

Fête results



Patrick Beresford, in his last year as Fête organiser, reported a profit of £6300, thanks to better weather and the hard work of all those who contributed. £5000 will be shared equally between the Village Hall and the Church.

The remainder will be retained for any further costs this year, (including over £800 still outstanding for the new tents, shown in the photos,) and for start-up expenses next year. He thanked Mr & Mrs Woodhouse for hosting the Fête at Longparish House and all those who attended, ran stalls, sold tickets and helped with setting up and clearing. Detailed results and pictures are on the website www.longparish.org.uk.



Patrick has done a great job in organising the last three fêtes. Tom Bremridge has kindly agreed to take over as Fête organiser for the next three years.

Winners of the Fête Grand Draw

1 st	£250	Chris Leaves
2 nd	TV	Robert Charlton
3 rd	Cricketers meal for 2	Smallwood
4 th	Vitacress voucher	Lloyd Davies
5 th	Window Cleaning	D.A.Hill
6 th	Robinson's mixed grill	Smithy
7 th	Serenity	Deane
8 th	Cushions	Hegren
9 th	Hobbs Hairdressers	J.Gould
10 th	Mosaique Beauty	Eila
11 th	Bottle of Pimms	Nelson
12 th	Biscuits jar & cookies	Slater
13 th	Chocolates	Sandie Eley
14 th	Case of wine	Tom Bembridge
15 th	Port & cheese	Ron Burnett

Once again I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sold tickets for the Grand Draw before and on the day and congratulations to all our winners!

Jan West.

LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday October 27th at 7pm
in Longparish Village Hall

An illustrated talk by Graham Darrah on Some Good Garden Trees

Raffle as usual

Everyone welcome (£3.00 to non-members)

Please let us know if you would like to come

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or Rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com.

Next meeting Tuesday 24th November
Wildlife Gardening by David Beeson

THE HAMPSHIRE ART FAIR 7th – 13th OCTOBER, 2009

The Hampshire Art Fair, now in its fifth year, has moved to **Norman Court Farm, Upper Clatford, nr Andover, SP11 7HB.**

We will be exhibiting exciting work from over 50 artists with a diverse selection, ranging from the traditional to the more contemporary. Paintings and sculpture will be intermingled with some beautiful pieces of furniture and ceramics.

Also new for this year, we are offering two painting courses (watercolour and pastel). Please see our website for further information, including opening times and directions - www.hampshireartfair.co.uk. The Hampshire Art Fair is supporting Naomi House.

Longparish Birds

In the last 50 years the birds of Longparish have changed slightly. 50 years ago snipe and redshank nested in the water meadows, lapwings were common on the farms, and wood pigeons were in flocks of thousands. Now swifts, swallows and house martins are probably down in numbers by at least 50%. The once common starling is getting less and less. The ups we have now are little egrets, buzzards and red kites and a lot of collared doves.

While on my buggie on 8th September at Pig Bridge I saw 2-300 swallows heading south. They seem to be leaving earlier, perhaps they are trying to tell us something! It's now getting to that time of year to give your bird table and feeders a good clean and fill for the autumn and winter.



If there are any questions you would like to ask me about birds please e-mail me cfpb@fsmail.net

Chris Bowman

Harvest Festival

We will be decorating the church for Harvest Festival on

Saturday October 3rd, starting at 9.30am. Please come to help and bring donations of flowers,

fruit and vegetables. If you have any of these you would like to donate they can be left at the church or with me. Many thanks.



Eila Chamberlen 720691

Churchyard Autumn Clear-up

This will be on Saturday October 24th between 10am and 12 noon. Please come to help.
Bring saws, pruners, rakes etc.
Have fun with a bonfire.
Coffee & biscuits provided

Longparish School News

Triathlon

At the end of last term, 18 children took part in the Andover Triathlon, this was by far the largest contingent from any school. We had fantastic feedback from the organisers, who commented on their wonderful team spirit, how well behaved they were and their sportsmanship as they cheered on and



encouraged children from other organisations. Katy Evans was first in her age group and Matthieu Rident was second for his age group. Congratulations to them all! We would like to thank Mr Gould and Mr Roberts for their training input.

