

Farewell to Nona & Roy



The Service of Farewell to Nona and Roy Harrison on 27th April in St Nicholas' was followed by a busy reception and tea in the School and Community Hall. On behalf of those present, Martin Coppen paid tribute to Nona's pastoral concern and care for the vulnerable, as well as her work in Longparish School. In appreciation of Nona's eight and a half years' in Longparish, she and Roy were presented with three pictures and a cheque of gifts made by a large number of people in gratitude for her ministry among us.

We wish Roy and Nona richest blessings as they move from here and settle back into their house in Wellow.

Martin Coppen

LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2008

VISIT TO MOTTISFONT ABBEY AND GARDENS.

TIME from 4.15 p.m.

(Last entry to house 4.30 p.m.)

(Last entry to Garden 7.0 p.m.)

Although we are going as a group visit, there is no formal talk or greeting and therefore we can arrive any time but we must all show our Longparish Gardening Club membership forms to take up the discount offer. These gardens hold the National Collection of old fashioned roses.

All National Trust members are obviously free but non-members must pay £7.50 (£1. off normal rate).

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are coming in order that we can get the discounted rate for all our members.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd July at 6.30p.m. Evening Garden. Visit to The Hyde, Old Alesford.

Rosie Lowry 01264 720325

Longparish Parish Council

Affordable Housing Questionnaire

At the time of writing we are not sure exactly when the questionnaire will be posted but we expect it to be before the end of May. There will be a message on the village website when it is posted.

The questionnaires can be returned to the shop or sent to a freepost address (but please be aware that freepost costs the parish 40p a time). The information you give will be entirely anonymous. The data will be analysed and the results will be reported to the Parish Council and summarised in Hill & Valley.

With the questionnaire you will find two manifestos written by some members of the group which devised the questionnaire, explaining their views, one for and one against the idea. Please read them before you complete the questionnaire.

There is a wealth of background information on the village website including a link from the front page to the four page information sheet which was distributed to all households last year.

Your views are important, whatever they are, so please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. If you feel you can't decide please don't ignore the questionnaire – use it to say why and what more information you'd need.

Not on the electoral roll or didn't get a form?

Martin Coppen has kindly agreed to be the 'returning officer'. If you have a strong connection with Longparish and are 18 or over but are not on the electoral register you can still give your views. Please ring Martin on 01264 738308 for a form. Please also ring Martin if you are on the electoral roll but don't get a form. If Martin is not available please contact The Revd Dodie Marsden, his assistant on 01264 738211.

Jeremy Barber

Longparish School 100 Club

April Draw results

1 st	no.64	Anna Draydon	£25
2 nd	no.63	Victoria Well	£10
3 rd	no.114	William Luckraft	£5

May draw results

1st	no.105	Emma Shelley
2nd	no.138	Lisa Williams
3rd	no.20	Mrs A Dicker

Maria Drewett

Longparish Community Association
Midsummer Fun Day
Saturday 21 June

Come to join the fun at the Longparish Midsummer Fun Day on Saturday 21st June!

The Longparish Community Association has organised a day of activities that are open to all comers, not just members. The activities start at 7 a.m. with an early morning Nature Walk guided by local naturalists, starting from the Cleeves by Long Bridge, along the riverbank and ending with breakfast at Longmead House. This open air Bacon Butty and Buck's Fizz breakfast is available to all, not just the early birds, from 9 a.m.

At 11 a.m. there will be a Village Football Match on the football field followed by Special Offer lunches at the village pubs. Please phone in advance to book these. The Cricketers (720335) are offering sausage and mash for £ 3.95 and the Plough (720358) will provide spicy meatball cassoulet for £ 4.50.

After lunch come and support the village cricket team in their match against Highfield, which starts at 2p.m. before wending your way to Lower Mill for a homemade Cream Tea. There will be a Treasure Hunt for children in the grounds of Lower Mill.

The evening event is at the Community Hall and School Patio where those attending are asked to set up their pitch with chairs, tables, gazebos between 5 and 6 p.m.

