Village Hall Refurbishment

Great news - we have broken the £200,000 barrier! We are delighted that fundraising is going so well. By the time you read this (or soon after) you should have received a letter appealing for donations. At the end of October we are planning to go out to tender again but we cannot if we haven't reached at least £240,000. Please dig deep and help us if you can. You can give online at https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/longparishvillagehall Many people have already donated and we are very grateful to them and to the Parochial Church Council who gave us £4,000 which was in addition to the £3,735 from the fete. Thank you all.

You can also help by voting for us here http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/3093 We could win £6,000 towards our refurbishment if we get enough votes. So please vote and encourage all your friends and relations anywhere in the country to vote also.

For further information please contact: John Scott 720018, Maggie Barber 720459 or Tom Bremridge 720689.

Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment



Please support our Race Night

Saturday 29 October 7.00 pm Longparish Village Hall

Admission £7.50 includes fish & chip or chicken & chip supper **Cash Bar**

Tickets From: John Scott 720018
Jim Neal 362456 or the Acre Stores

Minibus Drivers

Longparish Community Association is very grateful to our volunteer minibus drivers who allow us to organise occasional trips outside the village which are much appreciated — especially by the Recycled Teenagers and KidzZone members. The LCA is keen to recruit more volunteer drivers to help spread the load and allow us to offer additional trips. Drivers need to participate in a half day training course (Romsey or Andover) and a subsequent 90 minute test so that you are qualified to drive the minibuses we borrow.

If you might be prepared to become a qualified driver, please contact Fiona Gould on 720709.

LCA Tuesday Talks in the Village Hall

The second series of illustrated evening talks for and by villagers starts on Tuesday 11 October. The season will run through to March and they will all be on the second Tuesday so please note your diary. 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. A bit like a book group without having to read the book!

The talks start at 7.30pm and last up to an hour. No tickets needed – just come along. There's no charge but please make a donation to help us cover costs. Any surplus raised will go towards sound and video equipment for our Village Hall.

Tuesday 11 October "You will find out in deep ocean!"

John Ellicock gives his personal account of the BT Global Challenge round the world yacht race.



Tuesday 8 November

Charles Cardiff and Rupert Dawnay talk about their epic journey across South America

Tuesday 13 December

Reminiscences of the village from John Woodcock.

If you have suggestions for future speakers please contact Christine Beresford or Jeremy Barber.

LCA October coffee morning

is on Wednesday 12th October hosted by Rita Twine at Lacey Gates, from 10.30-12 noon. All are assured of a warm welcome. For a lift contact Gloria on 720425

15th Longparish Pumpkin contest



Saturday 15th October



Pumpkins, squashes, gourds, marrows of any shape and size, bring them along and win a prize!

The fabulous 15th contest will be held in Longparish village hall starting at 3pm. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available (no charge but donations welcome). It's free to enter but please support the raffle (all proceeds in aid of playgroup) and bring a raffle prize if you can.

There will be prizes for decorated pumpkins, prettiest pumpkin and the most unusual pumpkin as well as the usual prizes for size for all ages. For more information contact Sylvia Crook on 720819.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY Friday 21 October 2011

A reminder that we are helping in the Winchester Cathedral Refectory on Friday 21 October. If anyone would like to come and join the team, please let me

JaneYoung 01264 720233 or j.young233@btinternet.com

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

The day dawned wet but it brightened up and conditions were good for the 20 runners who took part in the race. We welcomed new runners Sheila and Glynne Evans, Carol and Anna Carver and Victoria Healey.



First home was Mike Sleath who improved on his handicap by nearly three minutes and was Most Improved Man. Simeon Evans and Carol Dunford beat their handicaps by 51 and 45 seconds to be Most Improved Junior and Most

Improved Woman.

Thanks very much to Emma Evans, Maggie, Jack, Jeremy and Graham for marshalling, Emma Smith for serving the refreshments, Jack and Jim Dundas for the lovely cake, the Goulds for the signs and the Cricket Club for the excellent venue.

We look forward to seeing you at the next race on Sunday 9 October starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground.

CLOTHES EXCHANGE

in aid of MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY on 24th October at 7.30 pm Vale Farm, Longparish.