Music

We have an exciting new initiative this year, when all children, from Years 1 to 6, will enjoy weekly lessons learning a different style of music each term. These will be delivered by staff from Hampshire Music and this term they will be learning to play Samba. Each term will culminate in concerts for which you are welcome to join us.

Admissions

It is that time of year again, when parents of children who will be 4 before 1st September 2010 need to start thinking about selecting their preferred schools for their child's education. We are holding Open Days on the morning of Tuesday 13th October and the afternoon of Thursday 5th November in order for parents to see the school and meet the pupils and staff. The closing date for this year's applications is midday on Friday 20th November. If you would like any further information regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Office on 01264 720317.

Senior Citizens

We are looking forward to welcoming our Senior Citizens back for our monthly lunches together. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining us for these events, please do contact the school so that we can give you more information. The dates for this term are: 20th October, 24th November and 16th December (Christmas Lunch). The cost is £2.30 for two courses. The children look forward to these lunches and the opportunity to converse with other members of the community.

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

The new school year got off to a really positive start, helped by our best ever examination results, uplifting new décor, a bumper new Year Seven group – and sunny weather too.

RECORD BREAKING EXAM RESULTS

There is a lot more to education than just exams but results day is nonetheless always a nervous time for pupils and staff alike. We were, therefore, relieved and delighted when the provisional figures coming down the line showed 81% of our pupils had achieved 5+ A*-C grade GCSEs (and 66% including English and Maths). This is the first time we have cracked the 80% barrier and both figures exceeded challenging targets based on the pupils' attainment when they joined us in Year 7. The boys also did themselves proud – reversing national trends and doing just as well as the girls and even slightly better for 5 A*-C grades with English and Maths. The year group always showed great promise but did even better than expected. Congratulations are due to pupils, staff and parents who contributed to this success.

AN INVITATION TO OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening for prospective new pupils and their parents is on Thursday October 1st from 6.30 to 8.30, with Open Mornings the following week. All are welcome to join us on the evening or to phone school reception on 01256 892061 to book a guided tour.

FUN BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our new team of prefects organised their first event one lunchtime near the start of term - an activities Fun Fair. There were stalls promoting all the extra-curricular activities to give pupils a chance to find out more and sign up. They were able to choose from a huge range – ranging from chess, the climbing wall, swing band and orchestra through to a host of sporting clubs and teams.

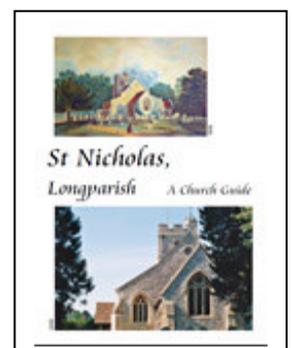
UGANDA BOUND

On October 16th (at some unearthly hour in the morning!) I shall be joining the third group of Testbourne pupils to visit our twin school in Uganda. The team have worked really hard to prepare for this trip of a lifetime and we shall look forward to bringing you news of our adventures.

Hilary Jackson
Headteacher

New Church Guide

Canon Martin Coppen has written and produced a new, colour edition of the Guide to St Nicholas' Church which has just been published and is available in the Church, price £2.



Longparish Parish Council

There were more members of the public at the September meeting than have attended for a long time. Before the formal business there was an open forum which spent an hour on each of two topics – the TVBC review of settlement boundaries in villages and the fencing of footpath 11. Each topic was introduced by an expert speaker who answered questions; then parishioners gave their views. Minutes of parish council meetings are on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Open Forum: Planning - village envelope

The background was outlined in the August Hill & Valley. The speaker, Graham Smith of TVBC explained that this was a Borough wide initiative aimed at making the planning rules in villages a bit less restrictive. It was nothing to do with affordable housing; nor was it part of TVBC's proposals to meet the government requirement for over 6,000 houses in the Borough. That would be met by large estates on land adjoining towns.

Despite that, concern was expressed that drawing an envelope around Longparish with a presumption in favour of development within it would open the floodgates to a substantial number of new houses. In response Mr Smith explained that there were safeguards. For example the envelope for Romsey includes the Abbey but it would never be developed. And how to draw the envelope was a topic on which there would be further consultation. It could be very tightly drawn which would give very limited opportunity to identify sites in Longparish.

