



LCA - L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of the Month Handicap Race

What a lovely morning for a run. We welcomed new runner Martin Stevenson and welcomed back Rachel Parkins after 9 years. Conditions were excellent for running and over half our field of 25 runners broke their handicaps with 7 new personal records.

This was our 10th anniversary. In that ten years 289 people have done the race and they have run over 6,350 miles between them. Three of the first timers were there this time. Step forward Wendy and Ian Beveridge who have done the race 146 times between them and Maggie Barber who has helped at nearly all of the races and made well over 100 square feet of flapjack as well.



Stephen Williams is going like a train. He beat his PB again and was first home to be our Rising Star. Tony Reid was Most Improved Man, also with a PB and Wendy Beveridge was Most Improved Woman. Dennis and Sandra Doney, Archie Waite, Luke Pierce and Frankie Arnold also had new personal bests. Well done!

Thanks very much to everyone who helped

whether by escorting juniors (lots of people), to Sam Arnold for taking photos, to Maggie Barber and Jim Dundas for baking, Angela Dewey and Rob Bryan for doing the signs and Maggie and Pauline Masters for marshalling.

Our next race is on **Sunday 13th November**. Please remember that we start earlier than usual at **9am** to give time for people to go to the Remembrance Day service.

It is a handicap race so runners of all abilities have a chance to win. Everyone is welcome especially volunteers to help!

You can see the full results and photos and find more information and the entry form in the L2SOTM area of the Longparish website

<http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/>

LCA Tuesday Talks

Our programme of entertaining and educational talks resumes in October.

- **8th November:** Andy Jolliffe takes us on a trip round Cuba



More Tuesday Talks on:

- 13th December: Mike Johnson "at sixes and sevens" - the curious world of the London Livery companies
- 10th January 2017
- 14th February
- 14th March

Tuesday Talks start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free but a donation is welcome, and there is a cash bar.

Village Clean Up Day Saturday 5th November

10am to 1pm

All volunteers welcome. A range of jobs to suit everyone, including litter picking, path strimming, weeding streams, ditch clearing, cleaning signs etc.

Lunch provided at The Cricketers at 1pm. If you think you may be available please let James Hillier know 01264 720016 or e-mail jameshillier@hillier.co.uk to help plan the schedule of works or just turn up at the playground at 10am.

JH



Recycled Teenagers

We organise regular outings and other events using Test Valley Community Service's minibus for transport. This month will be a visit to Haskins Garden Centre on **Tuesday 1st November** with time for Christmas shopping and lunch. We will leave Longparish at 11am and the cost will be £3.

If you or someone you know is interested in booking or you would like further information please contact *Corinne* on 720643



Christmas Tea Party 6th December

The Recycled Teenagers invite you to a Christmas Tea Party with entertainment but also plenty of time to chat.

The party will be in the village hall starting at 1.45pm with tea and cakes served in the interval and finishing about 4pm. Admission is free and we will have a raffle.

All welcome from Longparish and we'd be delighted to see those from surrounding villages also, so please tell your friends. Please contact Maggie on 720459, Corinne on 720643 or Jan on 720654 to book your place.

Coming up in the New Year is a Film Show with tea & cakes (plus raffle) on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 1pm. This event is free. You need to be a member of the LCA but can join for £1 on the day (renewals for 2017 will be due). Again, your contacts for this event are Maggie and Corinne.

Boxing Day

Entertainment

The Great Longparish Santa Dash and Mummers Play return on Boxing Day morning. This year we have the added attraction of a **Boxing Day Barbie** at the Cricketers.



More details next month.

Thank you to all that supported the Second LCA Longparish Beer Festival

We had a fantastic evening on Saturday 1st October when, for the second time, our lovely village hall was turned into a mini Oktoberfest, resplendent with bunting, and freshly picked hops on the vine. With ninety-five tickets sold the event was even bigger than last year and great fun was had whilst sampling sixteen different beers and two ciders from around the local area. Live music, provided by local musicians, added to the atmosphere and with discounts and raffle prizes supplied by the breweries, a total of £275 was raised for the LCA. Thank you all, and see you again next year!

The Longparish Beer Festival Committee

Perfect Pumpkins!

The 20th Pumpkin Show took place in Longparish on Saturday, 15th October and it proved to be a fun afternoon for all those who took part.

There were 30 entries this year; the majority were entered into the 'Best Decorated' categories with only a few successful gardeners able to enter their pumpkins into the 'Smallest' and 'Largest' categories.

A grand total of £143.60 was raised for the Longparish Playgroup. Sincere thanks to all those who supported the event; these funds do provide a welcome boost to the activities that the youngsters can enjoy at the Playgroup.



