

## *around..... Longparish*

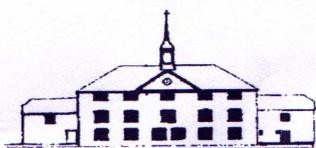
### **LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB**

We were relegated again! Millennium year for the cricket club meant going down for the sixth consecutive season, an unenviable record. The players and officials are most upset and very, very disappointed but they have struggled on and kept the club going for the past six difficult years and will certainly continue to do so for the immediate future - because they care.

At the A.G.M. on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. in the club house all the club officials come up for re-election. There will be some new faces running things next season and some of them, I hope, will be from Longparish itself. We really do need a volunteer to coach the youngsters and run the colts teams, and we SHOULD be electing chairmen and committees to run a ladies' section, and perhaps a netball section, a golf section, an athletics section and certainly a ground and pavilion development organiser. Surely there must be someone interested in doing something! Please come to the meeting.

The Cricket Club and ground and all our young sportsmen need YOU!

Allen Snow 01256 895338



**Friends of Whitchurch Silk Mill**

The Friends of Whitchurch Silk Mill are very pleased to welcome eminent Victorian historian, Lord Briggs of Lewes, to the mill for to talk on "William Morris, the Arts and Crafts Movement versus the Industrial Revolution - Keeping History Alive" at 6.30p.m. on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets for this event are strictly limited and are available at £12 (£10 for Friends and students) including a finger buffet.

Christmas will soon be upon us and Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, is the day to bring youngsters to the mill. Our traditional Santa in his fairytale grotto will welcome little visitors between 4.30 and 5.45p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Further details and tickets for these events are available from Deborah Woodward on 012566 893231. You do not have to be a Friend to join in, just give us a call and enjoy yourselves!

### **PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Jenny Ellis and Nona Harrison have set up a group to explore different ways of praying, focussing to begin with on the Lord's Prayer and with particular emphasis on the Ignatian tradition of spirituality.

Every fortnight material will be given out to pray with individually, and then we will meet together to pray as a group, and to share a little of our two weeks experience of praying alone.

It 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

Wed. November 1<sup>st</sup>

Wed. November 15<sup>th</sup>

Meeting at Helen Watson's home, 65, London Rd. Whitchurch 01256 892956

Nona Harrison 01264 720215

### **TESTBOURNE P.T.F.A.CRAFT FAIR 2000**

The P.T.F.A. at Testbourne Community School are again holding another of their successful Craft Fairs at the school in the Sports Hall on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This will start at 10.00am. and continue through the day until 4.00pm in the afternoon.

It is at this function that you will be able to buy the 'early unusual Christmas present' at very favourable prices. There are a good selection of Crafts already booked in for the event, and there may be some tables still for hire should anyone contact the school on **01256 892061**.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day served in the main hall itself Father Christmas has kindly agreed to come again to the event, with a selection of gnomes to assist him in his grotto! A selection of musical items will be performed in the morning session by the music department, and we hope that live background music will be available for the greater part of the day.

We are sure that you will enjoy the experience. It is well worth a visit!



*In memoriam***Fred Bowman**

At Fred's funeral at St Nicholas on 21<sup>st</sup> September, John Woodcock told his story:

"Not many will remember Cottage End, a small cluster of thatched cottages that stood where the Little Chef and the filling station do now. It was there in the early years of the last century that Bessy May lived, and Bessy was wooed and won by George Bowman, a craftsman who worked all his life in the woods. George and Bessy were duly married and made their home in Forton, in one of those cottages on what is called The Mount, up behind where the old chapel was.

George was very hard-working, Bessy very attractive and they had two sons, Fred and Denis, both of whom were born in Forton and delivered by old Mrs Truckle, the tiny and much-loved village nurse, who stood no nonsense and did her rounds on a tricycle. So for the first 73 years of his life - until he and Muriel moved into Andover, that is - Fred was a part of the fabric of Longparish, and as good a man to be working for you as you could wish to have. I knew him for all that time, and never heard a bad word said of him.

When he left the old Longparish School at 14 - then the leaving age for everyone - he was the best bowler there, though he played very little cricket after leaving. He didn't seem to want to, and when Fred didn't want to do something he could be, let's say, just a little stubborn.