This consultation is an early part of the process for developing a new policy. There will be further consultation including public consultation and a public inquiry. The feeling of those present was that more work was needed to clarify the methodology and the safeguards. It was important that the parish council should be involved at all stages.

Open Forum: Footpath 11

Footpath 11 runs from the Shop to Upper Mill. The part in the field between the bridge over the River Test and Upper Mill follows a causeway built many years ago by the Dawnay family. Mr Woodhouse is fencing it because he plans to put cattle in the water meadow. Landowners are entitled to fence paths though, as explained in the January Hill & Valley, the parish council would have preferred no fence.

HCC is responsible for footpaths. The speaker was Peter Watson, HCC Footpath Ranger for Longparish and 58 other parishes. Both he and Mr Barber had met Mr Woodhouse and urged him to widen the fenced area from the present 1.5m to enclose the whole of the causeway but he was adamant that he did not wish to do so. Three main issues arose from questions and discussion.

The line of the fence: The fence does not enclose the whole of the causeway and the HCC expert had advised on the day of the meeting that, "fencing should not encroach on any part of a path that the public has been using for in excess of 20 years". On a show of hands over 10 of those present indicated that they were prepared to give evidence that they had used a greater width for over 20 years.

Safety: The fence includes barbed wire and the surface of the area enclosed is uneven. Mr Woodhouse has given assurances that he will raise the level so that the whole of the enclosed path is the same height as the causeway should experience show that to be necessary. He has also said that he will keep down the vegetation on the path which is the County's responsibility, not the landowner's. Barbed wire must not cause a nuisance on a right of way. Many of those present considered that it would be unsafe for families with young children and dog walkers unless the path was widened. HCC recommend 2m when a path is newly fenced or 2.5m when barbed wire is used. A strand of plain wire on the inside would help reduce risks.

Resources at HCC: Mr Watson explained that HCC have to prioritise their work. He has two men and a budget of £10,000 to look after paths in 59 parishes so is grateful to landowners who maintain the surface of paths. Resources for enforcement are also limited. His present view was that he did not propose to instigate enforcement action but would wait to see how the path settled in. He would, however, contact Mr Woodhouse and urge him to make the enclosed area wider for the bit that had not yet been fenced.

Planning

The Council had no objection to

- demolition and partial replacement of outbuildings at The Cottage; and
- tree work at Autumn Cottage and Mayfield.

Open Spaces

The Council was happy to agree to the **football field** being used by an under 13 team from Andover including players who attended Longparish School. Please ensure that your dog does not foul the pitch.

The next **village clean up day** will be on Saturday 14 November. Please put the date in your diary

Footpaths

Thanks go to Middleton Estate for repairing footpath 47 at the top of Sugar Lane and installing a kissing gate on footpath 20 in Buck Close field.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 12 October. 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 Players

present



Miss Glossop's Weekend Break

A farce with murderous overtones

It was going to be a quiet weekend at The Old Town Hotel owned by Alan and Margaret Kennet. Alan was hoping to spend some time with the sexy Russian waitress, Sonia. But then some unexpected guests arrive including a couple called "Smith" and Miss Glossop, the guest from Hell. A row with French chef Jean-Pierre (great cook but bad temper) makes it worse. And to cap it there's a murder. Who dunnit? Can DS Watkins crack the case? All may be revealed at the Longparish Players' next production.



Miss Glossop's Weekend Break runs from **Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 November**. Tickets available soon. Surplus (if we make one!) to Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Longparish Community Association presents

The Marvellous Magical Coat

**Sunday 22nd November at 3pm
in the Village Hall**

A modern day fairy story about a little boy who is given a huge coat which he hates until it takes him into a strange land where his adventures begin. Everything was fine in the strange land until one morning everyone woke up with either red or blue noses. You wouldn't think that would make a great deal of difference would you? But it did, oh it did.

Watch out for the huge and horrible monster with great big eyes and big ears, flying through the air with massive wings and great huge belly. Actually it's a small purple dragon with a terrible cold but that's what rumours do for you.

Cakes and Refreshments will be offered.

Tickets can be purchased from the village shop or from Xandi Denny at 720771.

Adult LCA Members £5,
Adult Non LCA members £7,
Children £5 each.

Longparish Community Association

Afternoon Tea



Wendy Ellicock is hosting the monthly cuppa on Tuesday 20th October at her home Longmead House. Do come along between 3.00 to 4.30, you are assured of a warm welcome. If you need a lift give Gloria a call on 720425.

