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Dear Friends,

As we journey into 2020, I hope your now 'not so New Year' has begun as well as you hoped. Whether you have maintained any New Year resolutions or begun some new venture, I hope 2020 is a year where challenges and triumphs may be faced with courage and confidence. As you may be aware by now, Jane and I shall be moving to Yorkshire to begin a new ministry in March: more about that in next month's edition.

Towards the end of 2019, Dodie received some exciting news from Bishop Tim, the Bishop of Winchester which said the following;

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to write to invite you to become an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. I write with the support of the Dean having heard the warmest commendation of your ministry amongst us from colleagues in the senior staff. This is not only an expression of my appreciation for your service in this diocese and the wider church, but also in recognition of the wisdom and passion for mission which you will continue as a member of the College of canons. "

Dodie will be made a canon of Winchester Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 23rd February when we shall set aside any evening service here so that we can support Dodie at the Cathedral for this special occasion in Dodie's life and the life of the Benefice. From that date she will be known as 'The Reverend Canon Dodie Marsden'.

We wish Dodie our warmest congratulations on this much deserved honour in recognition of her dedication to the life of the benefice and the wider diocese.

This comes with every blessing to you all.

Craig

Uganda - Autumn 2020 - An invitation to those across our Deanery

We are planning on taking a team of adults to Mityana at the end of September, early October.

There will be opportunities to visit link parishes, churches and schools and to see the work that is being done and where support is having a positive impact.

If you are interested and want to find out more, can you please email us:

dodie.marsden@gmail.com or jan.petersen@btinternet.com

There will be an open meeting on **Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm** to discuss costs, timings, activities etc. in the St Mary Bourne Village Centre Clubroom.

Vicar's Diary Dates and Notices

Tuesday 25 th February	Bible Study	11.00am	The Vicarage, St. Mary Bourne
Thursdays	Home Group	3.30pm	4 Applegate, St. Mary Bourne

Services in the Parish Churches

February 2020

2nd February - Candlemas

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
Longparish	9.30am	<i>Family 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	

9th February - 3rd before Lent

Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	<i>Family Worship</i>
Longparish	11.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
Woodcott	3.30pm	<i>Confirmation Service with +David</i>

16th February - 2nd before Lent

Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>Songs of Praise</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	

23rd February - Next before 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>
	3.30pm	<i>The Cathedral (Dodie made Honorary Canon)</i>
Woodcott	9.30am	<i>Mattins</i>

26th February - ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Mary Bourne	7.00pm	<i>Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes</i>
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Lent 2020

We will have a Lent Course of four evening sessions across the Benefice, that will begin on Wednesday 11th March and the three subsequent Wednesdays.

The theme is: **Lent, Holy Week and Easter** and we will look through four lenses: art, music, poetry and experience.

It will be a Benefice lent course and we will visit each of our parishes.

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact:

The Revd Craig Marshall ☎ 01264 738308
The Vicarage, St Mary Bourne, Andover
Hampshire SP11 6AY
email: craig785@btinternet.com

or anyone of the Clergy:

The Revd Canon Dodie Marsden ☎ 01264 738211 email: dodie.marsden@gmail.com ,

The Revd Richard Sutcliffe ☎ 01264 738288
email: rev.sutcliffe@btinternet.com

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

● **Methodist Minister** for our parishes: The Revd Rachel Borgars, 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, RG28 7SU ☎ 01256 895878
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."

Sunday 13th October – St James' Woodcott
Baptism of Otilie Hicks, daughter of Quentin and Chessie

Sunday 12th January – Hurstbourne Priors
Baptism of Alfred Brunwin in St. Andrew's

Weddings

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

Friday 20th December 2019 – St. Mary Bourne
Marriage of Paul Gaffney and Hilary Steeden in St. Peter's

Funerals

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

Tuesday 3rd December – St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Ruth Wells

Friday 6th December – Longparish
Funeral of Margaret Turner in St. Nicholas'

Monday 9th December – St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Bertie Hall

Friday 20th December – St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Daphne Brewster in St. Peter's

Monday 13th January – Longparish
Funeral of June Hoare at Charlton Park Crematorium

Friday 17th January – St. Mary Bourne (Stoke)
Funeral of Gillian Thatcher at Charlton Park Crematorium

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WEATHER – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

	November	December
Total rainfall for month	131mm (5.15in)	183mm (7.20in)
It rained on	19 days	19 days
Rainfall same month last year	130mm (5.12in)	145mm (5.71in)
Total for 2019	966mm (38.03in)	1,149mm (45.23in)
Total for 2018	878mm (34.56in)	1,023mm (40.27in)
Max temp	16C (60F) on 1 st Nov	12C (54F) on 18 th Dec
Min temp	-2C (28F) on 22 nd Nov	-3C (26F) on 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , Dec

Our 25 year average rainfall is 33.75in, so we were 11.48in above our average in 2019. And 5in up on 2018 ... no wonder it's wet!



John Smail

WORD OF THE MONTH

FUGACIOUS – (from the Latin verb *fugere* which means to flee) fleeting, fleeing, transitory (as are our beautiful Bourne Valley morning mists and our ever changing skylscapes).

It couples up nicely with **APRICITY** – (from the Latin *apricari*: to bask in the sun)..... The warmth of winter sun – which we are being gifted with as I write this.

Barbara Carrodus

LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The February Coffee Morning will be hosted by Lois Jones (01256 892548) at 28 Hurstbourne Priors on Tuesday, 18th February 2020 from 10.15 onwards.



HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PCC

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St Andrew's Church will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 24th February at 7.30pm. This is a meeting of all parishioners to elect the churchwardens for the coming year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place immediately after the Vestry Meeting. Anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors can attend and vote at the APCM.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI SUPPER

**Saturday evening
7th March 2020**

We hope many villagers from all over Hurstbourne Priors will join in the tenth annual Safari Supper. We especially welcome anyone who has not been before or who is new to the village.

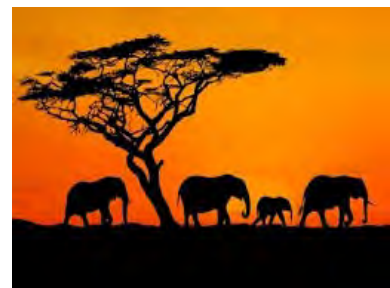
The supper has four courses: drinks and nibbles, starter, main course and pudding. Simple cooking is all that is needed.

Each couple will host one course of their choice and go to other houses for the other courses where they will meet different people on each occasion. At the end of the evening we will all meet up for coffee at the Village Hall.

Those who do not have a husband/wife/partner can join with someone else to form 'a couple' for the evening.

If you would like to take part (or would like further information) please contact Ann Orr by Monday, 17th February at the latest.

Ann Orr 01256 895983
annjorr@btinternet.com



ANDOVER FOODBANK

Thank you for all your generous donations. They are, as always, greatly appreciated. This month week we are in need of the following food and non-food items:

- Potatoes – tinned or instant mash
- Cereal bowls
- Bath towels – these don't need to be new but must be clean!

