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### **LONGPARISH IS WIRED!**

David and Fiona Gould of Forton generously volunteered to set up a website for Longparish. The name **www Longparish.org.uk** is now registered and those who have access to the Net can see the beginnings of our site. This month's Parish Council minutes are to be the first on the website, and it is hoped to add the Longparish pages from Hill & Valley, and the Village Handbook.

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