

# around..... Longparish

## LONGPARISH RUNNERS PARIS SUCCESS

Jeremy Barber and David Gould, neighbours from Forton, both completed the Paris marathon on 9<sup>th</sup> April. David in a very creditable 3hrs 17mins and Jeremy, still suffering the effects of an injury in March, in 4 hours 25 minutes.

"It was a fantastic experience," said Jeremy.

The crowd were great. We had our names on our shirts so they cheered us on.



The course was beautiful. It started by the Arc de Triomphe and went past many of the famous sights of the city including the Eiffel Tower. The most humbling part was being overtaken at 23 miles by an athlete with cerebral palsy. His arms were flailing and his legs knocked together so his knees were raw.

The saddest was seeing someone collapse just 400 meters from the finish. I hope he made it in the end. The most unexpected thing was the wall of noise in the underpasses as everyone tried out the echo." And the best? "Well, finishing of course and the experience of running with thousands of other ordinary people from many countries all encouraging each other to do something quite extraordinary."

"Please may I say a big thank you to everyone who has encouraged me and to all the people who have sponsored me by making a donation to the Longparish Playgroup. The total pledged is over £6000 and still rising."

It's not too late to make a donation. If you've lost the form Jeremy can give you another or just send a cheque made out to Longparish Playgroup to Jeremy Barber, 2 Forton, Andover, Hants, SP11 6NU.

### LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

#### BOOKINGS

As from Monday 1st. May  
Mrs. Muriel Hull has kindly agreed to act as  
Booking Clerk for the Village Hall.

Mrs. Hull's address and telephone no. is:-

58 North Acre,  
Longparish

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### LONGPARISH MOTHERS' UNION

There will not be a meeting in May, as we shall be attending the festival service in Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11.30 am. The preacher will be the world-wide president, Christine Eames. The Bishop of Winchester will preside and it will be a Eucharist service.

Mothers' Union banners will be processed from St. Lawrence Church to the Cathedral. We are sharing our Millennium Festival Service with members from the Winchester Diocese of our founder, Mary Sumner's day, namely Guildford, Portsmouth and Southwark

Kathleen Hewlett

### Open Garden in aid of Naomi House

Mrs Sterndale-Bennett, Chairman of the Hardy Plant Society, is generously supporting the charity fund of the Inner Wheel Club of Andover by opening her garden at White Windows in Longparish, on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Jane's garden is included in the National Gardens Scheme and is a delight not to be missed. The garden will be open from 10.30am until 1pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Entrance £2 . All proceeds will be donated to the  
NAOMI HOUSE WESSEX CHILDREN'S  
HOSPICE.

Daphne Bevan

## Longparish C of E Primary School

Panto season is usually in January – “Oh not it’s not!”- according to the children of Longparish school, who were treated to a rousing performance of ‘Cinderella’ by the year five and six pupils at the end of March. Without the distraction of all the other Christmas activities, and with the Ofsted inspection behind them, the children were able to concentrate on learning their lines and songs to great effect under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs Pope. Once again, a group of talented and artistic mothers created some wonderful scenery to transform the small school hall into Squire Rash’s House and the Royal Ballroom and a thoroughly good time was had by young and old(er).

Yet more creativity was evident from the FOLs committee who organised a morning’s labouring to transform the muddy patch in front of reception into a beautifully paved, landscaped area. Many thanks to all those who gave their time to create such an attractive area which will benefit everybody.

Mothering Sunday saw a packed Church as families turned out en masse to celebrate the role of motherhood - how nice to be appreciated, if only once a year! The children had been helped to make beautiful posies as gifts for their mothers, and with all those carefully crafted cards from school too, it really was a special day.

The year sixes had yet more performing to do at the end of term when they took part in the Andover Schools music festival. This was a great opportunity for them to work together with children from other schools under the direction of a professional animateur to produce songs to a very high standard which parents were able to enjoy at a special concert. It’s good to see that music still has a strong place in Hampshire schools, despite what you might hear to the contrary.

The younger children have enjoyed some extra sports provision thanks to the TOPS scheme which involves students studying PE coming in after school and practising their teaching skills whilst giving the Key Stage One pupils some greatly appreciated (at least by their mothers)

energy burning sessions.

Finally - don't forget the FOLS May Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> May - lots of stalls - lots of fun - please support the school.

Jane Wyatt

### Longparish Cricket Club

At 10.30am on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Neil, Dave, Chris, Mike, Jonathon, Matt, Mike and Fiona left the new County Cricket Ground at West End and cycled 25 miles back to Longparish, arriving at 1.30pm. Paul Blackmore and his son, Tim, did their own 16 mile run after doing the milking and moving the electric fence! The total sponsorship will yield around £850 for Club funds. What a team! What a superb effort!

Surely with such dedicated members, the Club deserves support. It not only needs more players and more fans, but also more helpers. Several of our officials have been working for the Club for many years - difficult years -

and would now appreciate some help. Also Anne Herbert (tel. 01264 3546882) would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping with teas at home matches. This can be quite fun - or so I am told!

There will be an exciting occasion on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, when the Village Fete will be held on the cricket ground. We are all delighted by this decision and hope that the weather will be fine and the day a great success. At least it will ensure that several hundred people will visit the cricket field.

We have a new Club captain for millennium year in Spencer Haines. He succeeds Geoff White, not an easy act to follow, I know. Stuart is greatly encouraged by the keenness of the players and it is worth quoting from his article in last month's newsletter: "All I ask is that everyone gives 110% effort, 100% of the time. It does not matter if someone drops a catch or gets a duck (probably me

anyway!) as long as they have made an attempt."

