

## PARISH ELECTION IN MAY

### Please stand for election

- If you can spare some time to help with the Parish Council's work.
- If you think "they" should be doing things differently, or would like to support what "they" are doing already.
- If you want to contribute to improving our village.



Nomination forms are available from the Clerk - Tony Humphrey, tel 359808. Be quick; they must be in by noon on 4 April. To find out more about what the Parish Council does, and what being a Councillor involves, please talk to any Councillor.

## 2011 Census

Census day was on Sunday 27 March 2011, and it is compulsory to fill in and return the form. If your form is not received before 6 April you will be visited by census staff to help you fill it in if necessary and to collect the form. Collectors should never enter the household unless they are asked to do so. In addition the police say that the following precautions will be followed:

- all census staff will carry an ID card with a photo, logo and hologram. They may ask for name and number of residents, but they will not ask for specific details (like credit card details, bank accounts etc)
- residents will not be asked to leave their questionnaire on the doorstep for collection
- residents can request a pre-arranged appointment with a collector, via the census helpline number (on the front of their questionnaire)
- close the door if unsure. Phone the census helpline England: 0300 0201 101, or check online for more info: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish of St Nicholas, Longparish

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Longparish Community Hall on Thursday 14 April at 7.30pm.

This meeting is for the election of Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members and consideration of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for year ending 31 December 2010. All are welcome to attend.

John Young

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

### New helpers are always welcome

Contact Rosie Lowry if you can help for a session.  
Tel: 01264 720 325

## Longparish Village Hall

Precious Village asset since 1910

## Mega Jumble Sale

All proceeds will go towards refurbishing our special and valuable hall

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**2pm to 4pm**

**Longparish Village Hall**

Please drop off your jumble, a week before, on Friday 8th April between 8am and 4pm at the hall. If there is a problem delivering items to the hall please phone Maggie 720459 or Gloria 720425 to arrange pick up on Saturday morning 9th April.

## Longparish Choir

The Longparish Village Choir will be singing at two important church festivals in April:

- Mothering Sunday Family Service at 11am on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and
- Easter Sunday Family Communion at 11am on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

For the first time we will be singing in Russian! Alto, Russian native and parish councillor Natasha Rouse is now also our official Russian language and pronunciation coach. Do come to celebrate mothers and Easter and judge how well we've conquered the linguistic challenge.

If you're inspired to want to sing, new members are always welcome at our fun and sociable practices.

Cathy Yelf

## FOLS RACE NIGHT



FOLS are holding a Family Race Night at the Community Hall, Longparish, on the 2nd April from 6pm. All the family can attend, fun evening for all. £2.00 per family ticket. Bring your own food and drink. Tickets are available by calling Lisa Williams on 07854 490152.

## Easter lilies

Easter day falls on April 24th. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am to help. Anyone else who would like to help will be very welcome. Please bring any flowers you can spare and greenery.

Eila Chamberlen tel. 720691



## Longparish Parish Council

### **Proposed Solar Farm**

The meeting on 14 March started with a presentation by AEE Renewables concerning their proposed solar energy installation at Owl's Lodge Farm. This followed a public exhibition at the Plough Inn. The presentation outlined the size and scale of the proposal and confirmed that the site would be adjacent to the Shooting School and recycling site. Questions were raised about the details of the proposal, and, in particular, what benefits might accrue to the community. The company will now make a planning application that the Council expects to consider at its April meeting. Further discussions will be required on the issue of potential benefits. The general feeling was that the visual impact would be low and that renewable energy projects should be encouraged.

### **Village Hall**

The Council has paid some £11,000, from funds saved for village hall refurbishment, for the preparation of detailed specifications and a tender process. The tenders indicate that the overall cost of the refurbishment project will be around £240K. Further action will depend on the availability of finance and the emphasis is now on applying for grants from various organisations (HCC, TVBC, Veolia Trust etc) for which the Council has written a letter of support.

### **Planning**

The Council had no objection to:

- The siting and appearance of the proposed extension of the processing building at Testwood Trout Farm, although it had raised a question about the agricultural justification.
- Pruning of 4 Yew and 2 Lime trees, and felling of 1 Cypress at Church Farm House.
- Re-pollarding of 4 Ash trees at River Cottage.

Jim Neal (Borough Councillor) confirmed that an application for a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling at Barn Field on Southside Hill would be subject to an independent economic test by TVBC.

### **Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan**

The Council is broadly supportive of the overall strategy. However, in relation to the specific proposal at Cutty Brow, the Council wishes to explore the possibility of gaining some community benefit from the proposed extraction and of accelerating the timeframe for extraction to minimise the impact.

