



Longparish Cricket Club

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The Winchester indoor leagues drew to a close, with last year's league runners up and cup finalists, Longparish, relegated from the top division following a bizarre league campaign in which they managed only one win, albeit against likely League Champions Easton. Paul Blackmore's precocious Longparish II side consolidated their league two status with convincing wins against Flamingo and Old Alresford, thanks to runs from Justin Jackman, Matt Jackman and William de Cani and tidy bowling from Brad Aldridge, Blackmore's big hitting got Longparish to within 5 runs of the target against title chasing Winchester KS, the solitary defeat the only black mark in the month for Longparish II. Warren Bonathon's Longparish III side's Division IV campaign came to a heartbreaking end, as they missed out on promotion following narrow defeats to Winchester University and Wherwell, despite fine bowling from Martin Savage, Jack Tosdevine and Bonathon himself, and runs from Alex Coetzee and Michael Taplin. Longparish U16s remain embroiled in a battle for the League title with Fair oak and Southampton Community. Sparsholt U16 were defeated after a fine bowling performance from William Jackman and Ben Gardner. A 2-wicket victory against St Cross U16 was secured with William de Cani and Brad Aldridge unbeaten on 41 and 35 respectively. A win against Eastleigh & Otterbourne followed with Alex Coetzee in the runs. The side now steel themselves for a title-deciding encounter with Fair oak later in the month.

The Dummer Leagues have passed the half way mark. Justin Jackman's Longparish Lightweights side lie mid table in Division 1 after defeat against Shield Security Shooters, despite runs from Matt Jackman. Victory the following week against highflying Oakley was achieved thanks to runs from Captain Jackman and wickets for Alex Coetzee. Paul Blackmore's Longparish Longhops continue to ride high in the division two table bouncing back from defeat against Millers Meerkats to beat Steventon Sloggers thanks to a superb performance with bat and ball from Barry Blackmore.

Longparish U15s enjoyed a hugely successful month with victories over Odiham A, Old Basing, and Oakley A, William de Cani hit back to back fifties and Alex Coetzee, Michael Taplin and Brad Aldridge all added runs, Ben Gardner and William Jackman picked up wickets with Dan Pomroy, on fire, behind the stumps. The side currently heads the North Hampshire U15 top division, one point ahead of Yateley A, with four games still to play. Fixtures, results and match reports can all be found on www.longparishcc.co.uk

The Club is seeking Match ball sponsors for the coming season. Anyone or anything can sponsor a match ball for just £10. If anonymity is not required, the match ball sponsor will feature on a board on match day, the match report on the website and also in the scorebook. Any home match ball, Senior or Colts, can be sponsored. Some fixtures are now entered on the web site and will also be in the handbook, anyone wishing to sponsor a match ball can do so by contacting Chris de Cani on 01962760442 or chrisdecani@googlemail.com

January 100 Club winners

35	No 34	Ken Ball
£15	No 192	Dawn Blackmore
£15	No 109	George Kousseff

RUN FOR THEIR LIVES

Longparish School children are running a sponsored mile to raise money for the Haiti earthquake disaster. The event will be held on



Thursday 4th March at 3:30pm starting from the Longparish football field and running along the footpath to the village shop and back.

Please support this cause generously, by either leaving something with the school secretary or making a donation on the day, in which case you will also get the chance to buy home baked cakes. Thank you.

Jacqui Healey.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH

THE JACKDAW



The jackdaw is the smallest member of the crow family. Its plumage is mostly black, with cheeks, nape and neck silvery grey. Bill and legs are black and its eyes are a greyish white. Male and

female are alike. Jackdaws pair for life; they stay together all year even when in flocks. They eat most things from worms, carrion, and eggs to young birds. They also feed at rubbish tips. They usually nest in holes in trees but as more of the older trees are now felled they have to nest wherever they can including barns and houses. They love chimneys. The jackdaw makes a large nest of sticks lined with hair, wool, paper. I have seen them pulling hair of the backs of cattle and pigs. They start nesting in April when 4 to 8 eggs are laid. They are incubated by the female for 17-18 days but because she starts sitting before all the clutch is laid they don't all hatch together. The young leave the nest after 28-35 days.