Macular degeneration (MD) or macular disease are terms for conditions which lead to loss of central vision due to damage to the macula. MD is the most common cause of visual impairment in the developed world. In the UK around 250,000 people are registered as visually impaired because of MD and roughly the same number are affected by it to a lesser degree. While it can occur in younger people (from school age onwards) this is rare and it is more common in older people, from age 55 onwards. When MD occurs later in life it is usually called age-related macular degeneration or AMD or even ARMD.

Please help me to raise funds for this very worthy cause by bringing an item of good quality clothing that you no longer wear that you think someone else would get good use out of and exchange with another item that you would like. This is a fun way to catch up with friends and get a new outfit. For more information and to book your ticket contact Carol 01264 720227 or email caroldunford@hotmail.com Tickets are £5 + raffle on the day. (Ticket only event) or alternatively you can donate on my justgiving page http://www.justgiving.com/Carol-Dunford3. Many thanks.

Afternoon Tea at The White Lion, Wherwell October 10 at 3pm

£2 for 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

Longparish Playgroup Auction and A.G.M. Wednesday 5th October 2011

7.30pm doors open, 8pm Auction starts, A.G.M. afterwards Longparish Community Hall

So far we have 27 fantastic lots including a Thruxton 3car-passenger ride, a butchered roe carcass, a brace of plucked pheasants and partridges (Richard Wills), a 1hr shooting lesson for 2 people (Owls Lodge Shooting School), photography vouchers (Jenni Janaway), 5 tickets for Hampton Court Palace, a selection of Hillier shrubs, a cookery voucher (Clare Francis), meal vouchers (Clos du Marquis and The Trout Inn at Tadpole Bridge) and a traditional tea for 2 at the House of Commons. The complete list of lots can be found on the reverse of the Longparish Events Diary, or by contacting Nicky Smallwood nicky@thesmallwoods.com. We hope to see you there! If you're not able to make the evening but would like to put in a bid for something, please fill in the 'list of lots' sheet, and hand it in to the Longparish Playgroup by Monday 3rd October.

Pamper Evening

We are organising a "Look Good Feel Great Pamper Evening" in aid of Longparish Playgroup on Thursday, November 3rd in the Community Hall. All are welcome. There will be treatments available and demonstrations during the evening. Please look out for posters with more information nearer the event.

Contact Sarah Blocksidge tel: 07738 320350

Andover College Personal Achievement Award (sponsored by Andover Advertiser) presented to Joanne Pennefather-Neal

Joanne was home-schooled throughout her childhood in

Longparish and went to Andover College with no GCSEs. She enrolled on the BTEC First Diploma in Drama and although she had far less experience in social interaction than the rest of the group she started to flourish on the course, though still



adjusting to the structure of a college environment. After achieving a Distinction* in the First Diploma, Jo progressed on to the Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts. During her Level 3 course, Jo has taken on a considerable role in her home life, supporting her mother, Lyn, and assisting financially whilst also keeping up with her College work. Despite this, Jo's work continued to be handed in on time and to a very high standard and she impressed staff with her maturity, hard work, cheerful and supportive nature. Jo achieved her predicted grades of Triple Distinction which has enabled her to achieve her goal of studying Dance at university.

October 16th – Harvest Festival

We will be decorating the church on Saturday 15th
October. If you would like to help, please come along at 9.30am. Any donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers will be most welcome. Please leave them in the church or with me.

Eila Chamberlen 720691

Longparish Parish Council

New Parish Clerk

The Council has appointed Mr David Kraft as Clerk. David is a barrister. He lives at 3 Gladstone Terrace, Sugar Lane, Longparish, Andover SP11 6PP. You can contact him on 720558 or email clerk@longparish.org.uk.

Planning

The Council had no objection to the variation of an existing condition to increase the number of lorry movements at Apsley Farm Landfill, Hurstbourne Priors.

Bus Timetables

The Parish Council is concerned about the depth of the cuts to the bus service and the lack of consultation with Transport Representatives; and intends to write to the Hampshire County Council Transport team about this. The aim is to correlate issues across villages to see if we can get critical mass on a route or two.

We are aware of the effects on some people in the village, but please do let Phil Harris know if and how you are affected by the cuts, so that we can establish the full picture.

