



SING CAROLS THIS CHRISTMAS

Longparish School Carol Service

2pm Thursday 16th December,
St Nicholas Church

Festive Cheers!

with the Longparish Choir
7.30pm Friday 17th December,
Plough Inn, Longparish

Nativity Family Service and Baptism

9.30am Sunday 19th December,
St Nicholas Church

Community Carolling

with the Longparish Choir
2pm Sunday 19th December
at the Community Hall
Tea/Coffee and mince pies

Especially for you if you can't get to the services
or the pub singing

Candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

6.30pm Sunday 19th December,
St Nicholas Church

With the Longparish Choir
and Organist Robin Smallwood

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christingle

5pm Christmas Eve, St Nicholas Church
Especially for children and families

Candlelit Midnight Mass

11.30pm Christmas Eve, St Nicholas Church
Organist Jack Butterworth

Christmas Day

11am Family Communion, St Nicholas Church
Organist Jack Butterworth.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME AT ANY
OR ALL OF THESE.



ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 4th December

Longparish Community Hall 2pm – 4pm

Come along to the St Nicholas Christmas Fair. Make it a real community event and bring your family and friends. Entrance £1 for adults including a glass of mulled wine.

Santa's grotto

Home produce – jam, chutney, mincemeat
Christmas cake & pudding raffle

Book stall

Hamper tombola

Teas & cakes

Craft stall

Children's tombola

Mulled wine

Cake stall

Raffle

Local gift & craft stalls

All proceeds to St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas Church

Christmas cards for sale

Christmas cards with a colour photo of St Nicholas Church in the snow last winter are for sale.

The proceeds will be split equally between St Nicholas, Longparish and the Mityana project in Uganda

There are two sizes:

A5 148.5mm x 210mm pack of 10 with envelopes £7.50

A6 105mm x 148.5mm pack of 10 with envelopes £5.00

Available from:

- Terry Hemming 720215
- John Young 720233
- Robert Charlton 720382



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

There will be no meeting of the Longparish Gardening Club in December.

Next meeting TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY

YVONNE BELL on "The Edwardian Garden"

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325

Or rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com



An Epiphany Concert

7.30pm on Saturday 8th January 2011
St Nicholas Church

Jack Butterworth, organ
and the Longparish Village Choir
Admission free, retiring collection

Longparish Parish Council

Planning

At the Parish Council meeting on 8 November, the Council had no objection to the felling of a walnut tree at East Aston House.

TVBC Local Development Framework

Interim Housing Position

On 6 July the Secretary of State formally revoked the South East Plan, which meant that there was no longer any regional housing requirement and a need for TVBC to establish its own interim housing position in advance of the Core Strategy being progressed. TVBC has accordingly agreed a figure of 3620 dwellings [reduced from 3920] for Southern Test Valley and 5700 dwellings [reduced from 6100] for the North of the Borough.

Core Strategy

The Core Strategy is the key strategic document for the Borough up to 2026 and should be ready for adoption by the end of 2012.

TVBC is presently undertaking informal consultation [by 10 Dec 10] on a Key Issues document designed to provide a starting point for the strategy. Thereafter, the timetable is that there will be a consultation on the Preferred Approach in Sept. 2011, a second consultation in Mar 2012; and a full examination by an Inspector in Sep 2012.

Open Spaces

Cemetery

The War Memorial was cleaned as usual for the Remembrance Day service and drew several appreciative comments.

David Gould is researching grants for the additional work that is needed to keep the memorial in tip top condition.



Playground

TVBC has removed the graffiti from the skate ramp. We have had a letter of apology from one of the children involved.

Jeremy Barber had a very useful meeting on 21 October with three young mothers (including Natasha Rouse) about their ideas for improving the playground for young children and these will be developed into firmer proposals. There was concern about safe access to the playground and the mothers would like to see the kissing gate by the allotments and the one where that path joins the spinal path made buggy friendly so they don't have to walk along the road. A recent 'road rage' incident has highlighted this need.

Land Registry

We now have the information needed to register various parcels of land, including the cemetery, owned by the Council and this has been submitted to the Land Registry. This has taken a good deal of interesting

research and thanks are particularly due to Mary Jo Darrah for her help. The Hampshire Record Office in Winchester is well worth a visit.

Offer of help

George de Watteville has kindly offered a day's help from his team of up to 10 office workers for Volunteers Day, which the Council has gratefully accepted. We hope that they will be able to tackle the improvements to the kissing gates mentioned under playground above.

Football Field

There has been positive feedback from users about the article in the last magazine on dog mess on the football field, but regrettably it remains a problem.

Highways

The Hampshire Road Safety Partnership has loaned the village one speed warning sign which lights up if you approach it too fast [over 30MPH], which was positioned outside the village hall on a trial basis. If nothing else, it has acted as a reminder to everyone to watch their speed. Unfortunately it was not possible to position a second sign as there was no suitable post available with a clear line of sight.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting is on 13 December. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and can speak by invitation.

