

2011 Longparish Handbook

With this magazine all Longparish residents will receive a free copy of the 2011 Village Handbook which has been sponsored by the Parish Council and printed by John Dollin Printing Services of Whitchurch. It is a revised, updated and expanded version of the Handbook first published in 1999, written by Mary Jo Darrah with the section on wildlife contributed by Paul Knipe. The 2011 Directory should appear soon. .



Longparish School & FOLS
proudly present

MAY FAYRE 2011

Saturday 7th May
12 noon to 3pm at the school

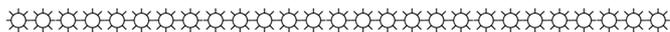
Come and enjoy the fun :

Grand raffle	Face painting
Bouncy castle	Pimms raffle
Giant slide	Beat the Goalie
BBQ	Welly wanging
Test Valley Brass	Splat the rat
Plant stall	Coconut shy
Art & craft stall	The Human Fruit
Book stall	Machine
Cake stall	

All this and more...



*Children free
Adults 50p entrance
No dogs except guide dogs
No smoking*



Can you help us?

Donations are needed for these stalls:
Plants Books Gorgeous Gifts Toys
Bric à Brac Cakes Bottles.

Items can be left outside the school from the 3rd May.
Cakes and plants can be delivered on the day.
Please call Claire Arnold regarding any plant donations
that need collecting on 0771 571 7511.

For anything else call Lisa Williams
on 07854 490152.

Spring Clean Up Day – Saturday 21 May

The Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday 21 May starting at 10am at the Ash Burn Rest.

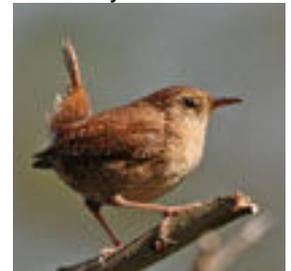
There will be a pub lunch at the Plough afterwards.
Please come and help, both for fellowship and to keep our village looking lovely.

The stream is in good condition at present so we will concentrate on other jobs such as cleaning signs and benches, litter picking and painting equipment in the playground. If possible, please would you contact Jenny Jolliffe (tel 720207) in advance if you are able to help so we can match jobs, volunteers and tools to save messing about on the day. Thank you.

Jenny Jolliffe tel 720207

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE WREN

The wren is our second smallest bird after the goldcrest. It's a tiny brown bird, almost round with a fine bill, very short round wings and a tail that's usually vertical. It never seems to stop and is on the go all the time looking for food, which is mainly insects, beetles and spiders. It will spend ages looking around a pile of old stacked wood. Mr wren will start building in March-April and will build two dome-shaped nests made of moss, leaves and grass. The nests can be in ivy on a tree or shed, in a hole in a wall or inside a shed or building. I have even found them on tractors and trailers. Mrs wren will then come and inspect them, choose the one she likes best and start putting the finishing touches such as hair and feathers. She will then lay 5-8 white eggs with brown specks, mostly on the larger end. Incubated by the female for 14-18 days, the young are fed by both parents and fledge in 14-19 days.



I saw my first swallow on the 4th April, a week later than last year, and a house martin on the 3rd April, a week earlier. The cuckoo was heard on the 7th April and seen on the 8th, 15 days earlier than last year.

chris bowman

Welcome for new villagers Thursday 12 May 2011 at 8pm Longparish Community Hall.

Please do come if you moved to Longparish in the last couple of years. The Parish Council will provide 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!

Christopher Duxbury - Parish Council Chairman
Martin Coppen - Parish Priest

OWLS LODGE SHOOTING SCHOOL UPDATE

Richard Faulds has recently returned from a World Cup event in Sydney – at the same venue where he won his Olympic Gold Medal – and, having won in his discipline (Double Trap), is now the World Champion and has qualified to compete in next year's Olympics. This will be the 5th consecutive Olympic Games for which he has qualified – an unprecedented achievement in the world of shooting. Jonathan Frere

Footpaths News

This is the time of year when our landowners and our many footpaths volunteers dust off their shovels and strimmers. They have done some terrific work recently. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Martin Lampard (tel 720529). We have people who look after particular paths and others who help out with one-off jobs and our thanks go to them all.

