

## Longparish Parish Council

At its December meeting the Parish Council:

- Welcomed the news that Nicky Derrick and Anna Fowles are starting a new Parent and Toddler group, which will meet in the village hall on Wednesday mornings, and decided to give them a start up grant of £200. The group will use the money and a larger grant from the Borough Council to buy equipment. If you'd like information about the group or can give toys or equipment or help on the day (they need some grandparents) please contact Nicky on 720452 email [roger@derrick3.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:roger@derrick3.fsnet.co.uk) or Anna on 720884 email [fowlesfamily@msn.com](mailto:fowlesfamily@msn.com)
- Raised no objection to plans for a garage and tree works at Drove Cottage and the construction of landforms to aid and screen clay pigeon shooting at Owls Lodge Farm.
- Heard that the Village Hall roof has been made watertight and a new water heater installed to replace the urn. This will be a great improvement.
- Received a letter of thanks from the Deputy Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Pat West for being invited to the opening of the skate ramp
- Decided to replace the shaky fences at the playground and build a new one to enclose an extra piece of land that Richard Wills has kindly agreed to give to extend the playground.
- Heard that there was a good turnout to the Village Plan and Village Design Statement Open Day. There will be more news and further consultation on the Village Plan when the many comments and suggestions have been collated. Special thanks go to the people who have volunteered to join the group to take the plan forward. If you'd like to help as well please contact Jeremy Barber.
- The draft Village Design Statement, which defines guidelines for future development in the village, is available for further comments on our website at [www.longparish.org.uk](http://www.longparish.org.uk) until the end of December. Then the Council

will ask the TVBC Transportation and Planning Committee to approve it. If you do not have access to the website and would like to see a copy, please ring Mary Jo Darrah 720320.

- The next meeting will be on Monday 13 January at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Our meetings are public and all parishioners are welcome to come and can speak. The agenda will be published on the notice boards at the shop and in Forton a few days before the meeting.  
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### ST.NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS SALE 2002.

Once again, my especial thanks to all who helped towards the success of this year's Sale.

Over the past weeks a lot of work had been carried out in different homes to produce items for sale and on the Saturday morning people appeared at different times bringing in goods for the different stalls which were then set up. By 2.30 pm every thing was ready for the opening. Although we do not charge an entrance fee, over £11-00 was dropped in the bowl by the door. A hectic but enjoyable time was had by all and at the end of the day £680-00 had been raised for our village church of St Nicholas. Very well done everybody and THANK YOU.

I was a little concerned that on the same day the "Longparish Parish Plan" Display was to be held in the committee room. As it turned out, I think that the 'Plan' & the 'Sale' helped each other to attract people to come to the Village Hall and both events benefited. John Collins

### Friends of Longparish School 100+ Club

#### The winners for October were:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mr Dinesen
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Lesley Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Hilda MacDonald

#### The winners for November were:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Mrs J W Dunford
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mrs Meares
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Ben and Christine Wrey

### St Nicholas Wives Group

On November 21<sup>st</sup> Wing Commander David Greenway (retired) gave a talk about the working of the now disbanded Queen's Flight. He explained his job and the logistics of getting the Royal family to appointments on time - a very precise operation. He also told us of some of the less glamorous parts of the transportation of the royal family to the far corners of the world: the geese in Buckingham Palace grounds playing a part in making the pick up of members of the royal family in London a tricky business without a slip up on their mess. We were told stories of the royal family that would never hit the tabloid press as they proved how gracious and pleasant they are as individuals.

David's talk was well received, he also told us about his current work, which is interviewing older people about their lives. These interviews are taped and then archived. They form a valuable resource and it is hoped that members and their friends will volunteer to be interviewed so that knowledge of the recent past is not lost. Anyone interested in being interviewed can contact any member of the Wives Group and arrangements can be made.

Our meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> was led with a talk by Rev Bidden about the Children's' Society.

The next meeting of the group will be in the village hall on January 16<sup>th</sup>. It is our seasonal party. We are starting than usual so that there is enough time to chat and partake of all the different dishes. Pre-dinner drinks will be served at 7 o'clock.  
Gloria Goodliffe

### Test Valley Borough Plan

The new draft Borough Plan should be available at Beech Hurst and on the TVBC website before Christmas. This sets out the framework for all future development in Test Valley for the next few years. It defines where new houses may be built and what sort of development will be allowed in the countryside.

The public consultation period is expected to be the first six weeks of the New Year up to 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please copy any comments you make to the Parish Council so they can be taken into account when the Council makes its own representations.

### LONGPARISH PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

**Wednesdays 10–11.45am  
at the Village Hall**

Many of you will be glad to hear that as from January 8 we will have a new parent and toddler group starting in the village.

We contacted the Parish Council who were very supportive. They suggested that Test Valley Borough Council might support the venture with a grant.

Test Valley Borough Council will contribute £795 and the Parish Council, £200 towards setting up the group. This will enable us to buy lots of lovely toys and equipment.

A typical session at our toddler group will include:

- A baby area,
- Sand play
- Craft activity
- Table top activities such as puzzles or drawing,
- Ride on toys
- Singing
- Story time
- Construction toys
- Music time

and much more!

We really want this group to work as it's the only group for under threes in the village and also a place where the adults can get to know each other. So, all we need now are babies, toddlers, children not at playgroup, mums, dads, grandparents, nannies, childminders etc.