I have increased my total number of birds in Longparish to 108. The new ones are common gull, common tern and yellow legged gull. The last week in January turned up some good birds with sightings of woodcock, snipe, common sandpiper and a water rail.

chris bowman

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Helping Hand For Haiti

Our pupils have been very generous in raising funds for the victims of the tragic Haiti earthquake. We started with an Assembly and tutor group collection and pupils set out to fill the fingers of a metre high "Hand for Haiti" – with one finger (or thumb!) per year group. Pupils also requested a Mufti-day – and to ensure all played their part, £1s were collected in advance. The response has been tremendous and we expect to be sending nearly £900 off to the Save the Children Fund Haiti Appeal

A Wizard "Wizard"

Staff and pupils were proud to present The Wizard of Oz during the week before half term. Audience reaction was really enthusiastic and full of praise for what turned out to be a really lively, colourful and talented production. We were pleased to welcome pupils from Whitchurch Primary and Icknield Special School to our Wednesday Matinee performance, along with senior citizen members of the Lunch Club. One member of the audience commented, "It was like a professional show. The singing was lovely. The costumes were fantastic and their costume changes so quick. It was amazing."

Wizard at Maths too

We were really pleased with the results of the latest GCSE Maths modules sat by our Year 10 pupils. There were some tremendous marks, with over 75% of pupils gaining an A*-C grade and 6 pupils scoring full marks! Looks like this year group have the potential to do very well in 2011!

Sporting Success

A number of our teams have been doing really well in a variety of sports.

- Year 8 boys' Basketball team won the Andover District Cup.
- The Year 8 girls' football team won a combined Year 8 & 9 local 7-a-side football tournament on the astroturf at John Hanson School. The girls played some good football and amazingly won the tournament without conceding any goals; an astonishing result as they were competing mainly against girls in the school year above their own!
- The Year 7 boys had an excellent albeit early start to their cricket at Testbourne with two wins from two games in the County Inter Cricket competition. Inter Cricket is an indoor version of the game invented to try and encourage players into the game at grass roots level.

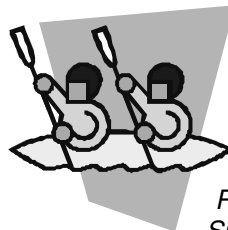
Hilary Jackson Headteacher

Neighbourhood Watch

There have been a number of burglaries in villages around Andover recently including one in Longparish. If you notice something or someone suspicious please report details (including vehicle descriptions and registration numbers if possible) to the police AT THE TIME. Unless there is an actual burglary going on (in which case phone 999) please phone 0845 045 45 45 and leave a message.

Hampshire Organic Gardening Group

The next talk for the Hampshire Organic Gardening Group is on Monday 15th March at 7.45pm at Testbourne Community School by David Beeson on 'The Sex Life of Plants'. David lives at Andover Down and is an amusing speaker - he has given a talk to the Longparish Gardening Club. Guests are always welcome at our meetings and I could give you a lift. Phone Wendy Ellicock on 01264 720386 for further details or for a lift. Through the Autumn, Winter and Spring we have a monthly talk on organic growing or environmental matters and in the Summer we have visits to organic gardens. We are a local group of both Garden Organic and The Soil Association.



HELP FOR HEROES

Here is an extract from my son's virginmoneygiving website:

"My father and I are competing in the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race on 3/4 April (Easter Saturday and Sunday). Founded in 1948, it is the

world's longest non-stop canoe and kayak race, covering 125 miles and 77 portages. We will be racing in a 2 man kayak and have been training for over a year.

We both served in Airborne Forces, in 1 PARA and 7 Para RHA respectively and are raising funds for HELP FOR HEROES. I saw operational service in Sierra Leone and in Iraq, and my father in Northern Ireland. Help for Heroes is engaged in many activities supporting our wounded soldiers from these and other conflicts. Our fundraising efforts in this race are, however, made very much with the bereaved families and the rehabilitation and long term welfare of the wounded from Afghanistan in mind.

