you need a lift, contact Win Coventry ☎ 01264 738 199.

**Women's Fellowship** – Our next meeting will be held at The Cottage at **2:30pm** on Thursday **8th March**. There will be a short talk on Ethiopia followed by tea and cake. New members are warmly welcomed, as are visitors, so do come and join us. If you have any queries or need transport please get in touch with me. *Eve Lind-Smith* on ☎ 01264 738681



*The Community Library - Club Room*  
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## St Mary Bourne & District Flower Show and Fête

AGM followed by refreshments

**Friday 6th March, 7.30pm**  
**Village Centre**

All members of the Horticultural Society, those who contributed to the event last year and anyone interested in being involved or simply attending are warmly invited.

Annual membership of the Horticultural Society can be bought at the AGM for £2 or in advance from Sheila Marsh - e: [sheilamarsh25@hotmail.com](mailto:sheilamarsh25@hotmail.com),

*Membership Secretary*

or from the Village Shop. Members are entitled to vote at the AGM and to a free programme.

### SAVE THE DATE

This year's Flower Show and Fête will be held on

**Saturday 25th July**

## St Mary Bourne Village Clean-Up

Please join us for a litter-pick on **Saturday March 7th** from **10am to 12 noon**.

Meet outside The George Inn. We will provide gloves, litter pickers, high vis vests and bags. Please can you give man/woman power and your time! For more information please ring Fiona Foote on 01264 738 105.



## An Evening of Music

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**Next film: The Good Liar  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30pm**

**EASTER LILIES**

The Easter Sunday flower arrangements each year traditionally contain many lilies donated by relatives and friends in memory of those in their thoughts at the Festival of the Resurrection. It is a gift symbolising hope and beautifying the Easter services with sight and scent. We also make a display of the names of those who are being commemorated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a member of your family or a friend who has died, please deliver it to **Eve Lind-Smith** at **The Cottage, High Street** or to her personally **by Palm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at the very latest.**

We ask for **£1** for each person remembered, in an envelope marked **Easter Lilies**, with **the name(s) printed** on the outside of the envelope or on a card inside. NOTE: only list the usual Christian name and surname rather than full names - e.g.: Bill Jones rather than William Edward Jones.



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As I write this I feel that winter is never going to end... we've had strong winds and heavy rain for what seems like eternity... however, it is now March and that, if nothing else, signals the start of Spring. It's time to start sowing seeds, dare to wear at least one layer less of clothing and plan Easter. There is light at the end of this wind-swept tunnel!!

As the days grown longer we will increase our stock of plants and cut flowers to brighten up your life. Easter eggs will be on sale, as well as spring lamb from our lovely friends down the road at Oaktrack Smallholding. This along with our lovely selection of fresh soups, artisan breads, delicious cheeses and olives as well as all the everyday items you need makes St Mary Bourne Village Shop your perfect one stop place for all those things you've forgotten or run out of.

When it comes to Spring Cleaning, don't forget we offer a dry-cleaning service. Perfect for rugs and throws as well as any winter clothing that needs a clean before being ushered to the back of the wardrobe.

The shop plans to hold its annual Duck Race again this year but as a change it will be done on an alternative date to Easter Sunday. Watch this space for the new date and make sure you grab yourself a duck once they become available at the shop!

So, whilst it's been a long winter, we are over the worst and Spring is finally in sight. Here's to long days, BBQ's, flip flops and bare legs... we are well overdue!!

**Village Shop - February 1☺☺ Club Draw:**  
**£50** - E Ahl; **£20** - J Cambrook;  
**£20** - J Peart; **£10** - A Monro-Davies.

**STARGAZING**

Count the stars you can see with the naked eye within the constellation of Orion. You don't need a telescope. You will help Council to Protect Rural England (CPRE) create a map of the darkest skies to see the stars, so they can work with local councils to reduce light pollution. Email your count to CPRE.

**THE PLANETS** - VENUS will be shining brightly for March. Visible in Southwest.

**EARTH HOUR** - 28<sup>th</sup> March. Started in Sydney 2007. This worldwide event sees every country switch off local lights from 20.30 to 21.30, highlighting the issue of light pollution. (Astronomical Groups will have special local events. Check the internet.) Will you and your family get stargazing?





