

LONGPARISH CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) is carrying out a comprehensive review of all conservation areas within the Borough in accordance with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, and is currently reviewing the Longparish Conservation Area. The conservation area was designated 25 years ago in 1983 and a lot of changes have happened not only in the village but also the way in which conservation areas are administered. The main reason for the review therefore is to check that the conservation area boundary is up to date, and to prepare a conservation area character appraisal setting out what it is that gives the area its distinctive and unique character. The Council has prepared an appraisal of the village and is holding an exhibition summarising the appraisal and suggesting changes to the conservation area boundary.

The Council is holding the exhibition at:
Longparish Village Hall on Monday 19th January 2009 from 2.00 – 8.00 pm

to provide an opportunity for residents to express their views.

We value your input, as you know much more about your own village than we could ever do and if we have made any factual errors we'd love to know! Your comments are important, so please come along if you can.

If you're unable to attend the exhibition but would like to comment, you can refer to the Longparish Conservation Area Character Appraisal on the Test Valley web site – www.testvalley.gov.uk and go to the Building and Planning page and then look at Latest Consultations from the 12th of January 2009.

Comments need to be returned by **Friday 20th February 2009** at the latest to:

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For further background information about conservation areas the Council has prepared a 'Guidance Manual on the Designation & Review of Conservation Areas' and 'Conservation Areas : an Introductory Leaflet' which are on the TVBC web site. Look under Planning & Building, click on Conservation, Design & Heritage and you can access the documents from there.

ST NICHOLAS WIVES GROUP

In March 1959 a group of over 20 young ladies living in Longparish decided to form a group to meet once a month in the Rectory or at each other houses. The group became known as the "Longparish Young Wives Group" and the first Chairman was Mrs Agg-Large, the Rector's

wife. Later when Mrs Patricia Dawnay became chairman most meetings were held in Longparish House and later at Ropers.

The group became heavily involved in the village activities such as cleaning the church, looking after the tea tent at the Village Fete, the Harvest Festival Supper and the St Nicholas Sale. The Group also looked beyond the village and over the years it has donated many hundreds of pounds to various local and national charities. I have neither recollection nor information as to when the group's name changed to the "St Nicholas Wives Group" as it is now known, but we still have some founder members.

I joined nearly twenty years ago when Jim and I first moved to the village. After the sad death of Mrs Dawnay in 1989, it was proposed that Mrs Nancy Goodwin and Mrs Peggy Snow should act as joint chair, but sadly Mrs Peggy Snow had to retire due to ill health. In 1992, Mrs Daphne Bevan was then chair till 2007, and following her move to Newbury became our Life President. The group wishes to thank Daphne, who has served and worked tirelessly during her 15 years of office. She kept the group going, hosting the annual dinner from 1989 to 2002 and most of the monthly meetings at 'Woodstock'.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, last October the group decided that it would have to close, as there was no nominees coming forward for the Chair or Secretary's post and the membership was dwindling. The group decided however to continue until March 2009 and celebrate the group's 50th ANNIVERSARY, when to our gratitude Rita Twine stepped in to help and became Chair and Mandy Robbins volunteered as Secretary. Unfortunately Mandy has had to resign and we are still without a secretary. Rita does not wish to continue in the office of chair after the March celebration, and I having been treasurer for well over 11 years also do not wish to continue. Therefore to everyone's regret the St Nicholas Wives Group will cease to exist on the 19th March 2009

The President, Chairman, Treasurer and all the members of the group, past and present would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Group over many happy and successful years, in particular Mrs Dinesen who allowed us to have our yearly B.B.Q. in her beautiful garden, the members who held meetings in their homes, the Village Hall committee for the use of the Village Hall, and all those who have given donations and help

The group hopes that someone in the village will volunteer to keep this tradition of a Ladies Group going. Whoever volunteers will need to bring new ideas and interests to the group.

Finally on the **19th MARCH 2009** to celebrate the 50th Anniversary we will be holding a celebration service at St Nicholas Church and afterwards there will be drinks and canapés at the Village Hall.