Christopher Duxbury - Chairman. Tel: 720580

Email: chairman@longparish.org.uk

Village Clean Up

Over 20 parishioners worked hard on a gloomy November day to help keep our village special and got a great deal done. Thank you very much to everyone who helped. We cleaned the stream which caused the water level to drop and will reduce the risk of winter flooding.



We cleared leaves from the pavements and road near the school to make it easier for parents bringing children. We pruned in the cemetery and levelled some graves that needed attention and we cleaned street furniture.

Particular thanks go to Raymond Brown who provided the skip, the two Micks who brought tractors which made loading the debris a great deal easier and Clare Sykes who provided delicious warm cake to go with the refreshments at the coffee break. Afterwards around 15 of those who helped enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and chips at the Cricketers as a thank you from the Parish Council. Some photos are on www.longparish.org.uk.

Jeremy Barber

Longparish Community Association

Longparish Players present



**A FARCE
BY PHILIP KING**

**Thurs 2,
Fri 3 &
Sat 4 December**

Longparish Village Hall

**Doors open 7pm
Curtain up 7.30pm**

**Tickets £4.50
(£4 for LCA members)
School Children £2
available from the Shop**

**and members of the cast or phone 720551
Half price on first night**



Peter, a famous television series hero, seeks refuge from all the females who continually chase after him with his mild Uncle Arthur Humphrey, a country rector. Humphrey, horrified by the dismissal of his housekeeper by his formidable sister, advertises for a wife, but absent-mindedly omits the important word "marriage". Answers to the advertisement arrive by the sack-load and the arrival of the dignified Bishop of Lax adds to the hectic confusion.

Yes, the Longparish Players are back with another farce. You will remember some of the characters as Humphrey and the bishop appeared in the one about the escaped German in 2005.

Coming in the New Year:

Tuesday Talks

Starting in January 2011, the Community Association is arranging a series of illustrated evening talks for and by villagers. Some will be travellers' tales and others on topics nearer to home. All will provide a chance for an entertaining and convivial evening with bar and opportunities for questions and discussion. The talks will start at around 7.30pm and last up to an hour and cover topics such as *Crabs, Scabs and Jabs, Rowing across the Atlantic, Pots I have loved, Trekking in the Himalayas and Eclipse on the Silk Road ...* A bit like a book group without having to read the book! More information soon, but provisional dates are 11 January, 1 February and 15 March.

Madam Galina is coming to Longparish



Outrageous, hilarious, and simply beautiful, Lestyn Edwards' performance is coming to delight us on 12 February. Save the date! Lestyn (pictured on the tarmac at an air base in Iraq) has the voice of an angel and a wicked sense of humour. He also does a mean pirouette.

When Lestyn volunteered to entertain the forces he thought he'd be singing for the Navy in London. Now he's back from his third stint in Afghanistan, having started with Iraq.

Following in the tradition of Joyce Grenfell, this part-revue, part dramatic monologue follows Lestyn on Combined Services Entertainment tours through Iraq and Afghanistan in the company of Her Majesty's Finest. Hear tales of his tutu going AWOL during a rocket attack, of RSM 'Tina' Turner and of Royal Marines Commando 'Stacks' hoiking him to sit on the naughty tank.

Hilarious and touching stories... proud is not the word! Go Tutu Boy. You rock! Joanna Lumley

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

The day dawned foggy but not too cool and was pretty much ideal for the 17 runners who arrived for an early start to give people time to change for Remembrance Day. We welcomed Nick Ruffe, who outstripped his estimate by nearly 2 minutes to be the first person over the line.



The Most Improved Lady was Leyanne McNeice who put in a very good run to finish 3rd in the field. David Gould finished in a very noisy 2nd place to be Most Improved Man.

Thanks very much everyone who helped with marshalling, time keeping, the signs and the refreshments and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue. Particular mention goes to Jack and Jim Dundas for the excellent cake!

The next race is on Sunday 12 December at the Cricket Ground at the usual time of 10am. This is our Christmas run so we'll be serving mulled wine and mince pies. Please do come and join us. If you aren't able to run we'd love some help with the time keeping.



LCA coffee for December

Gloria Goodliffe is hosting this month's coffee morning on Tuesday 7th December at Meadow View, Southside Road. You are welcome to come for coffee and a chat between 10.30 and noon. If you need transport, please contact Gloria before the morning on 720425.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE MALLARD



The mallard duck is our most common waterbird. Years ago the mallard started interbreeding with other ducks, mostly the white Aylesbury, a farmyard duck, which created a hybrid. That's why we have multi-coloured ducks. Now they are becoming less common and the true mallard is making a comeback. The experts believe this is because constant interbreeding has left the hybrids infertile, so they lay as usual but the eggs don't hatch.

