Longparish Parish Council

Planning

A 303 Recycling Centre:

The Council had no objection to an extension of time for the completion of bunds at the Recycling Centre – to December 2012

Draft Core Strategy and Development Management **IDPD1:**

In the January edition we reported that TVBC has published its draft Core Strategy & Development Management Plan Document [DPD] and its draft Designations DPD for public consultation, which are available in the Planning area of the TVBC website and at Beech Hurst. There is also a link to the documents and the relevant Longparish map in the Planning section of the village website.

The documents set out the vision and strategy for the Borough until 2031, the proposed locations for development; and include policies which will be used to determine planning applications. The Designation DPD contains settlement boundaries, local gap boundaries and other designations that have been used to inform the Core Strategy.

The public consultation on both documents started on 6 January and will run to 4.30pm on Friday 17 February

The Parish Council has arranged a meeting of its Planning Committee on Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, when it will consider its response to the consultation. Parishioners who are interested are cordially invited to attend. Mr Graham Smith, the Planning Officer responsible for the Strategy, has agreed to give a Presentation and take questions and there will be an opportunity for those attending to make representation to the Council to consider in making its response.

Precept

In reviewing the budget for 2012/13, the Council has determined that there should be no change to the Precept [the small part of the Council Tax that funds the PC], which will remain at £17,500.

Open Spaces

Playground

Good news. TVBC has approved a grant for half the cost of the new equipment for younger children; and the Council is now in a position to place an order.

Cemetery

Paul Knipe has felled the remaining section of the beech tree in the hedge. It was riddled with fungus. Because of the proximity of the high voltage power line it was necessary to drop it into the field at the back of the cemetery. Thanks go to Middleton Estate for giving permission.

Football Field

Dog mess remains a problem. The field is regularly used by young children and the dog mess is not only disgusting but also a potential health hazard. Most



people pick up after their dogs. The Council decided to put up some notices to remind the few irresponsible dog owners who fail to do so. Bagged dog mess can be put in the green bin

near the gate at the far end of the field.

Pocket Nature Reserve at The Common

Paul Knipe will be leading working parties of volunteers on Sunday 19 February and Saturday 17 March. The work is both convivial and rewarding. Please contact him on 720713 if you are able to help.

Bench in North Acre

The Council has agreed to buy a Bridgman 180cm teak bench as shown.

Next Parish Council Meeting

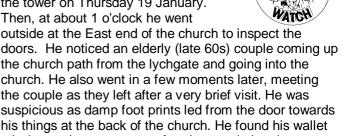
The next Parish Council





Neighbourhood Watch - Thefts

The church architect left his things at the back of the church while going up the tower on Thursday 19 January. Then, at about 1 o'clock he went



church. He also went in a few moments later, meeting the couple as they left after a very brief visit. He was suspicious as damp foot prints led from the door towards his things at the back of the church. He found his wallet missing and at once went after the couple but there was no sign of them, either in the car park or in both directions on the road leading to the school. He has reported the theft to the police.

If you saw anything please contact me or ring the police on 101 and report to PC Rich Jewell at Stockbridge.

There have been thefts in other villages as well so please be vigilant and in particular do not leave valuables in cars while collecting or dropping off children at school or when at The Cleeves. You will recollect that a bag was stolen from a car there last year.

Jeremy Barber NHW Coordinator tel 720459

Church Spring Clean -Saturday 24th March 10am - 12.30pm

The annual church spring clean inside and out is scheduled for the above date. Come and enjoy some camaraderie, coffee and cake, whilst doing a bit of physical work in the churchyard, or some more leisurely cleaning inside the church. Please bring some gardening tools for the outside work.

Many hands make light work! Look forward to your help on the day.

John Young (720233) and Alix Bremridge (720689), Churchwardens.

