



## Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment Update

Precious Village Asset since 1910

Fund raising is going well. Test Valley Borough Council has awarded us a grant of £18,750 and Hampshire County Council £12,500 which is excellent news.

To date the various fund raising events have brought in £3,250. Forthcoming events are the Bridge Tea on Thursday 2 June, Hot Buttered Soul on Saturday 9 July and a Cream Tea on Sunday 17 July.

24% of our villagers' questionnaires were returned which is very good for this sort of survey. Analysis showed that of those over 80% thought heating and toilet facilities need improving, 62% thought there was not enough natural light and 47% thought the windows should be lowered. 58% of the responses were in favour of having solar panels installed. More than 50% of those surveyed were interested in coffee mornings, film shows, talks and slide shows. Various other activities were suggested including a swap shop for clothes, toys and produce and a beer festival. Lots of fundraising ideas were suggested and 42% of respondents offered help. Thanks to all those who offered help and also to those who completed and returned the survey. You can see the full report here

<http://www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/documents/Surveyindividualsresults.pdf>

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2 – 5 pm

♠ ♣ **Bridge Tea** ♥ ♦  
 In aid of the Village Hall refurbishment  
 £40 per table  
 Raffle and Prizes  
 Please contact Marion Bell 01264 720205



## Cream tea by the river

Sunday 17 July 2.30 – 5pm

Come and relax in the gardens of Queen Anne and Riverside Cottages in Forton on the banks of the beautiful River Test. Be served a delicious cream tea of home-made scones and jam with clotted cream and a slice of cake. We'll have some children's activities available and there will be a raffle.

All proceeds to the Village Hall Refurbishment project

Tickets bought in advance £4 for cream tea, 50p child's ticket 50p (squash and cake) from Maggie Barber 720459 and the shop. All tickets bought on the day 50p extra.

**Winchester Cathedral Refectory  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

Please tell Rosie Lowry if you would like to help

### *June Haiku*

Startled by nothing  
the black lamb discovers  
its legs know how to run

Longparish Choir & LCA present

## 'HOT BUTTERED SOUL'

in aid of the Village Hall refurbishment  
**Saturday July 9th 7.00pm - 11.00pm**  
 Longparish Community Hall

- 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.
- Cash bar

Food will be served at 8pm sharp with entertainment from 8.30.

**Stop press... rumour has it there will be a retro set featuring dj & proper records!!**

Want to help, join in, play along or reserve your place? Please contact David Marklew, 720796 or Cathy Yelf, 720790

Tickets £10.00 LCA members - £12.00 non members



## LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> June 2011

EVENING GARDEN VISIT TO  
 THE OLD HOUSE, WONSTON SO21 3LS

from 6 pm  
 (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs. MacHale)

A beautiful garden of The Old House in the lovely village of Wonston. The Old House is beside Wonston Church and there is some parking in the Church Car Park.

Gardening Club Members Free (Non-Members £5.00).

Rosie Lowry 01264 720325 or  
[rosie@yewcottageparish.com](mailto:rosie@yewcottageparish.com).



## Longparish Community Association 7.30 pm on Wednesday June 8th in the Community Hall

### 'Enjoying Village Life Together'

Your Longparish Community Association Committee members request that you join them at 7.30pm on Wednesday June 8th 2011 for an evening dedicated 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 and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine (or two) some fine home made nibbles and 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. The tower visit is dependent on weather conditions being suitable & a risk assessment. It is not suitable for all and there are a limited number of places. For further information, and to register your interest please contact David on 720796 or any of your LCA committee members.

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



There was a good turnout for the May race and the weather was fine. The overall winner was junior runner Callum McNeice. Jim Dundas won the *Most Improved Man* tankard and Jacqui Healey

won the *Most Improved Lady* cup.

Thanks to all those who helped and especially Emma Evans for leading the timekeeping and starting team, Emma Smith for serving the refreshments, Jack and Jim Dundas for the very tasty cake, the Goulds for the signs and the Cricket Club for the lovely venue. The next race is on Sunday 12 June starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground. Runners of all standards are welcome as are brisk walkers & supporters.

### Jessie Gould - RIP

We are deeply sorry to record the passing of Jessie Gould from North Acre. Jessie was a very active LCA member, both as a collector of membership forms and through her enthusiastic involvement with the Recycled Teenagers. We will all miss her and we send our condolences to David and Fiona and their family.

### LCA coffee for June

Ella Scott is hosting this month's coffee and chat on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June between 10.30 and noon. Everyone is invited. You are assured of a warm welcome at her home, 95 North Acre. If you need a lift please contact Gloria on 720425.