The true mallard has a greenish-yellow bill, green head with a white ring at bottom of the neck, rusty breast and a mainly grey body. curled up tail feathers and orange feet. The female is mainly brown, mottled and spotted black, with white and blue wing bars. It is only the female that quacks; the male has more of a grunty squeak. The mallard can start breeding as early as February until May or June. The nest can be anywhere. I have seen them in window boxes, in the back of pig huts, and even high up a tree on top of an old squirrel drey. When the young hatch from high up the mother will fly down to the ground and call the young. They will jump off the nest and bounce on the ground with no ill effect. Nine to twelve eggs are laid in a nest made of down plucked from the female's breast. Eggs are incubated by the female for 27-28 days and the ducklings leave the nest soon afterwards. The mallard eats a wide variety of food: besides bread, it will eat grass, seeds, water weed and insects.

I saw a swallow sat on electric wires in North Acre on the 13th November. It seemed to have an injured wing but flew away after ten minutes. This is the latest I have seen a swallow
chris bowman

December Haiku

Draw the curtains tight,
put a big log on the fire;
ignore winter's wind.



Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors
Longparish Cricket continues indoors, with Colts and seniors playing in the Winchester and Dummer Leagues.

Longparish U11s entered the U13 North Hampshire League, losing their first ever indoor game of cricket against Basingstoke, but bouncing back with an impressive win over Oakley with Scott Sturt and Dan Bearpark in the runs and Nathan Smith taking 3 wickets for 10 runs. Longparish U16 began the defence of their Winchester and District indoor title with a 173 victory over Sparsholt A in which Brad Aldridge hit an unbeaten 73, and a six wicket win over Fairoak A. In the Winchester Division 2 George Kousseff's Longparish side remains unbeaten following victories over IBM Hursley, Easton & MW II and Longparish II. Paul Blackmore's Longparish II beat Old Alresford by 1 run with William de Cani hitting 30 and taking 3 for 16. Longparish II then convincingly beat Fairoak II and lost narrowly to the Longparish 1st team. In Division 3 Warren Bonathan's Longparish III won their first game of the season against Sparsholt, but subsequent losses against Hursley Park and Compton and Chandlers Ford have led to them sliding down the table.

In the Dummer Leagues, all Longparish sides are currently unbeaten. Justin Jackman's Longparish Lightweights sit at the top of division 1 with three wins out of three, with Paul Blackmore's Longparish Longhops a couple of points behind in second. A third side, the Longparish Lappas, made a successful start in their first indoor match, Michael Taplin's precocious side winning their first two games.

Details of fixtures, results and scorecards of all the indoor games can be found at www.longparishcc.co.uk

On Wednesday 15th December, the Cricketers Inn will play host to the Longparish Cricket Club Christmas Draw and the final 100 club draw of the year. Tickets for the draw cost £1 and can be obtained from Ray Smith on 07824775693, by emailing raydennismith@hotmail.co.uk or by badgering him in the pub when you see him. A long list of Christmas-based products has been assembled as prizes with all profits to Longparish Cricket Club.

LCC calendars are now on sale, priced at £8 they feature Longparish cricketers, fully clothed in cricket related poses. Orders to racheldecani@googlemail.com or 01962760442. All proceeds go to the club.

Thank you to all who have supported Longparish Cricket Club throughout 2010. It has been a hugely enjoyable and successful year for the club with great achievements both on and off the pitch.

October 100 Club Draw

£35 Jeremy Barber
£15 Paul Blackmore
£15 Nick Dawnay
Chris de Cani



Longparish School News

In November, pupils represented the school in 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 Katy who took part in the competition.

Also in November, the School Council organised a Pudsey Bear Day, with children able to wear bright clothes and sport interesting hairstyles! The school was certainly very colourful and £69 was raised for Children in Need; we would like to thank the School Council for organising the day.

We have now started rehearsing for our Christmas nativity, 'Stable Manners', in which the whole school will take part. There will be two performances on Monday 13th 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 16th December at 2 pm in St Nicholas Church, we would like to extend an invitation to all the community to join us for the service.

Alix Foggo

The cross-country run

On Thursday 4th November, 15 pupils attended the Charlton cross-country run. We all finished the race and were very proud of our final results. The year 5/6 girls came second overall, year 5/6 boys were seventh and both the year 3/4 girls and boys came fifth overall.

At half-past ten, Mrs Healey and some kind volunteers drove us to the Charlton Sports Centre. Two of the young helpers showed us where we would be running and then we did a warm up. They explained that the year 5 and 6 pupils would be running one kilometre and the 3 and 4s would run seven hundred and fifty metres.