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### Summary Report - Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Seven councillors and the clerk attended the meeting. B&DBC Cllr Falconer and 9 members of the public attended for part of the meeting.

#### Time for Public Speaking

- The developer for application 20/00028/FUL Rowe Farm gave a detailed outline of the proposed scheme and answered questions from concerned residents about water run-off, height of buildings & increased traffic.

- A resident of Spring Hill Lane stated that a refrigerated container lorry had passed down Spring Hill Lane, ripping out their hedge & damaging the road. The incident had been reported to Vitacress & Hampshire Highways. The chair would check whether lane traffic could be restricted to a specified weight limit and/or an "unsuitable for HGV" sign could be put up.

- A resident of High Street talked about rising ground water levels. The Chair confirmed that he had been in touch with the Environment Agency and had asked Hampshire Highways to make an additional visit. Cllr Culley confirmed that in the event of flooding the parish council will prioritise vulnerable properties.

**Borough Councillor's Report** - Cllr Falconer reported that as B&DBC has failed to fulfil the Government's five-year housing quota they have updated their planning policy and St Mary Bourne's Neighbourhood Plan had been deemed to be out of date, although the parish is still partly protected within an AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). He also reported on the provision of sandbags, an appeal against the refusal of planning application 18/03459/FUL (Butlers Farm, Gangbridge Lane), and forthcoming B&DBC elections in May. Cllr Falconer was asked about planning applications and nitrates in the Solent (not yet applicable to StMB), additional charges to parishes (would be decided at B&DBC March budget meeting) and whether council tax was paid on mobile homes with reference to Picket Piece development (Cllr F would find out).

**Recruitment of new Parish Clerk** - The Clerk would be leaving on 30<sup>th</sup> April. A job specification and advert would be on the parish website and on Bourne Valley Signpost.

**Flood & Emergency** - The report from the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January was accepted. The chair gave a detailed outline of the current situation, monitoring of groundwater and future plans. He thanked DEFRA & the Environment Agency for their grants and Hampshire County Council for jetting the bridges and upgrading the culvert in Stoke which had made a huge difference to the river flow.

**Highways** - It was reported that the road between the main road and the surgery needed repair because it was dangerous for pedestrians. It was noted that it was a private road and ownership was unknown as it was unregistered with the Land Registry.

#### Recreation Ground & Lake

- Cllr Grunsell suggested that the bench in Stoke play area should be repaired and dedicated to Robin Mackenzie for his service to the parish.

- In response to a report of horses being ridden across the Recreation Ground, it was agreed to monitor the situation.

- The council considered a petition signed by 43 people requesting that no general access should be allowed to the Lake and its environs for reasons of public safety and the protection of flora and fauna. The chair noted that

there was a condition within the covenant (Deed of Gift from the former owner Dr Evans) which did not exclude access for organized groups. The council agreed that they would abide by the terms of the covenant. Access by organized groups would only take place after completing risk assessments and there were no plans to allow for general access.

### Summary Report - Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Four councillors and the clerk attended the meeting.

#### Matters from the previous meeting

a) Council tax for mobile homes. Cllr Falconer had confirmed that 12 mobile homes at Picket Piece pay council tax and residents in the new bungalows would pay when occupied.

b) The broken bench in Stoke play area would be replaced by a new one dedicated to Robin Mackenzie. The clerk would obtain quotes.

c) The IT issue with play inspections software had been resolved.

**Recruitment of New Parish Clerk** - Interviews would be scheduled for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Flood & Emergency** - The chair reported that groundwater levels were steady or falling. Sandbags were available if needed.

**Recreation Ground & Lake** - Jez Ahl was thanked for his IT assistance. The clerk was instructed to get quotes for fixing medium risk items and for cleaning both play areas.