Foodbank Coffee Mornings

As many of you know, we hold a coffee morning at the Foodbank every month. These get-togethers are a great opportunity to socialise, visit the Foodbank and meet some of the staff and find out what goes on and how we operate. The next few coffee mornings, which start at 10.30am at the Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, Andover are on 7th February, 13th March, 3rd April and 1st May (which will also include our annual Plant Sale). **All are welcome!**

Save the date: This year's Andover Lake Run is on Sunday 13th September 2020. More information will be available shortly.

Andover Foodbank
Tel: 01264 362111
www.andover.foodbank.org.uk

HISTORY OF ART COURSE - ROME

Hendrika Foster, MA is offering a 5 week History of Art course on Rome from 5th October to 2nd November at St Mary Bourne Village Centre. It will consist of five Monday afternoons from 1.30 – 4pm. Fee £85, tea and biscuits included.

In Classical Rome, its power politics and philosophy were expressed through its Architecture and Art. Countless European leaders since the 1st Century have emulated the style and created their own version of the grandeur that was Ancient Rome.

The course consists of a resume of the work of the most prominent artists who left a legacy in Rome up to the 17th Century. By the end of the course you should be able to plan an itinerary for a visit to the city. We shall discuss museums, palazzi and churches that can be visited to see the best of the art on display.

After working for the University of Bristol, Hendrika currently lectures freelance in and around Winchester and also in London at the V&A

museum. If you would like to attend this course, please telephone 01962 774707 as soon as possible, or contact hendrika-foster@hotmail.co.uk Twelve to fifteen people will make the class viable.

Hendrika Foster



Lovely Poppy from last month has been lucky enough to find a new home and is settling in well.



This beautiful, friendly and very energetic young lady is Daisy who was handed into our care as a stray. Unfortunately we have been unable to trace her owner

so she is now ready to find a new home. We are confident she would make an ideal family pet, please get in touch if you think you can offer Daisy a home. The vets estimate her to be about 2 years old.

Helpful tip - If the weather becomes particularly cold, keep your cat indoors. While they might seem bored or restless, pet cats aren't used to extreme temperatures and can even develop frostbite or hypothermia. Keep them entertained and exercised with enrichment toys and feeders.

For all homing, fund raising and volunteer enquiries; Telephone: 0345 260 1501 or

Email: sylvia.cp@outlook.com

To view all cats currently up for adoption visit www.andover.cats.org.uk

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like to 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.*

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday 16th February 2020
St Andrew's Church at 4pm

Please come and join us for another new style, informal service where you can enjoy singing favourite old hymns and some new songs followed by tea and cake.

If you play an instrument, come and join our growing band of musicians! All very welcome.

Any enquiries to Ann Orr (annjorr@btinternet.com) or Fenella Williams (fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD**Forthcoming work on trees in and around the churchyard**

Following concern about some elderly trees that were thought to be leaning dangerously in the churchyard, and falling dead branches in the avenue, the PCC commissioned a report from an arboriculturalist regarding the safety of all of the trees and plans for their management. This has produced some helpful recommendations for maintenance work. These mainly involve removal of some lower branches of sycamores overhanging the new churchyard and "raising the crown" of certain of the lime trees in the avenue. It also recommends the felling of the two old cypress trees in the churchyard which have reached the end of their useful lives and are endangering walls and tombstones should they fall. There will also be some light trimming of the veteran yew tree to improve its shape and reduce the risk of branches splitting off.

As all the trees are in a conservation area, permission has been sought from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council who have now given their approval for this work to be undertaken. An application has also been made to the Diocesan Advisory Council whose approval is expected soon. The expense of this work has been made possible by a most generous grant from the Vitacress Charitable Trust and the support of neighbouring landowners. It is hoped that the work will be undertaken during February or early March.

Martin Briant-Evans
 Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2020

Your Parish Council meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All Parishioners are very welcome to attend, and they do not need to give any notice that they wish to come. However, if there is a particular item which you would like to discuss and which you feel it would be beneficial for the Councillors to look into prior to the meeting, please contact either:

the Parish Clerk, Richard Waterman, on richard.waterman150@btinternet.com

or the Chairman, Clare Read, on clareread@aol.com or 07711 917375.

Dates for 2020

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 27th May

Wednesday 29th July

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 25th November

Minutes from previous meeting are available to view on the Parish Website.

Richard Waterman,
 Clerk

ANDOVER FILM CLUB

February's film is Ken Loach's *Sorry We Missed You* at the Odeon Cinema, Andover on Monday, 10th February at 8pm. Hoping that self-employment through the gig economy can solve their financial woes, a hard-up UK delivery driver and his wife end up trapped in the vicious circle of this modern-day form of labour exploitation.

Pre-booking on line is recommended at www.andoverfilmclub.org

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MAY FAIR 2020



HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Preparations are gathering pace for this year's May Fair, the annual fundraiser for our Village amenities. The May Fair Team would be most grateful for offers of help both before and on the day and for contributions for the following stalls.

Tombola Bric a Brac Produce
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 Teas in the Village Hall

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Kim French
home@thefamilyfrench.co.uk
 or
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fenella.williams@btopenworld.com

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Hampshire residents can register up to three vehicles via the Hampshire County Council website. The system will quickly check the registration of the cars coming into the site against the number plates that have been registered so that Hampshire residents can freely enter the sites as many times as they wish, without any further checks.

To register your vehicle please go to:
www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc

The May Fair Team invites you to a Big Breakfast and Pancake Race



SUNDAY February 23rd from 10 - 12
 Bring your frying pan and enjoy the fun at

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Come along and find out how you can help make this year's May Fair successful to support our village amenities.

Book your places as soon as possible!

Call Fenella Williams on 01256 892081 or
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The Lunch

is now half way into its 16th year. It continues to provide a monthly low cost, light lunch and social occasion for everyone in the community. Almost ninety people attended our festive Christmas Lunch in December. With sherry on arrival, all enjoyed a traditional roast turkey meal followed by mince pies and tea or coffee. There was a superb raffle and once again children from St Mary Bourne Primary School kindly came to sing Christmas songs and carols. Our thanks go to everyone who supports us each year. In particular: the Vitacress company, the Village School, the Village Shop, Bourne Valley PYO, Ken White Distribution, everyone who generously donated raffle prizes, and of course all who come along each month to enjoy our lunch. A special thanks also to the hard working volunteers of the Lunch Team! Our next lunch will be on Wednesday **19th February, 12.30pm** at St Mary Bourne Village Centre as usual. If a lift is needed please phone Chris Smith on ☎ 01264 738 **110** by noon on the Tuesday before.



Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning on **Tuesday 11th February 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

will meet as usual on the first **Thursday** of the month **February 6th** at The Cottage at **2.30pm**. Anyone who would like to join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake will be very welcome. For further information contact *Eve Lind-Smith* on ☎ 01264 738 **681**



The Community Library - Club Room
Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30

Scramblers - Thursday 13th February at

2.15pm. Come along with your toddler and enjoy half an hour of fun and friendship, a story and then a drink and biscuit.

Priors Players Amateur Dramatics in the Bourne Valley

- We are currently considering how best to move forward and are looking for an enthusiastic person or persons who would like to take on the extremely rewarding responsibilities of running Priors Players. If you think you might be interested please contact Sophy on 01264 738 **705** or Hilary on 01264 738 **323** as soon as possible and before 25th March.

Look up at the starry skies

Dark skies add to the beauty, tranquility and sense of remoteness of a place. Looking up at a starry sky or across a moonlight landscape is a memorable and magical experience. And yet, increasingly artificial light is reducing our ability to see dark skies – nationally over 90 per cent of the population are denied sight of starry skies. Our valley darkness at night is an integral part of our valley. Can we ensure that it remains a place where night skies can thrill the eye, unaffected by light pollution? Artificial light provides valuable benefits to all of us

but it's important to get the right light, in the right place and for it to be used at the right time. As well as affecting our ability to see dark skies, light pollution can have many negative impacts:

- **Health and Wellbeing** - lights that shine directly into windows or orange glows in the sky can disrupt our body clocks making us tired or stressed.
- **Safety** - Glare and bright light spilling onto the road can distract or blind motorists.
- **Crime** - A security light may not actually deter crime. Bright lights can create contrasting dark spots that people can hide within, unseen from the outside.
- **Wildlife** - artificial light can be bad for wildlife - growth, development, reproduction, eating and movement all depend on the balance between day and night.
- **Going Green** - if the power of lights is too much, lighting is badly directed or is on when not needed energy can be wasted adding to the impact of climate change.
- **Cost** - Wasted power through badly designed, installed or used lighting is an unnecessary cost.

What could you do to avoid light pollution? Here's some suggestions:

- Don't fit unnecessary or excessively bright lights.
- Switch off the lights when they're not needed.
- Think about using a well-aimed movement detector and a timer.
- Aim your floodlights downwards to only cover the area that needs lighting.
- Be careful not to light up other people's properties or their windows.

If you want to find out more have a look at Basingstoke and Deane's leaflet at

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/content/doclib/551.pdf>

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St Mary Bourne & District Flower Show and Fête

AGM followed by drinks

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.

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Next film: Mrs Lowry & Son

Tuesday 17th March - 7.30pm

**AGM**

Annual General Meeting

St Mary Bourne Village Centre and St Mary Bourne Village Shop & Post Office will be holding their AGMs together at **7pm** on **Wednesday 26th February** in St Mary Bourne

Village Centre and all are welcome to attend. Come and have a drink and find out how we fared in 2019 and what we are planning for 2020. We both really appreciate feedback and ideas for your community assets and welcome new volunteers for our management committees.

Village Shop - December 1☺☺ Club Draw:

£50 – E Lind-Smith; **£20** G Radford;

£20 – R Plincke; **£10** – G Darwent.

Christmas Special £50 - J Nelsey

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February also brings our **AGM**, this year held jointly with the **Village Centre** Committee. We'd love to see you and let you know how the shop is doing and our plans for the future. Do join us if you can. **Wednesday, 26th February** at the Village Centre **Club Room** at **7pm**. Stay and have a glass of wine with us too.

Happy February!

Lara and the Team x



TABLES - We will shortly be replacing the tables in one of our classrooms and will have the old ones available for free. They would be ideal for a garage, shed, workroom, playroom - 120cm long, 60 cm wide and 70cm high. If you would like one

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Toads on Roads

The Sustainable Bourne Valley Group are starting a toad patrol near the Derrydown surgery junction with the B3084 after reports given us of squashed toads found on the main road and also near the surgery. Toads journey back to their ancestral ponds in spring from their often far away feeding area (for a toad). As they are grey brown, warty and only crawl they look pretty similar to the road and are easily run over. They are a biodiversity priority species because of recent declines in numbers. We are a registered site with froglife and have applied for road signs from Hampshire County Council, but as it is so mild they may well start moving very soon. They choose mild, damp nights any time from January if very mild to April if it is a cold spring and set off (rather slowly) from dusk onwards. The toad patrol will try to be in position when they decide to go for it so look out for us with yellow jackets, torches and buckets to help them across, but we may well miss one of the big nights so please slow right down either side of this junction and let them cross safely. Would anyone like to join the patrol as more volunteers are needed? Phone 01264 738 579 or email sustainablebournevalley@gmail.com.



Summary Report - Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th December 2019

Seven parish councillors and the clerk attended the meeting. Borough Councillors Falconer and Izett, County Councillor Thacker and eight members of the public attended for part of the meeting.

In the *time for public speaking* six residents of Egbury outlined detailed objections to planning application 19/02029/FUL (Egbury Farm Barns). In the subsequent discussion, Cllr Falconer stated that he had met B&DBC planning officials on 20th November to discuss various issues in the Bourne Valley and had advised that this application should be resubmitted with two separate applications for conversion and new-build. The council resolved to object to the current application on the grounds that it had been significantly changed and a new application should be made.

Borough Councillors' Report - Councillors Falconer and Izett reported that due to the lack of local housing provision for the near future (5 years), national housing policy would come into effect and some policies in Local and Neighbourhood Plans would no longer apply. It was suggested that the parish council should meet the planning officers to discuss how to mitigate this problem.

County Councillor's Report - Cllr Thacker reported on HCC's response to the Wheelabrator consultation. No official objection could be made until the application had been submitted to the Secretary of State (Jan or Feb 2020). In addition to HCC's concerns he expressed personal views about possible heavy traffic diversions through Longparish or Whitchurch and the likelihood of waste coming from outside Hampshire to be incinerated.

Cllr Thacker also discussed HCC budget cuts and how this might affect the lengthsman scheme.

New Parish Councillor - Following the resignation of Tony Styles, the parish council filled the vacancy by co-opting Jo Perry as a member and Cllr Perry signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Recreation Ground and Lake - The notes from the meeting of parish councillors and lakeside riparian owners on 19th November were accepted.

The clerk is liaising with Nik Cross, B&DBC IT specialist, to resolve the issue about play equipment reports.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:

Tuesday 11th February, 19.30

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 - 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

SMB Parish Council Flood and Emergency Group (FEG) - Update 15th January 2020

Following the heavy and prolonged rainfall experienced during the early part of the Winter period the Bourne Rivulet was in full flow some six weeks earlier than is normal. Given the saturated nature of the catchment, groundwater levels are likely to remain high for some time yet. Although at the time of writing there are no Environment Agency (EA) Flood Alerts in place.