The committee and members of the group would like to invite past members and the village community to come and celebrate this memorable occasion with us.
 Maria Neal

Help for Heroes

Well, I did it and big thank you to so many people in the village who kindly sponsored me. I was pledged about £5,400, but unfortunately was only able to collect some £4,600, just missing my target of £5,000. I would like to thank Wendy and Stewart Roberts (as well as the Andover Triathlon Club) for motivating me and guiding me through the world of a training plan, SPDs and lycra during the 5 month build up.

The ride, some 360 miles was challenging with poor weather. On the longest day of 76 miles it was raining from start to finish. We had 4 casualties of our own and if she had not worn a crash helmet one lady could have been seriously hurt as she came off her bike and slid head first into a large lump of concrete that the French seem to have on the side of their roads! The War Memorials visited each day created many emotional moments as bikers found the names of lost grandfathers, fathers and uncles; a representative of them all was then given the opportunity to lay a wreath at the short service in each location. The biggest memorial visited was Thiepval where the names of 70,000 *missing* soldiers are

carved on the stone.

The finale was

awesome with HMS

Bulwark picking

us all up in landing

craft at Dunkirk

and then dropping

us off on

the beaches at Dover. The final cycling took us down Whitehall to the Cenotaph where a brief service of remembrance was held by the bikers and the many family and friends who had turned up, thank you.



Talking of the future; I plan to do the H4H Bike Ride (Band of Brothers) again in 2009, this time from Cherbourg to Paris. I have been fortunate enough to be picked from the many applications submitted from the bikers that undertook this years bike ride to be one of the 30 that will act as mentors for those that need help from now till May and during the ride. I still have to raise £2,000 as a minimum so anybody who wanted to sponsor me but missed the opportunity can do so this time. My 'justgiving' link is

<http://www.justgiving.com/juliancurl>

H4H has raised about £14m and continues to raise funds for the many needy soldiers. On the last change over of the Battle group in Afghanistan one battalion had over 100 casualties from the Regiment out of 650 sent back to England during the tour, a statistic not commonly known. H4H has given £3.5m to Combat Stress and £5m to SSAFA for accommodation at the Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham so that family can be near.

Julian Curl

First Responders

Over the past couple of editions of Hill and Valley, it has been reported that a "first responders" scheme for Longparish would be a good idea. Although the Ambulance service gets to most calls very quickly, sometimes it may not be quickly enough - especially in countryside areas or large commercial complexes. There is a period of time between the 999 call being made and the ambulance arriving in which little or no emergency care takes place. This time period has been called the 'therapeutic vacuum'. We know that community based First Responders can fill this vacuum and provide essential simple treatment in those crucial first few minutes before the ambulance arrives.

First Responders are asked by the Ambulance Communications Centre to attend emergencies in their area. The types of emergencies attended may range from collapse due to medical problems and accidents in the home or public place. First Responder groups usually consist of 10 - 15 volunteers from the local community. One member of the group is designated as the 'group coordinator'. All the volunteers live and work in the local area, and with a rota scheme, one member of the volunteer group is available and 'on call', 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are trained to respond to emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with the Ambulance Service and to deliver Basic Life Support and defibrillation to patients in Cardiac Arrest and appropriate calls including oxygen administration to patients suffering from a range of conditions. Responders provide immediate care to patients in their local areas where distance may delay the prompt arrival of an ambulance.

Following a discussion with the Ambulance Headquarters in Winchester, it appears that there is an average of 6 times per year in Longparish when a Community Responder Scheme would have been called to an emergency. This might not seem like very much, however even one life saved makes such a scheme worthwhile.

In order to set up a group in Longparish, we need to have sufficient volunteers willing to take their turn "on call". If enough people are interested, we can proceed to the next level which is to organise training. If you feel this is something you would like to know more about and take to the next stage, please contact Liz Bourne on 01264 720500.

Christmas at St Nicholas

We are very grateful to everyone who helped prepare the church -- cleaners, flower and decoration arrangers, churchwardens and assistants lighting the candles -- for everything that enhances the Christmas Celebration for those who come. John Woodcock very generously provided the mince-pies and mulled wine after the Carol Service and these were much enjoyed by all!