### Mega Jumble Sale update



A huge thank you to the people of Longparish and surrounding area who have been so generous with everything they gave to the jumble sale. Total sales are now over £1900. We have sold some specialist items on e-bay but it's not too late to get a bargain and help raise funds for the hall. We have:-

- 17" Acer flat screen monitor
- Philips Senseo coffee pod machine
- A full size but compact exercise bike with onboard computer --as new
- Chinese carpet approx 9ft x 12ft - very good condition. (Green background and predominately pink design)
- Height adjustable, black leather and chrome swivel stool
- 6 tapestry frames and approx 10m canvas
- Pair of square laminated wooden based lamps with natural linen shades
- Cylindrical laminated wooden based lamp with natural linen shade
- Corby trouser press

Phone Gloria on 720425, for further details, prices and to arrange a viewing.

### Trading Standards warning

It has been brought to the attention of Hampshire Trading Standards Service that residents are receiving telephone calls stating: **that, as their payment record for paying the Council Tax over the past few years has been impeccable, the Government has agreed to make an immediate refund. Could they please provide bank details to enable a bacs transfer to be made.**

Could we please remind everyone, to be on your guard and not to supply or confirm any personal, banking or card details to anyone who makes contact with you. If you have any concerns regarding this information or similar cold calling matters, please do not hesitate to contact our **Quick Response Team on 01962 833666.**

### Thanks from Councillor Jim Neal

Councillor Jim Neal would like to thank everyone who helped him and voted for him in the recent borough elections and states. "Having been re-elected as your borough councillor I pledge to support you in any way that I can. I will do my best to solve your problems and will answer your emails, letters or phone calls as soon as possible, I cannot promise to provide everyone with the perfect solution but will always endeavour to help all who contact me." Cllr Jim Neal JP, Harewood ward, TVBC

## Longparish Fête 2011

Saturday 3rd September  
Cricket Ground

Excellent for children and adults  
Note the date in your diary

All the usual Stalls. Please contact me if you want to run a stall.

Volunteers needed for many varied roles.  
Please contact me if you would like to help

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

Tom Bremridge 01264 720689  
[tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk)

### Weed Cutting in the River Test

Weed cuts are strictly controlled by the Environment Agency which sets dates for three programmes of cutting along the whole river. During these periods cut weed is allowed to float downstream and is removed at a weir just this side of Romsey. You may have seen the machinery and the massive heap of weed there.

The first cut is done just after the flush of mayflies known as Duffers Fortnight. This year the cut will be from 10 to 20 June for the stretch of river including Longparish with 21 and 22 June as clearing off days. You may have noticed that the river level dropped dramatically during last year's cut. As part of that programme of work the Middleton Estate water keeper also cuts the weed in the feeder stream which runs to the river from Sugar Lane. The aim of the cutting is to manage the water flows and levels; not to denude the river and stream of weed altogether. Bands of weed are left as necessary to provide cover for fish and invertebrates.

This year the other windows for cutting are 11-20 July and 16-24 August. Weed can be cut any time from 14 October 2011 to 26 April 2012 provided it does not interfere with trout spawning, but too much cutting would result in the river being too shallow in the summer.

If the Environment Agency judges there to be a serious risk to property they may also authorise emergency cuts.

## Longparish School News

### Music at Longparish

We are continuing to develop our strength in music throughout the school at Longparish and have recently extended our provision to include brass instruments. Last term, our Year 3/4 class learnt a combination of cornet, trombone and euphonium and gave an excellently attended concert at the end of the term. This has now led to 12 children learning the cornet, which we are hoping will enable us to add a whole new section to the orchestra next year!

Currently, 59% of children in years 2 – 6 take individual or small group lessons with instruments ranging from piano, voice, flute and saxophone through to violin, cello and drums. These children are now seasoned performers and regularly impress us with their musical ability and confidence in performing as soloists. Next year we plan to extend this further in order to enable every child from Year 1 to 6 to learn a different instrument each term This will include experiences such as playing in a samba band and learning the ukulele.