The FEG, together with the EA monitors boreholes and groundwater levels down the valley and will issue alerts when levels reach the appropriate trigger points. If this happens, the

EA also has a temporary defense deployment plan for our area which includes the siting of temporary barriers, sandbags and pumps. If required the Parish Council has a stock of sandbags available for immediate deployment and contact details can be found within the SMB Emergency Plan which can be found on the pc website under The Bourne Rivulet tab. There are also links to other sites with relevant information regarding flooding - www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk. There will also be regular updates posted on Bourne Valley Signpost if/when required.

The good news is that with the remedial work that has been carried out down our section of the valley during the last eighteen months i.e. the silt clearance, clearing under the bridges and the river bank restoration work, means the river is running extremely well. This work has to date prevented the river breaking its banks and flooding the roads, as it did during 2013/14. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the EA for their help in funding this work and also Hampshire CC for facilitating the bridge clearance and the work to increase the capacity of the culvert at Jones Farm, Stoke.

If anyone would like more information, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Exelby - clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk or 01264 738 039

David Peart - *Chairman of St Mary Bourne Parish Council*

Improving continuity of care "pods"

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Since the merger of Derrydown Clinic and Whitchurch Surgery into Two Rivers Medical Partnership you will have noticed many changes. One is that by booking a fifteen-minute routine appointment at the surgery we want you to see the same doctor or nurse practitioner you saw last time. If you book a telephone appointment, again, it is likely to be with a clinician you know. This is called "continuity of care".

At Two Rivers Medical Partnership you are in one of four groups (we called them "Pods"). Each "Pod" has a GP and a nurse practitioner. Dr Jim Rose works with Anne Hardiman, Dr Dan Lickman with Rachel Sidwell, Dr Paul Barber with Maggie Harris and Dr Jenny Hartley with Barbara Harris. Dr Lickman and Dr Rose are also GP trainers and often will have a GP in training attached to their pod.

Each "Pod" also has a named administrator to help coordinate your care and deal with non-medical enquiries. When booking an appointment with a GP or nurse practitioner on line, on the phone or face to face this will be booked with your "Pod" clinician.

The care patients at Two Rivers Medical Partnership has improved markedly since the merger 3 years ago. We know this because the performance of the practice is constantly monitored by the NHS commissioners and ourselves. This data demonstrates the care our patients receive is amongst the best in England and 84% of our patients would recommend the practice to their family and friends. This has caught the attention of our peers and recently we were invited to present our model for general practice as a case study of innovation.

We hope you are familiar with your pod and how the systems are operating at your local GP surgery here at Two Rivers. Best wishes, Dr Dan Lickman

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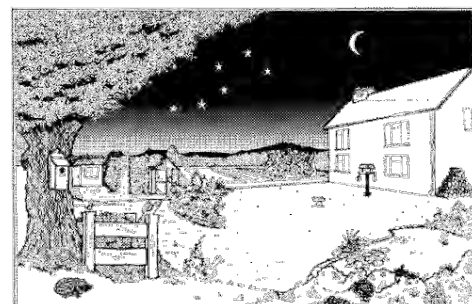
For billions of years, all life has relied on Earth's predictable rhythm of day and night. It's encoded in the DNA of all plants and animals including us. Humans have radically disrupted this cycle by lighting up the night sky. Plants and animals depend on Earth's daily cycle of light and dark to govern life-sustaining behaviours such as reproduction, nourishment, sleep and protection from predators.

Nocturnal animals are divided roughly into two groups. There are those who strenuously avoid light often going on long routes round lit areas so wasting precious energy; alternatively delaying or even giving up on mating and feeding routines. Toads may be particularly affected by increased levels of artificial light as they have a very short breeding season and may use light to orient towards ponds and aid in synchronicity in breeding. Owl numbers are falling, which it is claimed is partly due to the reduction in suitable feeding areas caused by light pollution. Bats such as brown long eared, greater horseshoe and Natterer's bats are used to operating in very dark conditions using echolocation and encountering bright ALAN can lead to the equivalent of blindness leading to crashes. This also happens to exhausted and confused migrating birds who have to navigate by the stars or visible land masses and encounter unexpected light. Migratory birds depend on cues from natural light sources for timing their migration. Artificial lights can cause them to migrate too early or too late and miss ideal climate conditions for nesting, foraging and other behaviours.

Other animals are attracted to the lights, moths waste energy in their confusion as they batter against the lights and become prey to pipistrelle bats who in turn can become prey to cats in this artificial environment. Outdoor lighting is directly and significantly contributing to the loss of insects and biodiversity everywhere. 60% of insects are nocturnal and it is estimated that a third of those attracted to artificial light are killed as a result. A new research paper in the scientific journal: BIOLOGICAL CONSERVATION printed November 21st 2019 raises new concerns over the impact of artificial light at night (ALAN) on our environmental health. The journal says we have to take the Insect Apocalypse seriously if we really hope to prevent a terrible situation from getting worse. Insects are lynch-pins of the environment and necessary for most life forms to survive including ourselves. Numbers of bats have decreased so dramatically over the last century that all 17-resident species are now protected by law. Most of us have seen the awful films of baby turtles wandering off to the towns thinking they are following the moon light on the sea. While poor glow-worms only emit low, greenish light to attract mates and can't compete with our LEDs.

So, what can we do to help in our village?

There is hope. It is an easy matter to eliminate, reduce or change the ecologically devastating artificial lighting on our homes, schools, businesses if we want to, simply by turning off exterior lights as much as we can. The dark skies campaign has managed to get the message out there that street lights need only light downwards and leave the night sky visible. "Security lighting" similarly should only be directed where needed at the doorstep, keyhole and steps etc. and should only come on with movement to help our wildlife survive. Have thick curtains and close them at dusk to save energy on heating and prevent blazing house lights affecting the night sky. Lastly we can help further by always selecting warm yellow shades of light and even better choose red hues which affect wildlife less, but avoid greenish tones(think of those glow worms!) and ice white and blue shades which have been found to damage the retina and upset our sleep patterns causing health problems for us and wildlife. Our village plan stated that we did not want light pollution at night in our villages.





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Post card from Binley December 2019

As I write, Christmas is almost on us and with it the New Year and its "Resolutions". Believe me, there is nothing more daunting than turning over a new leaf, God knows the times I've tried. But righteous souls out there will be doing just that this coming month and I admire their fortitude. Apart from a love of booze, cheese, fried food, Indian takeaways and cigars I live a pretty pure life and don't see any reason to change it. Binley inhabitants I speak to all appear to live out of the frying pan and none as far as I can see are averse to a drink! Some spectacularly thrive on it! It must be because the sun is over the yard arm earlier here in Binley than the valley floor. It's the northerly latitude you see!

Meanwhile Binley continues to rebuild itself. This is not a criticism and God knows I've had enough builders around here over the years but it is remarkable how a hamlet that until thirty years ago had changed so little from say William Cobbett's time in the 19th century, has arrived at the place it is today. Now on a dog walk you are far more likely to come across an Earthline tipper lorry than a horse and rider, which says something I suppose.

