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LONGPARISH FETE
SATURDAY 5th. AUGUST
NEW VENUE
FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM
LONGPARISH CRICKET FIELD

For many years the School Governors have allowed us to use the school playing field for our Village Fete. We are grateful for the hospitality and welcome we have always received, but we thought the time had come to experiment with a new venue. As there is no home game on the 5th. August the Longparish Cricket Club has kindly agreed that we may hold the Fete on the Cricket field.

- All the usual stalls and side shows.
Inter-Pub Tug of War (together with supporting beer tent!)
Pet Dog Show.
Pony Cart Rides.
Visit to a Working Model Railway (a short walk away or perhaps by Pony Cart ride).
Grand Draw.
Teas.
Punch and Judy.
Gosport Silver Band
And much more.

(Longparish readers please see separate fly sheet for details of Stalls and contacts for contributions and donations)

Separator line of small squares

St. Nicholas Wives Group

The May meeting, attended by 17 members, was held at Woodstock. The speaker was Nick Linton from Kids' Church. The charity works with children from the northern estates of Andover. As the name implies, it is a charity aimed at introducing children to church. Buses are provides to take the children to services every Sunday and several hundred children attend each service, which is delivered in an upbeat way. Every child is visited at home every week by one of the adult project workers. The speaker generated so much comment from the group that the meeting overran its usual timing.

The June meeting was a visit to Salisbury theatre to see the play See How They Run.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 20th July at Woodstock where Fete arrangements will be discussed.
Gloria Goodliffe

LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB HOME FIXTURES FOR JULY

Table with 2 columns of fixtures: Sat 1st BAT Sports III 2.00 p.m., Sat 8th Hythe & Dibden 2.00 p.m., Sun 16th Appleshaw 2.30 p.m., Tue 18th Appleshaw 6.15 p.m., Sat 22nd IBM Hursley 2.00 p.m., Sun 23rd Esso 2.30 p.m., Sat 29th Bishops Waltham 2.00 p.m., Sun 30th Chandlers Ford 2.30 p.m.



## MARATHON FUND RAISING for LONGPARISH PLAYGROUP



Last time I reported about the marathon appeal the total raised for the Playgroup was over £4,000. Since then people have given very generously and I'm delighted to say that the total is now over £8,000 and donations are still coming in.

Thank you very much to everyone who has given so generously. It's not too late to make a donation. If you've lost the form please ring or email and I'll give you another or just send a cheque, made out to Longparish Playgroup, to Jeremy Barber, 2 Forton, Andover, Hants, SP11 6NU.

Thank you.

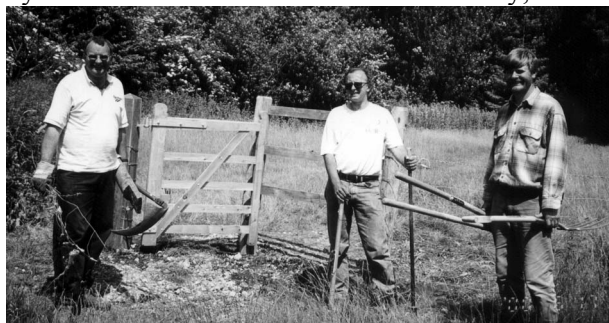
Jeremy Barber tel 01264 720459.

email [jmkpbarber@supanet.com](mailto:jmkpbarber@supanet.com)

## THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

**Cemetery** maintenance has been a problem this year. The wet weather in May meant that cutting was delayed and the grass shot up. The contractor failed to get on top of it and the Parish Council is very grateful to the volunteers who turned out to cut the grass on Bank Holiday Monday and to Mr Clive Kent who is bringing it under control. Thanks, too, to Jeremy and Philip Barber have removed some of the wild saplings including a rather large holly.

**New kissing gate** Volunteers from the Footpaths Committee, Ian Bush, Nick Reeve, and Paul Knipe (from left to right in the photo below), supported by Mary Jo Darrah, replaced a high stile near Upper Mill with a new kissing gate by kind permission of the owner, Rupert Dawnay. The last wing is to be added by the Goodliffes and Ian Bush on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Website** Thanks also to the Goulds, David and Fiona, who are creating the Longparish website. It is up and running at [www.longparish.org.uk](http://www.longparish.org.uk), although it is still under construction and will be developed and updated over time. The latest Parish Council minutes can already be read there and, later, links will be made to other relevant sites.