### May Fayre

We would like to thank FoLS (Friends of Longparish School) for organising this year's May Fayre and also everyone who helped or attended the event. There was a lovely feel to the day, with the new addition of the Test Valley Brass Band contributing greatly to a wonderful summer atmosphere. Alex Foggo

### May Fayre Result

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) would like to thank everyone in the village, and further afield, who generously gave their time, effort, donations and enthusiasm recently for the Longparish School May Fayre on 7th May. The weather was looking very bad up until the last hour and then the sun broke through and gave us a fantastic afternoon. A great time was had by all and we managed to raise a staggering £3402.07 towards providing new resources for the School, Playgroup and Toddlers within the village. Congratulations to all the FoLS team for their hard work before, during and after the May Fayre - well done! Lisa Williams, Helen Ridge and Clare Sykes (FoLS)

### FOLS 100 Club draw results

#### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	76	Stephen Williams
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	34	Cathy Yelf
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	14	Ann Jennings

#### May

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	60	Lottie Keith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	67	Cara Scarfe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	43	Sam Wiseman

### Help with bees and unwanted swarms

If you need help with a swarm of bees, Becky Chadd who is a school parent is willing to collect them. She is a bee keeper herself and also supplies many products useful to bee keepers. See her website [www.beckysbeezzs.co.uk](http://www.beckysbeezzs.co.uk) email: [beckysbeezzs@gmail.com](mailto:beckysbeezzs@gmail.com) tel. 07973 423628

## Longparish Parish Council

### Officers and Representatives

At the Annual Meeting in May officers and representatives were appointed as follows:

Chairman – Christopher Duxbury  
 Vice Chairman – Jonathan Frere  
 Transport Representative - Phil Harris  
 Highways [Parish Lengthsman] - Christian Dryden  
 Hill & Valley representative – Natasha Rouse  
 Village Hall representative – Christopher Duxbury  
 LCA representative – Christian Dryden  
 Tree Warden – Graham Darrah  
 TVAPTC Representatives – Christopher Duxbury,  
 Jeremy Barber  
 Internal Auditor – HALC Internal Audit Service

### Working Parties

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are automatically members of all the Working Parties.

Chairmen of Working Parties were appointed as follows:

Planning – Christopher Duxbury. All members of the Council are members of the Planning Committee,  
 Finance – Jonathan Frere  
 Open Spaces – Jeremy Barber  
 Footpaths – Martin Lampard  
 Communications – Christopher Duxbury

Committee members will be confirmed at the next PC meeting on 13 June.

### Parish Clerk

It was with regret that the Chairman announced the resignation of Tony Humphrey as Parish Clerk. The Council agreed that the Chairman would assume the responsibilities of Proper Officer and the Vice Chairman the duties of Responsible Financial Officer. Jeremy Barber will continue to manage the Open Spaces, including the contracts.

The Council agreed to reflect on the process and salary levels; and to take soundings re possible availability within Longparish and the neighbouring villages before starting a recruitment process. It will be very helpful if the new Clerk lives locally. If you would like to find out more about the role please contact the Chairman.

### Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- A new grain store at Firgo Farm, Tufton
- A replacement side door and French windows at Maiden Cottage
- Replacement windows at Forton House Cottage
- Provision of foundations at Tudor Cottage

### Welcome Event for New Villagers

Building on the success of the last seven years, another very successful welcome event was held for new villagers on 12 May in the Community Hall. A special thank you goes to Gina Snowden for the organisation; and to Linda Blundell for the catering.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 13 June. Meetings are public. Parishioners are welcome to come and speak by arrangement with the Chairman - Christopher Duxbury Tel 720580  
 Email Christopher @duxbury63.freeserve.co.uk

## How has your week been?

**Did you actually to do the things you wanted to do or did you find that it was more difficult than you could manage?**

As people age they can find that keeping up with life becomes much more of an effort. They avoid doing the things that they have always enjoyed or stop looking forward to new opportunities and challenges. If this sounds like you, then your local Community Innovations Team can help put you back on the right track.

Hampshire Community Innovations Teams are part of a County wide service unique to Hampshire County Council. The teams combine the skills of social care, health and voluntary sector professionals, working in partnership to promote better health and wellbeing for older people. This service is specifically aimed at people aged 55+ who are at risk of losing their independence but do not yet meet the criteria for support from Hampshire County Council's Adult Services Department.

The Andover Community Innovations Team has a Social Worker, Occupational Therapist and Support Worker who can help you review your situation and offer you information, advice and support that can enable you to maintain your independence and get back out into your local community. We work alongside you until you are ready to take control of the things that matter to you.

For more information please contact the Andover Community Innovations Team on 01264 387414, or email: [Jane.french@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.french@hants.gov.uk)

## Spring Concert 2012

(Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May)

 **MUSICIANS NEEDED** 

After the success of the Spring Concert in 2010, plans are already underway for our next concert entitled "Music from Films and Musicals" in May 2012. This time we will be fundraising for Longparish Playgroup, Friends of Longparish School and the Village Hall Refurbishment. Once again the programme will be a mix of well-known classical and modern music and will be performed by local instrumentalists and singers, including the Longparish Village Choir. However, we need more musicians. Some of last year's instrumentalists had not picked up their instruments for around 18 years, so with rehearsals commencing in the autumn, this is a great opportunity to 'dust off your talent'.