I'm reminded how I used to enjoy seeing Cynthia Sherman from Mayfield Farm out and about in a pony and trap. Or Mrs Prior from Stoke with her little team of Shetlands. Unless you are passing through Wherwell you are very unlikely to see one through the valley now which is such a shame. As a child in London in the 1960's I would ride on the back of a Rag and Bone man's cart and help him with his round. Nobody minded me disappearing for the day. I'd sit at the back with my legs dangling, the cart would creak and the leather harness squeak as I watched the road slip by beneath me. There's something rather lovely about being propelled along by a horse. Scraps of cloth I would sort into different piles, linen, cotton and so on. Smelly old bones would be put in a greasy hessian sack to go to the glue factory at Bow. Good times.

A glance at the window shows a gentle rain falling on a mild day. This is now classic Christmas weather. In Ireland they would call this a "soft" day, what poets they are! I have seen many "soft" days in that beautiful country. Peter Corbett's pheasants continue to stand in the road by John the Thatcher's straw dump and sulk. How miserable they look! They loathe the rain and like me long for dry, crisp winter days. The lanes here are filthy, the verges spread black with rotting leaf matter. My terrier, Maurice is low slung to say the least and returns from a walk in some considerable state of ghastliness. I'm amazed how a creature who is happy to stroll through all this muck can then be so averse to a nice warm bath?

Talking of William Cobbett, he described Binley inhabitants in his "Rural Rides" essay of 1825 as "Poor, half-starved wretches of Binley!" And a glance through the parish records back then shows very humble livings being made by local inhabitants, in fact of the 50 marriages in St Peter's Church between 06/03/1850 and 12/11/1853, 33 of the grooms were labourers, the rest being woodmen, bricklayers or the like with one exception being a surgeon! I was personally interested to find "Hurdle maker". Where my kitchen stands now was once a shed where sheep hurdles (interlocking ash fence panels) were made, from which the old pub opposite, The Hurdlers Arms derived its name.

I wonder what William Cobbett would make of Binley now?

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Obituaries

Adam Jankowski

16th March 1985 - 2nd November 2019

Adam lived in Fourways Cottage, St Mary Bourne for almost 15 years and attended St Mary Bourne Primary School with his sister Pia from Reception Class until Secondary School.

He was well known in the village and by members of the farming community and he loved the countryside. Tragically he died on November 2nd after suffering a catastrophic brain injury and the decision was taken to discontinue his life support.

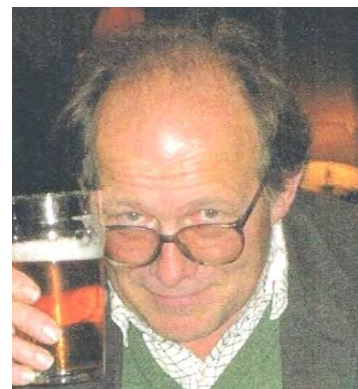
Our sympathy for his sad loss goes to all his family, friends and everyone who loved him.

Stuart Oram

5th December 1953 - 1st November 2019

Many family members, long-standing friends and former work colleagues filled St Peter's Church on 26th November to celebrate the eventful life of Stuart Oram.

Stuart was born on the Isle of Wight where his father Brian had a boat-building business. He was the oldest child of Brian and Lan Oram and had one younger brother, Robert (Boz). In 1959 the family moved to the mainland and lived in Bourne House, St Mary Bourne which became the family home. Stuart went to boarding school in Hampshire but during the holidays he became an enthusiastic member of the steam fraternity. He first learnt to drive and maintain steam engines during the 1960s and that interest continued throughout his life.



In 1977, Stuart joined the London stockbroking firm James Capel in London where he worked for many years.

He met and married Jo in 1987 and they had two daughters Lizzy (1989) and Katie (1991). The family first lived in London and then moved to Ball Hill Farm in Ball Hill near Newbury where Stuart and Jo held memorable parties and Stuart thoroughly enjoyed shooting and fishing. He continued to work in London until he took early retirement in 2007. Then, following the death of his mother Lan, the family moved to Diplands Court in St Mary Bourne in 2014 where Stuart continued to renovate and rebuild the family's showman's vehicles. The steam whistle from "The Little Gem" was blown as a poignant tribute at the end of the service.

Many treasured memories of Stu's life were shared after the service in the Bourne Valley Inn. He was remembered for his honesty, loyalty and generosity and his enlivening gregarious company.

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Ruth Wells

22nd July 1925 - 14th November 2019

Ruth Came was born in 1925 in Devon where her father was an instructor at Dartmouth Naval College. Sadly, he died when Ruth was only 4 years old from the results of injuries he had sustained in the First World War and she was raised in difficult circumstances by her mother.

During the Second World War she volunteered for the WRVS. She became involved in homing children who had been evacuated from London to Dawlish and this was the beginning of a lifetime caring for children. After the war she was employed as a foster mother in a children's home in Bath and it was there that she was introduced to the work of the Salvation Army. After two years' training, during which she worked in hospitals for the incurable, women's prisons, and other places which provide support and sustenance to the most vulnerable in society, she qualified as a lieutenant in the Royal Albert Hall with 400 other cadets.

Following her commission, she was assigned temporary placements in Wales and Suffolk before being given a permanent placement in St. Mary Bourne - a village that she grew to love dearly which became and remained for years, the centre of Ruth's life.

As a Salvation Army officer, Ruth would cycle up and down the Bourne valley from Longparish to Combe visiting the sick and the needy. On her journeys she would often pass a young man delivering groceries from the village shop in St Mary Bourne. This young man was Roy Wells whose parents ran the Coronation Arms in St Mary Bourne, whilst Roy, along with sister Rosalind and her husband Les, ran three grocery shops in the valley. Ruth's love for Roy meant sacrifice; for if she married, she would have to give up her position in the Salvation Army. But Ruth made the difficult decision to step away from her Salvationist work and they married on Boxing Day 1950. Their first child Michael was born in 1951, followed by Colin in 1954.



Following years of success as both shopkeepers and pub proprietors, Roy and Ruth retired from business in 1978 and settled into retirement. In 1979 their first grandchild arrived and very quickly the family expanded further. It was not only her own grandchildren that occupied her time, there were many nieces, nephews and children of friends in the village that Ruth looked after at various points. Also during that time, Ruth was an indefatigable fundraiser, helping to raise money at every possible village occasion, particularly through the sale of cakes and teas at community events.

Roy and Ruth moved to Andover in 1998 and then Ruth's greatest challenge came after Roy's passing in 2007. She showed great resilience in those difficult times. Her earlier Salvation Army Officer training provided a backbone of strength - she was always active, always sociable, and always curious about others.

Ruth lived a very full life and her life touched many people over the years. The great friendships and happiness Ruth knew throughout her life were simply a reflection of all the love and care she had given to others.

