

## LONGPARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

LCA and Hog the Limelight

### Puck's Bottom

Sunday 8 February at 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.**



### LCA Morning Coffee

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February Maggie Barber is hosting the coffee morning at her home, Queen Anne Cottage, Forton. You are welcome to join with friends and neighbours between 10.30 and noon for coffee and chat.

### LCA – Midsummer Murder Village event

This year's LCA midsummer event is a whole village murder mystery on Saturday 27 June. We expect up to 200 people to come. Suspects will be at eight key locations in the village for the afternoon while you decide who dunnit. Then there will be a meal in the Community Hall during which all will be revealed.

If you'd like to be a suspect or could help with marshalling please phone Becky on 720816 after 7pm.

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

It was a wonderful sunny morning for the January run but bitterly cold with ice on Nun's Walk and The Cleeves making the surface very slippery. Despite the poor conditions Jonathan Evans achieved a new personal best which is also a new course record and



made him the most improved man. Liz Mayon-White was the most improved woman. Well done to both. Thanks to Ben, assisted by Simeon, Jack and Maggie for timekeeping, Maggie

and Fiona Jewkes for refreshments, David for the signs and the Cricket Club for the venue. The next race is on Sunday 8 February 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.



### Club nights

Karen and Georgina who helped start Kidz Zone nearly 3 years ago have now decided that they will no longer be able to help with the running of the club. I would like to thank them for all their help and enthusiasm in getting the club up and running and for manning dub nights on a regular basis.

We are now in a situation where we need someone to take over from them or we will have to cut back on the number of Kidz Zone sessions offered. Ideally if two people volunteer it would mean each would help to run 6-8 sessions per year. Please see me for more information or phone 01264 720347.

For the immediate future we will have to run dub nights with only 2 adult helpers present. Now that numbers have dropped we feel this is acceptable from a health and safety point of view. Tuck shop will only open for 5 minutes at 7.30, 8 and 8.30pm.

### Club nights in February

Kidz Zone meets in February on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 and 9:00p.m. in the Village Hall. New members in Year 6 or above are welcome to join, just turn up.

Andrea Hulme

## Renew your LCA membership !

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2009. A special thank you also to those of you who have included a donation with their fees. A membership form is printed at the back of the monthly events diary or can be downloaded from the village website. Membership of the Community Association entitles you to a discount when buying tickets for some of the events that we organise, so send your form in now !

Christine Beresford

## LCA – The Great Longparish Santa Dash



Over 25 Santas and lots of spectators assembled at the shop on Boxing Day for a dash to The Plough. Christmas superheroine Becky Bourne judged Sandra Jones, complete with long red gloves and boa, to

be the most glamorous and Ben Evans to be the best dressed.



## LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB IS A TALK BY CHRIS BIRD of SPARSHOLT COLLEGE ON

### PROPAGATION AND CUTTINGS

TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY  
at 7 p.m.

LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

(All welcome (£3.00 to non-members))

Please bring along a plant that you would like to know how to take cuttings from.

Usual raffle towards cost of future speakers. Any plant, pot of jam, produce etc. welcome.

Please let us know if you are coming.

Rosie Lowry 01264720325

Julian Cull 01264720548

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th March Rob Ballard on "The History and Development of Longstock Water Garden"

## LONGPARISH SCHOOL NEWS

This term has started with the governors and staff continuing to review and update all our strategies and policies in order to ensure that we can continue to deliver the highest possible standard of education to all our pupils. Whilst maintaining high standards of behaviour and the school's Christian ethos, we believe that our main focus should be on effective teaching and learning. Our strategy is to build and encourage the children's desire to learn and achieve.

We are very committed to developing children's understanding of the importance of making positive choices to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle. We also encourage the children to take responsibility for themselves and contribute to their community. We believe that it is extremely important to develop children's self esteem and confidence and teach them how to make informed and safe choices. All of these are woven throughout our school curriculum.

This term we are holding open classes for each class, when parents are invited to join their children for a lesson and the Act of Worship.

We run a variety of lunch time and after school clubs throughout the school year. These are very popular with all of our children. We would like to extend an invitation to those children who do not attend our school, but live within the school catchment area to join any of these which currently have spaces. Some necessitate a charge. At the moment we have spaces in the following after school clubs:

- **FOOTBALL**  
Monday - for years 1 and 2  
Thursday - for years 3 to 6
- **MULTI-SPORT**  
Wednesday - for years 3 to 6  
Friday - for years 1 and 2
- **FRENCH**  
Monday - for ages 5 to 8 years

For further information on any of the above, please contact the school office in the first instance, telephone number 01264 720 317.