After the war, by when he was in his early twenties, Longparish had their own Morecombe and Wise, They were called Geoff Cook and Denis Brackstone - Geoff who had been evacuated from Southampton at the beginning of the war to escape the bombing and lived in Forton, and Denis a member of one of the oldest of all Longparish families. They were a well-known double act - full of fun, and very popular at private functions and local dances - and Fred sometimes went along with them.

On one such night they were at the village hall at Picket Piece and who should be there, too, but Muriel Taylor, She had gone, riding pillion, on her then boyfriend's Norton motor bike; and she was dancing with him when, across a crowded floor, her eyes fell on Fred. "Wow!" she thought to herself and that was it.

Muriel lived with her parents at Bachelor's Barn Road in Andover - and each evening after that Fred went in on the bus from Longparish - the buses ran

every hour in those days - to be met by Muriel at the bottom of Chalk Hill. The week-ends he spent at her home.

They were married at St Mary's Church in Andover in 1952 by when Fred's mother and father George and Bessy had moved to Gladstone Terrace from Forton, living at number six and eventually acquiring the whole terrace. Fred and Muriel's first married home in Longparish was next to the old post office, from where he worked in the garden at Middleton. From there they moved into the cottage at Forton House where Fred was gardener-in-chief, and eventually they settled down at number one Gladstone Terrace with Fred working for Denis in his carpentry business.

With each child that Fred and Muriel had Muriel looked younger - until she must have been regularly mistaken for their sister. That is a nice, compliment to Fred, to whom she was so devoted. He himself was perfectly content - with his family, his privacy, his gardens, watching sport on the telly, having the odd gin and tonic and enjoying evenings playing cards. For many months he kept it from Muriel how very ill he was, thinking that it would distress her if she knew.

Fred, you see, cared. You could tell that from his own lovely gardens and the others that he tended, all of which were always immaculate and often a blaze of colours. It was even said that when The Wickets, the house up the village, came on the market, where he looked after the garden, it was the garden which sold the house! Nothing was too much trouble. The sweet peas, which he put in in the autumn, were his special pride and joy.

When Muriel went on holiday, Fred would take her to where she was going, but he'd, come straight back home to his beloved garden saying that there's no good time for a gardener to be away. Whether she agreed with that, I have no idea!

The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth,  
One is nearer God's Heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.

Fred was the salt of the earth - and you can say no better of a man than that."

*In memoriam***Peggy Blake**

Peggy left Longparish 12 years ago, but she is remembered very fondly by many here. She was born in Cardiff and her family then moved to Bath when she was very small. She was the oldest of three, her sister, Alice, and brother, Jim. She met George Blake in Bath where he was stationed in the Army, and came back to Longparish with him, where his father was a shepherd.

Peggy and George set up home in North Acre in 1942, and they had a son, Alan, and daughter, Susan. She was well-known and well-liked in the village - a good neighbour, a hard-working member of the WI, secretary of the Village School. She used to enjoy her nights out at Bingo in Whitchurch with her friends. Later she worked in a grocer's and at Croydex. George died in 1984, just after Peggy had retired and she struggled a bit after that because of her Parkinson's disease. In 1988 she moved to Andover for the convenience of a flat and to be near Susan. In 1994 she had to go into Copper Beeches residential home, as life became more difficult for her, though she still remained cheerful and took an interest in everyone. She enjoyed the closeness of her family, four grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and we wish them and her friends our sympathy on her death.

**Advent Bible Study**

A course of four sessions on Advent themes will start on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at 8p.m. at the Rectory. Future meetings are planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> November, and 6<sup>th</sup> December with the fourth to be arranged. Check the venue as we shall probably meet in different houses in Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. All are welcome. It will be an informal group, with no one being picked on or forced to speak unless they want to. Do come and join us.

Nona Harrison 01264

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**Longparish Olympics**

On a sunny morning in September the playgroup children joined with classes 1 and 2 for their own version of the Olympic Games on the school playground. Beforehand they talked about the Olympics and the school children made gold medals while the playgroup children made numbers to wear. At the end the children were each given a certificate

to take home. It was a wonderfully happy occasion and enjoyed by all.

Maggie Barber

**Hi Everyone!!**

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

**Pumpkin competition!!**

And the results are in!!

It's the moment you've all been waiting for. We had record numbers of entrants this year, and even a

pumpkin in disguise!