At 63 my father will be amongst the oldest competitors and our primary objective is to make sure that we get to Westminster. If the weather is kind, particularly through the night, who knows, we might even complete it within the magic 24 hours. Each year many do not make it to the end. If, for whatever reason, such a fate were to befall us, we will return and complete the course as soon as we could. For race details please look at: www.dwrace.org.uk."

Mike and I will be supported with food and drink through the race by Jeremy Barber, Tom Bremridge and Jonathan Frere from the village. Please give what you can to support our wounded servicemen and women, and we hope that you have a more relaxing Easter week-end than we will!

Please:

- give online <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MikeEllicock>
- send your donation to me at Longmead House, Longparish, Andover, SP11 6PZ
- or make a pledge by phone on 01264 720386
- fill out the pledge form or donate at the Longparish village shop

Many thanks, John Ellicock

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the February meeting and a meeting of the Communications Committee. The minutes are on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting – Mon 22 March

The APM will be on Monday 22 March at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. The APM is your opportunity to hear what the council has been doing in the last year and ask questions. All parishioners are welcome and there will be light refreshments afterwards.

Vacancy

Two people have kindly volunteered to become councillors so the Council will choose one to fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

Fire at Waste Transfer Station

Representatives of the landlord and the operator of the Veolia waste transfer station explained that the fire started in recyclables. A sophisticated detector system failed so the fire got a good hold with devastating consequences. The shed is now being rebuilt; needless to say with an even more sophisticated fire detector system.

Planning

The Council considered that a proposal for a large wall at River Cottage Forton was inappropriate to the setting and decided to object.

The Council had no objection to

- An extension at Homecroft though councillors felt that thatch would be preferable to tiles
- Minor modifications to proposals previously approved at Rowan House
- Felling of the large oak by the entrance to Middleton House (a magnificent tree but sadly it has to go because it is badly diseased)
- Pruning of the thuja in the village hall car park

Open Spaces

- The Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday 24 April starting at 10am at the Ashburn Rest. As usual there will be a pub lunch afterwards. More information next month. Please reserve the date and help keep our village looking lovely
- Thanks go to the school who have done some work to improve the surface of the Car Park opposite the Village Hall as part of the School Travel Plan.

Roads

The recent icy weather caused problems in North Acre. The Council is investigating whether it will be possible to provide grit bins to enable local people to spread grit. We hope that HCC will fund the scheme and have received reassurances that people who help the community by spreading grit on icy pavements do not risk being sued if someone slips. Notices have been erected about the new 30MPH speed limits and the location of signs identified by marking on the road. The Council liked the idea of wheelie bin stickers to remind motorists of the speed limits and will consider the matter further when taking forward road user education.

Welcome event for new villagers

If you moved to the village in the last couple of years please come to the welcome event on Tuesday 11 May at 8pm in the Village Hall. More details next time.

Temporary Closure of Footpath 4

Footpath 4 which runs from The Cleeves to Britwell Priors will be temporarily closed in March so that the County Council can cut back the blackthorn which has encroached on the path. This is very welcome as the growth of blackthorn has pushed the path down from its true line onto ground which slopes awkwardly in places. Although the warning notices say the path will be closed for a month the work is expected to take only a couple of days and the path will be open except when the work is actually being done.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 8 March. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

Jeremy Barber Chairman. Tel 720459
email jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk

Longparish Village Hall Centenary

The current Village Hall Committee would like to create a "potted history" of events and happenings during the past 100 years of the Village Hall. On their behalf I would be interested to hear from anyone who has any pictures, newspaper cuttings or personal memories to contribute. Have we any budding young journalists or students looking for an interesting topic for an assignment of interest to a wider audience? Are there any villagers who would be happy to pass on their recollections to someone for inclusion in the "potted history" or even perhaps put them down on paper? If so please let me know.

Gina Snowden - gina@ginasnowden.plus.com -
Tel. 720128 - Orchards, Southside Road

The Village Hall AGM is on Tuesday 20th April at 8pm.