Those attending are asked to come on foot or park at the village hall to keep the school area clear of traffic as families arrive for the evening event. Music by the local live band, "Quick Exit" will start at 7 p.m. and BBQs will be available from 7 to 9 to cook your own supper should you wish. At about 8.15 the Longparish Village Choir will perform a short set including Bohemian Rhapsody. From 8.30 the Barn Dance, with a live band, The Cothlamadh Ceilidh Band, and caller will start and the evening will end at about 11p.m.

All events will take place even if it rains except for the evening picnic/BBQ. The evening party will take place in the Community Hall but is limited to the first 100 tickets sold with an all day ticket having priority for an inside ticket should it be wet.

Please remember to bring torches to the evening event and to take your litter home.

Ticket costs in advance

	LCA Member	Non Member
Bacon Butty & Buck's Fizz Breakfast	Adults & older children £2.50	£ 3.00
	Primary aged children 50p	£ 1.00
Cream Tea	Adults & older children £2.50	£ 3.00
	Primary aged children 50p	£ 1.00
Evening event	Adults & older children £ 4.00	£ 5.00
	Primary aged children 50p	£ 1.00
All day ticket for All the events	Adults and older children £ 8	£ 10.00
	Primary aged children £1	£ 2.00

Tickets and LCA membership forms are available from Andrea Hulme 720347, Andy Smith 720034, Gloria Goodliffe 720425, Jeremy Barber 720459, Linda Blundell 720522, Patrick Beresford 720421, and Sandra Jones 720551. Please buy your tickets in advance so that we can know numbers for each activity.

Longparish's first centenarian?

In living memory, according to the older residents I have asked, no one in Longparish has lived to 100 years old, but this situation is about to change. The 100th birthday of Miss Micky Gifford falls early in June. She was the middle child in a family of five, and her father managed Warbridge Flour Mill in Frome. It was at the mill that she learnt book-keeping, and she subsequently worked in London.

She came to the village 50 years ago as secretary to Richard Wells, who was Estate Manager for Captain Wills, and for many years she ran the office at Middleton. She lived in Owls Lodge in Forton. She has continued to live in the village in retirement, latterly with the help of carers. She wants to celebrate her birthday very quietly, with no visitors, cards or presents, and is most anxious that this article should not result in any she would not have had. So this is the best way to say many congratulations and Happy Birthday to our oldest resident.

Mary Jo Darrah

A presentation on "scams".

Pc Richard Jewell, our 'Safer Neighbourhood' officer, has arranged a presentation about rogue traders, bogus 'official' callers and a host of other 'scams' used by 'Con-artists' against more 'vulnerable' local residents. It will be at **Barton Stacey Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd June at 2.30 pm.**

The meeting will last for about 40 minutes followed by a question and answer session at the end. Refreshments will be provided.

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Testbourne Goes Global

It has been quite an exciting month at Testbourne as a group of our pupils have won a big international award, which has resulted in two of them and two members of staff flying off to Japan in June. It started last October when we were selected as one of sixteen schools nationally to receive equipment and training from Panasonic to make a 4-minute news film as part of the Kid Witness News global citizenship programme. The Testbourne film - called "Won't Listen, Can't Hear" - is about the dangers of hearing loss caused by loud music and was shown at the UK Youth Parliament at the end of April. It won the British Grand Prix and was forwarded as the British entry for the European Grand Prix, which to our amazement it also won, beating 90 other entries. The whole team have an all-expenses paid stay in London to receive their award, meet the runners up from Austria and Poland and do some more film making. Then they'll take our film off to Osaka in competition with rest of the world. We're looking forward to putting Testbourne and Whitchurch on the map!

Travel Plan

We were really pleased to receive in the post a certificate confirming that that our Travel Plan has been approved by the DCSF. This means we will be able to put in place plans to help reduce the amount of school-related traffic at peak times in Micheldever Road.

Summer Sports Season Starts

The sunshine has brought the start of the summer sporting season. The swimming pool is open for business, and the cricket and rounders teams have played (and won) their first matches.

Leavers' Time Again

The year certainly seems to pass by quickly and we have been celebrating the time our Year 11 pupils have spent with us. We held our now traditional leavers' assembly, sharing fond memories, hopes and dreams and a balloon launch as well as lunch with parents and friends. We wish our Year 11s well in their exams and in their future after Testbourne.