Longparish Community Association Art Clay Jewellery Workshop

Taught by Andrea Campbell from Silver Keepsakes

**Friday 20th November at 10-3pm
in Longparish Village Hall**

Come and learn something new!

This workshop is suitable for beginners as well as those more familiar with working with Art Clay Silver. The workshop lasts for about 5 hours and will introduce you to all the basics of handling the clay, shaping, texturing etc. as well as different methods to finish off your designs.

The cost of the workshop is £45 which includes the Art Clay Silver and the use of all tools needed.

You will leave with your very own made piece of 999 Silver Jewellery.

Spaces are limited so please book your place by calling Xandi Denny on 720771



Pumpkin Contest Saturday 17 October

We hope your pumpkins are growing well. But don't worry if they aren't. Last year we had a winner with a pumpkin that weighed less than two ounces! This year's contest will be on Saturday 17 October in Longparish Village Hall. We are starting at 4pm to make it easier for parents to bring children. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available (no charge but donations welcome) to keep hungry people going while the judges do their stuff.

All entries are free but please support the raffle (in aid of playgroup) and bring a raffle prize if you can. There will be prizes for decorated pumpkins, prettiest pumpkin and the most unusual pumpkin as well as the usual prizes for size for all ages. For more information see the pumpkin area in the village website.



Kidz Zone will meet on 7th & 21st October at 7pm in the Village Hall. Andrea Hulme

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

The morning dawned bright and sunny for the September race. The sun went in just before the start which gave us excellent conditions for running and 12 of the 19 runners broke their handicaps.



Our winners were Claire ffolkes and Andy Hawke. Well done! Andy's time of 19.05 was only 20 seconds outside the course record so he'll be giving Jonathan Evans a run for his money when they meet head to head. Thanks very much to Jack, Maggie, Fiona, Ben, Emma and Graham for marshalling, to Maggie for the flapjack and the Cricket Club for the lovely venue. The next race is on Sunday 11 October starting at 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. There will be refreshments afterwards and supporters of all ages are very welcome.

Recycled Teenagers

The canal trip from Kintbury to Hungerford was much enjoyed by 24 recycled teenagers, including Jim Morgan and Eric Aldridge, who are shown here. Tea and cakes were served on the boat, and there was time to look round Hungerford before returning via Combe Gibbet.



The next outing will be on 14th October when a visit to the New Forest and a pub lunch is planned. On November 5th there will be a theatre visit to Arsenic & Old Lace at Salisbury Playhouse.

Contact Corinne Bowman on 720643 for details.

Obituary

Thomas Victor Albert Newell 9th October 1937-10th August 2009

Sadly only a week after moving back into Longparish Tom Newell died in the Royal Hants County Hospital. He and his wife, Meryl, had moved back from Andover to North Acre for the peace of the village. Tom was born in King George Road, Andover and was one of five children. After service in the Royal Artillery he worked as a lorry driver and plant operator. He and Meryl met while working at Lynn's Hardware in Andover. They were married at Abbots Ann and enjoyed 47 years of married life. They have two children, David and Debbie, and three grandchildren. He retired from Earthline and at the funeral at St Nicholas Church there were many of his former colleagues as well as family and friends.

Mid-week communion in Longparish

We are starting an experiment at St Nicholas Church to see how many would like a mid-week communion service here in Longparish. We shall start on Tuesdays at 9.15 am as it has been suggested that some of the mothers delivering children to school might like to come at this time. We shall monitor this, as a later time might be better for others. During the winter months we shall meet at St Nicholas House in order for it to be warm and to save on church heating.

All are welcome and we shall start on Tuesday, October 13th at 9.15am.

Terry Hemming

**St Nicholas Church invites you to join
Longparish Village and School Choirs at**

**A MUSICAL HARVEST
'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH
on SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 12noon
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL**

Hear and sing along with the choirs.

A varied musical programme includes the tunes of Louis Armstrong, John Denver, Karl Jenkins, John Rutter, Frank Sinatra and more.

Tickets are free but places are limited,
so to find out more call Cathy Yelf on 720790.