Roberta (Bertie) Grace Hall

1st April 1929 - 20th November 2019

Bertie Cuthbert was born in Karachi on 1st April 1929. She was the youngest of 3 children with an elder sister Margaret and a brother Alexander. Her father Sandy worked for the Karachi Port Trust as a Senior Pilot. The family lived on an island called Manora which was then a colonial paradise but with war looming, the children were sent to Montrose in Scotland to live with their grandparents. Bertie didn't see her parents again for 8 years.

She attended school at Montrose Academy and then studied for a General MA at Edinburgh University. Bertie thoroughly enjoyed university, particularly the social life, and she met Robin Hall whilst she was there.

Her parents returned to Scotland from India after the war, but her beloved father, Sandy, died shortly afterwards. Bertie made it her mission to care for her mother, Gracie, until her death aged 93.

Bertie and Robin married in 1952 when Robin had finished his medical training. His first job was in Essex and then on the Isle of Wight. Tim was born there in 1954, but they then moved to Windermere in the Lake District. Their daughter Susie arrived in 1956 and second son Matt in 1959. The family spent many happy times on Lake Windermere until they moved to Hadleigh in Suffolk in 1967. In all these places they established strong and lasting friendships.

In 1975, Bertie, together with a great friend set up a profitable company of quality skin care products, Kingsmill, which supplied several high-end shops as well as a well-known health farm.

However, after Gracie's death and Robin's retirement, they moved to Eyles Cottage, St Mary Bourne to be nearer their daughter Susie. Sadly, Robin died in June 2003. Then Bertie's inner strength came to the fore.

She was always stoical, brave and upbeat. As her boundaries became smaller she still loved to know what was going on in the world and with family and friends.

Bertie's focus was always family. The arrivals of her grandchildren, Cheskie, Alex, Paz and Ed were a very special joy. The grandchildren loved spending time with her, for her kindness, her love, her cheekiness and for her intelligence. Within the family she was referred to as 'The Wise One'. She was a very special person and is much missed.

The family would like to thank Derry Down Clinic and the incredible Palliative Care Team for their help, and are so grateful for all the love and support from dear friends in St Mary Bourne.





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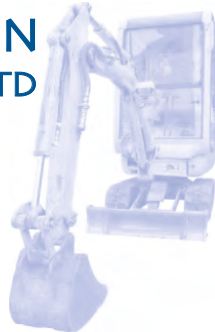
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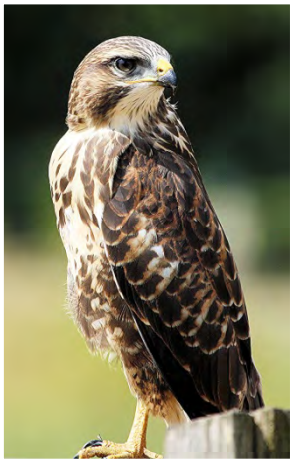
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Birds of Longparish - An Early January Walk by Chris Bowman

We started off from home, the dog and I. Down the backtrack just a few goldfinches on Chris's feeders. He told me he had 45 the other day. A couple of house sparrows on Arthur's feeders and the bushes are very quiet. Turn left and a chaffinch is sat at the top of a tree at Vine Cottage. On around the bends a couple of cock pheasants are in the stubble field along with a flock of jackdaws. Nothing else about, so on we go and stop at Woodwalk to see what's on Richard's feeders, blue tits, a great tit, a coal tit and a greenfinch. Turn right into the Cleeves only a few goldfinches in alders. On to the weir, a nuthatch is calling from an ash tree and it takes me a while to find it.

On we go along the small stream which runs beside the road. This is very high now. Another 2 or 3 inches and it will overflow. A chiffchaff is sat on the fence. Every now and then it darts out to catch an insect. Turn right at the crossroads very quiet along here only a few tits. There is a red kite behind Vale Farm. At the lake, or as I now call it, the duck pond there are coots, gadwall, tufted ducks and a swan. Moving on, a small flock of redwings fly out of the ivy followed by two blackbirds. A pair of carrion crows in the field to my left and a buzzard sat in its usual tree.

Turn right over Pig Bridge and up to the fishing lakes and see herring gull, black-headed gull, grey heron, Canada goose, greylag goose, moorhen and a lot more tufted ducks. As we carry on a robin sits on the fence singing and a pair of mistle thrushes are looking for worms in the grass. Turning right onto the bridge a little grebe and a couple of mallards - nothing else. A lot of woodpigeons fly over followed by a magpie. Turning right there is nothing much in the pony paddock. A little further on a pair of collared doves are sitting on the wires and a pied wagtail is on the thatched roof.



Buzzard

We turned left into the Acre up the backtrack. A dunnoek is in the roses and we are home. I hope you enjoyed our walk in total we saw 35 different birds.

Richard Stanbrook - The end of the story By Henry Yelf

The last issue of Hill and Valley of 2019 continued the story of Richard Stanbrook, the Longparish man born in 1831 who rose from poor circumstances to become a prosperous builder, thatcher and owner of watercress beds.

In 1913 Stanbrook stepped in for a second time to refinance a local charity started by the late Richard Widmore to ensure blankets could continue to be distributed to the poor of the village each winter.

I suggested it was unclear what eventually happened to the charity. The answer was supplied by village historian Mary Jo Darrah who, at the time a Parish Councillor, was involved in winding it up in 1998.

The history of local charities were detailed by Mary Jo in the 2011 Village handbook, quoted below:

THOMAS BAKER in 1696 gave a yearly rent-charge on Baker's Yard, which became part of the Middleton Estate, of 10 shillings for teaching poor children. In 1969 Captain Andrew Wills bought Treasury stock to produce a similar sum.

JAMES WIDMORE who died in 1825 left in his will £333 6s 8d in consolidated stock at 2 ½% to buy blankets and clothes for the poor, which was originally administered by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor and later by the Parish Council.

Richard Stanbrook in 1913 gave £136 0s 5d in consolidated stock which was administered by the Parish Council.

These charities were amalgamated in 1969 and the Rector and two others nominated by the Parish Council were trustees under the Charity Commission. In 1983 the annual income was about £12.22 a year which was not enough to carry out the wishes of the founders. The charities were finally wound up in March 1998 and the balance of the funds amounting to £335.58 was given to Longparish School to help poor children of the Parish with educational extras.

It was while delivering blankets at Christmas 1913, a short while after making his donation, that Richard Stanbrook caught a chill and died. His headstone still stands in Longparish cemetery.



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Longparish Little School

Happy New Year from all at Little School.

Christmas was action-packed. We performed our nativity play in the church, visited the Arbory Residential Home to sing Christmas songs, and we had a Christmas party with lots of food and dancing, and a visit from Father Christmas himself! Meanwhile, the grown-ups took part in a pub quiz at The Cricketers which raised a fantastic £388 for Little School.