“The Chic, Unique, Recycling, Boutique” (CURB) Fair

The CURB (Chic, Unique, Recycling Boutique) Fair is a hand picked cornucopia of nearly new and new items including adults and kids clothes, toys and accessories. Also local independent arts, crafts, gifts, producers, fair and lifestyle design ideas for all the family. The order of the day will include: local sellers and demonstrations, the Cupcake Café (offering home made healthy cupcakes and refreshment), the Kids Crafty Corner and a "Rainbow Raffle" to raise money for Longparish toddler group.

The CURB sale will be open from 10am to 2.30pm on Saturday, 20 March in Longparish Community Hall.

Anyone interested in selling and to reserve a stall spot should contact Serena Read on 01256 895312 or on 07767 777730 or by email: serena@2bouge.com. Space is limited so early booking is essential. Entrance is £1 for adults and 50p for children. We look forward to a great fun local fair and to seeing you all there.

Longparish Community Association

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

The weather was chilly, dull and a bit damp for the February race but this was a very special day because we celebrated Jack's Ellicock's 90th birthday. Jack is an inspiration and example to us all. We were joined by seven people from Jack's club, Ranelagh Harriers, three of whom ran the race and also by Mary Phillips from Andover Sound who came to record the happy day.



Kieron Parnell and Jack's daughter-in-law, Wendy Ellicock were our most improved competitors. Judging by the amount of their improvements we think they must have been secretly practising. By way of a change from the normal tea and flapjack we had champagne after the race (thanks to Jack's son, John) and two kinds of

birthday cake (thanks to Maggie Barber). With refreshments like that we can't wait for Jack's 100th!

After Jack presented the trophies Nina and Helen presented him with a copy of Charlie Spedding's



new book, "From last to first" signed by all of us and by Charlie himself. Thanks very much to Jeffery Wiseman for arranging the book. Then Rob Biggs (the competitor who has done more L2SOTM's than anyone else) presented Dorothy with a bouquet complete with ribbons in Ranelagh colours.



We were kept warm by a fire pit fuelled by Hotmax briquettes from Harewood Green Energy, a new enterprise by competitor Martin Lampard.

Thanks very much to marshals, Graham Healey, John Young

and Gloria and Nigel Goodliffe, to the Longparish Cricket Club for the venue and to everyone who helped make this a special day.

You can see an album of pictures in the L2SOTM area on the village website.

The next race is on Sunday 14 March starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground. Runners of all standards are welcome as are brisk walkers. It is a handicap race so the slowest have as much chance of winning the cups as the fastest. Supporters of all ages are very welcome.

Brought to you by Longparish Community Association and Hog the Limelight.

The Department of Smelling Pistakes

Saturday 13th March at 7 for 7.30pm
in the Community Hall

Includes a meal and cash bar

Mining their trademark vein of absurdist humour Publick Transport – a 2-man comedy outfit of Angus Barr and Toby W. Davies - present their new comedy. The Department of Smelling Pistakes is set in Russia where two civil servants jostle for power - one a puffed up bureaucrat in search of a job description, the other an unexpected inspector. They are reluctant to commit to specific thoughts for fear of showing ignorance of the party line – even though this changes hourly. They make idle conversation from which is extrapolated the deepest meaning, while their attempts at political correctness only result in grammatical incorrectness.



"A hilarious caricature of the stifling formalities and hierarchies of office life, channelling Reggie Perrin, Kafka, Beckett and the Goons – and two splendid comic performances." Steve Wright, Venue Magazine

What the critics said about their last show "20,000 Leagues Under the Office": "astonishingly witty" (Venue); "outstanding...extraordinary" (Nottingham Evening Post); "exhilarating madcappery" (Chichester Today); "wonderfully funny" (Bristol Evening Post)

A full meal will be served after the show at about 8.45.

Tickets – including food:

Members £12, Non-members £14

Tickets can be purchased either from the shop or from Fiona on 720709.

If you wish to reserve a table (will seat 8), or wish to come to the performance but not the meal, please contact Fiona directly. Our last 2 'comedy + meal' events have sold out – so get your tickets early.



LCA Morning Coffee

Isobel Johnston is hosting the monthly coffee and chat at her home Blacksmith's Bridge House, Southside Road. Do come along between 10.00 and 11.30 on Wednesday 23rd March. You are assured of a warm welcome. If you need a lift give Gloria a call on 720425 and she will arrange one for you.