The winners in each category were:

Best Decorated classes:

Age 5 and under: Fred Tufnell

Age 6-10: Charlotte Gairdner

Age 11+: Evie Hillier

Best in class: William Wearn

Smallest pumpkin grown (child class): Rosanna Montague

Largest pumpkin grown (child class): Rosanna Montague

Most unusual gourd: Jemima Elwell

Largest pumpkin grown (adult class): Jeremy Barber. Weight of pumpkin; 63lbs - a respectable weight and therefore the winner of the annual trophy awarded to the largest pumpkin.

The Pumpkin Show has enjoyed some great support over its 20 years and we would encourage those who live in the Hill & Valley villages to take part in this annual event. Children (and adults) of all ages thoroughly enjoy decorating their pumpkins, or growing them and coming along to the Community Hall to be involved in it. It is a super village event and we would ask you to come and take part next year to keep small traditions such as this one going.



LCA Coffee Shop - Village Hall Friday 11th November

10am-noon

The LCA Coffee Shop in the village hall is open on the second Friday of the month.

Drop in with your friends, children, parents. Everyone is welcome.

For £1 you can enjoy a cup of tea or delicious ground coffee and biscuits.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday 22nd November
Village Hall 7pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GARDENING QUIZ

An opportunity to have a Christmas gathering and final meeting of 2016. No need to dress up, just an informal social evening including a gardening quiz for a bit of fun.

**** CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ****

Members Free
 Non-members very welcome £2.00

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325
 rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com or Marion Bell
 01264 720205



BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - YELLOW WAGTAIL



The yellow wagtail is a bit smaller than the pied wagtail and quite rare in the village. We only see them when they are returning from the north to Africa and again in the spring when they come back. The yellow wagtail is similar to the grey wagtail, which some people mistake as the yellow wagtail, as it has a yellow breast, but its back is olive-green not grey and it lacks the black bib. The tail is long which it wags up and down like other wagtails and thin black legs. It breeds in the north of England. Nesting starts in late May/early June. The nest is a hollow in the ground, made from grass, leaves and stems, lined with hair, wool and feathers. 4-6 eggs are laid - smooth, glossy grey-white to buff. Densely spotted with shades of brown with hairstreaks. Incubated for 10-13 days and the chicks fledge in 16 days but leave the nest in 10-13 days. Their food is mainly insects disturbed by cattle and sheep.

Our summer visitors have now gone and the winter ones are arriving. Fieldfares and redwings have been spotted already.

CB



Longparish Cricket Club

After winning the Winchester & District Indoor league last winter, Longparish travelled to the Ageas Bowl along with SPL sides Hook, Havant, Sarisbury, Waterlooville and Basingstoke to determine which side would represent the county in the ECB national competition.

In the knock out game with Waterlooville, Longparish cruised to a 4-wicket win and a three-way final with Hook and Sarisbury.

Against Sarisbury, who won the national competition a few seasons ago, Longparish succumbed by 3 wickets.

In the must win finale against Hook, Longparish lost by 1 run on the final ball of the match with the last Hook batsman at the crease.

Hook then lost heavily to Sarisbury who will once again be Hampshire's representative in the ECB National competition.

This winter, Longparish CC will once again be fielding sides of all ages in the Winchester & District and North Hampshire Indoor leagues. Details of fixtures, results and how to get involved with the club can be found at www.longparishcc.co.uk

September saw our Presentation Ceremony, kindly hosted once again by The Cricketers Inn.

Mr Chairman gave a memorable speech, much of which was quickly forgotten (copies are available online if you feel the need to go through it again) before Richard Gibbins of sponsors Floatron stepped up to dish out the gongs.

Rachel de Cani collected the 1st XI batting award on behalf of William de Cani for his 569 runs at an average of 71 and Matt Jackman took the 1st team bowling colours for his 27 wickets.

Gary Taplin was the recipient of the 2nd XI batting cup after scoring 219 runs at an average of 22 and Chris Clarke was named 2nd XI bowler of the year.

Martin Bearpark was the 3rd XI's leading bat with 473 runs at 63, and James Young was the pick of the Longparish III bowlers.

Scott Sturt picked up the midweek 20/20 player of the year, Michael Taplin is Longparish CC's fielder of the year and Nathan Smith is young player of the year.

Matthew Jackman claimed the indoor cricketer of the year award, Dan Bearpark was awarded the young indoor player of the year award and William Samways is LCC colt of the year.

John Dawson was presented with the Sprague trophy for services to LCC cricket during the last twelve months and the champagne moment award went to Scott Sturt for a brilliant and nerveless caught and bowled in the tight 1st XI tie away at Easton.