**Village Shop Ownership & Extension Plans** - The council will take legal advice about the ownership of the shop premises. Architectural plans for a proposed extension would be presented at the next parish council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 19.30**  
**Planning Committee: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 18.30**  
Village Centre Club Room / Public welcome

All planning applications for the parish of St Mary Bourne can now be looked up by visiting the new parish council website [www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk) - go to 'Planning' and 'Planning Tracker' and use the options available - or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk ☎ 01264 738 039.

Details of all planning applications can be accessed on the B&DBC website - go to [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning)



## THE BIG BREAKFAST

A big thank you to everyone who supported the January Big Breakfast. We served over one hundred breakfasts and raised a good amount of money for Global Action.

We will publish the date for the next breakfast in next month's edition.

Many thanks, Jo and Karen

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*After working for the University of Bristol, Hendrika currently lectures free-lance in and around Winchester, and also in London at the V&A museum. If you would like to attend this course please telephone ASAP 01962 774707 or contact [hendrika-foster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hendrika-foster@hotmail.co.uk) 12 to 15 people will make the class viable.*



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Hedgehogs need to roam at least a mile a night and our gardens could provide ideal foraging sites for them if they could only get in and out. Their foraging would get rid of several garden pests as well.

### How you can help

Cut some holes in your fences at ground level about 15 cm wide x 12 cm high for hedgehogs and approximately 6 x 6 cm for amphibians or at least dig tunnels in the earth which will need redoing each year. Let plants grow all-round the holes so they are safe from predators. Just check with your neighbours, remember any small pets and don't cut holes that lead onto a road.



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**NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th March at 7.45pm in the Community Centre**

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David Walton, a member of the Wherwell History Group and a metal detectorist for over 43 years, will return to reveal more about the fascination of searching for "buried treasure". He has been a metal detectorist for 43 years, is a member of the National Council for Metal Detecting, and reports his finds to the Portable Antiquities Scheme, (PAS), run by the British Museum. In 2018 he told us about the coins he had found; this time he will talk about the remarkably wide variety of other artefacts he has literally unearthed.

*Visitors most welcome to join us (£3.00)*

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## Post card from Binley February 2020

My New Year's Resolution was to stop continually Googling stuff. It was becoming a habit. I mean, who wants to know the answer to everything? So I have started to re-open my eyes, look at the world around me and try and work things out for myself. Here's an example. Walking past Peter Corbett's sheep as I do each day had me wondering if sheep exist in a hierarchy? Who's the daddy? Or in this instance, the mummy? So instead of Googling it I have simply watched and observed. They don't. They'll follow one sheep one day, another sheep another day and another the next. A bit like Chuka Umunna. But it was quite satisfying finding that out. In my ignorance I'd always assumed that Peter's sheep were a rare Scottish breed, given his close ties with Mull, but I recently discovered they are in fact "Dorset Horns". I'm reliably informed the breed is "prolific", sometimes producing two lambing seasons per year. I must say they always look in fine fettle and rightly so as nothing puts me off a grilled lamb chop more than a scruffy sheep with a grubby bottom.

At present the Tups (Rams) are in with the ewes and the blue marks on their backs leads me to believe the females have all been covered. All except one, that is. She appears no less attractive than the others (if you're into that sort of thing) so they must know something I don't? Anyway, the Tups are lounging around congratulating themselves on a job well done. In films, we humans are traditionally pictured laying back and enjoying a cigarette after the "event", but this knackered lot aren't afforded that sort of luxury, although I can see one old boy majestically laid on his side and nibbling on some clover so perhaps he's having his Benson & Hedges moment!

Let's face it, sheep are achingly dull creatures. They do, after all send us to sleep! As lambs they are so mischievous, so playful and endearing yet in adulthood become such herbivorous old bores? Mind you, a glance in the mirror each morning is a reminder that this frolicking lamb of yester year has been well and truly put out to grass and don't I know it!

But I shall look forward to the first week of April when Peter's lambs are traditionally turfed out onto

the Binley downs. On a warm spring day it is one of life's pleasures to walk down the lane with a host of golden daffodils to the right and an idyllic pastoral scene to the left. It would move Wordsworth himself to poetry!