It has also been a very sad time as we learnt of the tragic death of one of our ex-pupils, Luke Tiller from Barton Stacey, who was killed in a motorbike accident. Luke was really likeable young man who was looking forward to starting training related to the local fisheries, something he had set his heart on. It is a terrible loss at such a young age and our thoughts and prayers have been with his family.

Hilary Jackson
Headteacher

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2008

Please let me know if you would like to come and join our combined parishes in helping in the Winchester Cathedral Refectory.

Rosie Lowry 01264 720325

Friends of Longparish School May Fayre

FoLS would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along on 10th May to support us.

We would also like to thank everyone who gave their time to help on a stall, bake a cake, donate a bottle, books, toys, plants or goods for our 'gorgeous gift' stall. Thank you to all the children who entertained us all with their fantastic singing and dancing.



The Fayre was a great success we took just over £5000 on the day. We hope to receive funding from Vodafone which should cover our costs for the event.

Lindsay Howie

Whitchurch Western Fast Draw Club



In 2001 the Whitchurch Dance Club formed the Whitchurch Western Fast Draw Club. Fast Draw is a sport based on the romanticized art of the gunslingers in the American Old West, using traditional single action revolvers with special blanks.



Shooters start with the gun holstered and their hands not touching the gun. A random light indicator signals the shooter to fire and a timer is started to record the speed of draw and firing.

The Club are interested in holding demonstrations and competitions at fetes and other social venues and they also offer demonstrations of line dancing.

If you are interested in the Club attending your event or would like to see the Club practice please contact Dave West (01264 720381).

The Club is non-profit making and all monies raised go to the venue's chosen charity. The Fast Draw is shot under strictly controlled conditions in a controlled area with safety marshals on hand to ensure that both members of the watching public and fellow shooters are completely safe. The Club has £5m liability insurance.

Longparish Community Association

AGM

Tuesday 3rd June
8.00pm at the Community Hall
Refreshments (wine and nibbles)

All are very welcome to come and hear about our activities in the last year and our thoughts for the future.

Do come along and share your ideas on what else we could be doing to support the community in Longparish.

If anyone would be prepared to consider becoming a member of the organising team or helping the LCA in any way, you'd be particularly welcome!

Please put the date in your diaries



It's hard to believe, but Kidz Zone is 2 years old in June! Thank you to everyone who

has helped make it a success.

May news

With the first of the summer sunshine there was an opportunity to let off steam in the fresh air at the football field, with a game of rounders. Weather permitting this will be the first of many more outside activities this year.

Go-Karting

We are re-arranging the go-karting trip for the 4th June. Unfortunately we can only book this two weeks in advance so it is short notice. There will be no Kidz Zone in the hall on the 4th due to this trip. If you did not attend Kidz Zone on 21st May, please check with Andrea for 4th June arrangements.

Parent-helpers are appreciated

Kidz Zone Club is grateful to parents who are coming along as occasional helpers; your help does make a difference and, once you've had a chance to see how Club operates, your suggestions are most welcome.

Dates in June

Club will meet at the Village Hall on 18th June. Visit the Kidz Zone website at www.longparish.org.uk/kidzzone.

Andrea Hulme 720347

L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of the Month handicap running race

It was a wonderful, hot, sunny day with no breeze so it is no wonder we found it hard going. The contrast with last time was incredible. But it had no effect on James Field (who must have had three Weetabix for breakfast) and he was the dear winner. Claire Walker-Lloyd stormed



into second place to take the women's cup. Well done. Thanks very much to Emma, Maggie, David and the Holy Dusters for the making the cakes,

(Welshcakes, Drizzlecake, Sludgecake and Flapjack - it almost sounds like a firm of solicitors) to everyone else who helped and to the Longparish Cricket Club for the venue.

The next race is on Sunday 8 June starting at 10am. Runners of all standards are welcome. The handicap system means that the slowest have as much chance of winning the cups as the fastest. Hope you can come. There will be refreshments afterwards and supporters of all ages are very welcome.

'The Continental Quilt'

The evening of May 16th saw the welcome return of those theatrical stalwarts, the Longparish Players, in Joan Greening's bedroom farce 'The Continental Quilt'.