January might be a quiet month for some, but we have been busy. Barnardo's came in to talk to us about healthy eating, and a Professor of Science let us loose with some experiments! We've read our favourite story books and even performed some of them. In 'Sports with Ed', we worked on our core strength and co-ordination.

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 or email claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk. We do currently have afternoon sessions available.

Visit our Facebook page:
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The Reverend Terry Hemming, formerly of Longparish, has been appointed Master of St Cross Winchester. Many congratulations to Terry on this prestigious and eminently suitable appointment. His licensing service will be at St Cross at **3pm on Sunday 8th March**. Terry and Ruth will be very pleased to see as many parishioners from this benefice as are able to be there.

Prayer list in St Nicholas Church

There is a prayer list at the back of church and anyone can add the name of a friend or relative who is ill or experiencing a difficult situation. But please make sure that the person concerned is willing for their name to be added.

These names are included in our prayers during the services on Sunday. St Nicholas Church is open every day until dusk and is a lovely, tranquil place to spend a quiet moment and say a prayer.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30

St Nicholas, Longparish

The Annual Parochial Church meeting of St Nicholas will take place on Monday 2nd March at 7.30 in the Woodcock Room in the Village Hall.

There will be reports on annual accounts to December 2019 and church activities during 2019, the election of Churchwardens and PCC (Parochial Church Council) members. All are welcome to attend. If you are not a regular church goer, but are interested in your village church, please do come..

Jane Young PCC Secretary

Longparish Parish Council

Report from Meeting Held on 13 January

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish web-site (longparish.org.uk).

Planning - The Council had no objection to:

- Tree work at **Church Farm Cottage**
- Erection of a wooden shed at **134a North Acre**

Wheelabrator Waste-to-Energy Facility

updateThe PC submitted a formal response to the Wheelabrator consultation, and members of the Council are scheduled to attend a meeting at TVBC to discuss the details. The results of the village survey are listed separately in this edition of Hill & Valley.

The Plough Inn

The property is up for sale, which has triggered the Asset of Community Value process. This gives The Plough Ahead group the opportunity to raise a bid for the pub.

Love Run

The "Love Run" between Longparish and Barton Stacey with the aim of increasing awareness about the Wheelabrator incinerator proposal was discussed.

Repairs to the stream bank

The Parish Council is investigating ways to repair the stream bank alongside the highway, which has badly eroded over the years. TVBC has been approached for advice, but the PC has been advised to raise the matter with Hampshire County Council.

Next Parish Council Meeting (open to the public)

1930 hours on Monday 10 February in the Village Hall. Chairman – Christian Dryden (Tel: 720398, or email: clerk@longparish.org.uk).

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

It was a lovely sunny morning for the January race. It may have been the weather or it may have been New Year Resolutions but either way we had an above-average field of 31 runners including newcomers Monty Lawson, Sharon Read, Kathleen Moore and Mandy Atkinson-Willes.

First home and Most Improved Man was Dave Henery. Sheila Evans was Most Improved Woman and our Rising Star was Freddie Brown. Freddie recorded his best time ever as did Wojtek Majka, Matt Jeffery, Andrew Jones and Jack Dundas Well done all!

Thanks very much to Luke Pierce, David Gould and Maggie



Our three trophy winners photobombed by Elizabeth Brown

Barber for marshalling, to Maggie for the refreshments, to the adults who accompanied juniors, to Andy Smith for doing the signs, to David for crunching the numbers and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

Next month is the LOVE run so the next L2SOTM will be on Sunday 8 March at the Cricket Ground, starting at the

usual time of 10am. Everyone is welcome especially volunteers to help (full training provided). It is a handicap race so people of all abilities have a chance to win.

You can see the full results and photos and find more information and the entry form in the L2SOTM area of the Longparish website <http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/>

Mummers' Play



Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to watch the Mummers' Play at the Cricketers on Boxing Day. There were ad libs galore and true-to-form, the Yorkish knight was

eventually slain and revived. The collection raised £100 which has been split between Mityana and the Andover Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

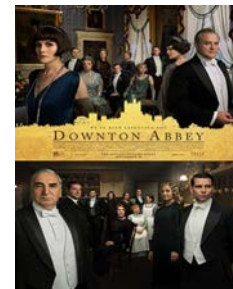


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January 1st Prize Peter Lynch (23) £20
January 2nd Prize Mr and Mrs Wrey (65) £10
January 3rd Prize Simon Troughton (126) £5



Coffee Shop

You don't need to wait for a personal invitation, EVERYONE is welcome to join with neighbours and friends to enjoy a chat over freshly brewed coffee or tea with biscuits. The next opening of Coffee Shop is **14th February between 10 and 12.**



The LCA support a Friday Lunch Club generally on the last Friday of the month. We serve a simple soup lunch and cake, all home made for just £2. It is open to anyone and from January we will serve lunch between 12 and 1.00pm and then for those who want to stay we usually have a short talk, or activity or quiz, finishing by 2.00pm. Home workers try it out, it is only an hour out of your day.

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2020 Dates (not all on the last Friday of the month)

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The Plough Inn is now up for sale. It went on the market in December, following the planning appeal hearing decision last October.

The owner has notified Test Valley Borough Council of his intention to sell while Longparish Community Pub Limited (LCPL) has told the council and the selling agents that it will be submitting a bid. Because the Plough is protected as an Asset of Community Value, the owner cannot sell to anyone else for six months – so not before June 16th this year. However, the owner is under no obligation to accept our, or any other, offer.

The LCPL has a detailed plan to bring the Plough into community ownership and create a viable community asset for now and future generations. It would be somewhere we can all enjoy as a place to meet friends, have a drink and take our families.

But this plan will need serious funding: Over £600,000, assuming the owner will accept a realistic offer. While some of this will come from a mixture of loan and grant funding, it's hoped a significant proportion will come from the community in the form of shares. Residents, local people and friends would buy shares in LCPL, a registered Community Benefit Society.

Investing in LCPL is a social investment.

It's not designed to generate large profits and should be regarded as a long-term social investment for the community and one that will put the pub on a viable, long term, and sustainable footing. The return on investment comes through a 'social dividend' i.e. preserving the Plough as a valuable asset for the community, and with a potential for a modest interest payment on the shares. Any surplus profits would be only used for the benefit of the community. In time it may be possible to sell shares back to LCPL. We are also investigating how social investment tax relief (SITR) could also help investors.

Once the pub is owned by the community, it will also be possible to explore a wide range of additional amenities so the Plough can be 'More than a Pub' and host a wide range of community services.