Helen Mehaffey Chair of Governors

## ??? FOLS Quiz Night ???

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**Results of the FOLS Christmas 100 Club draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	133	Mrs E D Wolfe-Barry	£100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	19	Mrs H Ridge	£50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	06	Mrs E O'Sullivan	£25
4 <sup>th</sup>	138	Mrs L Williams	£15
5 <sup>th</sup>	145	Mrs P Sawyer	£10

Maria Drewett

**Longparish Playgroup news**

The children at the Playgroup had a very busy December. We went to The Lights theatre in Andover to see The Gruffalo's Child. The children had a wonderful time and joined in helping the Gruffalo's child look for the big bad mouse. We then had a visit from Zoo Lab. We were told the Christmas story and found some animals on the way. The children could hold and touch a variety of small animals including a snake and rat. We then had a Russian party to celebrate the end of term for our weekly Russian lessons we have with Victoria Kennett. Then we had to be very busy as we had to show the Mummies, Daddies and Grandparents our nativity play.



We finished the term with a party and had a very special visit from Father Christmas.

Claire Nash

**NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE****Hope for the Year Ahead**

We began the new year on a positive note with an assembly focusing on the "Audacity of Hope". The pupils had not heard of the book but certainly, instantly and overwhelmingly, recognised a photo on the screen of its author, Barack Obama, at that time soon-to-be president of the United States. His message about hope and what is possible and his mantra of "yes we can" are certainly very appropriate for the start of a new year, both in school and beyond. In the spirit of leading by example, and demonstrating that hope alone without action is usually not enough, I took the risky step of extracting my saxophone from its three-year dormancy in its case to play a very wobbly Grade 2 version of "When the Saints" – the hope being that if I practise I may yet be allowed in the back row of the school wind band. Testbourne pupils often return your faith in them - and were encouragement personified to a rather nervous Headteacher. A "Well done, Miss!" from a Year 7 pupil meant a lot to me – a reminder of what our praise and encouragement can mean to them. All I have to do now is practise and hope a bit of the message rubs off on them in the course of the year.

In many ways January and February are quieter times of the school year but there are still a number of extra-curricular activities going on, including: Year 7 off to visit Salisbury Cathedral; our Kid Witness News team being allowed into the inner circle to film at Stonehenge; our 2009 Rock Challenge team preparing this year's dance entry and our netball and football teams doing well in their matches. Our next drama productions will be an evening of short plays performed by Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils in February. You are very welcome to come and join us. Details are available from Mrs. Sagar in the Performing Arts office.

Congratulations are due to our PE department who have again been awarded the National Sportsmark Award in recognition of the quality and diversity of the PE they provide at Testbourne, one of just 4 schools in the local sports partnership to achieve this

We are fortunate to be still fully staffed with subject specialists and are pleased to welcome this term five PGCE students from Southampton University. On the curricular front Year 9 pupils will also soon be involved in choosing their curriculum pathways and options – making important decisions for their future.

**Situations Vacant:** we still need a lunchtime supervisor for an hour a day. Please do get in touch if you are interested.

**Hilary Jackson**  
Headteacher

**Longparish Toddler Group**

**Every Tuesday morning (term time only),  
from 10 till 11.45, in Longparish Village Hall.**

We are a very friendly group and would love to welcome any parents (mum, dad), carer, aunt, uncle, grandparent etc. with pre-school children to come and have fun. We have a lot of different activities for your child to do, including:- dressing up, a slide, cars and a baby area, crafts and singing.



The cost is £1.25 for adults and 75p for children over 6 months, this includes a drink and biscuit for children and a cup of tea or coffee for parents.

Please contact Mandy on 01264 720610 for further details.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February\***

*Please Note Revised Date*

## Work Party on Southside Common Pocket Nature Reserve

Volunteers are welcome to join a work party on the Common, which lies at the end of the No-through Road, off Southside Road between Sugar Lane crossroads and Mill Lane.

Jobs will include:

- Strimming tall vegetation
- Felling some of the sapling trees
- Hedge planting and hedge laying

Please bring work clothes, gloves and sturdy footwear, also suitable tools loppers, secateurs and hand saws.

Refreshments will be provided.

Approx 10am until 2pm.

For further details please contact Paul Knipe on 720713

### APPEAL TO DOG LOVERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Cinnamon Trust is a registered charity offering peace of mind and practical help for people and love, care and safety for pets.

Would you be able to walk a dog for a few hours a week, for someone who is housebound? Or perhaps offer a temporary home to a beloved pet whose owner is in hospital? The Cinnamon Trust needs more volunteers in the area so if you are interested, please read on...



The special relationship between owner and pet adds incalculably to the quality of life, but all the pleasures and benefits can be completely neutralised by intense anxiety regarding the fate of their devoted

companion should the owner die, fall ill, or have to move to residential accommodation. If an 'old faithful' dies, elderly owners are often very reluctant to have another pet for these reasons, and life for them loses much of its warmth, light and purpose.

The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity which seeks to relieve the anxieties, problems, and sometimes injustices, faced by elderly and terminally ill people and their pets, thereby saving a great deal of human sadness and animal suffering. Its primary objective is to respect and preserve the treasured relationship between owners and their pets. It has a national network of

over 10,000 community service volunteers who provide practical help when any aspect of day to day care poses a problem. Dog-walkers relieve the worry for owners who are housebound and a fostering service is provided for pets whose owners face a spell in hospital. Volunteers are also on hand for emergency assistance if needed, such as trips to the vets. The Trust also provides long-term care for pets whose owners have died or moved into residential accommodation.

If you can spare some time, or are yourself concerned about your pet, please call the Trust directly on 01736 757900. If you would like to know more about being a volunteer dog walker please call Jo Webb on 720088.

More information is available on the Cinnamon Trust website at <http://www.cinnamon.org.uk>

### Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors



2009 started with a packed schedule of indoor cricket in the first week of January and Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> saw three Longparish teams in action at the River Park Leisure Centre. The U16 Colts opened the batting for the Club by meeting Sparsholt B U16s and, having restricted their opponents to 84-3, the Longparish lads cruised to victory, with 6 overs to spare, scoring 86-1. Longparish II, in Division 3 of the Senior League, had a good win over Tichborne Park II when they scored 154, a target Tichborne just failed to reach as they made 144-5 off their 12 overs. In Division 1 of the same league, Longparish I, batting first, posted 133-5 against Owlesbury, but, unfortunately, the 'Parish bowlers were unable to contain their opponents, who reached the target with the loss of only one wicket.

At Dummer Cricket Centre, after a December without cricket, our Lightwights and Longhops were in action on 7<sup>th</sup> January. The Lightwights achieved an excellent win (by four wickets) over division leaders Oakley Saplings but the Longhops found their first outing after the festive season not so successful when a batting failure saw them lose to The Candovers.

#### 100 Club

The 100 Club organiser, James Young, is looking to increase membership numbers in 2009 and would be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to join (£12 per annum) or who would like further details. His contact number is 07904 120237 – and it is still not too late to join! Results of the January Draw will be in the next Hill & Valley.

Frank Hibberd

## My Baptism

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008, I was baptised in the river Test at St. Nicholas Church. The weather was perfect: clear blue skies and golden autumn sunshine, reflecting in the clear waters. This was just as well, because the water was freezing!

I decided to get baptised because everything opened up to me, the Lord's wonderment, love, power, beauty and, well ... love. I wanted to serve and praise God and so I did. But I was not content with that. I felt that I wanted to take the next step in my Christian life.

I wanted to be baptised in the river because it is more original and that is what would have happened to Jesus. I chose full immersion because then I will fall as the old me, be cleansed and renewed and finally rise again new and fresh to begin my spiritual life.

I asked Canon Coppen whether it would be OK to be baptised in the river. I am very grateful that he said Yes. He told me he had not done a baptism in a river before, and he had to get into the water with me, so I am very thankful that he agreed to do it.



My new Godmother is Rhiannon Love - I chose her because she is a committed Christian and she is already very close to me, being my best friend's mum. She too had to wade into the river. Rhiannon told me afterwards that she was worried that she would not survive the temperature! Rhiannon is a very good Godmother and I am *very* lucky to have her as I know she will always take an interest in my life.

I would like to say a big thank you to all my friends and family and to the congregation at St. Nicholas for sharing in such an important event in my life. Thanks also to Mr. Wills for letting us use the river and the riverbank, and also to the fisherman on that boat that day, as he would no doubt have preferred me not to disturb the trout!

Emma Evans

## Welcome for new villagers

**Tuesday 17 March 2009**

There will be a reception for new villagers at 8pm on Tuesday 17 March in the Longparish Community Hall.

Please do come if you moved to Longparish in the last couple of years. The Parish Council will fund refreshments and it will give you an opportunity to find out more about the village and meet people who lead village clubs and organisations.

If you have new neighbours please bring them along. Please phone Gina Snowden on 720128 if you are coming so we can be sure to have enough food and drink!