By the time you read this, we shall have played our first game in the Village Knock-Out - a victory, I hope. I am sure that one or two of the younger players will start to realise their potential and that we really should have a stronger side this year. Throughout the Club there is a strong feeling that a successful year lies ahead. Finally another quote from the 'skipper': "Let's give Longparish Cricket Club something to shout about this season!" And so say we all!

*Allen Snow*  
Tel. 01256 895338

### Longparish Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall (entrance at the back) on

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm**

The Village Hall is a registered Charity. Under the terms of the Trust Deed the Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee with the affairs of the Village Hall managed

by a Committee of Management, The Village Hall Committee. The Trust Deed makes provision for Village Organisations (eg. Cricket Club, Wives Group, P.C.C., Mothers' Union, Parish Council etc.) to nominate representatives to the committee and for up to five other members to be elected at the A.G.M. The Committee also has power to co-opt members. The Committee elects the Chairman at the first committee meeting following the A.G.M.

New members would be most welcome. If you are willing to contribute to maintaining and improving this important village amenity, please come and join the committee. Light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

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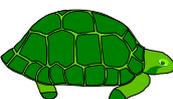
**Obituaries**

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**Edward Harwicke Spooner** died 12th March 2000 aged 77 years.

Edward was born in Lincolnshire in 1923. The son of Reggie Spooner, who played cricket for England, Edward also played cricket, and loved many sports, both watching and participating, including tennis, racing and fishing. His love of fly fishing brought him and his family to Longparish in the mid 1960s. He continued to commute to his work at Lloyds Insurance in London. They lived at Gavelacre, across the A303, for 30 years, moving to Wildhern five years ago.

Edward loved the countryside and had a great love of and knowledge of birds.



His friends remember him as a gentle man with a great sense of humour, and he still kept in touch with friends from school and the Army. The nickname of "Piggy", which he was given at Prep School remained with him throughout his life.

He married his beloved Fay 46 years ago, and, by coincidence, they were married in London by Charles Roderick, who was later to be their parish priest in Longparish, and a family friend. Edward and Fay shared much over the years, and they were a close family. They had two children, Caroline and John. Caroline is now married and lives in Bath. John is married, with two small boys, and lives and works in London. To his family he was very gentle, generous, easy going, and had a lovely sense of humour. They will all miss him greatly. He had always been in good health until last summer, but the last few weeks were difficult for him and for his family.

The family held a small, quiet and personal service at Basingstoke Crematorium, but there will be a Memorial Service shortly at St Michael's, Chester Square, at 11.30am on Tuesday 9th May, to which all his friends and those who remember him well in Longparish are invited.

**Robin Kaye** - died 26th February 2000 aged 71 years

Robin's friends gathered at his funeral

service at Basingstoke Crematorium on 22nd March and later at Longparish Cemetery for the burial of his ashes in his mother's grave. There is only a sketchy story to tell now of Robin's life, and his friends were not able to put it all together - partly because Robin himself was a teller of tall stories and you could not always be sure where fact ended and imagination began!

He was the only child of his parents. He became a PT Instructor in the Army, and also an army bandsman: it is likely that it was in the army that he developed his musical skills. He was a trombonist who played in the BBC Big Band, on cruise liners to the Caribbean and South Africa. He also

played in smaller bands in local village halls. He toured Germany with the Territorial Army Band. He went to America, to Las Vegas. He lived with his parents for many years in Tudor Cottage, Longparish. He was very devoted to his mother and nursed her through her last years and the problems of her Alzheimer's disease. He was very fond of animals and especially of dogs.

Robin died in the Countess of Brecknock House, where he was very thankful to spend his last days.

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**Dates for your diary**

**MAY**

- 1** 12noon **May Fair** H.P. Recreation Ground
- 2** 9.30-4pm **Quiet Garden** at Ashe
- 4** 02.30pm **Women's Fellowship** SMB Club Rm 07.30pm **Longparish Village Hall AGM**
- 5** 07.45pm **Race Night** at the George, SMB
- 8** 07.30pm **Longparish Parish Council** VH

- 10** 9am-5pm **Grand Sale** Parsonage Farm H/T 07.00pm **H.P. Village Hall AGM**
- 11** 9.30-3.30 **Garden Fair** Farleigh Wallop
- 13** 10.30-1 **White Windows Garden** open L/P 02pm **Longparish School May Fayre** 03pm **Chute Passion Play**
- 14** **Farmers' Market** Andover 03pm **Chute Passion Play**

**16 SMB**  
**Parish Council**  
 07.30pm  
**Basingstoke**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Band**  
 at  
 SMB Methodist Hall  
**18 07.30pm SMB**  
**Annual Parish**  
**Meeting**  
 07.30pm **St**  
**Nicholas Wives** at  
 Woodstock  
**23 11.30am L/P**  
**Mothers' Union**  
**service**  
**27 11-4pm**  
**Whitchurch Silk**  
**Mill Garden Sale**

**JUNE**  
**3 11am**  
**Wolvesey Palace**  
**Garden open**  
**3 Bourne**  
**Valley Tennis**  
**Sunday**  
**4 Good**  
**Companions outing**  
**7 07.30 H.B.**  
**Parish Council**  
**Meeting AGMk**  
**10 eve. SMB**  
**auction for shop**  
**11**  
**Farmers' Market**  
 Weyhill  
**16**  
**Whitchurch**  
**Silk Mill** visit to

Kelmscott £10

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 the magazine to M.J.Darrah 01264 720320*