The Information Systems team from More Than, a part of Royal Sun Alliance, were looking for a project they could do for Volunteers' Day. Their leader, James (or George to people in the village) De Watteville contacted the parish council and kindly offered to help make two paths better for people with buggies. The ten-strong team came from as far afield as Wimbledon and Brighton. After a hard day's work led by Peter Watson our HCC Footpaths Ranger they had upgraded three kissing gates.



The next day a team from the village upgraded another gate so we now have buggy friendly paths from North Acre to the school and the playground.

The materials were provided by the parish council with assistance from the HCC small grants scheme.



Allan Clear has looked after the path from North Acre to Sugar Lane for some years and kept it mown to bowling green standard. He has retired from that role following a setback in his health. Allan has done a brilliant job and the Annual Parish Meeting recorded thanks to him from the parish council and the many users of the path. Toby Cooper has kindly volunteered to take on the job. Other regular volunteers include Paul Knipe, Phil Harris, Graeme Francis, Jeremy Barber and Matt Beal and our thanks go to them all.

Thanks also to John and Carol Metcalf from Church Farm who have upgraded the kissing gate between Buck Close Meadow and the paddock at the back of their house making a buggy friendly route from Forton to the school. The dog mess in that paddock has been very bad. Please remember that this is part of their garden and don't allow your dog to foul it. If your dog does make a mess please pick it up and bag it. You can leave it in the litter bin by the church.

Talking of which, please pick up the mess if your dog fouls any of our paths or the land near them. They are maintained by volunteers and there's nothing worse than strimming dog mess. You can put bagged dog mess in any of our green public wheelie bins. The same applies on the football field where you can use the green bin near the field gate at the far end.

We are lucky that landowners in the village generally take their responsibilities for footpaths seriously and look after them well. Middleton Estate have done some excellent work recently improving the surface of footpaths and have cleared overhanging vegetation on path 43, the Test Way, from Sugar Lane to Fox Cottages making it a pleasure to walk there.

More help has come from Andover Ramblers who have put staples into the surfaces of two bridges on footpath 11 by the river downstream from Upper Mill. This will help make them less slippery in frosty or wet weather. Patrick Beresford has also kindly removed a tree which fell on that path.

The County Council featured the Forton Loop in the recent edition of Hampshire Now which has brought people from all over the county to the village. They spend at the shop and the pubs so this helps local businesses. The Forton Loop is one of the walks featured in our Longparish footpaths leaflet. A copy of the leaflet was issued to every household in the village last year. If you need another you can get one at the shop.

Martin Lampard, Parish Council footpaths chairman.

Embroidery short course

£16 (plus £8 materials payable to tutor)
Wednesdays 11 and 18 May 2 - 4pm in Andover Library

Master the art of long and short; an embroidery stitch that is used for a variety of embroidery techniques including Jacobean, Churchwork, and realistic shading. Using a simple Ladybird design you will learn how to set up an embroidery project, transfer the design onto the fabric and stitch the design using long and short stitch, surface stitching and velvet applied spots.

Longparish Community Association Membership Reminder

Thank you to everyone who sent in membership forms for 2011, and a special thank you to those of you who included donations with their membership fees. The Community Association is a charity which organises events and supports activities for the benefit of the village. Membership costs £1 per person and entitles you to a discount at events organised by the Association. To renew or join for the first time you can download a form from the village website, or call Christine Beresford on 720421 for a printed copy.

7.30 pm Wednesday June 8th 2011

Enjoying Village Life Together

Your Longparish Community Association Committee members request that you join them at 7.30pm on Wednesday June 8th for an evening dedicated simply to 'enjoying village life together'. We all appreciate that Longparish is a beautiful place to live but it is also a thriving and vibrant community with plenty to do and lots of opportunities to get involved.