Curtains opened on a note-perfect 80's bachelor pad, right down to that rear shot poster of the female tennis player, where the unattached and debonair Mike Feathers (Paul Costelloe) is planning to entertain the glamorous Gloria (Andrea Harris). His hopes are dashed by the appearance of his philandering younger brother, Dick (Andy Smith), escaping irate wife Marion (Jo Webb), who has caught him in bed with their sexy neighbour (Vikki Tuklanni) "showing her the new continental quilt."

A succession of increasingly farcical characters burst in, including Marion and neighbour Angela, Mike and Dick's parents (Sandra Jones and Jeremy Barber), an ex-girlfriend (Jo Pennefeather-Neal), a frustrated spinster (Kathryn Drinkwater), and a beetle-keeping neighbour (Toby Cooper). Many a comic misunderstanding ensues, as rooms and partners are exchanged during the night, before equilibrium is restored by way of a ménage-à-quatre.

The fine acting included standout moments from Toby Cooper, with a compulsive and unsettling need to re-adjust his pyjama bottoms, and Sandra Jones, in the battleaxe role she calls her own, with her withering looks and hilarious ad-libs. Credit must be given to Jo Pennefeather-Neal, who convinced as the beautiful but dim Julia Jones, despite being a late addition to the cast.

A most entertaining evening was had by all. The hall was full on both nights and people came from as far as Dunfermline to see it. Special congratulations to the set-builders who constructed 6 functional wooden doors for all the entrances and exits. Anna Fowles



L.C.A. Coffee morning

Sarah Nicholson is hosting this month's "Coffee and Chat" on Wednesday 11th

June at her home Nor dale. Do come along between 10.30 and noon, you are assured of a warm welcome. If you need a lift give Gloria a call, 720425.

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the May meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting and a meeting of the Planning Committee.

Minutes of meetings are on the village website

www.longparish.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

You can see the reports and minutes on the village website. Very briefly:

- It has been another busy year for the parish council. Highlights included publication of our footpaths leaflet which has gone down very well. There has been a lot of work on planning including the proposals for gravel extraction at Cutty Brow. The council's finances are sound. Thanks were given to councillors for their work during the year and to all the members of the public who do so much in so many ways to make our village such a good place to live in.
- Gloria Goodliffe reported that the village hall committee will be spending the next few months finding out what improvements users would like for the hall. Both the village hall and the community hall are available for villagers to use.
- The Head Teacher, Mrs Alex Foggo, reported that the number on the school roll remains healthy with every year full except the current year 5. After school activities are run throughout the week with a wide range of sports being played in addition to other activities including a French Club. The playgroup is flourishing and works closely with the school.

Officers and Representatives

The May meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Council. Committees, officers and representatives were appointed as follows:

Chairman – Jeremy Barber

Vice Chairman – Christopher Duxbury

Transport Representative - Phil Harris

Tree Warden - Mr Graham Darrah

Parish Lengthsman - Christian Dryden

Hill & Valley representative – Jeremy Barber

Village Hall representative – Christopher Duxbury

Community Association rep - Becky Bourne

Committees

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are automatically members of all the committees. Other members were elected as follows

Communications Mary Jo Darrah, David Gould, Fiona Gould, Anna Fowles (who has agreed to act as Village Correspondent).

Finance Martin Lampard, Julian Seidman

Footpaths Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Chris Dewbury, Phil Harris, Paul Knipe, Martin Lampard

Open Spaces Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Julian Curl, Christian Dryden, David Gould, Jenny Jolliffe, Phil Harris, Catherine Sweet

Planning All Council members

Parish Plan

It was agreed to disband this committee as the Parish Plan had largely been implemented. What remains to do will be undertaken by the Parish Council.

Roads

Hampshire Highways have advised that they propose to build a footway on the road from the village hall car park to the school during the summer.

Planning

The council had no objection to

- Side and rear extensions at Creel House
- A rear extension at 2 The Withies
- Replacement windows and porch at White Windows
- Internal work at Southside Farm

The council decided unanimously to object to extension of 2 Paddock Cottage and the erection of an attached four bed roomed dwelling. The Council welcomed the helpful and constructive way in which the applicant and his neighbour presented their views.