### **Elections**

Voting on the AV referendum and for Borough and Parish Council elections will take place on 5 May. The Clerk has nomination papers for people who would like to stand. They must be submitted by noon on 4 April at Beech Hurst. The Council would prefer a contested election (where there are more nominations than vacancies), but, in the event of a shortfall, the Council has the option of co-opting candidates to fill any vacancies after the election.

### **Open Spaces**

The Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday 21 May. Tree work has been completed at the Village Hall Car

Park, and permission has been granted for further work at the Cemetery.

A representative from the Council is involved in the initiative by the School concerning the development of its grounds, and discussions are continuing on improvements to the Village Playground. Regrettably there has been an instance of vandalism at the bus shelter by the shop, and the Council is seeking to replace the stolen wheelie bin. There has also been some fly-tipping behind the Village Hall and at the end of the path to Tracey's Dell.

Unfortunately, and in spite of previous pleas, there are continuing complaints about dog mess, particularly on the path and in the field behind Church Farm House. Dog owners are therefore requested to ensure that they pick up their dog's leavings!

### **Road Safety**

The Council re-affirmed its commitment to continuing its low key campaign to encourage safer driving by promoting respect for other road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists, and recognition that there are occasions when it is necessary to drive slower than the speed limit.

### **Footpaths**

The Council expressed its gratitude to Mr de Watteville and his team, and other volunteers, for their work on the kissing gates on the spinal path.

### **Concessionary Travel**

HCC has taken over responsibility for the concessionary travel scheme from TVBC and the changes are outlined in a separate article.

### **Village Handbook**

The new edition of the Village Handbook will be published and distributed shortly.

### **Significant Dates**

The next Parish Council meeting on Monday 11 April will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 1900 hours in the Community Hall. All parishioners are invited to hear and discuss reports from local organisations.

Jonathan Frere – Vice Chairman.

## **Welcome for new villagers**

### **Thursday 12 May 2011**

There will be a reception for new villagers at  
8pm on Thursday 12 May in the  
Longparish Village Hall.

Please do come if you moved to Longparish in the last couple of years. The Parish Council will provide refreshments and it will give you an opportunity to find out more about the village and meet people who lead village clubs and organisations.

If you have new neighbours please bring them along.  
Please phone Gina Snowden on 720128 if you are coming so we can be sure to have enough food and drink!

Christopher Duxbury - Parish Council Chairman  
Martin Coppen - Parish Priest

## St Nicholas Spring Clean-up Day



St Nicholas Spring Clean-up Day is on 2nd April from 10am to 12.30pm. We will be cleaning the inside of the church, as well as doing some gardening jobs in the churchyard and maintenance to the outside of the church.

Many hands make light work. Please come for fellowship as well as work. Coffee and cake provided!

A phone call to affirm your attendance would be good, either to John Young (720233) or Robert Charlton (720382).

## CONCESSIONARY FARES UPDATE

The funding of concessionary fares is moving from Test Valley Borough Council to Hampshire County Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. Test Valley Borough Council provided additional benefits (more than required by legislation). Owing to general government funding constraints the scheme will be altered as follows:

**From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 you will only be able to use your bus pass for: -**

### a. Older people entitled to a bus pass.

- Free "Off Peak" travel between 9:00am and 11:00pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays on local bus services throughout Hampshire
- Free "Off Peak" travel between 9:30am and 11:00pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays on local bus services throughout the rest of England, including Southampton & Portsmouth.

### a. People with disabilities entitled to a bus pass.

- Free all day travel throughout Hampshire on local bus services (excluding Southampton and Portsmouth).
- Free "Off Peak" travel between 9:30am and 11:00pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays on local bus services in the rest of England (including Southampton and Portsmouth.)
- If you are so severely disabled and cannot use buses on your own, you may be entitled to apply for a Companion Pass

### Your pass is valid for the Cango C4 service and the Stagecoach 26 service.

However you will not be able to use your pass on the 08:34 Stagecoach 26 service unless you are disabled.

You can use your existing bus pass until it is due for renewal, at which time it should be automatically renewed by Hampshire County Council.

I have copies of the HCC bus pass application form if your existing pass is due for renewal.

Phil Harris - Longparish Bus Representative.  
01264 720 437 or email [sarah\\_phil@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sarah_phil@tiscali.co.uk)

## Longparish School News

### School Landscape Programme

We are currently evaluating our school grounds and working with Hampshire's Principal Landscape Architect as part of our plans to develop children's learning outside the classroom. As lovely as the grounds are, we feel there is the potential for them to enhance, support and deepen learning further throughout the curriculum.

Looking ahead to the future, we are also keen to explore how the grounds can provide for the needs of the community and would welcome your views and comments. We are very grateful that several members of the community have joined with staff and governors to canvas community views and develop a final proposal which would meet the needs of school and community.

Please let us know what you like or dislike, what makes the grounds special and what matters for the future. Mrs Mary Jo Darrah and Mr Jeremy Barber are both happy to receive your views and comments or, alternatively, we would welcome feedback via the school office.