Nathan Smith was the deserving winner of the players' player award.

Thank you to everyone who attended on the night.

With an eye to the goings on at West Ham FC, plans for Longparish to play all their home games at the Olympic stadium in Rio have been shelved and the club are on the cusp of signing a new 25 year lease with ground owners Middleton Estate, thank you for that Mr President.

Longparish Playgroup



It has been a very busy start to the Playgroup year. Lots of new families have joined and the children have settled in well and are having lots of fun. We have been investigating harvest and autumn time and been on an outing to Hillier Gardens to look at the autumn colours and made some homes for the hibernating animals to live in.

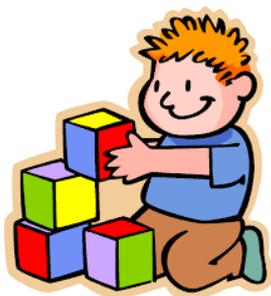
We had a visit from Raymond Brown who talked to the children about recycling and what machines they use. They brought all the children some high visibility jackets to use when we are out and about on our walks in the village.

We all joined in with the Barefoot Challenge and had fun exploring textures with our feet. We made and sold biscuits and raised £80 for this charity that supports children in Africa.

The children have been busy being creative with the pumpkins that Maggie Barber kindly donated to us. We would like to thank Sylvia Crook and Laura Wearn for organising the pumpkin competition again for us this year.

PLAYGROUP OPEN MORNING

If you are looking for a preschool for your child we have an open morning on **Monday 21st November** 10am until 11.30am. Please come along and have a look at all the fantastic things we do. Alternatively please ring us on 01264 720455 to arrange a visit or find out more information.



Claire Nash

Longparish School News

Kingfisher's visit to Hillier Gardens

On Wednesday 12th October, Kingfisher class went to Hillier Gardens on the two school buses. The journey was half an hour long, but once we *finally* got there we met a lady called Jackie and another lady called Anne, then we all went outside to start our first investigation into soils.

We all had to get a bottle, some soil and water, then we put roughly five scoops of soil into each bottle and filled it up with water; then it was lid on, brace yourself and shake! When we had shaken the bottles, we put them down and left them alone for a while. Whilst we were waiting, we went on a walk around the gardens, some of the highlights were: the giant rhubarb, the wobbly bridge and who could forget about the bamboo alley! There were even a few gates made from the bamboo that was sweeping down over the pathway.

When we got back to the place we had started, we then set off mini-beast hunting under logs nearby. I found beetle lava and Millie found an unidentified crawling insect (UCI). Archie found a massive toad trying to burrow down, it was an amazing find! Then we walked back to have lunch and we did a quiz on different soil types after completing our soils investigation.

After that, we got 20 leaves per group and had to answer questions about decomposition – if you got them right, you would take away leaves and the team with the least leaves at the end won.

It was then finally time to finish; we boarded the buses and made our way back to school. We would all like to say thank you to Jackie, Anne and all the people involved in the trip and hope to go on another trip like it soon!

By Millie, Imery and Henry

OPEN DAYS

If you have a child who will be 4 before 1st September 2017 and are starting to think about selecting your preferred school for your child's education, we are holding Open Days on the morning of **Wednesday 9th November** and the afternoon of **Monday 21st November**. These days provide parents with the opportunity to see the school in action and to meet pupils and staff. Application for school places opens on 1st November and the closing date is Friday 15th January 2017. If you would like any further information regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Office on 01264 720317.



Christmas Gift & Craft Fair

Saturday 26th November
Testbourne School, Whitchurch.
11am to 3pm

Entry: £1 for Adults
Children & Senior Citizens free

There will be a fantastic raffle with some great prizes, tombola and refreshments with delicious homemade cakes and sandwiches. 40 stalls will be present, selling Gifts and Crafts by local businesses; an ideal place to start your Christmas shopping!

We will be serenaded by the school Choir 'Belle Voce', and have the Mayor of Whitchurch opening our event. We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information contact Caroline Burson tel: 01256 24253
or carolineburson@yahoo.com.

Pints of View!

Come to the Cricketers for an informal discussion over a pint or two on **Wednesday 16th November** from 8pm.



The topic (at least the one we start with...) will be published via the LCA Facebook page nearer the time.

To suggest a subject for a future meeting, please contact Terry (720215) or Georgi (720829).