Longparish Transport Update

Andover Bus and Train Travel Guide

A revised edition of this guide valid from 3rd January 2010 has been published by Hampshire County Council. It contains bus and train timetables for this area including the Cango C4 and Stagecoach 26 buses that serve Longparish.

Copies are available free in the Village Shop; I have a limited number if they run out. The guide is also available on the website www.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport or it can be obtained from HCC Community Transport tel 01962 847042 or email kelly.henser@hants.gov.uk.

Test Valley Passenger Transport Area Review

Bus services through Longparish were not altered by the review or the subsequent re-tendering of the subsidised services.

Wheels to Work Moped Loan Scheme

This scheme provides the short term hire of mopeds to young people primarily in the rural settlements of the Borough of Test Valley. For the purpose of this scheme young is defined as 16 – 25 years, although initially priority will be given to people aged 16 – 18 years. Loans are made for up to six months, renewable for a maximum of a further 6 months. For details please contact- Dick Hewett, Community Transport Manager, Test Valley Community Services Tel: 01264 362600

Test Valley Getting About Guide

This guide is aimed at older and disabled people to help them use transport services in and around the Test Valley more easily. I have a limited number of copies or it can be obtained from HCC Community Transport Louise Herring on 01962 847042 or

www.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport

The guide provides information on the types of transport available; the bus and Cango services; transport for medical appointments,

Andover Neighbourcare 01264 339899/336020
and the **Dial a Ride service to Andover town centre, (Longparish coordinator John Collins tel 720300).**

Concessionary Travel

The guide also contains information on the concessionary travel provisions.

Permanent residents in the Test Valley Borough Council area may qualify for a free Hampshire Farepass travel pass. This is available to those residents aged 60 or over or residents of any age that meet certain disability or mobility criteria. The pass entitles the holder to make unlimited free journeys on any scheduled bus service within Hampshire. It is also accepted by the Dial a Ride, cango and Neighbourcare services.

The Council also offer the alternative of a Railcard offering discounted prices on most train journey ticket types. For those over 60 who rarely use buses or have private transport this is a valuable option worth consideration.

Travel vouchers can still be provided for those who meet the disability or mobility criteria AND are in receipt of certain benefits. These can be used on most private hire and taxi operators and Dial a Ride but not on local buses.

For further information on concessionary travel, to find out if you qualify or for an application form, please contact:

Test Valley Borough Council,
Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover SP10 3AJ

Telephone: 01264 368000

Textphone: 01264 368052

Fax: 01264 368099

Email contravel@testvalley.gov.uk

Website www.testvalley.gov.uk

Please make sure any friends, neighbours; relatives etc who may be entitled are aware of the available services and concessionary travel. If you are 60 or over and don't need Farepass don't forget the Railcard option.

General Timetable Information Services

On line: www.traveline.info

SMS message: Txt bus stop code to 84268 and receive a txt with the next buses from the stop (Not available in Longparish)

Phone Traveline: 0871 200 22 33 (10p per minute plus network extras)

Phil Harris (Longparish Transport
Representative)

1, Mayfield Villas,

Longparish,

SP11 6PF

Tel 01264 720437



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2010

7pm in LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

Hugh Lanham on "Garden Farming"

Hugh Lanham is a chartered accountant who is passionate about producing and eating good food. His day job is a conventional one based around a high street accountancy practice. Notwithstanding this, from boyhood he has been involved in vegetable growing and for many years he has also kept small livestock. With his wife, who has an interest in larger animals, he has enjoyed producing large amounts of good, natural, flavoursome food on small areas of land.

Hugh's book "Garden Farming" is due to be published within a few weeks.

Members Free (Non-Members welcome £5.00).
Usual Raffle to help towards future speakers.

Any queries: Rosie Lowry 01264 720325 or
rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com
or Julian Curl 01264 720548

Next meeting

Tuesday 27th April 2010

Evening Visit to Littlecourt, Crawley.