The year three and four boys set off, having heard some words of wisdom from Mr. Gould, the rest of the team raced round to cheer them on from the start to the finish. The boys came in 9th, 14th and 21st. The year three and four girls followed in a similar manner, some top tips and then they were off, finishing 10th, 13th and 18th.

Finally, it was time for the year 5 and 6s to show them how it's done! The boys prepared themselves for the intense race ahead, then set off with everyone cheering them round the course. They came in 9th, 19th, 29th, and 31st. Finally it was time for the last race of the day, the year 5 and 6 girls! They were encouraged by the whole team, all of the adults as well, and finished 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th and 17th.

Overall, we did very well and were proud of our score. We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Healey, Mrs Gregori, Mr. Barber and Mr. Gould for all of their coaching and tips.

Katy Evans (10)

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Anxious wait for Ofsted report

November turned out to be a rather more lively month than we had expected! The Ofsted phone call came on the Monday and by Thursday 11th a team of four inspectors were in full flow for a two-day Ofsted Inspection.

As I write the inspection is over and we have been given verbal feedback on how we have done. We are not, however, allowed to officially report on this until we receive the final written report, which should be in about three weeks time. This is because the process is subject to moderation. We, therefore, have to behave ourselves and be patient. The Lead Inspector did, however, tell us that he hadn't had any of his judgements changed to date. Here's hoping he keeps up his excellent record, because if he does we should be able to bring you some very good news indeed next time.

Pupils pay their respects

One inspector joined us for our annual Remembrance Day assembly - properly held at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. This was, as usual, a powerful and moving moment, with pupils magnificent in the depth of their respect and accompanying silence. The playing of the Last Post by Adam Turner caused an audible and poignant collective intake of breath - and great congratulations from fellow pupils after. Even the inspector had to agree "That was a super assembly"!

Putting the fun into fund-raising

Pupils have been busy on the charity front - finding different ways to raise support, including collecting 33 shoeboxes for the Christmas Child appeal. They also organised a great "Go Dotty for Children in Need" mufti day, with the whole school coming out in dots in some form or another and enjoying a lunchtime disco to add to the funds.

Come and Join Us for our Christmas Concert

We will be holding our annual Christmas Concert in All Hallows' Church, Whitchurch at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th December. Please do come along and join us for a happy evening of Christmas music and carols, and for a mince pie afterwards.

We hope we will all be ending the term on a very happy note. In the meantime we send very best wishes from all of us at Testbourne for a very Happy Christmas.

Hilary Jackson, Headteacher

LONGPARISH FETE 2011

The fete next year will be on
Saturday 3rd September
 on the Cricket Field

Creative ideas and suggestions most welcome
 Tom Bremridge tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk
 720689

Thanks for your support of our sponsored run

On Saturday 9th October, the two of us ran three miles around Longparish in our own sponsored run to support our favourite charities. Thanks to the generosity of our neighbours, friends and family, we were able to raise over £100 for Cancer Research and Help for Heroes, which we think is an amazing amount. It was hard work running the tracks round past Tracey's Dell and through North Acre to finish back at the Plough, but, with a small band of encouraging supporters to cheer us along, we managed to keep running. (*the before and after pictures tell the story Ed.*) Thanks go to everyone who pledged their cash, and to all the adult helpers at Longparish School Running Club



who helped us to organise the best route, as well as giving us the stamina to complete it. We really appreciate all your contributions and hope you agree that the money is going towards two really deserving causes.

By Nina Smith and Amelia Hancock.

Village Hall Centenary Celebration 16 October



This photo shows the happy scene as everyone waited for the entertainment to begin. Don't miss the photos and the video of the performance by Jonathan Frere and the choir of *The Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* on the village website www.longparish.org.uk

HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIES SURVEY

The Hampshire Library and Information Service is reviewing all mobile services and both regular users and the Parish Council have been asked to respond to a questionnaire before 6 December. *Form from library or www.hants.gov.uk/rh/library/mobile-consultation.pdf* The present arrangement is that the mobile library comes to Longparish fortnightly on a Monday morning and stops in Forton, at the school, Acre Stores and Wood Walk. Consultation is ongoing, but given the length of the village, the emerging consensus is that it is justifiable to ask for the retention of 2 stops at the school and Acre Stores. The latter stop is used by many elderly people; and this is probably the stop where the benefit is greatest

to people who might not otherwise be able to get books. Do fill in & return your questionnaire if you feel strongly.

THE CHURCHES OF TEST VALLEY

By Brian and Diana Beggs

A new edition of 'The Churches of Test Valley' is expected to be available during this month of December in bookshops and Tourist Information Centres in Test Valley. The first edition [now sold out] raised £3000 for The Countess of Brecknock Hospice and Countess Mountbatten House. This new edition is being sold to raise funds for another local charity, the Test Valley Arts Foundation. A special page is devoted to the 'Churches of the Test Way Footpath'. The retail price is £15.00.