Do please join us at our Annual Meeting to enjoy a complimentary glass of wine (or two) and some fine home made nibbles and to see what's going on. On the night you will be able to meet members representing the many and varied activities, events, interests, groups and societies available. You'll also have the opportunity to chat informally with your LCA Committee and neighbours to shape the future by suggesting things that you would like to see happening in our community.

There will be a very short formal part to the evening - our AGM where you will hear briefly what your Community Association has supported over the past year, a financial overview and election of committee members.

Finally, for those of you who really want to see what's occurring across Longparish, the Rector and Church Wardens have kindly agreed to allow access to the Church tower - a rare and not to be missed opportunity to enjoy the beautiful views of our village and surrounding areas. Bring a camera and your binoculars!

For further information contact any of your LCA committee members.

LCA Recycled Teenagers

In March we joined nearly 100 others from all over Hampshire in the impressive new Ashburton Hall at Hampshire County Council to help get Hampshire Singing. After an invigorating couple of hours singing we enjoyed a buffet lunch provided for us by council staff.

Our next outing is a visit to Exbury Gardens on Wednesday 11 May leaving the shop at 11am. On Thursday 16 June we'll visit Birdworld at Farnham and on Wednesday 20 July we have a trip to the Brambridge Garden Centre. If you'd like to come on any of these outings please contact Corinne on 720643.

Longparish Choir & LCA present 'Hot buttered soul'

Saturday July 9th 7.00pm - 11.00pm
Longparish Community Hall

A celebration of great soul music featuring the best of Motown, Stax, Atlantic and much more.

- Live music featuring - You, the Longparish Choir and friends
- Soul food
- Soul sounds - a playback of those magic soul tunes - boogie, strut your stuff or simply sit back and tap your feet.
- Bar

Tickets will be available shortly - in the meantime get the date in your diary and get in the mood for a night of chartbusters. If you want to help, join in, play along or spin some tunes contact David Marklew, 720796 or Cathy Yelf, 720790

LCA Coffee morning

This month's coffee morning is at Gloria's home, Meadow View, on Friday May 6th between 10.30 and noon. Please come along and meet your fellow villagers for a chat over a cup of coffee.