**Reminder - Winchester Cathedral Refectory
Friday 23rd October.** Helpers always required.
Please get in touch with Rosie Lowry 01264720325
Rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com

October haiku

One spring courgette seed
becomes a cupboard full of
autumn's chutney jars.

**Longparish Playgroup
AGM & Auction Evening
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th October
in the Community Hall**

Please join us for our Playgroup Auction,. There will be many items for auction and it will be a great way to support your local playgroup. The Annual General meeting follows at the end of the evening.

**All contributions welcome –
please ring Playgroup on 720455,**

Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

The 1st XI finished the season with a disappointing loss to a Highfield side they expected to beat, and a convincing win over OTS & Romsey. Adam Lister was the top scorer with 37 against Highfield as Longparish were dismissed for a below par 165. Longparish bowled well in reply and had Highfield at 95 for 4 before a string of dropped catches let Highfield off the hook and they eventually passed the target with 7 overs to spare. On a spicy pitch at Romsey Sports Centre ten man Longparish were dismissed for 119 in the 35th over. Ross Stewart was the top scorer with 43. Neil Bonathan rolled back the years to bat at 10 and finish unbeaten at the close. Romsey struggled against a strong Longparish attack. Ross Stewart capped a fine all-round performance with 5 for 22 and Adam Seidman took 3 for 23 as Romsey were dismissed for 77. A creditable mid-table finish for the first team who also bade farewell to 17yr old run machine Stuart Tognarelli who has started Army basic training at Borden Camp.

The second team secured promotion with a fine win at Whiteparish. William de Cani and Spencer Hain put on 79 for the first wicket, de Cani being the first to fall for 31. Hain batted on to 50 and dismissal. Martin Bearpark added 30 and Justin Jackman 58 as Longparish II closed on 231 for 7. The 14yr old opening bowling attack bowled superbly. Brad Aldridge started with 3 consecutive maidens, and Alex Coetzee took 1 for 6 from his first four. James Young took 3 for 19 and Aldridge 3 for 34 as Whiteparish was dismissed for 135. In the final game of the season Longparish II needed to win to be sure of the title, and Damerham needed to win to secure promotion. A bizarre game of cricket ensued. Damerham batted and raced to 72 from the first 12 overs aided by a nervous display by Longparish in the field. James Young had a bowl and took 1 for 1 from his first 6

overs; Nick Dawnay backed him up from the other end as Damerham added only 8 runs by the 22nd over. A superb run out by Gary Taplin resulted in the departure of wicket keeper Bearpark with a broken nose when the ball ricocheted off the stumps into Bearpark's face. Justin Jackman took over behind the stumps and Ray Smith was dispatched to dig out his whites and fill in on the field. Damerham increased their scoring rate and finished on 203 for 8.



Longparish 2nd XI

The Longparish reply started badly with the dismissal of de Cani in the first over. Justin Jackman added 21 and Warren Bonathan a superb 41 as Longparish regularly lost wickets. A blood spattered Bearpark returned, only for the ball to roll back off his defensive push, dislodging a bail to make his bad day complete. At 122 for 7 with 10 overs remaining Damerham were favourites to win. A remarkable 8th wicket partnership of 68 between Nick Dawnay and 14yr old Michael Taplin kept Longparish in the game. Taplin was dismissed for 19 with 7 balls remaining and with 13 required from the last over. Longparish II hit 11 to lose the game by 1 run and the League title by 2 runs. Nick Dawnay was unbeaten at the close on a career best 55 not out.

On Sundays Longparish has enjoyed some competitive friendlies with Wherwell and Romsey, A spectacular 56 from Brad Aldridge against Wherwell was the main highlight. The Colts day was a resounding success. The U11s played a 20/20 game in the morning in front of a sizeable crowd. Drinks, raffle and barbecue followed before the all conquering U15 side took on a "strong in parts" Chairman's XI, the U15s winning by 8 runs on a day enjoyed by all at the club.

The end of season tour featured some good cricket in games against Up Lyme and Seaton, Club captain Paul Blackmore responding to the bracing sea air with a sparkling 50 against Up Lyme.

The club has produced a calendar which is available through the website www.longparishcc.co.uk or by calling Rachel on 07931111849. It is priced at £8 and all proceeds go to the club.

100 Club winners

£35 Maggie Barber
£1 Neil Bonathan
£15 Barbara Luff

Chris de Cani