New Recycling Centre

The Shepherds Spring recycling centre closed on the 2nd. December and the new one on the Walworth Industrial Estate opened on the 3rd. December.

Jim Neal

LONGPARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We were very sorry to have to cancel the December meetings due to lack of helpers and a clash with the school carol

service. Whilst parents have been helping out occasionally, I'm afraid we will need more support if we are to continue next year without reducing the number of club nights. In particular we need someone willing to take on the responsibility of running club nights, even if it were only 6 per year.

Dates in January

The Club is open to anyone in Year 6 upwards and their friends and will meet at the Village Hall on Wednesdays 14th and 28th January between 7 and 9p.m. Visit the Kidz Zone website at www.longparish.org.uk/kidzzone. Andrea Hulme

LCA and Hog the Limelight**Puck's Bottom**

Sun 8 Feb 2009 – 3pm in the Community Hall

An enchanting burlesque tale for children from 5 years and their parents, based on A Midsummer Night's Dream. This is a visual and magical piece with hand-carved puppets and an original musical score, inspired by traditional English and African folk music – a tapestry of slapstick, puppetry, magic and music.

Puck leads the audience on a perilous journey through Fairyland as Nick Bottom the Weaver and friends are preparing a play to perform before the Duke and Duchess on their wedding day. Meanwhile in the forest the King and Queen of the fairies are at war. The worlds of humans and spirits are entwined and turned upside down until Puck comes to the rescue.

Tickets are available from the shop
or from Nicky Derrick 01264 720452

Children £4. Adult members £5, non-members £7.



Smooth Movers Ladies Exercise Class

Longparish Village Hall, Thursdays 9-10 am

Come along and give it a try.

Free parking so why travel to Andover for a class?

***New term starts Thursday 8th January,
£5 per session.***

**LCA Afternoon Cuppa**

On Wednesday 14th January Wendy Ellicock will be hosting the LCA "tea and chat" from 2.30 to 4pm. Everyone is invited to go along

to her home Longmead House where a warm welcome is assured.

If you need a lift please contact Gloria on 720425.

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

It was a cold and damp morning for the December run. Just a bit too cold for good times and only two people broke their handicaps. We welcomed two new competitors, Andy Hawke and Alan Montague-Dennis, both of whom proved to be pretty useful runners. Trophy winners were Wendy Beveridge and Jeremy Barber. Congratulations also to Sandra Jones who had her best time ever apart from October 2006 when the course was significantly shorter.



Thanks very much to Jack, David and Fiona for officiating, Jo for manning the food stall and the Cricket Club for the venue.

Is your New Year resolution to lose weight and get fitter? Come and join us next time! The next race is on Sunday 11 January starting at 10am at the Cricket Ground. Runners of all standards are welcome as are brisk walkers. It is a handicap race so the slowest have as much chance of winning the cups as the fastest. There will be refreshments afterwards and supporters of all ages are very welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU

from

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.
With your help we have now raised a fantastic
£360,000 from recycling.

Please keep donating your clothing,
shoes and textiles to the
BIG YELLOW CONTAINER
behind the Village Hall
and help us reach our next target of
£750,000

??? FOLS Quiz Night ???

Saturday 7th February

? 7.30 for 8pm start ?

in Community Hall

£5 a ticket (maximum 8 per team)

**includes homemade soup, roll
and dessert**

**For tickets contact Leanne Hollingdale
on 01264 369899**

St Nicholas Fair

On a lovely chilly day the Community Hall was buzzing with happy shoppers and anticipation was high amongst the children who visited Santa's Grotto. Christmas tunes and mulled wine added to the atmosphere and lots of lovely gifts were purchased either from our village sewing bee or from local stallholders. There was the opportunity to buy freshly made wreathes and table decorations and children could decorate Christmas cards.