The next Murder Mystery

LONGPARISH PLAYERS PRESENT

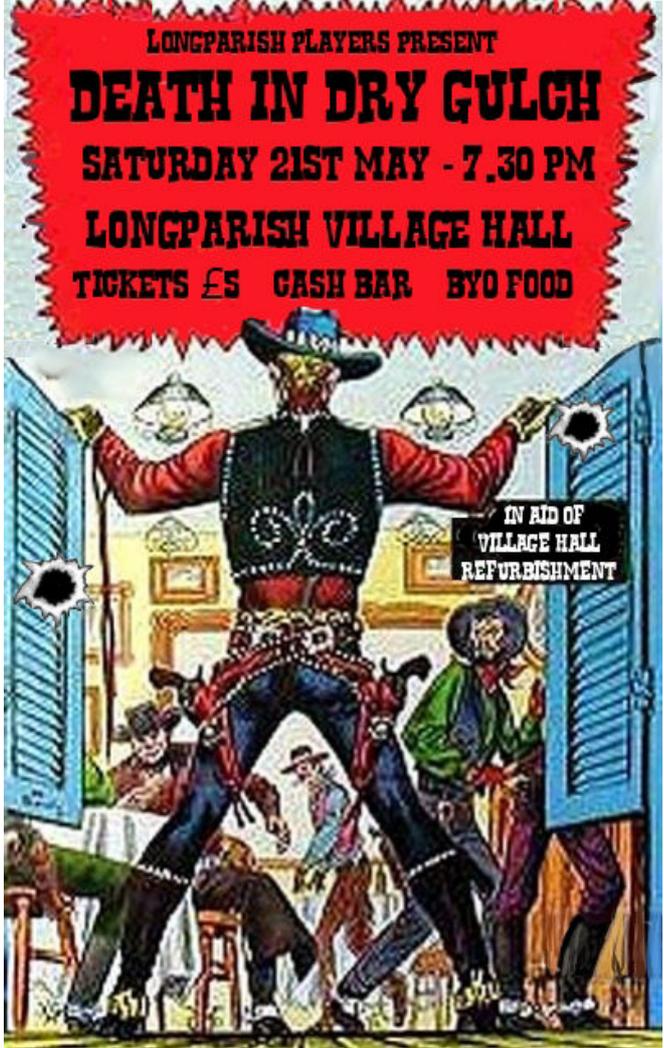
DEATH IN DRY GULCH

SATURDAY 21ST MAY - 7.30 PM

LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £5 CASH BAR BYO FOOD

IN AID OF VILLAGE HALL REFRESHMENT



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

It was a glorious morning for the April race. 12 runners took part and we welcomed Ian Blundell for the first time. Jeremy was running round the Lake District so the race was organised by the A Team of Emma Evans, Maggie, Graham, Jack and Peter ably assisted by Emma Smith on refreshments. Andy Smith won the *Most Improved Man* tankard and Sandra Jones won the *Most Improved Lady* cup.



Thanks are due to all those who helped including Jack and Jim Dundas for cake, the Goulds for the signs and the Cricket Club for the venue.

The next race is on Sunday 8 May starting at the usual time of 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. Supporters of all ages are very welcome.

Afternoon Tea at The White Lion, Wherwell Monday 9 May 3pm



£2.00 tea and cake

Please come along. ALL welcome
(regardless of age or which Test Valley village you live in!)

Age UK Andover and District

Our office at Town Mill, Andover is open weekday mornings for enquiries in person or by phone 354425

LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2011

EVENING GARDEN VISIT TO SPRING POND, LAVERSTOKE, WHITCHURCH. RG28 7PD - 6 pm.

(By kind permission of Mr and Mrs. Julian Sheffield)

The garden has been created during the last 11 years by designer Carolyn Sheffield. The planting has been carefully planned in coloured sections. Three ponds, a bank of wild flowers, the arboretum and exotic plants growing in the conservatory add further interest.

Gardening Club Members Free (non-members £5.00)

Rosie Lowry 01264 720325 or

rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com

Future Winchester Cathedral Refectory dates

Tues. 21st June and Friday 21st October

Stop press - Jumble Sale mega result

We filled the hall, the committee room, the stage and overflowed outside. Buyers queued back towards the Middleway and we made more than £1600 which will all go towards the village hall refurbishment. Thank you very much to all who donated, helped with setting up, selling, buying and clearing up afterwards. It was a huge effort and a fantastic result.

Gloria Goodliffe and Maggie Barber

Village Hall Refurbishment Survey

Thank you very much to all who responded and returned the survey form which went out with the March edition of Hill & Valley. We have just completed the analysis of it. We achieved a 24% response rate. Overwhelmingly people felt that heating, toilet and kitchen facilities need improving. A full summary will be published in June's Hill & Valley and on the village website:

http://www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/hall_refurbishment.php

John Scott

.Longparish School News – Chaffinch visit to INTECH

On Monday 28th March, Chaffinch class travelled to INTECH to carry out investigational activities as part of our work on space. After we had been introduced to the various areas, we were able to look around the exhibits.

Our group began with a circular area with lots of different activities to try out. Most people bustled round a huge computer with about six different screens; it turned out to be an eco-friendly idea computer into which you typed your green ideas and they appeared on a screen above. There was also a music maker machine, which was like a table and you placed different blocks to make different instrument sounds – it was very clever!

Eventually, everybody was asked to come to the Planetarium which is like a cinema, but the seats are tilted back and the screen is on the ceiling so you can see different planets and feel like you're zooming through space! We were shown how big the earth was in comparison to the sun. It was a huge difference! We were also shown what would happen if the sun went Super Nova (exploded!). Freya said it scared her so much she fell off her chair!

Next, we walked to the upper level and investigated all of the fascinating activities such as a water usage machine, which showed you how much you use from a five minute shower compared to having a bath. There was also a yellow bead machine which, when you turned different handles, you moved the beads down a tube and into another area to be moved again!

On the whole, the trip to INTECH was a great success and we all learned lots of facts. But what do you think? Go there and find out

by Verity

Naomi House Moonlit Walk

Sincere thanks to everyone who was able to sponsor me. With your generosity I raised a fabulous £214.40 for this worthy cause and I completed the walk in 1 hour and 25 minutes.