A full business plan and share proposal will be published very soon. You can keep up to date with news and events on www.ploughahead.co.uk

The Cricketers

It's looking very likely that, by the time this magazine is published at the end of January, the Cricketers will have closed and will be seeking new tenants. Until the owners, Red Oak

Taverns, can find new tenants this would mean that Longparish will be without a pub. At the time of writing, a number of options are being explored to either work with Red Oak Taverns to find a way for the village to take on keeping the doors open while they seek new tenants, or perhaps arranging a series of 'pop-up pub' events in the village hall. Ian and Lorraine say that they have enjoyed their time in the village and thank customers for their support. They say that "with the large overheads, making a living out of a small country pub is very tough and we have decided to seek pastures new." They are going to a Wadworth owned pub in Calne Wiltshire – The Jenny Wren.

Andy Jolliffe – Longparish Community Pub Ltd

KEEP TEST VALLEY BEAUTIFUL Bin the Incinerator Campaign

Parish Council Survey. The Parish Council conducted a survey in the village asking for views on the Wheelabrator proposal. These are the results:

311 survey forms were delivered with the Hill and Valley in early December. 172 forms were returned. 359 adults are against the proposal (98.6% of adult respondents). 1 adult in favour. 4 were neutral. Of the 48 responses received from 11-18 year olds, all were against it. Taking into account the population of approx. 539 adults, the Parish Council feels they have the backing of the village to continue to oppose the proposal by Wheelabrator, over the next stages of the NSIP process. Their full response to the Stage 2 Public consultation before Christmas can be found on the Longparish village website, or contact the clerk for a paper copy.

Caroline Nokes MP Questions the Prime Minister in Parliament

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has told our MP Caroline Nokes that he is "greatly concerned" about global warming. His comment was in response to her query about the Wheelabrator Harewood incinerator proposal during Prime Minister's Questions. Keep Test Valley Beautiful, which is campaigning against the scheme, say it is "encouraging" that Mr Johnson is linking incinerators to climate change.

Wheelabrator estimate that burning half a million tons of waste in a year will release more than 434,000 tons of global warming CO2 into the atmosphere.

During the first PMQs of the year Ms Nokes told the Prime Minister: "American company Wheelabrator has a track record of breaching environmental legislation in the USA and now seeks to build a massive incinerator in the Test Valley."

She said: "Local residents are looking to the government because of their concerns about emissions levels and are seeking assurances from my right honourable friend the regulations on emissions from incineration will be further enhanced and greener alternatives encouraged."

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Mr. Johnson did not directly respond to the actual question but replied: "I have seen her point with great concern."
He said that, as the UK moves to a net zero economy by 2050: "It is vital that we tackle that kind of emissions."
Mr Johnson reminded the house that a new Office of Environmental Protection is being set up and he will personally chair a cabinet committee devoted to the climate issue.
Keep Test Valley Beautiful spokesman Andy Jolliffe said: "On the face of it this is good news, but our battle is far from over as official Government policy remains that incinerators produce 'clean' energy, which of course is nonsense."

**Stop the Incinerator Campaign
Update from David Wright, Chair KTVB
Steering Committee**

Over 5400 objections were sent to Wheelabrator during the recent consultation phase which closed on 12 December. This is a very significant number. The letters include heartfelt pleas from our school children, pages of forensically argued rebuttals and everything in between.

Hampshire County Council have told Wheelabrator that the proposal is in breach of their planning policies, and that the location is not appropriate. Test Valley Borough Council have rejected the adequacy of Wheelabrator's consultation in the strongest possible terms.

Our own professional team have provided a damning report on the adequacy of the consultation and the appropriateness of the proposal. A copy of the report, and the reports from TVBC, HCC and other local councils and organisations, can be found on our website at bintheincinerator.co.uk.

There is a long way to go. If you would like to help further in this campaign, please register on our website. This will allow us to send you updating emails and requests for help. **Due to data protection regulations if you do not do this, we will not be able to contact you.**

Although we hope that the strength of opposition to this project might make Wheelabrator think again, we are preparing for them to continue. We are developing our plans and strategy to continue the fight. Our professional planning experts are ready for the examination phase. We are already talking to our MPs about how best to continue the political pressure. The ball now is firmly in Wheelabrator's court. We await their next step.

David Wright
Chair KTVB Steering Committee

The LOVE run
Linking Our VillagEs



Sunday 9th February
Please save the date

Some people think that the incinerator proposal is bound to be withdrawn because there were so many objections. Others think that people who objected need do nothing more. They are wrong. And there are lots of people who are still blissfully ignorant of the size and scale of what is proposed. So we need to maintain and increase awareness in the lull before the formal planning application.

The LOVE run is an effort to do that. LOVE stands for Linking Our VillagEs. The villages being Longparish and Barton Stacey. It is a run not a race.

The idea is to run between the two villages (football pitch to football pitch). It is cross country and a bit over 6 miles (10K) on footpaths and quiet roads. It includes good viewpoints of the incinerator site. **The run will be in the morning of the Sunday before Valentine's Day which is 9 February.** You start at either end and run to the other. When you meet someone coming the other way greet them, high 5 or whatever. Be aware that the weather may be poor and wear appropriate clothing. Trail shoes are recommended.

There's great interest on social media already. We need marshals, cake makers, and cheering crowds as well as runners. Please help.

Entry is free but we hope you'll make a donation to Keep Test Valley Beautiful on the day. Children of 8 or over are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult. Well-behaved dogs are also welcome but must be kept on a lead. Please contact me if you are able to help. The more the merrier. If you'd like to run please enter here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-love-run-tickets-89990204123>

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- 18 10.15am onwards - Ladies Coffee Morning at 28 Hurstbourne Priors
 23 10am to 12 noon - Big Breakfast and Pancake Race - Village Hall
 24 7.30pm - Vestry Meeting and Annual PCC Meeting - Village Hall

Andover Artisan Market
 Sunday 15th March 2020
 10am to 2pm - High Street

ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT

- 6 2.30pm - Women's Fellowship - at *The Cottage*
 11 10.30am - *Coffee at The George* - The George Inn
 11 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Centre Club Room
 13 2.15pm - Scramblers - St Peter's Church
 18 7.30pm - 'The Film' - *DOWNTON ABBEY* - Village Centre
 19 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre
 22 5.30pm - '*Lily & the Albatross*' - for ages 5+ - Village Centre
 25 6.30pm - Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting
 26 7pm - Joint **AGM** Village Shop & Village Centre - Club Room
Saturday mornings 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library** - Village Centre Club Room

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 wild ambitions for ages 5+
Saturday 22nd February - 5.30pm
 St Mary Bourne Village Centre
 Details on St Mary Bourne page 4

LONGPARISH

- 9 The Love Run - Longparish to Barton Stacey or vice versa
 10 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
 11 7.00pm - Tuesday Talk - Village Hall
 14 9.15am - Litter Picking - Village Hall
 14 10.00am to 12.00 noon - Coffee Shop - Village Hall
 17 7.15pm - Film Night - *Downton Abbey* - Village Hall
 25 7.00pm - Gardening Club - Village Hall
 28 12.00 noon - Lunch Club - Village Hall

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