The Webmaster, David Gould, will be very pleased to receive suggestions via the site email. It is proposed that a list of businesses operating within the Longparish boundaries should be included, but not

advertising, as it is a site sponsored by the Parish Council. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be listed. Much of the Handbook is on, and it is proposed to include the updated Directory, and also the Longparish pages of Hill & Valley. Does anyone object to inclusion of their names and telephone numbers? Please let David Gould (tel. 720709) know, or tell Mary Jo Darrah (tel. 720320) when she contacts you about updating.

## LONGPARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the SATs safely behind them, the children have been able to enjoy a rather more relaxed, though none the less action packed, time at school recently. The weather played a major role in disrupting Sports Day, planned for the end of May, but fortunately it stayed warm and dry for the second attempt in June.

Wet weather also featured strongly when the Chairman of the Governors, John Ellicock, arrived by helicopter on the school field, to eighty-plus, damp, upturned faces waiting for him. A stylish and suitably gung-ho entrance for the dashing ex paratrooper, who had managed to commandeer the army machine to help him deliver the Millennium baton on its relay from Barton Stacey to Longparish.

Year Six have been having adventures of their own on a field trip to Longlands Study Centre in Devon in early June. For many it was their first experience of being away from home without a relative and a big step in their development. I've heard lots about the animals, the four-mile walks and the evolution of rivers from my daughter who assures me that she did remember to clean her teeth without being told!

School grounds week saw the children take to the pond to dip for newts, leeches, flatworms and all manner of lovely creatures, and to the churchyard to seek out creepy crawlies, courtesy of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. Further excitement came from some distinctly un-Hampshire-like wildlife - snakes, lizards and iguanas, brought in for the children to feel and learn about in a fascinating event organised by FoLS.

Meanwhile, after school activities remain as popular as ever, with French Club, tennis coaching, country dancing, and cycling proficiency currently available for the children. Jane Wyatt

# KIDS' CORNER

## HI EVERYONE!!

Hope that you're all having a good summer.

## SUMMER'S HERE!

Summer is here, and the hot sun can be dangerous, so remember to slip, slap slop.

What am I talking about, you may ask. Well I'm just saying slip on a T-shirt, slap on a hat, slop on some sun-cream.

## JOKES

What do you call a man with a seagull on his head?  
Cliff!

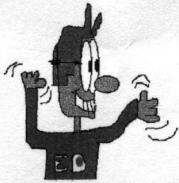
What do you call a man with a shovel on his head?  
Doug!

What do you call a man without a shovel on his head?  
Douglas!

That's all for this month.

Bye

*Phil*



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### LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

Cleaner required for the Village Hall

Regular cleaning for 1 hour per week with occasional additional cleaning dependent on bookings.

Payment and cleaning times to be negotiated

Please contact:- Stuart Bevan  
Tel. 01264 720 412

## In Memoriam

### Victor Rising

Vic was born on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1919 in Norfolk, the youngest of four sons. The family moved first to Hull and then on to Blackpool by the time he was 12. When he left school, he went to work for the Maypole, a grocery/delicatessen in Blackpool.

However, he was so keen to join the Army that he made out he was older than he really was. He was, by all accounts, a "bit of a lad" in the army, gaining and losing promotion. But when his service in the Royal Engineers brought him to Barton Stacey, he met Betty Mills from Hurstbourne Priors, whom he was to marry in St Nicholas' Church. His war service subsequently took him to Egypt and Palestine.

Back from the War, he took Betty to live in Bolton, where he worked in his brother's photographic shop. However, that did not work out and he became a milkman for Bolton Farmers' Dairy, from which he retired in 1984. He supported Bolton Wanderers, and for some of the family the last time they saw him was at Wembley for the FA Cup Semi-final earlier this year. Even during the War, he been drawing cartoons, and after he retired he went to art classes for a couple of years, before they moved here in 1990.

When they had moved north, he had promised Betty that when she asked they would move back to this area. So they moved to North Acre. There he created a magnificent garden, also doing a part time gardening job. Vic enjoyed life to the full, keeping fit and active: he was liked and well respected by everyone. He was well known at his local, the Cricketers, and for playing pool and there is to be a memorial prize in his memory.