Clare Sykes.

Hugh Elborough Parry Woodcock**9th February 1925 - 2nd April 2011**

From the Tribute given by John Woodcock at the Thanksgiving Service for his brother's life held at St Nicholas' Church on 12th April:

"From the lychgate, if you look to your left, you will see the room—the top left-hand window of that lovely house, the old rectory—in which Hugh was born on February 9th 1925. There was no question in those days of husbands being expected to be with their wives for the birth of a child. Remembering him as I do, I am sure it is apocryphal, but the story goes that when the maid woke my father, then the Rector, with his early-morning tea, he was informed that Mrs Woodcock had been safely delivered of a son at 1.30 in the morning.



Eighteen months later, in the same room, Hugh was joined by his only brother, whose dogmatic and egotistical ways he put up with wonderful loyalty and affection, and amazing forbearance, until 10 days ago, when he died very suddenly in Cornwall, at a home and place he greatly loved. Only a few hours earlier he had been wondering whether to go and play a few holes of golf. He loved his sport, and had been watching for most of the day the World Cup cricket final on television.

Hugh's second and third Christian names were Elborough and Parry, both family names. The Elboroughs go back well over 300 years, two of them having been Patrons of the living here in Longparish and two of the windows in this beautiful old church being to the memory of an Elborough Woodcock. As for Parry, in 1805 my father's grandfather, our great grandfather, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Parry, and there have been Parrys dotted about the family ever since. It is a connection which should, I believe, have made us more musical than it did. Hugh loved his worship, leading the responses and singing the hymns in a stentorian voice, albeit one not to be mistaken for Pavarotti's.

Having had two and a half days at the village school, he was moved to a school in Andover. In 1930 or thereabouts, when that happened, the school leaving age was fourteen, other than at independent schools or grammar schools. All the boys and girls of the village and from Bransbury, a hamlet nearby, crammed into the school, built in 1837 by Canon Henry Woodcock, which stood on the site of the community hall. In the course of three mornings and two afternoons Hugh's language had become, let's say, colloquial enough for it to be thought best to take him away. It was a wonderfully happy and privileged childhood.

Hugh went on to become Headmaster of three prep schools—the junior school of Portsmouth Grammar School from 1954 until 1962, Dulwich College

Preparatory School from 1962 until 1991, and finally The Dragon School at Oxford, and to serve twice as Chairman of the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools (the IAPS), appointed by his peers. To become, in fact, as one of the countless letters we are receiving put it, the doyen of prep-school masters. He was also, at different times, a Governor of Harrow and St Edwards, as well as two or three prep schools. Hugh had been in the Navy in the war, serving as a Flight Direction Officer on escort carriers. He was in Trincomalee in what was then Ceylon, on his way to the Far East, when Japan surrendered. After being demobilized he went up to Oxford, to Trinity College, to read history. I remember, as though it was yesterday, going with my mother to see Hugh, then eighteen, off to the war to join HMS Collingwood, a training establishment at Fareham. There were two stations at Whitchurch then—he and Bristow Stevenson, a great friend, went from Whitchurch South—and we came back on the double decker bus, much affected. Our mother had been a nurse in a military hospital at Chichester in the Great War, nursing soldiers back from the front with horrific injuries. No wonder she was worried.

I think Hugh was just about the straightest person I have ever known. He was incapable of dissembling. He was never false or puffed up. I doubt whether he ever told even a white lie in his life, and that is a truly splendid thing to be able to say about anybody. It could have been one of the reasons why he was such a successful headmaster, daunting as he may sometimes have seemed to prospective parents. For better or worse, he always spoke his mind. And from all I hear, he was a great teacher. He had, too, a schoolmaster's memory for boys' names, and was always concerned to know what came of them at their next school and then when they went out into the world. On his reading of their achievements, off would go a letter of congratulations.