Open Spaces Playground

Chris Millett has kindly repainted the plywood surfaces of the skate ramp with the Barratine wood treatment recommended by Fearless Ramps. He has also mended the damaged rail and screwed down the skatelite surface where it was rising slightly.

Natasha Rouse has obtained quotes from four suppliers for new equipment for young children. The cost is rather more than we hoped and it will be necessary to limit the plans to stay within budget.

Middleton Estate has kindly given permission for the new equipment to be installed and the next step is to consult the grants officer at TVBC as to what they require in support of an application.

Football Field

Dog mess is still a problem. This is a play space used by children. Please do not allow your dog to foul it. Bagged dog mess can be put in any green public bin. There is one at the far end of the field.

Ash Burn Rest David Scott has made a smashing job of the annual maintenance.

East Aston Common Natural England has decided that it is not necessary to restrict access by dogs at present.

New bench for North Acre?

Some older parishioners have asked whether it would be possible to have a bench in North Acre. The Council will be happy to provide one if there is public support. The obvious site is next to the phone box. An alternative would be on the grass outside No 88. If you have any views about whether there should be a bench and where it should be sited please contact Jeremy Barber on 720459. The Council will decide whether to go ahead at the October meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 10 October. Meetings are public; and parishioners are welcome to come and speak by arrangement with the Chairman - Christopher Duxbury Tel: 720580 Email:chairman@longparish.org.uk

Bus service changes

There is a new "ANDOVER BUS & TRAIN TRAVEL TIMES" published by HCC (starting from 4th September). Hard copies are in the Village Shop. You can see it at http://www3.hants.gov.uk/andover_sept_11.pdf

The 26 bus will no longer come through the village but the X24 & 26 Andover to Peter Symonds / Winchester service will still stop on the A303 at Station Hill.

It contains the new Cango times which will take effect from 10th October. Longparish is now covered by the C4 service on Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat (not on Bank Holidays) and the C8 service on Tues & Thursday. These services need to be booked - tel 0845 6024135 or 01963 845126. *All Longparish times are approximate and should be checked when booking. Cango buses can go either to the station and hospital or to Tesco, not both.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - C4 service

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Andover	10.00	13.00	15.10 school hols.only
Longparish	10.15*	13.15*	15.25* school hols.only
Andover	10.40	13.40	15.50 school hols. only

Tuesday, Thursday - C8 service via St Mary Bourne

Andover	9.50	12.50	14.45 sch.hols	17.00
Longparish	10.05*	13.40*	15.35* sch.hols.	17.45*
Andover	10.55	13.55	15.50 sch.hols.	18.00

Saturday - C4 service

Andover	10.00	13.00	15.10	17.00		
Longparish	10.15*	13.15*	15.25*	†		
Andover	10.40	13.40	15.50			

† Longparish arrival time will depend on where else the bus is booked to.

Phil Harris tel 720347 or sarah_phil@tiscali.co.uk

AUTUMN CLEAN UP OF VILLAGE

SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2011 10.00 am to 1 pm

VOLUNTEERS WANTED to help with the village autumn clean up day. 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 which reduces the risk of flooding. There are plenty of other jobs as well so the more the merrier. More details next month. Please reserve that date.

Please help. Free lunch of sandwiches and chips for all volunteers!

Computer scam warning

Our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator warns that a company purporting to be working 'for' or 'with' Microsoft is calling residents say that they have a virus or problem with their computer and they are ringing to fix it. She advises you not to engage in discussion but to say "No, thank you" and ring off.

DO NOT give personal details to anyone over the phone

DO NOT give any computer information to these callers

DO NOT make any payment to these callers DO NOT be afraid to hang up the phone

BEYOND VINTAGE PORT

Tickets are now available for our very special and unusual event at Longparish School. The evening promises to be the perfect antidote to the gloomy autumn



evenings: As the leaves begin to turn and the nights draw in, what better way to warm up a dull Friday evening than to learn about — and sample - this excellent and versatile tipple in the company of the extremely knowledgeable (and local) expert Alan Montague-Dennis.

(and local) expert Alan Montague-Dennis. Beyond Vintage Port is on Friday 14th October from 7.30 to 9.30.

Proceeds for this tutored port evening will go towards the school's excellent 'Listen to Me' music scheme – a scheme which encourages all the children in the school to try out, and hopefully take up, a musical instrument.

