

around..... Longparish

## Stop press



### **RICHARD FAULDS WINS GOLD MEDAL**

**By the time this magazine is out everyone in the villages will know that Richard Faulds has won an Olympic gold medal at Sydney in double trap shooting and will want to send warm congratulations. This remarkable achievement crowns a career in which he has won many national and world championships. Richard and his parents have lived in Longparish since they moved from Kent after buying the land of Southside Farm in 1988**

### **LONGPARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

School resumed very smoothly this term and we welcomed 13 new pupils into the Reception Class which put our numbers into a healthy balance. The petrol crisis then hit us all, but thankfully most of the staff had full tanks at the start of the week, and despite having to come fair distances in some cases, everyone made it in.

At the start of term, the Chairman of the Governors, John Ellicock sailed away aboard the BT Global Challenge yacht, *CGU*, on his round the world adventure and the children are having great fun watching his progress via the Internet, plus learning some geography in the process. In his absence, David Webb has now been elected Chairman of Governors. Two more parents have joined the Governing Body, Josephine Hutchinson and Sarah Rowlands, while Matthew Dryden has stepped down.

The school landscape project is now underway. Run in association with Hampshire County Council, the project involves children, staff, parents and governors with the aim of adapting the ground to better suit curriculum purposes as well as the pupils' needs. Plans have evolved from ideas put forward by the children and we should begin to see some changes over the next few months.

Year Four are looking forward to their five day residential trip to the study centre at Minstead in the New Forest in October. This is a brilliant field trip where they take part in a range of interesting outdoor activities, from map reading to spinning wool.

Miss Hobrough would like to thank all those who so assiduously collected and then donated their Tesco's and Times vouchers. The school has been able to buy a video camera, stereo cassette recorder and CD ROM's.

Finally, staff and parents have been fantastic at putting on extra curricular activities for the children and we'd like to expand on these, so if anyone has any suggestions, or can offer any time after school to run something we'd love to hear from you. Sport is always popular, but it would be great to be able to offer an alternative for the less athletic, like art or drama workshops. Please contact me, Jane Rowland on 720321 or at [janewyatt@u.genie.co.uk](mailto:janewyatt@u.genie.co.uk)

### **FoLS 100 CLUB DRAWS**

#### **August**

1. Mrs Williams	85
2. Mr & Mrs Gould	16
3. Mrs Green	46

#### **September**

1. Mrs Lewis	88
2. Mr & Mrs Gould	16
3. Mrs Graham	19

**LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL****FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17th 2000 at 7.00 pm.****THE HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLES.**

Join Steve Jordan and Paul Hutchinson as they take you on a journey through the byways (and occasional highways) of Hampshire's history. On the way you'll meet Kings and countrymen, ghosts and monsters, and characters from fact, fiction and fantasy, including William Rufus, Old Mob the Highwayman, William Cobbett, the Owslebury Lads, the Marwell ghost and many more besides. The journey is brought to life with songs, tunes, and drama plus mayhem and good humour of a strictly Hampshire nature – in fact, something for everyone.

ADULTS £5.00      CHILDREN UNDER 14 £2.50      LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Tickets will be available from Stuart Bevan, tel. 720412, Jeremy Barber tel. 720459 and Acre Stores

This is the first show in our Winter programme.

On 2nd February 2001 we are presenting 'Common Source' - Ben Osborne's photographic celebration of two great rivers, the Severn and the Wye.

On the 9th March 2001 we have a show especially for children – Bill's New Frock.

**TODDLERS' SERVICES AT LONGPARISH**

Our monthly services – Scramblers – for under school age children and their mums, dads, grandparents, carers etc. started in September with a service for harvest.

These will usually be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, in the children's area in Longparish Church, starting at 2.15p.m. and finishing in good time to collect from school. Our meetings will include Bible stories, singing, making music, craft activities and refreshments. A lively time to be had by all.

Future meetings will be on:

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Lost Sheep
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Seasons: Autumn leaves
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Looking forward to Christmas : Jesus' birthday

Do come and join us!

Nona Harrison (720215)

**PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER**

An ecumenical group is starting in our area, to explore different ways of praying, focussing to begin with on the Lord's Prayer and meditative prayer.