And then, of course, there was Bridget. To woo and win her was much the best thing he ever did, and he did it in the face of fierce opposition, including such luminaries as Michael Heseltine, who had taken her as his chosen partner to the Oxford Union Ball when he was President. A more supportive wife no one could ever wish for.

Our extended family is especially close-knit, and I suppose, in a sense, my dear old brother had become head of it. To Bridget and their immediate family, to whom Hugh was such a proud and devoted father, go our fondest love and all our sympathy. But we must not forget that there is also much to celebrate."

Our deepest sympathy goes to John himself in his loss.
Martin Coppen

*May Haiku*

Plum blossom petals
wafting gently in the breeze
- it's spring confetti!

Longparish Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Community Hall on 11 April, followed by the routine monthly Parish Council meeting.

Every English parish is obliged to hold an APM between 1 March and 1 June. It is open to all electors in the parish, convened by the Parish Council and chaired by the Chairman. It is your opportunity to raise questions and any topic of concern – and ours to thank all those who work so hard for the village.

Many thanks to all those who attended – and particularly to those who provided reports on their respective village organisations. The minutes will be placed on the website as usual.

Planning

At the Parish Council meeting on 11 April, the Council had 'no objection' to:

- Tree work at the school, River Cottage, Forton and 1 Woodwalk Cottages.
- The erection of a relocatable hay and straw cover at Owls Lodge Farm.
- The raising and re-lining of a brick chimney at Home Farm Cottage.
- Some amendments and retrospective work to building work already approved at Woodstock.
- The construction of a new semi-detached agricultural building at Testwood Trout Farm. This application replaces the one that featured in the March edition, which was later found invalid on technical grounds. The new application has been proposed on the basis of it being 'semi detached' [as opposed to an extension], but is the same as the previous application in respect of size, design and appearance.

At a special Planning Committee on 14 April, the Council had 'no objection' to the proposed Solar Farm at Owls Lodge Farm, which was the subject of an exhibition and presentation 14 March. As a separate side issue, the Council is in discussion with AEE Renewables concerning the issue of community benefit.

TVBC has advised that fees will apply to submitted pre-application planning advice requests from 1 April 2011. Details are on the Borough Council's website – www.testvalley.gov.uk.

Open Spaces

Jenny Jolliffe will be leading the work on the Spring Clean up day on Saturday 21 May. Please advise her of

jobs that need doing and volunteer your services in advance [tel: 720207], so that jobs/volunteers/tools can be matched, to save wasting time on the day.



The cricket club has replaced the drain from inside the pavilion to a few feet inside the playground, but the rest was too deep [it would have flooded] and the pipeline goes under the elephant; but it is hoped that enough has been done to solve the problem. The hazard net around the hole by the road will remain there until the ground has hardened.

Regrettably, the skate ramp has suffered another bout of graffiti; more modest and artistic this time – but it still needs removal.

Footpaths

This is the time of the year when our landowners and many footpaths volunteers start working on paths maintenance. We have people who look after particular paths and others who help with one-off jobs – so please contact Martin Lampard [tel:720529] if you would like to become involved.

New Villagers Event

As previously notified and advertised, there will be an informal reception for new villagers at 8pm on Thursday 12 May in the Community Hall, sponsored jointly by the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council. The aim is to give newcomers a welcome to the community as a whole, with the opportunity to meet each other and those who are already involved in village community life.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting [the Annual meeting] is on 9 May. Meetings are public; and parishioners are welcome to speak on any item on the agenda. Please contact the Chairman beforehand - Christopher Duxbury - . Tel: 720580
Email: chairman@longparish.org.uk

Saturday 3rd September is the date for your diary

**Why ? It's the Village Fête of course -
event of the year - on the Cricket Ground
Family friendly fun for all**

**Andover Town Band
Punch and Judy Show
Richard Curtis Dog Obedience Display
Clown Act
Morris Dance Display
Dog show for village dogs
Bouncy castle and childrens rides
Whitchurch Fast Draw**

**And all the famous, fabulous stalls: beer, books,
bottles, bric a brac, burgers, cakes, produce,
grand draw etc**

**For further information and your ideas and
suggestions email or call :**

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