Longparish Community Association Membership renewals

The Community Association supports and organises a range of popular activities such as KidzZone, the Recycled Teenagers, Wednesday Talks, Hampshire Hog shows and the Midsummer Fun Day. The annual membership is £1 per person and is due now for 2012. The benefits of being a member include preferential booking and/or a discount on tickets for some of LCA events, as well as knowing that you are helping a good village cause. There is a membership form on the back of the monthly events diary or you can download one from the village website. If you want a printed version please contact Christine Beresford on 720421.

Thank you to all of you who have either renewed their annual membership, or joined us for the first time. We are also very grateful for the generous donations some of you have added to your subscriptions.

LCA Wednesday Talks

Wednesday Talks are organised by the Community Association. They are an opportunity for people who live in the village to share their travel experiences, exploits or specialist knowledge with other villagers. They are entertaining, convivial and often awe-inspiring. There is no admission charge but we ask for a donation on arrival. There is also a cash bar. The next talks are as follows:

Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall: Matthew Dryden on "Penguins in the Surgery - a General Practice in the Falklands"

Wednesday 7 March at 7.30pm in the Community Hall: Christine Beresford on "Footsteps in the shadow of Everest", with support from Jeremy Barber who is planning to run the Everest Marathon in May.

Wednesday 28 March at 7.30pm in the Community Hall: Richard Wills on "The History of Middleton House and Estate and other diversions"

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

It was overcast and unseasonably warm for the January race. In other words conditions were pretty well ideal. We welcomed new junior runner Victoria Goldsmith, accompanied by her father, and seniors Alison Morgan, Margaret Collins and Chris Dewey.

Most Improved Man was Ian Beveridge who is back on



form after a long period of injury and broke his handicap by nearly two minutes. Kerry Loon was Most Improved Woman in a new best for the course. Special mention goes to newcomer Chris Dewey who ran from

Barton Stacey, clipped a second off the course record and disappeared to complete his run; a magnificent feat worthy of the Amazing Wilson.

Thanks very much to Maggie, Wendy and Jack for marshalling, to Maggie for the flapjacks, to David for the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

We look forward to seeing you at the next race on Sunday 12 February starting at 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.

Longparish Community Association is delighted to present on March 24th in Longparish Community Hall

another fabulous opportunity to see world class entertainment on your doorstep made possible by Hog the Limelight. 'They're funny, they swing and boy can they sing'

The Opera Dudes -Cod Fathers of Croon

Neil Allen - a former bricklayer now an internationally renowned opera singer and

Tim Lole - previously chorister at St Paul's Cathedral, organ scholar at Trinity College Cambridge, and at the Royal College of Music and the National Opera Studio. This highly talented and unlikely pair come together as the Opera Dudes to bring us their unique blend of humour and musicianship as 'Cod Fathers of Croon'.

Put the date in your diary now. Tickets will go on general sale on 6th February. If you want to be certain of getting in you can reserve them now by contacting David Marklew - e mail david@davidmarklew.com or call him on 01264 720796 or 07747 014519

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Friday 6th July 2012

Performance starts 7.30pm, gates open 6.30pm.

Advance tickets are now on sale for this exciting outdoor performance by Heartbreak Productions (a professional touring company). The production is set in the 1940s and includes some music.

Make up a party, bring a picnic, chairs & rugs and enjoy being entertained in the beautiful gardens of Lower Mill, Longparish (by kind permission of Karen-Marie Dinesen). A bar and tea & coffee will be available on the night.

Tickets will be advertised outside the village nearer the time of the performance and on the website of Heartbreak Productions, so this is the chance for all villagers to get the date in their diaries & secure their tickets early. This is, of course, a fund raiser for the village hall refurbishment, so please support us and join us on the night when we are sure we will have a very entertaining evening.

Contact Ann Jennings on 01264 720367 or Gloria Goodliffe on 01264 720425 to buy your tickets.

LCA coffee for February

Wendy Ellicock is hosting this month's coffee and chat on Friday February 17 between 10.30 and noon. Everyone is invited. You are assured of a warm welcome at her home, Longmead House. If you need a lift please contact Gloria on 720425.