Betty died in 1997, when they had been married 54 years. He was a devoted

father to Barbara and Ann, and proud of their achievements, loving his 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. He died as he would have wished, quietly in his sleep. In addition to his family, many friends and neighbours gathered for his funeral in St Nicholas' Church on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Barbara Joyce Bassett**

12<sup>th</sup> December 1919 – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2000

As I write this, it is just a week since Bunty died, very peacefully and with the quiet dignity she had always had. At her side were Pat, David and Gillian, her son and two daughters, also her sister, Ruth.

Since then I have heard people say, again and again, "she was lovely, lovely lady" and I think that that sums her up. Unfortunately, I have only known her for 6 months, since I arrived here, and that has been the time of her illness. But, I had warmed to her lovely gentleness, sincerity and sense of humour. I have also marvelled at just how much she packed into her life.

Bunty, (as she had been called all her life – as a child she always knew when she was in trouble or when a serious matter was at hand, for only then was she called "Barbara"), was born in Ealing in 1917 and soon moved to Sidmouth. She was the middle of three daughters and their father was a doctor. Bunty went to boarding school at Malvern, and then to Exeter University to study medicine. She said that she was too "squeamish" to carry on with medicine and so transferred to horticulture at Reading. The degree had to be curtailed to a diploma because of the war, but her knowledge of and love of horticulture and gardening stayed with her throughout life.

She would tell very funny stories of her journeys by car, and sometimes by bicycle when the car broke down, to give lectures to the miners in Monmouthshire, advice on growing fruit and vegetables in the poor soil of the reclaimed land from the pits. Often she would be changing wheels or doing emergency repairs by the roadside in the darkness of the blackouts, a necessity if she was to be mobile for her teaching. Bunty always spoke with humility and would take no credit for doing anything special – "here was this young slip of a

girl, doing makeshift repairs on an old car, to go and speak to men, who probably knew more than her anyway," she would say, laughing at herself and her predicament. To others it speaks of her courage, resilience and sharp brain.

She met Derrick when he was stationed in Axminster, and they married in 1945. Derrick worked in a bank then, first in Crowborough, East Sussex, and then in Portsmouth and Southampton, appropriately in Southampton their address was Bassett Crescent, Bassett! In Southampton, Bunty ran a Brownie pack and also the Junior Natural History Society.

They built a house in Awbridge for their retirement, where again Bunty threw herself into all sorts of activities, including Brownies and the W.I. They moved to Longparish twenty years ago when their first grandchild was born, to be nearer to their family.

In Longparish, Bunty continued to be busy – she was a regular churchgoer at St Nicholas Church, a member of the Mother's Union, the St Nicholas Wives Group, and the W.I. She continued making jam and bottling fruit, potting plants and going on sponsored walks, all for charity, as well as being a volunteer at the hospice in Andover, organising the St Mary Bourne and Longparish volunteers day at Winchester Cathedral refectory, driving people to hospital for appointments, delivering the Parish News, and tutoring some students from Andover for horticulture. As well as all this, she loved her family and helped out with her grandchildren, and kept a beautiful garden, which she loved. She would often be out potting plants at 5 or 6 am, "before it gets too hot", she would say, but then still be out there working away in the heat of the day!

Her beloved Derrick died in 1984, and her sister Betty also died. Bunty is survived by her other sister, Ruth, her 3 children Pat, Gillian, and David, and her grandchildren. Ruth told me quite casually that she and Bunty climbed Snowdon only last year, as if it was nothing. I suppose they didn't consider it anything special, but to the rest of us it is quite remarkable!

Characteristically, throughout her illness, she had shown courage. Her sense of humour, and power of prayer as many prayed for her and strong faith in God, she knew, made all the difference to her life. One member of the Mothers Union recollects

how Bunty once said – “I’m not very good at prayer”, with her usual humility, and this lady’s reply was “but Bunty, you’re a walking prayer.”!

She will be sadly missed by her family, and by her many friends in Longparish and St Mary Bourne – but also fondly remembered as a remarkable and lovely lady.

Nona Harrison

This issue of the Longparish pages was produced with the help of Philip Barber.