The Fair made a profit of nearly £1200 for St Nicholas Church and we would like to thank everyone who helped towards making it such a success, especially the ladies of the sewing bee who have spent the past year making lovely items for sale, everyone who donated jams and chutneys or baked a cake, and those who helped on the day especially in making Santa's grotto look so lovely. A jolly afternoon was had by all and we are grateful to all who came. Christian Dryden and Andrea Hulme

Longparish School News

Our Extended Schools Partnership (Longparish, Barton Stacey, Whitchurch St Mary Bourne, Overton and Testbourne Schools) has purchased a new minibus to help alleviate our rural isolation issues. This will enable schools and local community groups to travel to sporting fixtures, theatre trips, outings etc. If you are a Community Group leader and would like to make use of the minibus please contact the Community Office for more information on 01256 892261. Please note that drivers will need to have a MiDAS qualification and D1 on their driving licence. MiDAS training will be available via the Community Office from January 2009.

As always, this has been a very busy but enjoyable month for the school. On Friday 5th December, the whole school attended the St Nicholas service in St Nicholas Church, when Harry Williams was installed as Child Bishop of Longparish for the day. Thank you to all who joined us for the service, which helped make it a memorable day.



On Tuesday 9th December, the infants gave two performances of 'The Nativity'. The children were very dedicated in their rehearsals and rose to the occasion with much enthusiasm. Thank you to all who came to watch the performances and for giving so generously to our retiring collection.

On Thursday 11th December, seven Key Stage 2 children took part in the Cross Country Area Finals for Andover

and Romsey. Congratulations need to be given to all the runners for their excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm in representing the School. Matthieu Rident came 4th in the Year 5/6 boys' competition and Freya Love came 8th in the Year 3/4 girls' competition.

At the time of writing, the junior classes are rehearsing for their production of 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' for which they have been designing costumes and scenery. We are also looking forward to our Christmas lunch, when we will be joined by senior citizens and guests from the school community, and our Christmas Carol Service in St Nicholas Church, which will provide a wonderful climax to this term.

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and wish you a peaceful New Year. Alix Foggo

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the November meeting and a meeting of the Open Spaces committees. Minutes of meetings are in the parish council area on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Open Spaces

The parish council owns a small area of land at The Common which is managed as a pocket nature reserve. Parishioners are welcome to visit it. If you'd like to find out more about it please contact Paul Knipe who maintains and improves it. Paul is planning to do some tree work on 21 February and would welcome volunteers to help. If you'd like to join in please save the date and look out for more details in next month's Hill & Valley.

The SEB will be doing some tree work in the cemetery because the trees concerned are too close to power lines.

Longparish Estate Footpaths

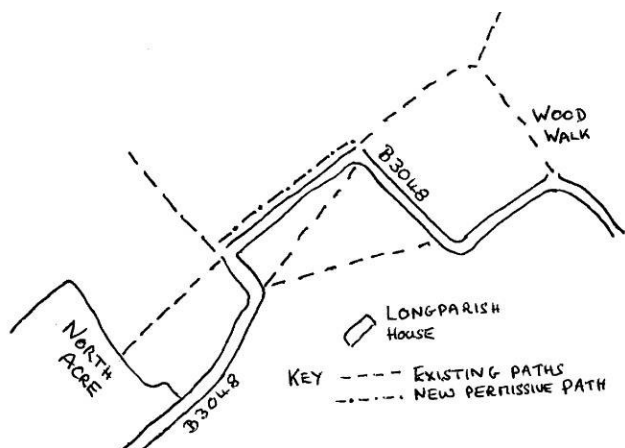
The parish council works with landowners and the County footpaths team to improve our 20 miles of footpaths. Research for the Parish Plan showed how much parishioners value paths which enable us to see the river and walk near it. One such is the path from the shop to Upper Mill. With the co-operation of the landowners, volunteers have put in two kissing gates to make this path more accessible but the stiles at both ends of the bridge make it difficult for less sprightly walkers and dogs.

Most of this path lies on land forming part of the Longparish Estate. For some years there have been no grazing livestock in the field between the bridge and Upper Mill with the result that the pasture has become overgrown with nettles and coarse vegetation. The estate changed hands last summer and the new owner, Chris Woodhouse, intends to bring this pasture back into good order. Walkers using the footpaths between the shop and Upper Mill will have noticed the sheep. The way they graze helps improve the pasture and grazing by both sheep and cattle is part of Chris's long-term plans for managing the pasture land. As there has been no livestock for some years, dogs have become accustomed to roaming in the meadow. This has led to some problems with dogs not being under close control and disturbing the sheep. Some dogs have also been

entering the river from the bridge or the nearby banks. This disturbs the gravel bed, which is a spawning ground for trout, and the stones the dogs retrieve and leave on the banks damage machines used for maintenance.