It will meet fortnightly at the home of Helen Watson 65, London Road Whitchurch tel. 01256 892956.

This is for those who have prayed a little and would like to pray some more, for those who seek some fellowship in their prayer pilgrimage, and for those just exploring.

**Dates** Wednesdays, 10.50am – noon.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov.15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> .

Led by Revd. Nona Harrison 01264 720215

and Revd. Jenny Ellis, Methodist minister 01256 892895

**Acronymia**

Perhaps you did not immediately understand the acronymous article last month? If you feel that you should then all you need to know is the "CA Hampshire" is "Community Action Hampshire" (NOT Countryside Agency), an umbrella organisation for the support of voluntary organisations in the county. They are at Beaconsfield House, Andover Road, Winchester, Hants SO22 6AT, tel 01962 854871 (email: [info@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:info@action.hants.org.uk) ). For a small fee they will send you a copy of their handout which lists some 251 acronyms which they claim are in common use!

Martin Coppen

**WELCOME CLUB**

The club has been delighted to welcome some new members and would be pleased to have more.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October there will be an Armchair Aerobics demonstration. Members may join in or just watch. The importance of exercise for all ages is emphasised by all health professionals, and this is a chance to learn safe ways of keeping fit when you cannot get about so well. There will be the usual draw, raffle and refreshments.

Joyce Gadsby

**All the Churches in Test Valley**

**.... 1000 YEARS OF VISUAL HISTORY ....**

Between 23rd September and 4<sup>th</sup> November this year an exhibition of 76 photographs by Bryan Beggs, will be on display in the Andover Museum [admission is FREE]. The exhibition is a "visual journey" through 1000 years of the history of this beautiful part of Hampshire.

All the photographs have been taken during the last six years and record not only the architectural changes over the last 1000 years, but the different seasons of the year and different times of the day.

Copies of the photographs will be available for order at the Exhibition, at a cost which will enable all profits to be returned to each individual church. A 'Guess the Silhouette' Quiz will be available for the participation of the 7 - 11 year-olds.

Although most of our churches have undergone considerable renewal and adaptation over the years, they all form a wonderful heritage for us to appreciate and it is certain that most visitors will "find" many that they did not know existed. We are fortunate to have some unique and outstanding examples of most periods of architectural history on display, taking us from before the Norman Conquest right up to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The exhibition, which is supported by Hampshire County Council Museum Service, Test Valley Borough Council and Friends of Andover Museum, will also be displayed in Romsey later this year, after which some of the individual photographs may be offered to each church on a permanent loan basis, should they so desire to have them.

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***In memoriam***

**John Aylmer Firebrace  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1917 - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2000**

Many friends and neighbours gathered in St Nicholas' on 25<sup>th</sup> August for the Service of Thanksgiving for John's life, both to support John's closest family, Caroline, Jane and David and remember him with great affection. Though he had died very unexpectedly, John had thoughtfully prepared an Order of Service for his family, and with his great love of music carefully chosen the hymns, anthem and voluntaries. Our thoughts and prayers are with Caroline and all their family, as they come to terms with the shock of his loss.

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**John Firebrace**

The family of John Firebrace would like to thank all those people who sent letters and cards to support us when John died so suddenly on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2000.

In addition we would like to thank everybody who contributed to The British Heart Foundation in memory of John.

Caroline Firebrace

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**Longparish Cakemakers**

Very belated, but nonetheless heartfelt, thanks to all of you who so kindly donated or bought cakes and biscuits at the Longparish village fete this year. I dashed off on holiday, but was thrilled to learn that we had record earnings for the stall, which could not have been achieved without your support.

Pippa Sawyer

**St Nicholas Wives Group**

The October meeting will be held at Mallards, Southside Road by kind permission of Maria. The speaker will be Mr Pearce, a retired press photographer from Wokingham.. He will talk about his work and show us some of the dramatic photographs taken during his career.

It would be splendid if we can have a good turn out to welcome him and to make him feel that his journey was worthwhile.

The meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> starts at 7.30. I look forward to seeing all members.

Gloria Goodliffe

**MOTHERS' UNION**

On a lovely sunny August afternoon, Mothers' Union members enjoyed a delicious tea by the river in the garden of Riverside Cottage.

On Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> members attended a membership service in St. Nicholas Church. Mrs Olga Pickering, Deanery Chairman and two of her members from East Woodhay joined us. The service was conducted by the Revd. Nona Harrison and she admitted Mrs Muriel Hull as a member of Longparish Mothers' Union. Olga read The Purpose, Aim, Objects and Mission Statement of the Mothers' Union and presented Muriel with her badge and membership card. We were then entertained to tea at the Rectory by kind invitation of the Revd. Nona Harrison.

Kathleen Hewlett

**LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB**

Alas, the relegation which seemed likely in the last report did happen. There will be a full report on the season in the next issue, after the AGM.

**LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Dawnay and Mrs Goodliffe have put up new signs for the Village Hall car park. The Council agreed to send a letter of good wishes to Richard Faulds, which the Chairman would deliver.

Favourable comments continue to be received on the state of the cemetery, and it was agreed to pay the bill for the cleaning of the War Memorial and to ask Mr Cullen to undertake an annual clean. The Open Spaces committee recommended that a new seat should be bought for the cemetery to commemorate the Millennium, which was agreed.. It was agreed to arrange for a weekly inspection of the playground, required by the insurance company.

There appeared to have been an encroachment on the Gravel pit on Southside Road, and the Clerk would write to the householder involved. New contractors were being sought for the grass cutting contracts next year. Concern was expressed that vehicles were still using Pig Bridge, and new signs were to be requested to stop that and to mark the deep ford. The temporary bridge at Upper Mill has been removed. Hampshire County Council had agreed that zigzag signs should be painted to stop cars parking on the dangerous corner by the school, and Mrs Darrah agreed to draw the attention of the school governors to the problem of parents' cars stopping in the road. Extra parking is available at and opposite the Village Hall.

There will shortly be re-tendering for the bus contracts around Andover. Mrs Darrah agreed to attend a meeting with Mrs Meares to press for improvements. The meeting was subsequently cancelled, so a letter was written. Any further submissions should be sent to Jane Hatt, Surveyor's Dept. HCC, The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UD

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTACTS**

Hampshire County Council Information Centres now have a 0800 telephone number that replaces the previous 0345. The Information Centre Helpline is 0800 028 0888. Minicom( textphone) 08845 712 58821  
Email :hantsinfo@hants.gov.uk  
Website: www.hants.gov.uk/info

**Hi Everyone!!**

Hi kids! Welcome to the August edition of Kids Page!

**Pumpkin competition!!**

How are your voluminous veg coming on so far?

This year's competition will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Longparish village hall.

Feel free to come down one and all,  
If you have a pumpkin, big or small! (groan)

That's all for this month. Bye Phil

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**October**

1	11am	Harvest Thanksgiving	SMB St Peters
1	12 noon	Harvest Celebration lunch	SMB V.Hall
3	9.30-4p.m.	Quiet Garden at Ashe	
3	7.45	SMB Parish Council	SMB Village Hall Club Room
4	10.50	Prayer meeting	Whitchurch
4	7p.m.	Science workshop for parents	LP School
5	evening	Pumpkin Competition	LP V Hall
6	2.15	Scramblers service	St. Nicholas
7	10.15	Trash & Treasure Sale	SMB Methodist Church
8		Friends of Whitchurch Silk Mill visit to Red House	
11	7.30p.m.	Parish Visitors course begins	SMB vicarage
12	7.30	Youth meeting	SMB V.Hall Club Room
16	2.30	Welcome Club	LP V Hall
17	12noon	Senior Citizens' lunch	LP School
18	10.50	Prayer meeting	Whitchurch
19		Friends of Whitchurch Silk Mill AGM	
19	7.30	St Nicholas Wives	Mallards
23-27		Half term	
25		The History of Planet Earth	SMB V.Hall
31	7.45	SMB Parish Council	SMB V.Hall Club Room

**November**

2	8pm	Neighbourcare meeting	SMB Club room
2	7p.m.	Annual Parents meeting	LP School
4	6p.m.	Bonfire and Fireworks Party	Hurstbourne Priors House
7	7.30	May Fair 2001 meeting	Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall
11	10am	Litter Collection	HP Village Green
17	7p.m.	The Hampshire Chronicles	LP V. Hall