Footpaths

- A working party will be installing a buggy friendly kissing gate at the Forton end of the path from Forton to the school.
- Middleton Estate were thanked for clearing a fallen tree from the back path as soon as they were notified.

Affordable Housing

The questionnaire was nearly ready and it was expected that it would be issued by post before the end of the month. It will be accompanied by documents explaining views of members of the working group. See also separate article.

Communications

Anna Fowles has joined the Communications Committee and will be acting as Village Correspondent for the Andover Advertiser.

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 9 June. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

Jeremy Barber Chairman. Tel 720459

email jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk

THE HARMONIUM SINGERS

'SUMER IS ICUMENIN'

Directed by Bruce Randall, Tim James

Accompanied by Gwen Goddard

Saturday 7th June at 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Stockbridge

Tickets £7.50 (to include a glass of wine) from Waterstones, Sykes Greengrocers,

choir members or at the door.

Details from Penny Wood 07721 866438.



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

Our new covers were brought into early use when, shortly before the 2008 programme got under way, ground conditions were affected on several days by heavy rain showers. In the past this would have meant dragging out a cumbersome groundsheet to cover the wicket, but this year life was so much easier for our hard-working ground team – it was just “roll out the covers”.

Fresh from success in the Dummer Indoor League, our U13s made a good start in their summer fixtures by winning their home match against Hedge End U13s. Dismissing the visitors for 23, the 'Parish youngsters easily reached the target in the second over with eight wickets remaining.

The first matches in the Hampshire League were on Saturday 10th May, when both 'Parish teams met sides from Andover. The First XI travelled to London Road Pitch 2 for their match, and skipper Paul Blackmore and Martin Bearpark put on 108 runs before Paul was

dismissed for 74. Batting through the 45 overs allocation, 'Parish reached 222 for 5 wickets. In reply, the Andover openers made a brisk start before losing their first wicket on 53. Wickets then fell regularly, the home side being all out for 171. Back at the village ground, the Seconds just failed to record a winning start when they lost to Andover IV.

The Club also lost their first round match in the Village Knock-Out Competition when they were beaten by a very strong Sparsholt side, who amassed over 300 runs in their innings, a total 'Parish failed to reach.

With the mid-week and friendly programmes yet to start, Club member can look forward (weather permitting) to a packed summer providing entertaining and exciting cricket. All visitors to matches will be most welcome, so please come along.

Winners in the April 100Club Draw were:-

1 st	£35	no.143	Tim Kingston
2 nd	£15	no.66	Anna Wills
3 rd	£15	no. 51	Amber Benco
			Frank Hibberd

Mary Snow's photographs of Longparish

Mary Snow, whose family has lived in the village since the late 19th Century, has inherited a collection of photographs of the village. Some years ago she generously allowed the Andover Advertiser to copy them and they appear occasionally in the Advertiser. Recently she lent them to the website www.longparish.org.uk and the webmasters are very grateful to Neil Biddlecombe who undertook the lengthy task of scanning them. Some of the photos are old and some have been taken recently to show the same places today. Jeremy Barber has installed them on the website where they can be viewed. Go to Photo Gallery and then Old Longparish Photos. If a higher definition is required you can contact the website.

It is particularly interesting to have photographs of buildings which have since been demolished. The original school stood in what is now the school car park and playgroup building with a school house for the head teacher beside it on the river side. There were two classrooms, one for the infants and one for the juniors. It was built in 1837 by the Rev. Henry

Woodcock, John's Woodcock's grandfather, enlarged in the 1890s and demolished 1955-6.



This photo on the left shows the whole school lined up in front of the school with the church in the background. The roof of the lychgate can be seen to the right of the school with the Irish yew still there. The cedar in the garden of Woodbury House is also identifiable, as well as the hedge along the drive to the church.



The smaller picture helps to locate the school in relation to the road and the cross and is dated 1906.

There are currently 106 children in the school. A rough count would indicate there were about 140 at the time of this photo, which seems by the clothes to be early 20th

Century. The school then took children from five to fourteen years old.

Mary Jo Darrah