If you would like to find out more about participating in the concert as a musician (instrumentalist or singer), please contact Nicky Smallwood at [nicky@thesmallwoods.com](mailto:nicky@thesmallwoods.com) or 01264 720086.

## BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE GREYLAG GOOSE

The greylag goose is our most common goose. It's taken over from the Canada goose. The greylag is the ancestor of the domestic goose. In winter large flocks come to us. Before they ploughed the grass field on the right as you go out of Longparish towards Hurstbourne, quite often there were hundreds feeding most of the winter.



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The greylag is the largest and bulkiest of the native geese with a wingspan of 38 inches. It's a mainly grey goose with white under the tail, and orange bill, legs and feet. It feeds on grass, roots and weed. It starts breeding in March making a nest of grass, sedge and twigs lined with feathers which is sometimes out in the open but usually hidden in a hedge or reeds. It lays 4-10 creamy white eggs which stain yellow after a while. The eggs are incubated for 27-28 days. The young leave the nest soon after hatching but stay with the parents for 50-60 days. The greylag has had a good breeding season this year: at Testwood trout farm (by Pig Bridge) I counted forty goslings.

I have a new tick for Longparish - a lesser whitethroat. I have heard them many times, usually hidden deep in a bush, but this one decided to sing in the open. The mallard on the stream by Ash Burn Rest hatched 18 ducklings and four weeks on she has still got 14 probably due to Jenny from Little Beck. Jenny tells me they come around for breakfast, dinner, afternoon snack and then tea.  
chris bowman

## Kate - 9: Wills - 5

In addition to the usual annual Christmas and Midsummer football matches, Longparish dads and lads took to the pitch once more to mark the Royal Wedding. In a surprisingly bad bit of planning, kick-off time was arranged for 11am, just as Kate was arriving at the Abbey. We needn't have worried about numbers though, as 28 chaps turned up for the 11 a-side game. The happy couple were supported through the wearing of red or white shirts, and the goals were bedecked in bunting.



Had they taken the time out of their busy schedule, Kate and William would have also been delighted by the high quality of football and the competitive spirit shown. The Whites were 2-0 up in no time as the reds were still working out who was playing where, or getting changed.

John Bennett sprinted in unnoticed to score an early Whites goal, whilst Toby Cooper was an assured presence in their defence. With their downhill advantage, the Reds had forced their way into the lead by half-time. Ian and Stuart Blundell showed a great tactical understanding, Matt Beal scored a memorable looping goal and Will House caused all sorts of problems in his roving role (nobody was quite sure what position he was playing). Harry Roberts was lively in midfield and James Hulme controlled the right wing. Paul 'The Cat' Taylor had an excellent game in goal for the Reds, keeping out Martin Hulme's increasingly desperate attempts to get on the score sheet. The Reds eventually ran out 9-5 winners despite calls for 'Next Goal Wins!' from the Whites.

Crowd numbers were limited (about 8 - mostly walkers passing on the Test Way) but Barney Cooper's cornet playing helped to create the Big Match atmosphere. Huge thanks go to Martin for organising the match and preparing the pitch with Paul Knipe. Thanks also to John Scott for refereeing the game, keeping order so well and stopping the watch whilst we hunted for the ball amongst the nettles - a regular and much needed break for us all! It was a special day - you might say a match made in Heaven  
Andy Smith

## NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

Examinations never seem to be far away these days and as I write our Year 11 students are about to embark on their main GCSE examinations, with our usual special Leavers' Assembly, due on the 20<sup>th</sup> May - complete with our now traditional 'Hopes and Dreams' (biodegradable) Balloon Launch. We wish them every success in their exams and in the future.

**Year 5 Open Morning And Taster Days** And, looking to the future, this year we are holding an Open Morning for any parents of Year 5 pupils who would like to take an early look around the school in preparation for making choices in the autumn term. There is also a Taster Day on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, for Year 5s who do not attend one of our feeder schools but would like a taste of Testbourne. If you or your child would be interested in attending either of these please contact our School Office on 01256 892061 to book a session.

**Young Enterprise** For a number of years we have run a Young Enterprise programme in school, with students setting up their own companies and learning how to be the business people of the future. We were delighted to hear that we have gained a Young Enterprise Centre of Excellence Award in recognition of this work.

**Kid Witness News** Our young film makers have again achieved success in the Panasonic Kid Witness News competition - winning both the Best Storytelling award and the overall UK Grand Prix. Four members of the team will be taking their film, "B is for Apple" to the European finals in Hamburg - to spread the bio-diversity message that if there are no bees there will be no apples in the future. Thank you to local beekeeper, Mike Barrie, and his bees for their starring role in the film!

