



Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment

Very many thanks to all those who have responded to our personal donations appeal letter. A quick reminder of the current fundraising situation: we raised £194,000 from trusts, fund raising events and public bodies before moving on to the personal donations appeal. This has brought in a further £30,000 so far with gifts ranging from £5 to £10,000.

We intend to go out to tender again soon with a view to starting work in January but we can't let a contract unless we can pay for it.

Our target remains £270,000 so we are chasing a further £46,000. We are continuing to seek further grant funding but these will only be small amounts. So we need your help. If you have not already done so please dig deep. There's a Gift Aid form on the back of the events diary with this edition or you can donate on line very easily on our special web site

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/longparishvillagehall>

Thank you very much to all who voted for us in the NatWest Community Force competition. We hope to hear the result by the middle of November.

Fundraising events continue with the Tuesday Talks and there will be a big Christmas Quiz for you to buy and puzzle over. And how about keeping a "penny pot" for that annoying loose change?

We will need temporary storage for hall contents and equipment while the work is going on. Can you help please?

You can read lots more about the project here www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/hall_refurbishment.php

Thank you again to everyone for your generous support.

John Scott, Hall Committee Chairman, tel: 720018.

Longparish Village Choir

The Longparish Village Choir is starting preparations for Christmas! If anyone would like to join us you'd be very welcome.

This year we would like to have a small children's section to take part in the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December. So if any young singers would like to join in please do contact me as soon as possible for more details.

The choir will also be singing a special anthem at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November.

Cathy Yelf 01264 720790

LCA November afternoon tea



is on Friday 4th November hosted by June Hoare at 93, North Acre from 2 to 4pm. All are assured of a warm welcome. For a lift contact Gloria on 720425

LCA Tuesday Talks

Tuesday 8 November: "A South American journey"
Rupert Dawnay will talk about his epic journey from the equator to Patagonia, with excellent photographs.

Tuesday 13 December: John Woodcock with more of his reminiscences of the village.

Talks start at 7.30pm and last up to an hour. No tickets are needed. There's no charge but we will be grateful for a donation to help cover costs. Any surplus will go towards buying sound and video equipment for the Village Hall.

LCA – Recycled Teenagers

In September we thoroughly enjoyed a trip down to the New Forest to Bashley where we watched the Old Tyme Players in Bring me Sunshine – a tribute to the Morecambe & Wise years. Our next trip is to Andover Garden Centre on Tues 22nd November leaving from the shop at 11.30am. This is a chance to do a bit of Christmas shopping followed by a Senior Citizens' special deal lunch. Please contact Corinne Bowman on 720643 if you would like to join us.

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

We were pleased to welcome PCSO Lisa Flowers and County Councillor Andrew Gibson at the October run. Conditions were good but numbers were down a bit with some regulars away or marshalling elsewhere. Luckily that meant all the more lovely cake for the rest! First over



the line and Most Improved Woman was Liz Mayon-White who beat her handicap by over three minutes pushing Tabitha and Ben in their buggy. Glynne Evans was Most Improved Man beating his handicap by over a minute.

Thanks very much to Emma Evans who led the marshalling team with Jack and Andrew, to Liz for serving the refreshments, Leyanne McNeice and Jack and Jim Dundas for the lovely cake, John Ellicock for the signs and the Cricket Club for the excellent venue.

We look forward to seeing you at the next race on Sunday 13 November starting earlier than usual **at 9am** at the Cricket Ground because of Remembrance Day. 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.

Longparish Parish Council

Village Hall

Thank you very much to the parishioners who have given over £30,000 in response to the local appeal. More is needed to enable the refurbishment to go ahead as planned. Please give generously.

Remembrance Day

Test Valley is lending its support to the Royal British Legion's initiative for the staging of a national two-minute silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, that is at 11.00 on Friday 11 November 2011 - and parishioners may wish to mark this wherever they are on that day. This initiative is additional to the more formal Remembrance that takes place at our village War Memorial in the cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November.

Footpaths

HCC Rights of Way team acted swiftly to repair damage to the Long Bridge and parishioners cleared the mess left by the vandals who caused it. Thanks very much to all concerned for their prompt action.

Open Spaces

Playground

Middleton Estate has kindly given permission for the proposed additional facilities, including a playground gate, for the younger children. The next stage is to ask TVBC for a grant to help with the cost.

Clean Up day

Please turn out and help on Saturday 19 November. Your work helps to keep our village special. Please see the article elsewhere in this edition.

Bench for North Acre

30 parishioners signed a petition in support of a new bench on the grass outside Number 88. The Council was happy to back the idea and will seek permission from the landowner and look for financial help.

Village Green and East Aston Common

Graham Darrah and Jeremy Barber have met with Graham Roberts of Hants Wildlife Trust, who, together with Natural England, has been advising on how best to get the Common back into the state which gave it Site of Special Scientific Interest status.

Mr Tacchi proposes, with the approval of Natural England, to embark upon a programme of scrub and tree clearance. Included would be clearing some of the scrub which has encroached on the Village Green and restoring the bridge to enable access to the far side. This will make the stream a more attractive area for recreation. He is happy to consult on the details and Graham Darrah is happy to discuss these with him on the PC's behalf.

Grazing by cattle will ideally form part of the maintenance of the part of the village green on the far side of the stream. Mr Tacchi therefore plans, with the approval of Natural England, to erect a fence to prevent straying from the village green to the SSSI.

The PC considered that the overall package will be of significant benefit, both to parishioners and the SSSI. Graham Darrah and Jeremy Barber have a map showing

the proposals and can discuss them in more detail with anyone who is interested.

Highways

Please see the article elsewhere in this edition concerning the forthcoming B3048 road closure in the village from 14 November – 16 December. A map showing the proposals is in the shop.

Following concerns expressed by a North Acre parishioner concerning inconsiderate parking at the North Acre junction and having consulted Highways, TVBC and the Police, the Council has asked Highways to repair the surface and repaint the white lines, thus highlighting the junction.

Mr Mancini has also kindly agreed to display a suitable notice in the Cricketers asking drivers to park sensibly; and the PC would just remind everyone that parking in a way that obstructs the safe use of the junction is contrary to the Highway Code.

Be a Good Neighbour!

Another cold winter is being forecasted. When and if it comes, please **LOOK OUT** for your neighbours by checking that they are able to keep warm and have enough food supplies. Further advice from HCC can be found on their web site - www.hants.gov.uk

2013 Review of Constituencies

On 13 September, the Boundary Commission for England published its initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies – and is consulting on them until 5 December 2011. Under the proposals, Longparish would move into a new North Hampshire constituency. Full details can be found at www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 14 November at 7.30pm. 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

Macmillan Coffee Morning results

Thank you very much to all who supported the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning, to those who came and sampled the delicious coffee and cakes, those who provided wonderful homemade cakes, those who couldn't come but nevertheless gave a donation and those who gave raffle prizes and bought tickets as well as the Mums who bought cakes after school. Together we raised £411.50; £124 on the raffle, £240.26 on donations and £32.60 from cake sales after school.

There are currently 100 Macmillan professionals across Hampshire and this includes Clinical Nurse Specialists, site specific nurses, benefits advisers and staff working in information and support centres. Thank you once again and we hope for your support again next year.

Gina, Jacqui and Linda



Longparish B3048 Road Closure 14th November to 16th December

Clancy Docwra has applied for traffic to be diverted around Longparish for this period of time so that they can carry out essential repair works to the waste water system. With new technology they no longer have to dig up the road but will be putting in inflatable piping between the man-holes. They are also replacing man-hole covers that have become stuck down over time and would be impossible to open in an emergency.

The aim of road closure is to restrict village traffic to residents only so that the work can be completed as quickly as possible. The stretch of road affected is from Mill Lane by Tudor Cottage to the waste water plant between Sugar Lane and the Plough. There may be times when it is impossible to pass a section of the road particularly when replacing man-hole covers in the middle of the road. Residents directly affected, who need emergency or essential access at all times should discuss this with the contractors at the time or contact me Christian Dryden 720 398.

The water supply to houses will not be affected nor should the waste water system but the contractors may ask individual properties to reduce the quantity of waste water for a short time.

School parents coming from outside the village may have to alter their route to and from school during this time to avoid this section of road.

Christian Dryden

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. As last year we have the use of the parish brushcutters and two volunteers with tractors so we'll be able to fill a big skip.

We also plan to put in a gate and some extra fencing at the playground to improve safety for young children.

There are plenty of other jobs as well so the more the merrier. Please contact Jenny Jolliffe (720207) or Jeremy Barber (720459) in advance if possible so we can allocate jobs. But if you are not able to do that please just come along on the day and bring tools for clearing the stream and wellies or waders.

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

FOLS 100 Club October Draw winners

1 st	£20	120	Lindsay Howie
2 ⁿ	£10	28	Mary Jo Darrah
3 rd	£5	68	Mandy Goldsmith

Longparish School News

Bukanaga School, Mityana, Uganda

At the time of writing, Mrs Jacqui Healey is visiting Bukanaga School, our partner school in Uganda. On the day of her departure, the children helped her to pack three suitcases and were amazed to see how little clothing she was taking (much less than the children took on their recent residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre!). The remaining 2 1/2 suitcases were filled with equipment purchased as a result of the fun runs held in September and with donations received. Thank you to everyone who donated items or sponsored children for the fun run, the total raised was over £1100!

School Transport

I am pleased to inform you that we have recently taken on responsibility for home-school transport, which is provided for children living in the catchment area more than two miles away from the school. As part of this, the school is provided with its own minibus which is then available during the day for other school trips and visits. This will ensure that we can continue to offer various first hand experiences offsite to enrich the curriculum.

Alex Foggo

Chaffinch's Residential to Stubbington Study Centre

On 3rd October, Chaffinch class arrived at school with all their luggage and waved goodbye to their parents, as they were leaving to go on a school residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre.

At Stubbington one of our favourite activities was animal hotels, when we managed to entice three different types of small mammals (voles, shrews and mice) into our hotels for the night. The next day we studied them before releasing them back into the wild. We also enjoyed the Eggstream challenge! There were two parts to the challenge. In the first part we worked in our teams to complete various activities, which were either riddles or physical challenges. For each challenge we completed we were rewarded with feathers. In part two each team was given an egg and had to pay with feathers to buy materials to cushion the egg. Once every group had finished we took them out onto the hard court and each egg was catapulted by a big trebuchet. Only one egg survived but it was still great fun!

Towards the end of the week each dormitory took part in a competition called "The S Factor" when we had to perform a song to do with Stubbington. The dorm which won was called Drey (a squirrel's home). On the last day we took part in an earthquake challenge, which included completing an obstacle course. This wasn't that easy because, whilst completing the course, we had to bring over a lot of equipment including a ladder, dog (not a real one), first aid box, rope, torch, blanket, water, mobile phone and food supplies.

Unfortunately the end of the week came too quickly and we had to leave Stubbington, but we have to admit that we were very happy to see our families again. We would like to thank all of the leaders at Stubbington, but we especially want to thank Mrs Foggo and Miss Taylor for organising a wonderful trip for Chaffinch class to go on.

Hannah Scarfe and Elizabeth Wade

Longparish Cricket Club



The Longparish CC Presentation evening was a huge success attended by a hundred or more who enjoyed a hog roast and barn dance in the Longparish Community Hall.

U16 William de Cani picked up the 1st XI batting cup and Ross Stewart was awarded the 1st XI bowling cup. Adam Lister was the 2nd XI batsman of the year and Martin Savage the leading 2nd XI bowler. William de Cani was given the 20/20 midweek player of the year award and U16 Alex Coetzee was both Young Player of the year and Players' Player of the year.

Longparish U11 popped down to the Rose Bowl for the Winchester & District award ceremony. League tables are not compiled for the U11 age group but Longparish U11 were given the Spirit of Cricket award for their summer season in which they lost only one league game.

Cricket continues indoors with Colts and Senior sides entered in the Winchester & District indoor leagues and Dummer indoor leagues. With most of the Longparish sides achieving promotion last winter hopes are high for this winter's campaign. Fixtures and results can be found on www.longparishcc.co.uk

Congratulations to U13 Billy Mead on his selection for the Hampshire U13 Winter training squad, and fingers crossed for all of the Longparish U11s and U13s who attended trials for the Winchester & District representative squads.

Congratulations also to Ken Ball on his "Pride of Andover award" and for his eloquent performance on stage with Esther Rantzen at the award ceremony held at the Andover Lights.



Following advice from Hampshire cricket pitch guru Chris Westbrook, a lot of autumn work has been carried out on the square, the ends have been shaved to reduce the hips and the whole square scarified, seeded and top dressed. Two lots of aeration will be carried out in the coming months followed by further seeding and top dressing in the spring, a period of intense activity that should pay dividends next season. Thanks to Ken Ball, Paul Blackmore, Barry Blackmore, Ross Stewart, Alan Longden and Neil Bonathan for all their hard work over the past month.

Longparish CC calendars are now on sale featuring photos of Longparish cricket over the past season. They can be purchased from Chris or Rachel de Cani on 01962760442 for £8 (free delivery); all proceeds will go to Longparish Cricket Club.

Chris de Cani

LCC 100 Club winners

£35 James Young
£15 Frank Hibberd
£15 Matt Paice

Healthy Eating

I am fortunate enough to enjoy visits from Pixie and Daisy, two delightful little cairn terriers of great character, who have proved to be Pick Your Own experts. We were putting the world to rights while picking runner beans when my eyes strayed to the carrot row: both little dogs were helping themselves. Each selected a suitable carrot, drew it up carefully from the ground (no digging) and settled on the lawn to enjoy their chosen picnic.



I love them dearly and certainly don't begrudge them a carrot in return for the entertainment!

Mary Snow

ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December

Longparish Community Hall 2pm – 4pm

Put the date in your diary and come along and bring your family and friends. There will be a variety of stalls. Please let us know if you would like to help in any way.

We would be grateful for contributions of the following:

- small or large baskets for the hamper tombola
- packaged food and drink for hamper tombola
- chutneys, jams, mincemeat, mince pies, cakes for the produce stall
- good-as-new books

Local Christmas gift or craft sellers can book a table at the fair for £10 plus a donation to the raffle.

For further information or collection of donations please ring:

Jane Young 01264 720233 or
Eila Chamberlen 01264 720691

HAMPSHIRE ORGANIC GARDENING GROUP

21 November Cheese and Beans

A talk by Mike Smales

of Lyburn Cheese in the New Forest

Meetings start at 7.45pm in the Kingfisher Suite (Day Care Centre) at Testbourne School, Whitechurch. Ring Wendy Ellicock on 720386 if you would like a lift.

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

We are now well into our new school year, enjoying the events and ritual that this time of year brings.

We were pleased to welcome a large crowd to our Open Evening in October and then to show many local families and their Year 5&6 children around the school on one of our Open Mornings. Decision time comes ever earlier for parents and I think it is interesting for both and school and families alike to meet and share our school. Visitors also do a good job of keeping us all on our toes.

Pupils have also been busy collecting gifts for our Harvest Assembly just before half term, when each of our 39 new tutor groups brought a generous and creatively-decorated box of food gifts to present to workers from the Andover Crisis Centre.

As I write, our fifth team of young people have just landed at Entebbe airport for a two week visit to our partner school in Mityana, Uganda - having bravely stood up in Assembly to tell the whole school about how they had raised the money for their trip of a lifetime and their hopes and fears for their stay. Bugs, different food, being ill and being emotional featured quite highly. We look forward to hearing from them on their return.

And massive congratulations to Chris Miller, an ex-Testbourne student and still only 18, who has just cycled to Ben Nevis, climbed it and cycled back to raise funds to help to buy a base for the local youth club. He too spoke impressively in a school assembly and we are busy helping raise sponsorship for him. A real inspiration for us all. If you would like to help too, go to his website www.chrismillercycling.com to find out more. Hilary Jackson

Come along to Testbourne Gift & Craft Fair

The Testbourne 'Gift & Craft Fair' is being held on Saturday, 26th November in the school Sports Hall from 11am – 4pm.

If you are looking for something different to give as Christmas presents this year then this is the place to shop. We have stalls offering a rich variety of gifts and hand-crafted items for sale brought to you by members of our local community and beyond.

Stalls include hand-crafted jewellery and cards, children's toys and teddy bears, handmade textile items such as clutch bags and glasses cases, local history calendars and postcards, handmade soap, candles, decorations and ornaments, wood-turned bowls, wooden boxes, cushions, hand-knitted toys and garments, a selection of jams, chutneys, marmalade and home baked items, hand painted statues, animals and plaques, gifts and homeware with vintage/retro feel such as cake tins and coat hooks, homemade cupcakes, Christmas decorations and stocking fillers, Egyptianware, pet and human treats, beauty accessories and cosmetics. Other stalls include Forever Living - aloe vera products, Colour Me Beautiful – pashminas and clothes, Pampered Chef, Phoenix Trading, Fifth Avenue Jewellery and Crafty Affairs.

Come and be entertained by the Testbourne Choir and Flautists while you browse around the stalls. (Times to be confirmed, please check the school web site nearer to the day for details)

There will also be the usual raffle and tombola stalls and light refreshments will be served all day.

Admission is 50p for adults, Senior Citizens and under 16 years free. For all enquiries please contact Hilary Bond – 01256 892350

The 'Gift & Craft Fair' is organised by Testbourne Community School Parents, Teachers & Friends Association to raise funds towards the school's special projects that add to the facilities available to all its pupils.

Longparish Playgroup Outing to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens



The children of Longparish playgroup had a fantastic outing to Hillier Gardens to explore what happens in the Autumn time. We had great fun kicking the leaves, making homes for the animals that live in the gardens and looking at the different coloured leaves.

If you are thinking of enrolling your child at the playgroup from September 2012 onwards could you please contact the playgroup on 01264 720455.

Everyone at the playgroup would like to say a big thank you to Sylvia Crook, Jonathan Evans and all involved in organizing the very successful pumpkin competition.

The Fabulous Fifteenth Longparish Pumpkin Show Report

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pumpkin Contest. It was great fun and raised just short of £250 for the Playgroup. There was a wonderful array of decorated pumpkins and the heaviest came in at 18kg.

Congratulations to everyone who entered and for all your hard work. A big thank you to Laura and David Wearn for all their help in preparing for the day, and to Jeremy and Maggie Barber for guiding me through my first year. My thanks also to Mick Blocksidge, Serena Read, Lizzie Gairdner, Jonathan Evans, Andy Barber, David Gould and Wendy Beveridge for their help on the day and for everyone who gave raffle prizes.

Lots of fun pictures are on the village website

<http://www.longparish.org.uk>

Sylvia Crook

Playgroup Pamper Evening***Look Good Feel Great***

**on 3rd November at 7pm in the Community Hall
Demonstrations and treatments**

Contact Sarah Blocksidge 07738 320350 for details

Playgroup Auction results

The committee and staff of Longparish Playgroup would like to thank all who supported the auction on Wednesday 5th October, both those who bid in advance of the event and those who attended on the night.

A grand total of £2,230 was raised, a tremendous amount and one for which the playgroup is extremely grateful. The money raised will contribute to activities and events for the children as well as to the operating costs of running the playgroup, a registered charity.

Sincere thanks to the local companies and individuals who donated the lots, your generosity is very much appreciated.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE GREAT TIT

The great tit is our largest tit, very popular at the bird table. It's the second most common tit after the blue tit.



The great tit has a black head and collar with a black stripe down its chest, white cheeks, yellow/green underparts, green/grey back and black legs and beak. The black stripe down the breast is less black and thinner on the female. Great tits are widespread in England and have adapted well to humans. They start nesting in early April, building a nest in a hole in a tree or wall, even in letter boxes and pipes and readily take to nest boxes. The nest is made of moss and roots lined with hay and wool. They usually have two broods laying 8-12 eggs which are white with fine red spots mostly on the larger end. The eggs are incubated for 12-15 days and the young fledge after 12-15 days. After leaving the nest they remain in a large family group for a short time before they join other flocks of tits. They have large broods because mortality is very high. Great tits are not fussy eaters with a wide range of food including spiders, caterpillars, peanuts, sunflower seeds and fat balls. It's interesting to sit and watch their acrobatics at the bird table.

Most of our summer visitors have gone and the winter ones are now arriving. DON'T forget to give your bird table and feeders a good clean.

I have a new tick for Longparish - a goshawk. I saw one at Testwood Trout Farm on the 23rd September, a female. They can be nearly as big as a buzzard and it's very similar to a sparrow hawk. It flew over my head at tree height, made a failed attack on a cormorant and then circled the lake twice before flying off.

chris bowman



**LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB
TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER at 7 pm.**

KEVIN HOBBS, Director of Hilliers Nurseries on The Search For, Selection and Trialling of Unusual Plants"

Kevin Hobbs is a senior grower and plantsman at Hilliers Nurseries. He has a lifetime of experience in commercial production and has been responsible of the introduction of many new varieties of hardy perennials.

Plants for Sale from trialling in aid of charity.

Members Free . Non-Members £5.00
Raffle towards the cost of future speakers

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325
rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com
or Marion Bell 01264 720205

**Lanoe Hawker memorial**

Flight Lieutenant Phil Mobbs of RAF 24 Squadron has realised his plan to provide a memorial in France to Major Lanoe Hawker, VC, DSO, who spent his early life in Longparish and is commemorated by a window in the church. The brick and stone pillar holding an engraved headstone, donated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, is by the war memorial in Ligny Thillooy near the Somme. It is due to be unveiled in a short service on 11th November, nearly 95 years after Hawker was shot down by Baron von Richthofen on 23 November 1916, with representatives from Hawker's and Richthofen's squadrons present as well as from the French Air Force base at Cambrai, the village Mayor and Mayors from all the surrounding villages and various French dignitaries.



After the ceremony a replica DH2 (the plane Hawker flew) from Wickenby Airfield in Lincolnshire will be flown over the site by its owner, Gerry Cooper, weather permitting. The picture comes from the website www.wickenbydh2.wordpress.com Mary Jo Darrah