Canapes to accompany the port will be served throughout the evening.

Tickets (£15 per head) are available from FOLS members and school governors.

For more information please call Lisa Williams (FOLS) on 07854 490152 or email: lisawilliams99@hotmail.com; Helen Mehaffey on 01256 893119 or Alison Cooper on 01264 720324.

Longparish School news

We are very excited to be involved in the British Council's Global School Partnership programme in order to further develop our links with Bukanaga School in Uganda. Research has shown that the partnership work leads to children having a commitment to a fairer, more sustainable world. They also develop a positive attitude and deeper understanding of a wide range of global issues, such as interdependence and factors that contribute towards inequality amongst the countries in the world.

This work is being supported by the Whitchurch Deanery, in particular Revd Dodie Marsden, and we are currently entering an exciting new stage as we embark on a joint curricular project. Through the creative arts of traditional dance, song, craft and stories, we hope that the children in both countries will learn that they have a right to be heard but also a responsibility to listen; learn that they must take responsibility for their own actions; embrace diversity and increase their knowledge, skill and appreciation of each other's traditional arts and cultures.

A member of staff, Mrs Jacqui Healey, is preparing to visit Bukanaga School in October where she will work with children and visit neighbouring schools. Following the successful application for a Reciprocal Visits Grant from the British Council, the Headteacher of Bukanaga School will then return next year to work with our children through the traditional arts of Uganda.

Mrs Healey plans to take an additional suitcase with her which will be filled with gifts for Bukanaga School. The gifts are items which they find difficult to source in their own country. If you would like to donate anything from the list below for the suitcase, we are collecting them in the school entrance and they will be very gratefully received. We look forward to reporting further developments in future issues of the Hill and Valley.

Suitcase items

Biro pens (any colour); pencil cases; coloured chalk; hand puppets; cloths; skipping ropes; pegs and string.

Longparish Fete - Profit of £7,500

The net profit from the fete on 3rd September is almost exactly £7,500. This is a record for recent years. The money will be divided equally for maintenance and support of St Nicholas Church and for the Village Hall. The Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee are extremely grateful to everyone involved in raising this sum: individual and corporate donors, stall holders and helpers and all those who came and spent freely on the day.

It was a wonderful day. We were so lucky with the weather finding a little gap in the stream of grey, wet and windy days which prevailed for most of the end of the summer. The Richard Curtis award winning K9 dancing dogs show was very entertaining. The Rookies 'high octane rock and dance band' formed by parents of Rookwood School in



Andover performed free of charge and were excellent. Andover Town Brass Band gave a splendid village green atmosphere to the afternoon and we were lucky to have a lively gymnastics display by SALTO Andover team. For the second year running Alix Booth entertained the children (and many adults) with her two masterful and charming Punch and Judy shows. See www.alixpartypuppets.co.uk for contact details.



tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk

Planning for next year starts now so if you have any good ideas for entertainment or stalls please let me have them.

Very many thanks to all of you for your wonderful support, time, assistance and generosity. See you next year on Saturday 1st September 2012. Tom Bremridge, The Orchards, Forton, Longparish Tel 01264 720689

Fete Grand Draw results

Sue Kent	9. J.Bailey	17. Cooper			
2. Frere	10. J.Young	18. Alexandra			
3. Carole	11. G.Johnstone	19. Thelma Stanley			
4. Anne Davis	12. Snow	20. Corinne Read			
5. Wills	13, P.Wager	21. Hubbard			
6. Wright	14. R.Burnett	22. Phil Barber			
7. Smallwood	15. Lisa Jones				
8. Victoria Bell	16. Lance East				

A big thank you to all who sold tickets before and on the day and to the kind people who gave prizes.

Congratulations to the winners!

Jan West

Longparish Cricket Club



Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors With three games remaining, Longparish still harboured hopes of promotion if all games could be played and won. Away at Hamble, a Longparish side depleted due to holidays and

injuries secured a fine 89 run win with Stuart Tognarelli 58, Adam Lister 53 and George Kousseff 43 in the runs and Barry Blackmore taking 4 for 40. Promotion rivals Wellow & Plaitford were due to host Longparish in the penultimate game of the season, and with all absentees returned and ailments healed Longparish were raring to go, but a band of showers washed out a third of the fixture card and any hope of Longparish finishing second or third with it. A sizeable crowd gathered for the final game against East Woodhay: family, friends, ex players and "superfan" Alfie Smith making his return to the ground following a recent operation. Batting first, all of the Longparish top order scored runs with U16 Alex Coetzee top scoring with 62 as Longparish posted 226 for 9 a target that proved to be 80 runs too much for Woodhay as Brad Aldridge, Alex Coetzee and Chris Clarke took two wickets each and Ross Stewart 4 for 27. Longparish finished fourth in County Division 3, one place off promotion.