### Fishbourne Roman Palace by Nina Smith

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Kingfisher Class visited Fishbourne Roman Palace as part of our work on the Romans.

Firstly we were shown a video about the Palace, which was very interesting and told us everything there is to know about this massive Palace. After that, the class split into groups and we looked at the garden first. Lydia and I found an old, square, shallow object. We suspected that it was a bath because there was what looked like a plughole inside. Our group then called us over and showed us a triclinium (dining room) that had three stone chairs.

We looked at the mosaics next, Lydia and I wondered how long it would have taken to make a mosaic. There were lots of different designs, but my favourite was the picture of cupid on a dolphin. They were very cleverly made and ancient. There were lots of different colours mixed in exciting and beautiful shades.

After lunch, we skipped off to our workshop where Elvie (our workshop leader) showed us artefacts found during the excavation work at Fishbourne. We used our investigational skills to find out about life in Roman times and then carried out a number of activities: writing Roman numerals, spinning wool, working in a Roman kitchen and making our own mosaic.

During the final part of the day, our group looked round the museum before travelling back to school. It was a fascinating day, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

### Results Of FOLS 100 Club March Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£20	no. 91	Mrs M Bell
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	no. 86	Claire Arnold
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	no. 103	Alice Evans Becky Chadd

## Village Hall AGM - Monday 18 April 8pm

In the Village Hall. Includes an update on refurbishment plans and fundraising. Followed by light refreshments. All welcome. Contact Gina Snowden on 720128

### NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

#### Rising to the Challenge

Our students have been rising to a number of challenges in recent weeks:

- our dance team and stage crew made a stirring entry into this year's Global Rock Challenge, on the theme of "It's Not History, It's Herstory" celebrating the development of the role of women in society – and fittingly performing at the Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre in the same week as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day.
- Our Bella Voce choir were highly praised for their part in the Basingstoke Lord Mayor's Charity Concert at The Anvil
- Yr 11 Prefects organised a highly entertaining talent show to raise funds for "Help for Heroes" as well as a full programme of events for Red Nose Day – including a red Mufti Day, an inter-house silly games challenge and a Funny Fashion Show with some imaginative staff entries!
- a team of Yr 10 pupils have achieved success in the IBM Science Challenge and Year 7 team have been busy Spelling Bees in the area competition
- some of Year Seven have also been finding out about the challenge of defending the realm during a visit to Fort Nelson in Portsmouth

Students in the upper school have been very busy indeed with examination work. More and more exams now take place throughout the Year 10 and 11 meaning there is constant round of revision and assessment.

#### Admissions

We are pleased that so many families of Year 6 children have made Testbourne their first choice preference school for next September. As we have received more applications than our 156 places this regrettably means that we have had to create a waiting list this year. We hope that once all the admissions process is completed that those who wish to come will be able to do so.

#### Staff News

We were sorry to hear of the sad death of Arthur Williams, who was caretaker at the school for many years. Arthur retired a few years ago, having been a really loyal servant of the school and community

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Dr Andy King, our Assistant Headteacher and Head of ICT. Dr King will be taking up a new post as Deputy Head at St Anne's School in Southampton. ICT has flourished under his leadership and we wish him every success in his new post.  
Hilary A Jackson

### Spring Clean Up Day - Saturday 21 May

The Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday 21 May 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. Jenny Jolliffe tel 720207

## May Fayre, 7th May from 12-3pm at Longparish School.

Donations are needed for the following stalls:

Plants Books Gorgeous Gifts Toys  
Bric à Brac Cakes Bottles.

Items can be left outside the school from the 3rd May.

Cakes and plants can be delivered on the day. Please call Claire Arnold regarding any plant donations that need collecting on 0771 571 7511.

For anything else call Lisa Williams on 07854 490152.

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

It was a damp morning for the March race but it dried up for the start and the sun did come out for a few seconds. 14 runners plus Ben and Tabitha pushed in their buggy by Liz Mayon-White took part. Jack Dundas won the Most Improved man trophy while Carole Dunford took the women's. Both broke their handicaps by the excellent margin of over 2 minutes. The children's prize went to Matthieu Ridet.



Many thanks are due to all those who helped – the race officials, Emma, Maggie, Jack, Graham and Peter, Jack and Jim Dundas for cake, Fiona for the signs and the Cricket Club for the venue.

The next race is on Sunday 10 April 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

### LCA coffee for April

Wendy Ellicock is hosting this month's coffee and chat on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April between 10.30 and noon. Everyone is invited. You are assured of a warm welcome at her home, Longmead House. If you need a lift please contact Gloria on 720425.

## LONGPARISH FÊTE 2011

**Saturday 3<sup>th</sup> September**

We are planning another splendid village fête on the Cricket Field again. Please put the date in your diary.