The Countryside Code explains that, by law, you must control your dog so it does not disturb farm animals or wildlife. You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths so long as it is under close control but you should keep it on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience.

Chris is keen to improve public access. He has cut back the trees overhanging the bridge which is very welcome. In consultation with the County Council Rights of Way team and the parish council he has been considering how best to balance improved public access with his plans for managing the land. The result is a plan to improve access by replacing the stiles at each end of the bridge with kissing gates or hand gates and improve the fencing on and around the bridge to prevent dogs entering the river. It may prove necessary for Chris to put a fence along the footpath in the meadow beyond the bridge. Walkers prefer open paths to fenced ones and the parish council hopes this will not be necessary. In addition, Chris is happy for walkers to use a route just inside the field along the B3048 (see map) to save using the road and is working with the HCC footpaths team to make this into an official permissive path. This is on the understanding that no right of way is created.



In the view of the parish council these are both very worthwhile improvements.

Conservation Area

There will be a public exhibition on Monday 19 January from 2-8pm in the village hall. See separate article.

Community Association

The council made a grant of £1,440 to the Longparish Community Association to support their work with the youth club and elderly people and the monthly events diary.

Amy Jones

16 year-old Longparish gymnast Amy Jones came 5th in last month's British Acrobatic Gymnastics Tournament. The council was delighted to hear of Amy's success and decided to sponsor her with £100 towards the cost of training and transport.

Planning

The council had no objection to

- An extension at Woodstock, East Aston
- Minor extension and internal alterations at Tudor Cottage
- An extension and attic room at River Cottage, Forton
- An extension at 61 North Acre (revised plans)
- Tree works at Nordale and Longparish School

After careful thought the council decided to object to felling of two birch trees at Test Cottage because of the contribution they make to the village landscape.

At TVBC Northern Area Planning Committee, the council spoke in support of the applicant about the proposed new thatched cottage next to Paddock Cottages. The outcome was that the committee approved the cottage but with clay tiles on the roof instead of thatch.

Councillors have also attended two public inquiries to represent the council. The first was about whether the old ford just downstream of Upper Mill is a public right of way and the second about Mr Jackson's application to retain the residential caravan at Testwood Trout Farm as temporary accommodation for an agricultural worker. The results are not expected until around the end of January.

The next parish council meeting is on Monday, January 12. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

Jeremy Barber Chairman. tel 720459
email jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk

LONGPARISH FÊTE 2009

Saturday 5th September

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Chris Woodhouse, the 2009 Fête will be held in the grounds of Longparish House on Saturday 5th September from Noon to 4.

Many thanks to all last years stall holders who responded to my post fête questionnaire. Your requirements for tents and furniture have been noted and your kind offers to run your stalls again are much appreciated. We will endeavour to book again the most popular entertainments but we welcome new ideas. In particular more interactive stalls for the younger visitors have been requested, so please let us have your ideas.

Patrick Beresford, tel. 720421
Chairman Longparish Fete Committee

The Hampshire Potato Weekend: 23rd and 24th January 2009 at Testbourne School, Whitchurch, 10am - 3pm each day.

An opportunity to buy your seed potatoes, about 140 varieties (20 organic) by the tuber or bag as well as seed supplies (flowers and vegetables), onion sets, peas and beans, plants (including unusual vegetables), jams and chutneys, organic beer, seed swop (bring a packet of in-date seed and receive different seed) and information about your local organic gardening group.

Refreshments available, children's crèche.
talks and cookery demonstrations

Group website www.hampshire-organic-gardening.org.uk

Longparish Gardening Club

Tuesday 27th January 2009

A talk on Clematis by Marcus Dancer

in the Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Also re-enrolling for membership for next year and future programme.

Membership fee £15.00

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Raffle as Usual.