Here are the results:

**7 and under:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Phoebe Dewbury - 43 lbs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Florence Proctor - 13 lbs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Courtney Knipe - 11 lbs

**8 - 11 years:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Timothy Strand - 48 lbs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Joanne Neal - 22 lbs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Thomas Dryden - 6 lbs

**12-15 years:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Phil Barber - 224 lbs

**16 and over:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Jeremy Barber - 292 lbs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Katie Barber 171 lbs

Unfortunately our previous champion Mark Hewlett was unable to attend but he did win prizes at the Bear and Ragged Staff competition, and his pumpkin was the largest at Broughton.

**Fireworks!!**

It's November 5<sup>th</sup> soon and there'll be fireworks and sparklers everywhere. Have fun, but do be very careful. Follow the firework code and leave the dangerous work to the adults.

That's all for this month.

Bye



Phil

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### LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

#### Planning notices.

Test Valley is no longer publishing notices of planning applications in the Andover Advertiser. Notices will still be put up on the site and the Parish Council has been asked to advertise them on its notice boards. Please look out for these, and if you wish to comment on one, write to the Chief Planning Officer at Beech Hurst, Weyhill Rd. Andover SP10 3AJ before the deadline.

Planning applications currently under consideration include permanent permission for the shooting school at Lodge Farm, a new access and bridge for the fishing lakes by Mill Lane, a new house in the paddock by Eastfield House in Forton.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## SCRAMBLERS

Services for pre-school children in St. Nicholas Church take place monthly. They start at 2.15p.m. and finish in good time to collect children from school. The next one is **Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>** and the theme is **The Seasons – Autumn leaves**. There will be bible stories, singing, making music, craft activities and refreshment in a relaxed atmosphere

**Do come and join us.**

Nona Harrison 720215

### ST NICHOLAS WIVES GROUP

The AGM was held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Woodstock. The President reported on a successful and enjoyable year with a variety of speakers, visits and social events. The committee was elected for the year 2000-2001.

The committee is as follows:-

President	Daphne Bevan
Vice President	Iris Maidment
Treasurer	Maria Neal
Secretary	Gloria Goodliffe

Members discussed their interests and a programme of speakers and outings for the coming year was outlined. For the next quarter the programme includes an illustrated talk by Mr. Gregory on National Oddities, a talk about Christmas preparations by Nona Harrison and in January a social outing to a local inn for a meal with friends and partners.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due and a sum of £3 should be paid to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Thanks to Mary Bird the next meeting is to be held at Greenfields, on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. The speaker will be Mr Gregory, from Andover, who promises an illustrated talk that will open our eyes to the unusual sights around us.

Gloria Goodliffe

### 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 are available from Stuart Bevan, tel. 720412, Jeremy Barber tel. 720459 and Acre Stores

### LONGPARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yet again, another autumn packed with activity at Longparish School. Unfortunately for the Year 4s, their residential trip to Minstead in the New Forest coincided with record rainfall and the poor things spent the week getting, and staying, rather damp. In her review of the trip Ellen Blundell said the pouring rain meant 'wet wellies, soggy sandwiches' and cheesed off children, no doubt. Still, thanks to a dry clothes run by Mrs Healey back to base, they survived and enjoyed themselves nevertheless.

A slightly drier outing to the much maligned Millennium Dome kept the years 3,4,5, and 6 occupied for a day. The youth vote was for the Body Zone being the best part of the experience – looks like they made it just in time!

A group called The Magical History Tour came into school to entertain the children with their Tudor instruments and costumes for a mimed production. Judging by the laughter emanating from the Hall, the mummies were a resounding success.

The middle years then went to the Anvil Theatre at Basingstoke to see the Blackadder Brass, an interactive show supporting history, music and drama in an amusing and child friendly way.

Seafaring Teddy Nicholas has sent his first report back from the Global Challenge Round the World Yacht Race. He's very grateful to have landed safely in Boston, but

slightly disappointed with his boat's progress so far, so he is going to have a quiet word with John Ellicock (ex Chairman of Governors) who is looking after him. He promises to send another update after the next leg.

Finally, something for the grown ups too. A science workshop was very well attended by staff, parents and children and involved some real hands on experiments. Carrie Branaghan, Science Inspector for Hampshire, led the session and no major damage was caused!

Jane Wyatt