Hope to see you there on January 8

Nicky Derrick and Anna Fowles

P.S. We are still looking for helpers (not necessarily parents) to help with teas and coffees, if you could help please ring Nicky on 720452.



### Longparish Jumble Sale

Many thanks to everyone who attended or donated items to the jumble sale on 9th November. Over £100 was raised towards the Playgroup and School building projects.

### Longparish Poppy collection

£223.64 was raised for the British Legion to help their work for members of the armed forces who have suffered from war. The organisers would like to thank all those who collected and gave.

### Found in a family box dated c 1890.

An artist employed to repair the properties of an old church was asked to itemise his invoice so he replied as follows:

To:

- Correcting 10 commandments
- Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting a new ribbon in his bonnet
- Putting a new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending comb
- Replenishing and gilding the left wing of the Guardian angel
- Washing the servant of the high Priest and putting ermine on his cheek
- Renewing heaven, adjusting two stars and cleaning the moon
- Re-animating the flames of purgatory and restoring souls
- Reviving the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the devil, mending his left hoof and several jobs for the damned
- Re-ordering the robe of Herod and re-adjusting his wig
- Putting new spotted dasher on the son of Tobias and dressing on his back
- Cleaning the ears of Balaam's ass and shoeing him
- Putting ear-rings in the ears of Sarah
- Putting new stone in David' sling, enlarging the head of Goliath and extending his legs
- Decorating Noah's Ark
- Mending the shirt of the prodigal son and cleaning his ears.

*Barry Sterndale-Bennett*

## scramblers

Service for under-fives in St. Nicholas Church  
A reminder that there will be no service in  
January. All will be welcome as usual on Monday,  
17<sup>th</sup> February. Nona Harrison 720215



St Nicholas Church in the snow

### Longparish School

On November 15<sup>th</sup> the Infant children visited the Milestones Museum at Basingstoke. The Robin class were intrigued to learn about toys from the past, while the Heron class concentrated on looking at vehicles to appreciate the changes which have taken place since the nineteenth century.

A multi-cultural Arts Week was held between November 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> when the children enjoyed a break from their usual lessons! Each day was dedicated to a country or continent and the children participated in four activities a day, organised by staff and assisted by parents, which gave an insight into the customs and culture of a particular country. Parents and friends loaned artefacts which helped the children's understanding and contributed to colourful displays throughout the school.

The Year 5 librarians had the opportunity to visit the Wessex Book Fair in Winchester where they met the children's author, Tony Mitton.

St. Nicholas Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December was celebrated with a service in Longparish Church, during which Zachary Skinner was enthroned as Boy Bishop. After the service every child was given a gingerbread man made by Mrs Nolan, who is the school cook.

December was a busy month with the Infant children presenting "The Raggedy King", a musical nativity play, and the Junior children entertaining the Welcome Club and their parents with a Mummers play.

Everyone at School thanks the readers for their interest and support during the past year and wishes all a happy and peaceful 2003.

### **Improvements to Longparish Village Hall**


Our Village Hall is well on its way to achieving a new, customer-friendly image. Residents will be pleased to hear that we have installed a new water heater in the kitchen and working clocks in the hall and committee room. The leaking roof has been repaired, Rupert Dawnay has repaired the stage floor and we have replaced the ancient lampshades! In the New Year we intend to renew the stage curtains.

As a result of promoting the Hall more vigorously we are delighted that a much needed mother and toddler group will be starting in January, making use of the upgraded facilities. Things are already looking up, so keep using it so that we don't lose it!

For further information about the Hall please contact Sandra Jones on 720551.  
For bookings please contact Gloria Goodliffe on 720425

### **Magpie**

#### **Cancer Centre Appeal**



As a new year begins the Magpie Cancer Centre Campaign would like to wish all its supporters a healthy and enjoyable New Year and to thank you for your fund raising over the last year. The Campaign is progressing well, but there is still a long way to go before the target of £3.5 million to build the new centre is reached.

Ways in which you may help us include:

- Collect used stamps – we can turn them into valuable income
- Donate Christmas presents you do not need - we can sell them at table top sales or use them as raffle prizes.

If you would like any further details on how you can help the Campaign, please contact the Magpie office on 01962 825089

### **HDRA Hampshire Organic Gardening Group**



## **5<sup>th</sup> POTATO DAY**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2003**

**10am – 3pm**

**Testbourne Community Centre,  
Whitchurch**

**Over 100 varieties of seed potato**  
(supplied by Charlton Park Garden Centre)

**12p per tuber**

**or from £1.50 for 3kg.**

**Organically grown varieties**

**Speaker: Chris Bird from Sparsholt College**

**Cookery demonstrations**

**Children's activities**

**Refreshments available**

**Entry £2 per family, £1.50 for members of groups**  
More info. from Phil Cooper 077790 492677 or  
Sue Woodd 019962 852924

### **Autumn Clear Up Day**

The first autumn Clear Up Day on 16<sup>th</sup> November, organised by Jenny Jolliffe, was well supported, and the stream was cleared of some weed and rubbish to help the flow during the winter rains. Special care was taken to avoid disturbing the water voles who have taken up residence. One volunteer cleared litter from the roadside, one pruned trees in the playground, others finished the clearing round the old bier shed in the cemetery, and had a good bonfire. Special thanks are due to those who cleared the weed and rubbish afterwards.

A lunch of sandwiches and chips at the Cricketers afterwards was a welcome reward from the Parish Council for all the hard work.