Longparish C of E Primary School

New Local Consultation Process for Determining Admission Arrangements

The Education and Skills Bill currently progressing through Parliament will make changes to the admissions law, provided it receives Royal Assent. The Government has decided to go ahead with proposals in the Bill to consult on school admissions. This means that for admission arrangements for entry in 2010/11, the School is required to consult with relevant parents and other groups with an interest in the local area (for example, community groups). In addition to this notice, therefore, the School will also be contacting interested groups directly.

The School's proposed Admissions Policy for 2010/11 is available to view on the School's website at www.longparish.hants.sch.uk or a copy can be obtained from the School office during normal school hours.

The consultation period will remain open until 1st March 2009. Comments should be sent in writing to Chair of Governors c/o the School Office.

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Visitor from Uganda

We were honoured to receive a visit in December from James Busuulwa, a teacher from Mityana, our partner school in Uganda. James, who is an Art teacher, spent a week with us and it was fascinating to share experiences. He joined us for our Christmas Concert in All Hallows, observed children in lessons, visited St Mary Bourne Primary School and Andover College, taught a lesson on batik to our year 8 pupils and had a fish and chips school lunch with our newly selected 2009 Uganda team. We were sad to see him go, complete with school tie, polo shirt and 100% attendance mug, but our team looks forward to meeting him again in Uganda next October.

Year 11s get exam experience

In the midst of the build up to Christmas our Year 11 pupils were hard at it taking their mock GCSE examinations. This year we allowed them to take study leave when they did not have exams and asked them to take responsibility for organising their time and study. We were impressed with the mature way in which they rose to these challenge, with just a few learning the hard lesson that if you don't arrive on time you won't be allowed into the exam room and will have to do it after school in your own time! They also had a mock results envelope opening session to focus their minds on what it will be like to open that envelope in the summer. Most were able to enjoy the fruits of their efforts whilst others

experienced the disappointment of what might have been. Lessons were learned in more ways than one!

Admissions Consultation

Under new government legislation we are required to hold an 8-week publication on our admissions policy. This can be found on our website at www.testbourne.gov.uk and paper copies are available from the school office. Any responses should be sent in writing to Testbourne by Friday 27th February.

Staffing news

Mr Barry Rood our Design Technology teacher left us at the end of term to take up a new post in the independent sector. We are very fortunate in having recruited Mr Kim Pragnell, a very experienced and successful DT teacher to replace him.

We have an immediate vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor for an hour each day. Please contact Mary Payne (previously Soper) on 01256 892061.

Hilary A Jackson Headteacher



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

December was a quiet month for our cricketers. Fixtures at Dummer stopped when the indoor pitches were transformed into a Christmas function venue. Both senior teams played at River Park in Winchester on December 7 and ended 2008 with excellent all round performances. The 1st XI (114) beat Easton and Otterbourne by 18 runs, and the Seconds, having scored 179 for 3 off their 12 overs, dismissed Easton & Martyr Worthy 3 in 8.5 overs for just 46 runs. The Colts had a very successful November: at Dummer the U15s played a strong Hook side and won by 17 runs, while in their two matches in Winchester the U16s beat Compton & Chandlers Ford by 2 wickets and Hedge End by a massive 125 runs.

The Club warmly thanks all those who have supported it through the 100+Club in 2008 and hopes that you will continue your support in 2009. New members will be very welcome. Membership costs £12 a year. Please contact James Young tel. 07904 120237 if you would like a form or further details.

Winners in the November Draw

1st	£35	No 184	Thomas Burley
2nd	£15	No 195	Adam Seidman
3rd	£15	No 133	John Young

Christmas Draw results

1 st	£50	no.11	Jean Gardner
2 nd	£25	no.123	Paul Blackmore
3 rd	£25	no.48	Peter Herbert
4 th	£15	no.185	Shane Nuttley
5 th	£15	no.73	Edward Wills
6 th	£15	no. 122	William de Cani
7 th	£10	no.30	Graham Mottley
8 th	£10	no.167	Sarah Nicholson
9 th	£10	no.86	Barbara Luff
10 th	£10	no.133	John Young

Frank Hibberd