Longparish II finished the season with a win, a loss, and a wash out, to finish mid-table in Regional NW Div 2. At home to Dinton, skipper Justin Jackman hit 90 and James Young took 3 for 26 to secure a 35 run win. The game with Steeple Langford was lost to the weather, and in the game with Redlynch & Hale II Longparish were steamrollered by a very strong Redlynch side with Warren Bonathan 22, the only one able to provide any meaningful resistance.

Between the showers, Longparish Colts held their end of season Colts day. A huge success, and very well attended, the day saw games for the U11 and U13 sides sandwiched either side of a very soggy barbecue. Longparish Colts now look to indoor cricket where they will be fielding sides in both the North Hampshire and Winchester & District Leagues.

The autumn work on the square is in full swing, with top dressing and scarifying already completed. The Club are currently raising money in order purchase a new Scoreboard, and would like to thank Vitacress and their Charitable fund that helps local sports and community groups for their generous donation of £500 that has got the campaign off to a flying start!"

After last month's Lifetime achievement award from Hampshire Cricket, Ken Ball will be required to get his best jacket and shirt on again, as he has been shortlisted for a "Pride of Andover" award. The ceremony takes place in mid October, is hosted by Esther Rantzen and recognises those in the local community who contribute to life in the Andover area. Well done Kenny and good luck with Esther!

Chris de Cani

LCC 100 Club August draw results

£35 Frank Hibberd £15 Pat Motley £15 Steve Motley



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER at 7 pm CHRISTINA STAPLEY

HERBS AT CHRISTMAS Food, gifts and decoration.

Christina Stapley has been growing, studying and using herbs for over 35 years.

She lectures widely on all aspects of herbs.

Members free. Non-members £5.00

Raffle towards the cost of future speakers.

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325

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BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE SPARROWHAWK

The sparrowhawk is one of the birds currently increasing. It was heavily persecuted in the early 1900s, then DDT (pesticide) killed many; they had a very hard time. As



with most birds of prey, the female is larger than the male with a wing span of 55-70 cms (19-27ins). The female has a brown back, white chest and tail with black bars and the eyes and legs are yellow. The male has a blue/grey back, orange/white chest with barred tail, yellow eyes which turn orange with age and yellow legs with long talons.

They are sometimes confused with kestrels, but the sparrowhawk does not hover and its wing tips are round, not pointed like the kestrel.

The sparrowhawk breeds in May, building a large nest, usually in a fir tree. Sometimes it uses an old nes to which it adds more twigs. The nest has a deep cup lined with thin bark. 4-6 eggs are laid every other day which are incubated by the female for 33-35 days per egg, 39-42 days per clutch.. The young fledge after 24-30 days and are fed mostly by the male. As its main food is birds it will sit on different perches watching what's about. It catches most of its prey by surprise, very often at the bird table. It comes in low and very fast, catching its poor victim by surprise They usually take small birds, often fledglings, but I have seen them kill woodpigeons, doves, blackbirds, sparrows, tits and finches. The female sparrow hawk in the photo killed the wood pigeon, then dragged it into a hedge where she plucked and ate it. I was only six feet from the bird when I took the photos. She was so engrossed in her kill she took no notice of me, so I took my photos and left her to finish her meal.

I was asked about collective nouns for birds so here are

a few: Crow A murder of crows
Doves A flight of doves
Goldfinches A charm of goldfinches
Heron A siege of herons
Jackdaw A train of jackdaws

chris bowman



Autumn Haiku

Tall dahlia blooms ignorant of forecast frost, still blaze with colour.

Harvest Lunch – and all are welcome.

The lunch will be held in the Community Hall after the 11.00am Harvest Family Service in St Nicholas on Sunday 16th October. It will be a 'bring and share' lunch. Jane Young is coordinating it so those wishing to come should contact her (720233), the church wardens John Young (720233) Alix Bremridge (720689) or myself so that we can make suitable arrangements. Let's make it a tasty and happy occasion in thankfulness for our food. Terry Hemming (720215)

SAVE THE DATE

ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December 2 – 4pm in the Community Hall

Christmas still seems a long way away, but will soon be upon us, so please put this date in your diaries. If you are currently making jams, chutneys or pickles and could make a few extra for the produce stall; they will be greatly appreciated.

Local Christmas gift or craft sellers can book a table at the fair to sell their wares for a small fee.

If you are able to help in any way with the fair, please let us know.

Jane Young (720233) or Eila Chamberlen (720691)

Tributes

Frederick Charles Wooton died 29th July 2011 aged 83

At the funeral at Basingstoke Crematorium on 12th August, Revd Terry Hemming offered this tribute to Fred. "I assure you of the thoughts and prayers of all at St Nicholas and at Longparish where Fred undoubtedly belongs, following father and grandfather in the village.

His father worked in Longparish and Fred went to school locally. He was called up and served in the Army, first in Harewood Forest and then at Maidstone where he met his wife, Joyce. They were married in Gravesend and one of the things we celebrate was their 56 years of married life. They went out to Malta and then worked in the docks at Gravesend. They moved back to this area, living in Hurstbourne Park. After the death of his father, Fred came and worked for Dick Snow and lived in three cottages before moving briefly to Appleshaw so that they could get a house back in Longparish. He changed to working as a welder, eventually working for Cramers in Whitchurch.

He had great joy in his garden and enjoyed his pint in the Cricketers. When working on the farm one of the institutions in life was the Sunday pint at the Cricketers before everyone dispersed for their Sunday lunch. He had two sons, Paul and Graham, and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. We are remembering a good family man as son, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a hard-worker, a man with a sense of fun, a good friend and neighbour."

Trevor Douglas Ponting 23rd March 1950 - 4th August 2011

His family wrote this very warm tribute to Trevor to be offered at his funeral at St Nicholas on 25th August. "Trevor was the eldest of three children born to Douglas and Sylvia and brother to Julie and David. On leaving school, he joined his father working within the cattle industry. They worked well as a team and, due to his utter determination and obvious ability, following his father's death over 21 years ago, proved he was a

worthy successor to the business.

Trevor was a very keen sportsman, playing football for many local teams, including Salisbury, who were in the National League at that time, and briefly for Andover Town. He was always a very, very fast runner, which enabled him to be very competitive when playing in the sports he

loved. The reason he ran so quickly was due to the training his father gave him – when he was a cheeky little boy his father would chase him around the garden and through the fields. It was great fun to watch and a bit of exercise for them both! Trevor was also a keen cricketer and was part of the Longparish team which qualified for the Whitbread Trophy to play at Lords. His family travelled to London to support him in this great achievement. Sadly Longparish were not the winning side but everyone enjoyed the momentous occasion anyway.

Whilst playing cricket for Longparish, Trevor met and fell in love with Sue Kingston. He married her in 1980 and, during their 31 years of marriage, they had two beautiful children – Robert and Katie. Trevor adored them and was very proud of them both.

Trevor also thoroughly enjoyed his golf and would play at Tidworth Golf Club with his pals when he was able to. Having been brought up on a farm and having a wonderful countryside upbringing, Trevor was always very interested in the outdoors and country sports. He quickly became a very keen and accurate shot, both at Clay shooting and Game, following in his father's footsteps, as Robert has now done with his own father. He was a very keen gardener and had a beautiful garden wherever he lived. The precision and neatness of his lawns and hedges was the topic of conversation by all who visited. Sue was second in command here. She would drive the tractor whilst Trevor cut the enormous hedges standing on the trailer. A good team effort! In short he was:- as honest as the day is long; a good husband, father and provider; loyal, to his family and his word - his word was his bond; determined and conscientious - he liked things done properly and well."

Can you offer a room and a role model to a 16-25 year old?

Stonham Homegroup supported lodgings would like to hear from you. From £160 to £200 a week is paid to those who can give the necessary support. Contact Penny 07725 958288 or email penny.diver@homegroup.org.uk