Longparish Cricket Club

Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors

The Longparish CC campaign in the Winchester & District indoor leagues reached its conclusion with some encouraging performances across the Divisions by all of the Longparish sides. Longparish I's game against Fair Oak saw a welcome return for George Kousseff who stepped back into the captain's shoes to lead his side to a 44 run defeat. With Longparish shorn of their leading wicket taker, Nigel Miller, Fair Oak racked up a total of 173 for 2; the Longparish reply featured a fine 26 from Barry Blackmore and an unbeaten 25 from Alex Coetzee but in the face of some superb bowling ultimately fell short. Longparish I finished mid table in the Winchester & District top division, a creditable performance following promotion last year.

In the same division Paul Blackmore's Longparish II beat second placed Winchester KS by 2 wickets. William de Cani and Matt Jackman picked up a wicket each and Blackmore took his second three wicket haul of the season as Winchester KS closed on 102, a target that Longparish II passed with 3 overs to spare with Ben Gardner unbeaten on 34 and Matt Jackman on 25. Longparish II finished 3rd in their first season in the Winchester & District top division.

In a super strong Division 3 Warren Bonathan's Longparish III faced relegation if defeated by Bishops Waltham. Longparish III looked to be in trouble as they were dismissed for 108 with Paul Wakefield 39 and leading run scorer Matt Paice 18 the chief contributors, but a magnificent team performance proved decisive as Michael Taplin, Gary Taplin, Martin Savage, Oliver Coetzee and Paul Wakefield all took a wicket each, Savage taking the last, a superb caught and bowled with Bishops Waltham requiring 2 runs to win with 3 balls remaining. All three sides now turn their attention to the Cup competition that starts in a few weeks time.

Longparish U11 continue to impress and remain unbeaten in the North Hampshire indoor cricket league following convincing wins over Oakley and Overton. Jordan Blackmore. Callum Giles and William Samways were all in the runs in a 59 run win against Overton that saw John Stewart take 2 wickets for 1 run from 2 overs. Against Oakley, Longparish U11 could only field five, but runs from Jordan Blackmore 33, William Samways 17 and Callum Giles 19, plus a wicket on debut for Cameron Proctor secured the win by 116 runs. Longparish U11 currently lie second in the North Hampshire U11 indoor league with a game in hand over leaders Odiham & Greywell.

Longparish U13 are also unbeaten in the North Hampshire U13 indoor league and return to action later this month looking to preserve their five point lead at the top of the North Hampshire U13 league table.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Club Draw and to The Cricketers Inn for kindly hosting.

The wind early in the year blew the roof from the mower shed and also knocked the sightscreens over. A lot of work has been carried out on the square in preparation for the coming outdoor season with scarifiers, diggers, turf cutters, drag mats, lutes, mowers and spikers to the fore. The work seems to have paid dividends as the square currently looks in excellent condition.

LCC 100 Club Christmas Draw winners

£50 Scott Sturt £20 Barbara Luff £25 A Pearce £10 Ralph Baker £10 Laura Harley £25 Jane Young £20 Chris de Cani £10 Stuart Bonathan £20 Dennis Luff £10 Peter Askew

100 Club renewal forms will be sent out shortly. The club is very grateful for your support. Chris de Cani

Tuesday 14th February 2 – 5 pm In the Community Hall

♥ ♥ Bridge Tea

In aid of the Village Hall refurbishment

£10 per person - £40 per table Raffle and Prizes

Please contact Marion Bell 01264 720205



TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2012 at 7 pm in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Rob Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, on "Preparing for Chelsea"

Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants from Whitchuch, Hants have won 14 Chelsea Gold Medals. Rob and Rosie Hardy started out 22 years ago selling plants from their own back garden. Today they stock over 1,200 varieties, including many rare and exciting species. Set in 13 acres of beautiful Hampshire countryside, Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants is a family-run nursery, offering an unrivalled selection of high quality plants to suit every garden. Rob will be talking to us about the preparations for the Chelsea Flower Show.

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

Any gueries to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325 email rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com or Marion Bell 01264 720205

Church Cleaning – Volunteers needed

Can you spare an hour or so twice a year to help keep the church spick and span?

A group of three can clean the church in an hour and have a good chat, so it really is not an arduous duty. If interested please ring Christian Dryden 01264 720 398

David John Mole 6 December 1949 to 23 November 2011

A Tribute by his brother, Robert

After a long illness, David passed away at home with his family. He had faced his illness with courage, humour, and dignity, supported throughout by his wife, Sue, and children James and Sarah. David was well known in Longparish and the Bourne Valley, managing a small estate, before moving to Herefordshire, his home for the last 20 years. His love of the countryside extended beyond his work, to fishing, shooting, golf and walking with his dogs. As a son, brother, husband and father there could have been no one better.

This short verse was chosen by his family and everyone that knew David will know that this is a fitting tribute.

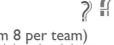
Farewell My Friend

It was beautiful as long as it lasted The journey of my life. I have no regrets whatsoever save the pain I'll leave behind. Those dear hearts who love and care ... And the strings pulling at the heart and soul ... The strong arms that held me up when my own strength let me down. At every turning of my life I came across good friends, friends who stood by me, even when the time raced me by. Farewell, farewell my friends. I smile and bid you goodbye. No, shed no tears for I need them not. All I need is your smile. If you feel sad, do think of me, for that's what I'll like. When you live in the hearts of those you love,

remember then you never die.

Saturday 10th March 2012

7.30pm for 8pm start Longparish Community Hall



- £6 per ticket (maximum 8 per team) includes homemade soup, fresh bread and dessert
- Please bring crockery, cutlery and drink
- Tickets available from Longparish shop, or: Clare Sykes, 01264 720443

Helen Ridge, 01264 720256

Thank you for supporting our school.

Longparish School May Fayre

The annual Longparish School May Fayre will be held on Saturday 12th May and we hope to see you all there.

As it's the time of year when those of you with green fingers are planning your spring horticulture, FoLS are appealing to anyone who can spare some plants for the plant stall to get in touch with the plant stall organiser, Claire Arnold, on 01962 761644.

There will also be a new attraction this year - a traditional Maypole dance!



Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment

We have made exciting progress behind the scenes in the last month. Five tenders were returned and we have chosen a contractor. We hope that he will be able to start work in the middle of February but we have a few more bureaucratic hoops to jump through first in order to release all the grant funding before we can safely let the contract.

Once the building work starts there will be no access to the whole site and therefore no parking by or behind the hall. We will put a water container in the cemetery as it will not be possible to use the tap at the side of the hall. Our thanks go to the school who have agreed that the Air Ambulance recycling bin can be moved to the school entrance.

We need to keep up our efforts to raise money, particularly for the fitting out phase of the project, and our local appeal remains open.

We are very grateful to Howdens Joinery Co. who have offered to help with the kitchen and also to the Vitacress Charitable Fund (see below).

Fundraising events continue with another Bridge Tea organised by the Gardening Club on 14 February, open gardens at Longmead House and Lower Mill on 18 March, 23 and 27 May, a concert in St Nicholas Church on 25 and 26 May and on 6 July there will be a performance of Much Ado About Nothing in the lovely gardens of Lower Mill.

For further information about the refurbishment see www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/hall_refurbishment.php or contact John Scott 720018

Vitacress Charitable Fund awards Village Hall refurbishment

Longparish Village Hall would like to thank the Vitacress Charitable Fund for their very generous recent award of £1,937 which is fantastic. It will go towards the cost of curtains and blinds, a hot cupboard and a commercial dishwasher. No more carting home dirty dishes for washing up after events!

The Longparish Spring Concert – 25th & 26th May

Concert organisers, Robin and Nicky Smallwood said, "We are incredibly grateful to the 'Vitacress Charitable Fund' for their donation of £460, as this will significantly help towards covering the costs required to put on the Spring Concert". Longparish Playgroup Chairman, Ed Gairdner, echoed their thanks saying, "I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the Vitacress Charitable Fund for the very generous grant they have awarded us"

Grants may be made from the fund for the general benefit of inhabitants of St. Mary Bourne, Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. For further information contact:

St. Mary Bourne Sandra Grunsell 01264 738167 Longparish Alix Bremridge 01264 720689 **Hurstbourne Priors** Brian Mehaffey 01256 893119

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE NEW YEAR ~ NEW OPPORTUNITIES

There are many valuable events which are embedded in the annual life of the school and then there are new challenges which bring exciting fresh opportunities. Two such innovative projects have already got off the ground since the start of 2012.

Making Music for the Olympics

Some of our pupils have been given to the opportunity to



work with Paul Griffiths, a professional musician, who will be our "composer-inresidence" in the coming months. We were offered the chance to work with Mr Griffiths as part of the national Cultural Olympiad taking place in parallel to the 2012 sporting

Olympics. Our Jazz Band, Concert Band and Year 10 GCSE Music students will be using the theme of "Inspiration" to create music fit for any Olympics – with the aim of being selected to perform as part of the County celebrations.

Blooming Marvellous

Another group of students hope to be exhibiting at the Chelsea Flower Show! Following an assembly by ex-Testbourne teacher and now local gardener, Jo Kent, 40 enthusiastic-wouldbe-gardeners have put



themselves forward for the ground-breaking challenge of creating wheelbarrow gardens for the new Chelsea "Fringe". We shall look forward to seeing their ideas blossom. Hilary Jackson Headteacher

The Testbourne Community School PTFA

A QUIZ NIGHT WITH A **DIFFERENCE!**

Saturday 17th March

in School Theatre Hall at 7.00 for 7.30pm

This is your **MUST DO** event for the New Year! So get your team (of up to 8 people) together; buy your tickets; choose a Team Name; visit the bar; enjoy the complimentary food and get ready to have a great evening.

We can promise you a brand new, unique quiz event with over 150 questions ranging in difficulty from 'Everybody knows that!' to 'What?' and which feature videos, movie clips, music, graphics or photos.

Tickets are only £5 each and include a wonderful meal with Chilli Con Carne or a vegetarian option and a very reasonably priced Licensed Bar.

Tickets are available at the school office during term time or, if you have any queries, you can call Nick Williams on 01256 783534 or 07956 588931. Payment by cash or cheque.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL REFECTORY

A reminder for your diary of the dates for helping at the refectory in 2012. We would love to welcome new people who haven't helped before. It is a rewarding day and fun too. Please contact me:

Jane Young 01264 720233 j.young233@btinternet.com

Dates for 2012

Wednesday 18 April Thursday 7 June Friday 19 October

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE CHAFFINCH



The chaffinch is the UK's second commonest breeding bird and a very colourful one. Its size is similar to the house sparrow with a smaller sharper bill. The male has a blue/grey crown and neck with a pale pink face and underparts. His rump is greenish and his wings black with two white bars. He has a black/grey tail with white outer feathers and black legs. The female is a lot duller, mostly green/grey. Chaffinches are common at the bird table, sometimes feeding from feeders but mostly on the ground looking for dropped food.

They start nesting in May until June, sometimes in the fork of a tree or bush or branch; they also like ivy on the side of a tree. The nest is compact and neat with a deep cup made from lichen, moss, bark and fibres bound together with spiders' web and lined with fine grass hair and feathers. 4-6 eggs are laid, pale bluish/green to reddish/grey with purple/brown blotches and scrawls, mostly at the larger end. Incubation takes 10-16 days and the young fledge in 11-18 days. The chaffinches food is mainly seeds but during summer caterpillars and insects.

With another year gone, I have added two new species to my total for Longparish (firecrest and goshawk), so the total is now 114. chris bowman

FOLS 100 Club January Draw winners

1st £20 Claire Arnold 2nd £10 Victoria Elwell 3rd £5 Jo Montague-Dennis

Becky Chadd

Diamond Jubilee tree planting

The first tree planting season of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is about to begin. The Woodland Trust, which is a charity dedicated to championing and creating native woods and trees, is encouraging the nation to plant 6 million trees to celebrate the Jubilee. Some of these trees will be new woods created by enthusiastic landowners, and others will be planted by community groups and individuals. The Trust is hoping that a million people will dust off their spades and plant a tree in their garden. If you do, you can record your tree in a new Royal Record that the Trust is creating to present to The Queen.

It is not the first time that the UK has celebrated a Royal occasion by nationwide tree planting. The Trust has uncovered a forgotten treasure, the Royal Record of King George VI's Coronation. This incredible record details all the tree planting undertaken by thousands of schools, parishes, organisations and homeowners in 1936/7, in gardens, parks and public spaces, and even names the individuals across the UK and the world who planted the trees. Although there is no entry for Longparish, you can browse the record for Hampshire and other places you might have connections with. You can find this fascinating Royal Record via The Woodland Trust website http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk.

If you are a community group interested in a free Tree Pack you can apply to the Woodland Trust (www.jubileewoods.org.uk); if you want to know more about planting your own tree and recording it for posterity and the Queen, go to the Woodland Trust website. Happy digging!

WHERWELL TEA AFTERNOONS & SING-SONG TEA PARTY

Early in the year TVBC held a 'Community Conversation' to find out more about community-led activities and other facilities available in villages. As a result of this, working together with Age UK, we started to hold a monthly tea afternoon at the White Lion in Wherwell. The tea parties have proved popular, with regular attendance by several Wherwell residents and a very good turnout from both Longparish and Barton Stacey. We would warmly welcome more people at the **next Tea Afternoon on Monday 6**th **February at 3pm in the White Lion**. The cost is £2 which includes unlimited cups of tea or coffee with home made scones and cream or cake. Ring 860635 if you need help to find a lift.

When told by some of the Longparish 'Recycled Teenagers' that they had very much enjoyed a trip out for lunch followed by a sing-song we decided to rise to the challenge and we are now planning

A Sing-Song Tea Party on Tuesday 21st February in Wherwell Village Hall at 2.30pm Admission £2.50.

The Test Valley U3A choir is coming along to join in the singing of well-loved songs from the 1940s and 50s. Please do come along and bring your friends. If you need transport let me know and we'll try and help. Jane Andrews tel: 01264 860635; email: flyjohnandrews@aol.com

2012 Longparish Handbook Directory

Thanks to the Parish Council who paid for it and to the volunteers who deliver Hill & Valley, all Longparish residents will receive a new Directory this month with up to date details of who does what. The Parish Council & I would like to know how useful you find it. Mary Jo Darrah

Keeping warm and healthy this winter

Winter is not everyone's favourite time of the year and the cold weather can be a worry for many of us, especially for the older members of our community. But there are ways to stay safe and healthy and save money this winter:

- Make sure you claim money you are entitled to. If you're over 60, you could be entitled to benefits.
- Eat well. Hot meals and drinks help keep you warm, so eat at least one hot meal and have hot drinks during the day.
- **Keep moving.** Staying active is not only essential for your general wellbeing and fitness it also generates heat and helps to keep you warm.
- Have a seasonal flu jab. If you are 65 or over, the carer of an older person or have some health conditions, your jab will be free.
- Wrap up warm and prevent chilblains. Wear layers
 of clothes for warmth, including trousers, socks or
 thick tights and a scarf, hat and gloves whenever you
 go out in the cold.
- Keep your spirits up. It's not unusual to feel a bit down in winter. If you can't visit friends or family, make sure that you phone them regularly for a chat. It helps to do something you enjoy every day.

Age UK Andover is working to reduce the number of preventable winter deaths in older people in the Test Valley and to make this time of year better for those who may have otherwise nowhere to turn. We can provide information on winter warmth, advice and help to get eligible benefits and emergency support for vulnerable older people. We are open every weekday morning.

Contact us at Town Mill House, 20 Bridge St, Andover, SP10 IBL or telephone 01264345425.