If you are a helper or stall organiser you will certainly be needed again if you can generously give your time. So please note the date and start thinking about your stall and team to run it. I will be contacting all stallholders soon to check on your tent/table/chairs needs and update my email listing.

If you want a pitch to run a stall please contact me. We are happy to have a few 'commercial' stalls as we did last year.

The main events will be: Dog obedience display by Richard Curtis, Village dog show, Punch and Judy, Morris Dance Group, Clown Act

I am keen to have new ideas and suggestions for the fête so don't hesitate to get in touch. **This is our major fundraising year for the Village Hall so lets make it a bumper year**

Tom Bremridge 01264 720689  
tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk

### BIRDS OF LONGPARISH The Starling



The starling is one of our declining birds. Once very common in the village, in the last twenty years its numbers have dropped to just a few. Starlings used to be frequent visitors at the bird table but I can't

remember the last time I saw one on my table. Yet go to Andover and there are lots of them. In the winter large numbers arrive from Europe, even as far away as Russia. They gather in mass flocks of thousands in the evenings, twisting and turning in great skeins through the sky before coming in to roost. In the morning they fly off in small flocks to their feeding grounds before returning again at night.

The starling is slightly smaller than the blackbird. At a distance it looks black but close up it has a very glossy sheen of purples and greens. In winter it has white spots. Its bill is long and yellow and it has a sloping forehead. It has distinctly triangular wings with a short tail and pink legs. They can be very noisy.

Starlings eat most things from fatballs, peanuts and animal feed to worms and insects. The starling nests in April and sometimes has a second brood. The nest can be quite big, made from grass and straw, lined with feathers, wool or hair. Four to six pale blue eggs are laid. The young hatch after 11-15 days and fledge after

21 days. The young starlings are brown when first fledged and can be seen flying around after mum and dad making a lot of noise.

My list for Longparish has gone up one with a firecrest seen with long-tailed tits at Testwood trout farm. The firecrest is very similar to a goldcrest except the stripe on its head is orange instead of yellow and it has white stripes each side of its head. I saw my first chiffchaff of 2011 on the 13th March, four days earlier than last year

Chris Bowman



### LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL from 6pm

Evening Garden Visit to

Ramridge Cottage, Appleshaw

(by kind of permission of Mr and Mrs. R. Henley)

We are very lucky to be able to visit the garden of Ramridge Cottage which is a beautiful five acre garden surrounding a very pretty house with lovely borders, vegetable garden and wonderful planting and woodland. We are invited from 6pm. Please arrange to share cars if possible. Please let us know if you are able to come as I will need to let the Henleys know numbers. Non-Members Welcome £5.00

Two days after our visit on 28<sup>th</sup> the garden is hosting a Spring Plant Fair 10 am –1pm, entrance £3 where there will be about thirteen stallholders selling a very varied selection of plants, tools, wooden garden structures etc.

The garden can be found on the A342 Andover to Ludgershall road between the Penton /Charlton and Appleshaw turnings.

Rosie Lowry [rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com](mailto:rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com) or 01264 720325 or Marion Bell 01264 720204



### Longparish Cricket Club



Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

In the Indoor Cup competitions, League

presentations were made following the final

with all three Longparish sides present to pick up their awards, with Longparish I Division 2 champions, Longparish II Division 2 runners up and Longparish III runners up in Division 3

In their last ever game of Colts cricket, Longparish U16 were left frustrated as Tichborne Park failed to raise a side. Longparish U16 finished the season unbeaten and retained the U16 league title that they won last year as U15s and finished runners up the previous year as U14s. In three years of indoor cricket they have lost only three times and have established a reputation as one of the best indoor sides around. They are a credit to the Longparish Colts set-up for which most have played since the U11 age group.

News of the Longhops, Lightweights and Lappas has had to be held over this month for lack of space.

#### 100 Club Draw results

£35 Maggie Barber  
£15 Mrs S O'Rorke  
£15 Mr R Mole

**BALLOON RACE**  
**at the match on APRIL 17.**  
Buy balloons from  
any member.

**March coffee morning**



A big thank you to everyone who helped organise, baked cakes and biscuits for and attended the Coffee Morning on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Also thank you for donations of raffle prizes including those from the Cricketers and the Plough, for the coffee from Sainsbury's and the tea from Twinings. From donations on the morning, the sale of flowers, and the leftovers at the school in the afternoon we made a fantastic £460 to be shared between the Church and the Village Hall refurbishment.

Sylla Frere



John Scott explaining the plans for the Village Hall

**Changing village views**



Surgery on the lime avenue at Longparish House

**The next murder mystery!**



**Wild Daffodils**

The sight of these daffodils, pseudo-narcissus – Wordsworth's daffodils, near Tracey's Dell each spring has delighted generations of Longparish residents.