This morning I took my dogs along the old cattle drove that runs across the top of the downs from Binley to Gangbridge Lane and disturbed a woodcock. It flew off in that zig zaggy way uttering its distinctive whistle which is actually not vocal but comes from the air passing through the wing tips. And what a delightful little bird it is. Its plumage mimics the colours of the forest floor from where it feeds, to spot one nesting on the ground is nigh on impossible. Unfortunately, they are very good to eat. My Fergus Henderson book suggests the traditional way, roasted undrawn with the beak inserted up the derriere and 20 minutes over a slice of bread to soak up the cooking juices, the liver then scraped onto the toast. All very good but surely the real pleasure is in seeing them alive?

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Rebecca Nicholson was confirmed by the Bishop of Basingstoke on 9<sup>th</sup> February at St James, Woodcott. The first confirmation at St James for at least three decades!



Over 50 people from the Benefice attended Choral Evensong on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Winchester Cathedral to witness the Installation of the Reverend Dodie Marsden as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. Dodie received this title in recognition of her work in the Winchester Diocese and Mityana, Uganda on schools and education.

## Obituary

### Judith Helen Ikin

6<sup>th</sup> September 1969 – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Judith was born in Buckinghamshire on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1969. She was the second of two girls with an elder sister Elaine. Her father Alan was a member of the Royal Air Force and perhaps wanted a son. Either way he got one as Judith turned out to be something of a tomboy. As an adult Judith could put a car round a skid pan sideways, had re-built a Triumph TR6, was a crack shot and could down a pint in one.

Whilst at school, Judith made lifelong friends, some of whom were able to attend her funeral at St Peter's Church on the 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Following her parent's divorce whilst she was in her teens, she went to live with her father and then set sail for an independent life at the age of twenty. She married her first husband David in 1992 and they moved first to the West Country and then to Ringwood in Hampshire. She split up with David in 2007 and moved to Salisbury, where she met and married Darren in 2010. Then pursuing a childhood ambition, she bought a horse (Phoebe), who would become a big part of her life. Phoebe moved to a livery yard in the Bourne Valley in August 2016 as an advance guard, and Judith and her husband Darren followed in December of the same year.



Judith spent the next few years happily enjoying the peace and quiet of St Mary Bourne but was sadly diagnosed with cancer last year. Though cheerful and upbeat throughout her illness, she sadly passed away in Southampton General Hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January this year aged 50.

*People were very important to Judith and those in her life will miss her dearly.*



**LONGPARISH**

- 8 10am - L2SOTM Race - Cricket Ground  
 8 3pm - Rev Terry Hemming licensing service - St Cross, Winchester  
 9 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
 10 7pm - **Tuesday Talk** - 25 years driving a Jumbo Jet - Peter Jones - Village Hall  
 13 9.15am - Litter pick - Village Hall  
 13 10am to 12 noon - Coffee Shop - Village Hall  
 16 7.15pm - **Film Night** - *Hotel Mumbai* - Village Hall  
 20 11.45am to 2pm - Lunch Club - Village Hall  
 24 7pm - Gardening Club - Perennials - Village Hall  
 26 7.30pm - Barton Stacey WI - Barton Stacey Village Hall

**Andover Artisan Market**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**10am to 2pm - High Street**

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- 9 10.15am onwards - Ladies Coffee Morning at Paddock View  
 14 10am - **Church and Village Clean Up** - meet at the Cricket Pavilion

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**ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT**

- 6 7.30pm - **Horticultural Society AGM** - Village Centre  
 7 10am - Village Litter pick - meet outside The George Inn  
 8 2.30pm - Women's Fellowship - *The Cottage*  
 9 7.45pm - Hurstbourne Tarrant Historical Society - Community Centre  
 10 10.30am - Coffee at the George - The George Inn  
 10 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Centre Club Room  
 17 7.30pm - **The Film** - *'Mrs Lowry & Son'* - Village Centre  
 18 12.30pm - **The Lunch** - Village Centre  
 24 6.30 - Parish Council Planning Committee - Village Centre Club Room  
 25 8pm - Priors Players AGM - Village Centre Club Room  
 27 7pm - 'Our Country Life' RDA Quiz - Village Centre  
**Saturday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm - The Community Library - Village Centre Club Room**

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