Smooth Movers Thursdays 9.15am-10.15am Longparish Village Hall

Stay fit, healthy and supple with Smooth Movers, our friendly exercise class. Low impact aerobics and core stability to music. Work at your own pace. Beneficial to the body and mind. Led by Lauren, a well-qualified and experienced dance and fitness instructor. Lauren updates the music and routines regularly to make it interesting and keep us on our toes! £5 per session. Phone Sarah Harris, 01264 720437 or just turn up at the village hall on Thursday morning.

Volunteer Befriending Service

We are looking for Volunteers in your Community
Could you be a 'Befriender'?

What will I be doing?

As a Volunteer Befriender your role will be to provide social companionship to patients who have a chronic or life limiting illness and who are isolated or lonely. Visiting patients in their own homes, you will help them to feel more supported and help to improve their emotional well-being and confidence.

How much time do I need to commit?

Just 2-hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

What support will I be given?

All relevant training will be given, as well as regular and on-going support and supervision.

Interested?

For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on: 01264 835293

Email: Caroline.Nash@hhft.nhs.uk

Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.



Men's Shed Now Open in Laverstoke

What? A new Men's Shed where members can share the tools and resources they need to work on projects in a safe and friendly place.

Who? Open to all from Overton, Whitchurch, Laverstoke, Freefolk and the surrounding areas.

Where? The Old Tennis Pavilion on Laverstoke Lane.

When? Open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am-12pm

www.testvalleymensshed.org.uk

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 10th October

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish web-site (longparish.org.uk).

Planning

The Council objected to:

- Erection of two dwellings and demolition of existing garage at The Dial House, Forton.
- Double garage with attic over at 1 Fox Farm Cottages, Andover Down.

Other Planning Matters

The Council noted that about 60 members of the local community had attended the Raymond Brown Open Day and hoped that this would inform any subsequent debate about increasing the throughput at the site when the application was forthcoming. A complaint had been received about the effect of the smoke from the burning-pit at Testwood Trout Farm and anyone else who had concerns about this was asked to report them to the Environmental Health Department at TVBC. The Council would also be contacting TVBC to enquire about the acceptability of the height of the earth mounds next to the fence on the old watercress bed in Nun's Walk.

Open Spaces

The autumn **Village Clean-Up Morning** would take place from 10.00am on **Saturday 5th November**, and all parishioners were encouraged to present themselves at the children's playground to take part in this very useful form of exercise. Urgent work was planned to repair the fencing around the top of the skate ramp, and potential users would be discouraged from skating on it until this had been completed. The playground working group would be presenting proposals for improvements at the children's playground to the Council before Christmas.

Village Infrastructure

The Council noted, with regret, the closure of The Plough, but was led to believe that other developments might be in the offing that could lead to it re-opening again soon, although this was, as yet, uncertain.

Other Matters

The Council was informed from the recent TVAPTC meeting that the Local Government Boundary Commission was reviewing the ward boundaries in Test Valley and that this might lead to fewer Councillors. There was no indication at present that the Harewood Ward would be significantly affected. HCC had also held a Devolution Workshop that made it clear that, while there was still the possibility of a 'Heart of Hampshire' unitary authority eventually being created, there was no firm proposals to do so, and that devolution and local government re-organisation did not appear to be high priorities for the present government.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 14th November** in the Village Hall. Parish Council meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman – Jonathan Frere (tel: 720574, or email: clerk@longparish.org.uk).



Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

The time has come again! We are thinking about Christmas and, as well as planning for the Children's Christmas party at the end of term, we will also be selling Christmas trees again.

The trees are all beautiful **Nordmann Fir Trees**, a lush dark green variety, beautifully scented and long lasting, with excellent needle retention and are from our local supplier. They are offered at a reduced price and a range of sizes from 4ft - 8ft with prices between £30 – £75 depending on the size of the tree.

To order a tree, contact Laura Harding by **Friday 4th November** on 720298 or chairfols@gmail.com. Collection will be at the school during the St Nicholas Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 3rd December**.

Film Afternoon

Ever wondered what your pets do when you're not there? Come to FoLS November film afternoon on **Sunday 27th November** where we will be showing **'The Secret Life of Pets'**. Tickets are £4 for LCA members and £5 for non LCA members (including the £1 LCA fee) which covers a hotdog (or vegetarian alternative), popcorn and a drink.

Contact Penny Billingham on 720226 or Sid Bryant on 01264 351870 for more details.

100+ Club – Lastly, if you haven't yet renewed your numbers or wish to purchase some additional numbers for the FoLS 100+ Club, please do this as soon as possible. The form is available on the LCA website under FoLS.

Many thanks for your support with these fund raising activities.

St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre Saturday 3rd December - 2pm to 4pm in Longparish Community Hall

Please come and enjoy this village event. For details see the back of the Longparish events diary insert.