**Future Date: Winchester Cathedral Refectory
Wednesday 21st April**

Piano Skills Needed

If you have piano or music keyboard skills, would you help your parish church and community in a very worthwhile and practical way? It would be widely appreciated if you would deputise on the organ occasionally at Sunday services. Most hymn tunes are straightforward four part music for manuals only, so you would not need to be a virtuoso pianist.

Initial help and encouragement is freely offered, and further training can be arranged. A small remuneration is available to the right candidate, and should you progress to playing at weddings and funerals there are worthwhile fees. For further information or to discuss the possibility without obligation contact the rector, Martin Coppen on 01264 738308 or by email: revd.coppen@dsl.pipex.com

Easter lilies

Easter day falls on April 4th. If you would like to give a lily in memory of someone, please let me know.



The church always looks wonderful at Easter, so please will all flower arrangers come on Saturday 3rd April at 9.30am to help. Anyone else who would like to help will be very welcome. Please bring daffodils, other flowers and greenery.

Eila Chamberlen tel. 720691

Harewood Forest wood products

It's 18 months since the Bedmax horse bedding plant started work in Harewood Forest. Many local residents will have seen the large plume coming from the forest just south of the A303 and may not be aware of exactly what goes on there. Here's a brief summary. The facility produces "Bedmax" horse bedding, made of wood shavings from pine trees. Although the plant is located in Harewood Forest most of the trees used (which are those ruled unsuitable for building purposes) come from elsewhere in the south of England. The wood shavings produced are popular among horse owners because it is non-allergenic and the pine wood has antiseptic properties.

The wood has to be dried which produces quite a lot of water vapour - over 90% of the plume coming from the chimney is steam or water vapour. Bark and fine wood dust is filtered out in the drying process. This dust by-product is compressed to make "briquettes" which can be used on solid fuel stoves, open fires, barbecues, firepits etc. As of 2 weeks ago you can buy these briquettes in the village shop. For a bit more background on this take a look on the web at www.harewoodgreenenergy.co.uk

It's Sew Easy is a club for like minded people who like (or would like) to sew. We started meeting in Longparish in October last year and we have been meeting every other Tuesday evening since. The group has been growing steadily and we now have 14 members. We meet either in Longparish or St. Mary Bourne according to numbers. For information on the next meetings on March 9th & 23rd please contact Xandi (07887 845 184) or Sonia (07765 261134) or email seweasy@ymail.com. All abilities are welcome and you don't need a sewing machine to join.

March Haiku

Through earth hard with frost
A daffodil's new shoot
Stands resolutely.

LONGPARISH SPRING CONCERT

A date for your diary
Saturday 22nd May
at 8pm in St Nicholas Church



Please put this concert date in your diary and help us raise funds for the **Longparish Playgroup**. You are promised a thoroughly enjoyable evening with a varied programme of music for everyone, including classical favourites and new arrangements of well-known pieces. All the performers are local people and they include the popular **Longparish Village Choir**.

Look out for ticket details in the April Hill & Valley.

We are still putting the programme together, so if you are a musician and would like to take part, please contact Nicky Smallwood on 01264 720086 or at nicky@thesmallwoods.com.

Second Edition of Footpaths Leaflet

Following the success of the first edition of the footpaths leaflet the Longparish footpaths group produced a revised edition, which is now available. One of the major modifications was the addition of waymark signs for the "Riverdance" walk which runs throughout the village and crosses the river multiple times. I would like to thank all those who helped out in the creation of the leaflet and the setting out of the waymarks on the route. Whilst on the subject I would like to extend my thanks to all those volunteers and landowners who do such a good job of keeping the footpaths of Longparish in good order and invite any other parishioners who feel so inclined to join in the fun - call me or send me an email. The walking (and undergrowth-growing) season will soon be upon us!

Martin Lampard

Rogue Traders

Warning - Rogue Traders are cold calling in the Anna Valley area of Andover offering roof repairs. On one occasion they offered repairs for a small amount of money, which then increased once they were on the roof and found 'more faults'.

If anyone has any information about these traders or requires any advice on doorstep crime they can contact Hampshire County Council's Quick Response Team on 01962 833666, where specially trained officers are on hand to provide assistance.

Community Projects Team, HCC Trading Standards Service, E-mail: doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk.