

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much to all those who contributed cakes, raffle prizes and produce. We were delighted to raise the sum of £460.60, thanks to all those who supported us. There are some photos on the village website.

Gina, Jacqui and Linda

Parent and Toddler Group

Calling all Mums, Dads, grandparents & carers of pre-school aged children, including babies.



Our names are Becky (in stripes on left) and Juliet (kneeling on right) and we are now running the Toddler Group that is held on a Tuesday morning in Longparish Village Hall from 10.00 to 11:45. We are a friendly group and always look forward to meeting new faces. Come along and have

a coffee or tea whilst your children safely play. We have lots of toys, books, puzzles, baby area, ride-ons, play sand, a small climbing frame with slide, and a trampoline. Each week we do a different art or craft and have messy play, story time, juice and snack time for the little ones and songs.

For further information contact Becky Chadd on 01264 351104 or 07973423628 - or why not just come along next Tuesday. We would love to see you.

Mums and babies

Are you a new mum? Longparish new mums and babies get together at the playground for a catch up every Friday from 9.30 till 11.00 am. Please come along and join us! For more information please call Natasha Rouse on 01264 720191 or 07876131454.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER

at 7 pm

LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

DAVID BEESON ON

"WILDLIFE GARDENING"

EVERYONE WELCOME

(£3.00 TO NON-MEMBERS)

Please let us know if you would like to come.

Rosie Lowry 01264 720325

Rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com

or Julian Curl 01264 720548

Usual Raffle.



Longparish Cricket Club



Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors
Longparish cricket moved indoors with the commencement of the Winchester and Dummer Indoor Leagues.

The U15s got the indoor season off to a successful start with a convincing win against Dogmersfield who posted 98 for 3 from their 12 overs, a target that Longparish passed in the 6th over with captain William de Cani top scoring with an unbeaten 28. The same side moved up to the U16 league in Winchester and again won convincingly, batting first against Hedge End and scoring 176 for 2, and dismissing Hedge End for 39 with Ben Gardner taking 4 for 7.

The senior sides in the Winchester Leagues have experienced mixed fortunes. Last year's League runners up, Longparish I, were defeated in their opening game by a strong Compton & Chandlers Ford. Longparish II met St Cross and in a nail biting finish lost by 1 run. Warren Bonathan's precocious Longparish III side beat Eastleigh & Otterbourne by 2 wickets.

At Dummer the newly promoted Longparish Lightweights were defeated in their opening game despite an unbeaten 47 from Matt Jackman. Similarly Paul Blackmore's Longparish Longhops were defeated in their season opener but bounced back the following week with success against Blackman Six.

Presentations were also held for the winning indoor teams from last season. The 15s were presented with The North Hants U15 indoor league title after their unbeaten campaign last winter, and Justin Jackman's Longparish Lightweights, newly promoted to the Dummer Indoor Division 1, were presented with their trophy by Ashes winning England captain Charlotte Edwards.



The Club held a very enjoyable Presentation Dinner at The Cricketers where, after a superb meal, speeches were made, sponsors thanked and the high achievers of the season given the relevant plaudits and gongs.

Under the auspices of Lawnmaster Spencer Haines, the square has been scarified, top dressed and put to bed for the winter. Kenny has parked the mowers and the guard is mounted for rabbit repellent duty.

Club Calendars with fully clothed cricketers are still available from Rachel on 01962760442 An ideal gift for Christmas they are priced at £8 with all proceeds to the club.

Chris de Cani

Longparish Players

present

Miss Glossop's Weekend Break

A farce with murderous overtones

Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 November

at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cash bar opens at 7pm

It was going to be a quiet weekend at The Old Town Hotel owned by Alan and Margaret Kennet. Alan was hoping to spend some time with the sexy Russian waitress, Sonia. But then some unexpected guests arrive including a couple called 'Smith' and Miss Glossop, the guest from Hell. A row with French chef Jean-Pierre (great cook but bad temper) makes it worse. And to cap it all there's a murder.

Who dunnit? Can DS Watkins crack the case?



**Tickets are £4.50
(£4 for LCA members)**

at the shop

or from Andrea Harris 720457

or Sandra Jones 720551.

Surplus (if we make one!) to Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.



Longparish Community Association presents

The Marvellous Magical Coat



**Sunday 22nd November
at 3pm
in the Village Hall**

A modern day fairy story about a little boy who is given a huge coat which he hates until it takes him into a strange land where his adventures begin. Everything was fine in the strange land until one morning everyone woke up with either red or blue noses. You wouldn't think that would make a great deal of difference would you? But it did, oh it did.

Watch out for the huge and horrible monster with great big eyes and big ears, flying through the air with massive wings and great huge belly. Actually it's a small purple dragon with a terrible cold but that's what rumours do for you.

Cakes and Refreshments will be offered.

Tickets can be purchased from the village shop or from Xandi Denny at 720771.

Adult LCA Members £5,
Adult Non LCA members £7
Children £5 each.

Longparish Community Association Art Clay Jewellery Workshop

Taught by Andrea Campbell from Silver Keepsakes

**Friday 20th November at 10-3pm
in Longparish Village Hall**

Come and learn something new!

This workshop is suitable for beginners as well as those more familiar with working with Art Clay Silver. The workshop lasts for about 5 hours and will introduce you to all the basics of handling the clay, shaping, texturing etc. as well as different methods to finish off your designs.

The cost of the workshop is £45 which includes the Art Clay Silver and the use of all tools needed.

You will leave with your very own made piece of 999 Silver Jewellery.

Spaces are limited so please book your place by calling Xandi Denny on 720771

LCA Recycled Teenagers

The Longparish Recycled Teenagers had a lovely day out in the New Forest on Wednesday 14 October. Joe took us on a scenic drive through the forest, along Bolderwood Drive, Nomansland, and then Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. We all enjoyed a pub lunch in Brockenhurst. On the way home we had a short break at Romsey Water World for a cup of tea and a look around.

On November 5th there will be a theatre visit to Arsenic & Old Lace at Salisbury Playhouse. The minibus is already full but please feel free to make your own arrangements and join the party at the theatre.

On Monday 14 December the school children will be entertain us at the dress rehearsal of their end of term production. Afterwards we'll have tea in the Village Hall. Contact Corinne Bowman on 720643 for details.



is open to children from Longparish and the surrounding area that are in Year 6 (age 10/11) or at

secondary school. The youth club will meet between 7 and 9pm in the village hall on 4th and 18th November.

There will be lots to do – play **dodge ball** or table tennis, **pool**, badminton and much more. Or try your skill on the **Wii**, listen to **music**, or snacks from the **tuck shop**, or just **hang out** with your friends.

The subsidised entrance fee is £1 for each session and the initial fee also enrolls you in the Longparish Community Association – giving discounts on other events organised through it.

Kidz Zone is here for you, so come along and if you have any ideas on activities or trips do let us know.

Andrea Hulme

New Sewing Group

"It's Sew Easy!" A new sewing group is starting in Longparish. Come and join us every other Tuesday from 7-9pm. Make something new or mend your old stuff, and meet a few people along the way. All abilities welcome and you do not need a sewing machine to join

For more information or where the next group meeting is please contact Xandi 07887 845184 or Sonia 07765261134 or email seweasy@ymail.com

Advent Calendar workshop

"It's Sew Easy" Sewing Group in Longparish is organising a workshop on Saturday, 7th November from 9am to 12.30, for sewers of all abilities to come and make an Advent calendar for Christmas. For more information to call Sonia at 07765261134.

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

The day dawned grey and dismal for the October race: great weather for the runners, if not for the marshals. The field was slightly down on numbers as several regulars were either running or marshalling the Solent Half Marathon. Most Improved runners this month were Alice Evans and John Ellicock. Well done to them both.



Thanks go to the entire Evans family for running the whole show in Jeremy's absence; to Jack for marshalling and presenting the awards; to the Goulds for the

signs; to Maggie, *in absentia*, for sending flapjacks and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue. The next race is on Sunday 8 November. Because it is Remembrance Sunday we are **starting at the earlier time than usual of 9am** 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.

Charm Bracelet Found

This charm bracelet was found by one of the school children on the football field. The owner's name may begin with 'L'. If you have lost the bracelet please give me a call. Many thanks to the child concerned for their honesty in handing it to me. Jeremy Barber tel 01264 720459.



DATE FOR YOUR 2010 DIARIES! HOG the LIMELIGHT EVENT PHILEAS P. SOUPER

A much acclaimed musical show for all ages on Saturday 30th January at 7.00pm at Longparish Village Hall.

Tickets on sale in December.
Link to youtube trailer on village website.

AUTUMN CLEAN UP OF VILLAGE STREAM,

**SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2008
10.00 am to 1 pm**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED to help with the village autumn clean up day. Please meet at the Ashburn Rest

CLEANING THE STREAM. One of the main objectives is to clear the stream of weed and dead leaves. The water level will drop by several inches and the stream will remain clear for the rest of the winter. We will also cut back any over-hanging branches, cut down the brambles and remove the stinging nettles.

OTHER JOBS. We also hope to do some pruning in the village hall car park, clean the public benches and bus shelters, and do a litter pick.

Please bring along your own equipment such as rakes, pruning saws and secateurs. Wellington boots or waders, gloves and hats are also recommended.

FREE LIGHT LUNCH OF SANDWICHES AND CHIPS AT THE CRICKETERS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS! Buy your own drinks and please leave dirty boots in the porch.

CHILDREN ALSO WELCOME TO HELP UNDER PARENTAL SUPERVISION.

Phone Jenny Jolliffe on 720207 for more information.

Longparish Birds - BLACKBIRD



© Chris Bowman

Everyone knows the blackbird with its jet black feathers and bright orange beak. If you look closely you will see it has an orange ring around its eye. The female is brown and can have spots and streaks on her breast. They can be heard singing in the spring from the roof tops or any high place proclaiming their territory. They nest from March - August with 2 or 3 broods depending on weather and food. The female blackbird lays 3 to 5 eggs in a nest made of grass, moss, paper and what ever they can find. She incubates the eggs for 13-14 days then both parents feed the young for another 13-14 days before they fledge. The average life span of a blackbird is 3-4 years.

For the people who have been asking, the last swallows and house martins I saw were on the 9 October.

My new e-mail address is chris@chrisbowman.co.uk

The Pumpkin Show in Pictures

Thank you to nearly 100 people who supported the Pumpkin Contest. It was great fun and raised £228 for Playgroup. There were huge pumpkins, squashes and marrows and a wonderful array of decorated ones as well. Congratulations to everyone who entered for all your hard work. Full results and pictures are on the village website.



"I think this one's best"



Jonathan Evans' magnificent 88lb marrow - best in show



The Playgroup's entry was given a special award



LCA Morning Coffee

Gloria is hosting the monthly coffee and chat at Meadow View Southside Road. Do come along between 11.00 and 12.30 on Friday 13th November. You are assured of a warm welcome. If you need a lift give Gloria a call on 720425 and she will arrange one for you.

DERRY DOWN CLINIC – ST MARY BOURNE; PATIENTS' REPRESENTATIVE

Longparish has a patient representative assigned to Derry Down Clinic. As that representative I am making efforts to re-engage with the surgery now that it has a new doctor, Dr Edelsten, to replace Dr Bassett who retired recently.

I understand that there are about 60 patients in Longparish registered with Derry Down Clinic. I would be very pleased to receive any feedback, positive or constructive, to pass on to enable the staff at the clinic to maintain or improve the service provided to their patients.

In order to preserve your patient confidentiality I will ensure that the feedback is non-personal and non-attributable. Of course you can provide feedback direct to the clinic but it would be helpful if you were to let me know the nature of your feedback so that we can assess whether it is a one-off experience or whether it happens on a regular basis.

Examples of subjects you might want to consider are:

- The speediness of their telephone answering for advice, appointments or prescriptions
- How far ahead is the earliest appointment you are able to get
- How well do their emergency appointment sessions work
- The helpfulness of their reception and support staff
- Whether the doctor is able to take your call at the appointed time
- Whether the doctor rings you back at the appointed time
- The availability of the doctors for home visits

If you have a complaint about the diagnosis of, or the treatment for, your condition there are formal complaints procedures to use. If you require any assistance in this regard I would be pleased to investigate and help you understand the courses of action open to you.

My contact details are:

TELEPHONE: 01264 720018

MOBILE 07876 197678

EMAIL Johnhscott01@btinternet.com

John Scott, Owls Lodge, Forton SP11 6NU

Longparish School News

In October, pupils represented the school in two different sporting events, the first of which was a skipping festival for Year 2. The children learnt a number of new skipping skills, such as Twister, Jaxs and Scissors and then took part in an assault course which incorporated these skills. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The second event was a junior cross-country district competition. David Gould and Jeremy Barber kindly assisted Jacqui Healey and Doreen Gregori in the training and 15 children took part. They all impressed us with their determination and perseverance; the report below is by Matthieu who won the whole competition. In addition to this success, the Year 3/4 girls were first and the Year 5/6 boys were joint first in the team events. Congratulations to all the competitors.

We have now started rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity, in which the whole school will take part. There will be two performances on Tuesday 15th December, one matinee and one in the evening. You are very welcome to join us for either of these performances, further details are available from the school.

Our Carol Service is on Thursday 17th December at 2pm in St Nicholas Church, we would like to extend an invitation to all the community to join us for the service.
Alex Foggo

The Charlton Cross Country

"On Tuesday 13th October, fifteen Key Stage 2 pupils of Longparish CE Primary School competed in a superb Cross Country competition at Charlton Sports Ground. At half-past ten the fifteen children, two generous volunteering parents and Mrs Healey drove to the Charlton Sports Ground. After having warmed up and explained the seven hundred and fifty metre course for the years three and four and the one kilometre course for the years five and six, the year three and four boys set off, preceding the girls.

Following that, the year five and six boys began their run, before the year five and six girls started their race. At about half past twelve, the students returned to school for the afternoon.



In conclusion, all the children had a great deal of fun and did very well. Special congratulations to: Katy and Abigail who finished 3rd and 4th in their category; Freya who finished 4th; Ben and Craig who finished 5th and 7th

and Matthieu who won his category. But most of all, the pupils would all agree on giving a huge thanks to Mr Barber, Mr Gould and Mrs Healey for their great training and support."

Matthieu Rident (10)

School Eucharist

The termly Longparish CE School Eucharist will be held on Wednesday 11th November, 10.10am in St Nicholas Church. Parents are very welcome, but also are any others who wish to come and support the School. It is an open Service and there is no need to have a school connection to come. It is of course Remembrance Day too, and we shall be praying for those who are still engaged in conflict at this time.

Martin Coppen



NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

October was a busy month at Testbourne. On top of our usual lessons we had Open Evening and Mornings in anticipation of next September; auditions for the Wizard of Oz; an assembly to mark National Children's Hospice Week with a collection to follow, organised by our prefects; Harvest Festival with food gifts presented to the Andover Crisis Centre; a Careers Fair for Year 11; a Marriage Conference for the RE/PSHE students; a Geography field trip to Lulworth Cove and four fire drills ~ the result of over-sensitive heat sensors set off by steam in the boys PE Changing Rooms. The boys have been threatened with cold showers only ~ but our fire drills are now pretty slick!

By the time you read this we will be on our way back from a visit to Mityana, and our twin school in Uganda. This is the third year that a group of our pupils has undertaken this journey and I am privileged to be joining them this year. The pupils have worked extraordinarily hard to raise the funds for what I am sure will have been the trip of a lifetime. We will look forward to sharing some of those experiences when we return.

Our Bella Voce Choir is looking forward to an exciting new challenge when they sing at the Schools Prom in the Albert Hall on November 11th as part of the massed Hampshire Choir. It is the first time Testbourne pupils have performed at the schools Prom so there is definite excitement in the air in anticipation of their debut.

A date for your Diary: The Annual Testbourne Craft Fair, organised by our PTFA, is taking place on Saturday, 14th November from 10 am to 4:00 pm in the Sports Hall. There will be a great range of stalls and refreshment so do come along and bring your friends

Hilary Jackson Headteacher

Longparish Cricket Club 100 Club Winners

£35	Neil Bonathan
£15	Edward Wills
£15	Sarah Nicholson

St Nicholas Church Cremation Garden

The church planning process has been completed for the new Cremation Garden for the burial of ashes in Longparish Churchyard, south of the Church. Some work needs to be done to prepare the site, thinning of the hedge and setting the memorial cross. However, it is anticipated that this will be completed soon and the place be available for burials from this month.

Martin Coppen

Longparish Parish Council

This report covers the October meeting. It was a short and uncontroversial meeting, for which relief much thanks. The minutes are on the village website www.longparish.org.uk.

Jo Clear

Jo Clear has decided to retire from the council now she has reached 70. Councillors thanked her for her valuable contributions during over 8 years of service and decided to bid her farewell with drinks at the next meeting.

Vacancies

Jonathan Frere was co-opted to fill one of the two vacancies. He was also appointed to the footpaths and finance committees. Thank you, Jonathan, for volunteering. With Jo's retirement there will be a further vacancy so we are still looking for two new councillors.

Planning

The Council had no objection to tree work at Quernstep, Forton and Forton Cottage.

Open Spaces

The next **village clean up day** will be on Saturday 14 November. Please see separate article.

Footpaths

You can report footpaths problems

- using the form on the HCC website <http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/problem-report.html> or
- by phoning 0845 6035636 or
- by writing to The Rights of Way Section, Countryside Service Mottisfont Court, High Street, Winchester SO23 8ZF.

The HCC Rights of Way team has advised that there is no mechanism for individual members of the public to take legal action about obstruction of paths. Any such matters should be referred to HCC as the Highway Authority.

Finances

The external auditor has approved the council's accounts for the year to 31 March 2009.

Next Parish Council Meeting

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

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

November Haiku

Days now shortening,
leaves stirred by a cold wind
tremble before the fall.



Harvest celebrations

Those who decorated the Church, led by Eila Chamberlen, excelled themselves this year. The service, led by the Revd Dodie Marsden, was followed by a splendid lunch in the Community Hall, which was filled to capacity. The food was generously supplied by those who came and confirmed that Longparish houses some excellent cooks.

Before lunch, the choir, conducted by Cathy Yelf, was joined by some of the School choir and accompanied by Alex Foggo and Victoria. They sang a varied and ambitious programme, often in many parts, which was clearly enjoyed both by the singers and the audience.



After lunch, there was a sing song of popular songs which everyone could join in. Cathy, who was the moving spirit behind the occasion, was presented with a gift from the choir for her hard work and inspiration.

Appeal for old photographs

I have been aware in revising the Village Handbook that there are some recently lost landmarks of which I have never seen photographs.

Does anyone have photos of the following:

- The big barn which used to be by Malthouse Cottage
- The Reading Room opposite the North Acre bus shelter
- The Baptist Chapel between White Windows and Cypress Cottage
- The Primitive Methodist Chapel in Forton
- The large thatched barn by Upper Mill
- Kennedy and Kempe's works
- Either Turton's or Englefield's coalyards on Southside Road
- Any other demolished houses

I should be very grateful for the opportunity to see these photos and scan them. They will be returned unharmed, and can be preserved on the website for posterity. My contact details are on the back of the magazine.

Mary Jo Darrah 720320

New footway between Car Park and School

This new path has provided a safe route for many children and parents, but sadly there have been complaints that it is regularly fouled by a dog or dogs. Please, if your dog uses it, will you make sure that you remove any mess.