**Bring us your old clothes!** Following the success of our Rag Bag Scheme there is now a Textiles and Shoes Collection Container outside our main school entrance. Our School Council have organised this – and already raised £100 for school funds. So we'll be happy to help you have a clean out and raise funds in the process.

### Afternoon Tea at The White Lion, Wherwell



**Monday 13 June 3pm**  
**£2.00 tea and cake**

Just come along- no booking required.  
ALL welcome (regardless of age  
or which Hampshire village you live in!)

**The White Lion and Age UK Andover and District**

### The Bakers' Dozen

In 1876 Albert Baker and Elizabeth Hughes were married in St Nicholas Church. He was a humble farm worker and she a talented needlewoman.

They lived in a one up - one down farm labourer's cottage in Forton, part of what is now called Queen Anne Cottage. Opposite lived Albert's mother with his stepfather Robert Ball. From 1876 to 1901 thirteen children were born in Forton. There were seven boys and six girls. All were christened at St Nicholas, two were married and three buried there. As with many families in the late 19th century and early 20th century, a number of the children suffered from consumption. Sadly to say three of the Baker offspring died from tuberculosis, another survived until in his 70's. Two of the thirteen, both named Frederick, died as infants. It is hard to imagine how they all lived and slept in such small accommodation. In the April 1901 census there were five children living at home and my mother was born in the following July. I do know that my mother, who was the youngest, and her older sister slept in Grandma Ball's opposite.

They lived a self sufficient life. My grandparents kept goats, a pig, chickens and bees. There was an orchard and a vegetable plot and of course the River Test supplied many a trout. All the boys knew how to tickle a trout. My grandfather, being an agricultural worker, kept the larder well supplied with game, and Annie, the eldest girl, had the job of taking some to a butcher in Andover, walking all the way down Middleway and then through the woods and fields, returning with 6d for her Mum. At harvest time the children were sent leasing, to gather the heads of corn left behind, these would be placed in a sack, and when ready, the corn was taken by the boys in a handcart to the miller, returning with flour for Grandma.

Four of the boys served time in the armed forces, the two younger ones serving in and surviving World War 1. All of the girls, except my mother, went into service. My mother, at the age of fourteen, was working in the munitions factory at Tasker's Ironworks in Anna Valley. She then went to Winchester to work in an office after the war.

Over the past four years I have been 'working' on my Family Tree, and having found many ancestors, last year decided to trace the descendants of the Baker's Dozen. I am delighted to say that I have found many 'new relations'. On Sunday, 22nd May, descendants from eight of the original Baker Family are having a get-together at The Plough Inn. Many of us will be meeting for the first time, it promises to be an exciting event.



The Baker clan at The Plough – Gillian Tubb with stick near the middle

Are there any other related 'Bakers' out there?

Gillian Tubb, Elanvale Crown Lane, Virginia Water,  
Surrey. GU25 4HW  
Tel. 01344 844276 Email [gft7@btinternet.com](mailto:gft7@btinternet.com)

### St Nicholas Church

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> April when John Young and Alix Bremridge were elected as churchwardens for the coming year. Martin Coppin expressed the gratitude of the church for all that John Young and Robert Charlton had done during the previous year. A number of deputy churchwardens were informally appointed to provide support and to stand in for the churchwardens when necessary. The present members of the PCC were re-elected and Karen Marie Dinesen was elected for the first time. (A full list is available on the church pages of the Longparish website)

The Annual Report, which set out the activities and events of 2010, and Financial Statements were approved. Martin thanked Patrick Beresford for his valuable work as treasurer. The church finances are in a healthy position, thanks to the great generosity of regular committed givers, who Gift Aid their donations, a legacy, a generous donation and the generosity of the village community through the Christmas Fair and Fete. In addition to meeting all the running expenses, this has enabled some necessary stonework to be done and for action to be taken to install an automatic winding mechanism for the clock, which at present needs to be wound twice a week by hand.

In the Rector's report, Martin recorded thanks to the numerous people who contributed to the routine life of the church, by cleaning the church, polishing the brasses, washing the altar linen, arranging flowers, providing refreshments after services, cutting the grass, playing the organ and for the more hidden life, the PCC, the meetings of churchwardens, those who accept responsibility and trust for buildings, churchyard and our ministry to the people of this place. And also to Terry and Ruth Hemming and Dodie Marsden for all that they do at St Nicholas. On behalf of the congregation, John Young echoed these thanks, including Martin himself in them.

Jane Young PCC Secretary