Jeremy Barber Parish Council Chair  
Martin Coppen Parish Priest

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY DATES FOR 2009

**TUESDAY 31ST MARCH**  
**MONDAY 22ND JUNE**  
**FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER**

Above are the dates that our combined Parishes have been asked to help in the Cathedral Refectory for this year. If you would like to help again or if you would like to join our team it would be lovely to see you. We can choose to help in shifts of anything from 2 to 8 hours! The work entails helping serving hot and cold drinks, clearing tables and helping generally with the food etc.

It is usually a very rewarding day and we have some fun too! We do have a splendid team of volunteers but we are always looking for new helpers to come and join us. Transport and parking can be arranged.

If you think you would like to help, please get in touch with Rosie Lowry on 01264 720325 or [yewcottage@ukgateway.net](mailto:yewcottage@ukgateway.net) to find out more.

## TVBC Health Walks come to Longparish

The TVBC Health Walks Andover group are visiting Longparish on Tuesday 3 February, meeting at 11.15am at the Village Hall car park. Local residents will be very welcome. The walk is a tour of Longparish of about three miles. As fast or slow as you want. Just turn up. All abilities from Zimmer users to trained athletes are welcome. Those who want will adjourn to the pub for lunch afterwards.

## Responsible dog walkers

Dog walking does a huge amount of good. People who walk dogs are far more likely to meet government exercise targets of at least half an hour at least 5 times a week. Walking your dog is a sociable activity. You meet other dog owners and people who like your pet. Dog walking helps keep our paths in order and many dog walkers pick up litter and report problems to landowners. But there's a downside as well. Some dog owners allow their dogs to leave mess or to disturb livestock and wildlife and do not appreciate that some people who use paths can be frightened of dogs and dread the words, "He's only playing".

By law, you must control your dog so that it does not scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife. Your dog has every right to be on a footpath but there's no right to roam on the surrounding farmland. Please take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs. There have been some regrettable incidents with the sheep on



The Newton and the fields beyond. The rare Manx Loghtan sheep are in lamb and particularly vulnerable at this time of year. No-one wants it to happen but you should be aware that farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.

The nesting season is approaching so please don't allow your dog to wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.

Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections. There has been a particular problem with dog mess on and near the path from Forton to the school recently and on the pavement near the school. Mothers who make the daily trip to school try to keep their toddlers out of it but they don't always succeed. So please always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. You can put bagged dog mess in the green wheelie bin by the school turning area.

Sadly the irresponsible few can damage the reputation of all dog owners. If you, as a responsible dog walker, see others behaving irresponsibly please have a word with them.

Jeremy Barber for Longparish Parish Council

## Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the December meeting and meetings of the Open Spaces, Finance and Communications committees. Minutes of meetings are in the parish council area on the village website:

[www.longparish.org.uk](http://www.longparish.org.uk)

### Open Spaces

Paul Knipe is planning to do some tree work on the pocket nature reserve at The Common on 28 February and would welcome volunteers to help. Please see separate article.

The next Clean Up Day will be on Saturday 18 April. Please reserve the date.

Estimates are being obtained for repairs to the skate ramp. The Council also plans to repaint the equipment in the playground this year.

### Footpaths

Thanks very much to the working party who have removed the metal kissing gate at the church to enable mothers with buggies to go through the churchyard on the way to school and playgroup.

### Finance

The council agreed its budget for next year and decided to keep the precept (the amount householder pay as part of the Council tax) unchanged.

### Conservation Area

Over 50 people came to the public exhibition. If you would like to comment the documents are available on the village website. The deadline is 20 February.

### Planning

The council had no objection to replacement windows at Westhay, Forton.

### Upper Mill Ford Public Inquiry

The Inspector decided that there is no public right of way over the old ford just downstream of Upper Mill. This decision is what the council had been seeking because of concerns over the impact on the environment if the old ford had been opened to off-road vehicles.

### School Admissions Policy

Mrs Mehaffey, chairman of the Governors explained that all schools are consulting about their admissions policy. The council is concerned that the way the system operates denies places at Longparish School to some children who move into the catchment area after the normal November deadline for admission the following September. The result is that they have to travel to other schools even though fewer than half the children using the school come from the catchment area, which includes Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. The same problem arises with other popular schools. The council decided to write to David Kirk, the HCC Education portfolio holder, an action which is supported by our local HCC councillor, Michael Woodhall.

In response to a query raised at the meeting, Mrs Mehaffey has since advised that, when there is room, after school clubs at the School will be open to such children to enable them to have greater contact with their peers from the village. If you are interested please contact the school on 720317.

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

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