



## Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment

The contractors have been on site for 3 weeks now and the work is going well. The stripping out phase is almost complete and no great surprises have been revealed.

On the fundraising side, our local appeal remains open and fund raising events continue. We have received a further £6,500 including gift aid, have been conditionally awarded another grant of £10,000, and LCA have donated £1,350 collected during the Tuesday Talks series. Thank you all.

On 17 May Clive Stewart-Lockhart will be talking about behind the scenes on the Antiques Roadshow. The gardens at Longmead House and Lower Mill will be open on 23 and 27 May, there is 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. On 15 May Jeremy Barber sets off for his Everest marathon.

**The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 8 May at 8pm in the Community Hall.** All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. We'll give a full report on progress including photos of the work.

For further information about the refurbishment see [www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/hall\\_refurbishment.php](http://www.longparish.org.uk/amenities/hall_refurbishment.php) or contact John Scott 720018

### Antiques expert Clive Stewart-Lockhart

presents

Tales from behind the scenes at the  
BBC Antiques Roadshow  
& life in the world of antiques

**Thursday 17 May 7 for 7.30pm  
Longparish Community Hall**

Tickets £5 from Maggie Barber 01264 720459  
or Gloria Goodliffe 01264 720425

Cash bar & nibbles, raffle, quiz, etc

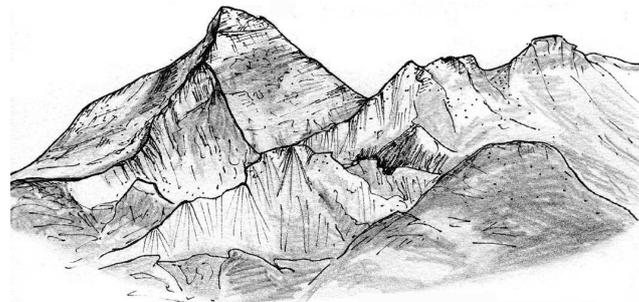
Come & enjoy a special evening and help raise funds for the Village Hall Refurbishment Project

**Longmead House and Lower Mill gardens  
will be open on  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1 - 5pm  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 11 - 5pm.**

We will be giving 25% of the total takings (from entry, teas and plants sales) to the Village Hall fund and would be very grateful for offers of help on these 2 days to man the gates (which enables us to talk to visitors), or to sell plants, or to make a cake (or a quiche for the Sunday opening when we will offer light lunches), or to serve teas. Please phone Wendy on 720386 if you could offer some help. Many thanks.

### FOLS 100 Club winners in the March draw

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lois Jones  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jenni Jannoway



**RUNNING ALONG THE ROOF OF THE WORLD**  
*For Longparish Village Hall*

You may have heard that I'm running the Everest Marathon on 29<sup>th</sup> May. Well, I thought I'd just update you on how the training is going.

I celebrated my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by running a mile at the Iffley Road track in Oxford, home of the four minute mile. It was inspirational to absorb the atmosphere there. Then Maggie and I spent a few days in the Lake District before Easter so I could practise on mountain trails. The weather included everything from winter blizzards to summer sun but probably a lot less of both than Nepal has to offer.

I'm writing this on the train to London where I'm going to register for the Marathon on Sunday. I'll be treating it as a training run and taking it gently so as to save my big effort for Everest.

The village hall appeal had a £17,000 boost last week but we still need around £35,000 to complete the project. Please help by sponsoring me on the Everest run. You can give on line at

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/everestmarathon> and Longparish readers will find more information in a leaflet enclosed with this Hill & Valley.

Thank you for your support

Jeremy Barber Village Hall Treasurer

### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

by William Shakespeare

**Open air theatre in the lovely gardens  
of Lower Mill**

**on Friday July 6 in aid of the Village Hall**

*"Amid a flurry of 1940s Air Force uniforms, a whirlwind of war time song and dance, Heartbreak Production's sexy, sunny comedy is full of sparkling merriment and positively soars along as one set of lovers battles against dirty tricks, and another set simply battle each other! Dynamic, poignant and ultimately hilarious, this production guarantees audiences will be filling the skies with the roar of laughter."*

Tickets at £15, now on general sale, available from Ann Jennings 720367 and Gloria Goodliffe 720425

### FIELD ADJACENT TO LOWER MILL

*locally known as the Christmas tree field.*

Owing to continuing problems of unauthorized access by some residents to the north eastern boundary of the field, a fence is to be erected to create two small paddocks suitable for livestock, as it used to be. The footpath is not being affected in any way as it will be wide enough for people to walk comfortably and will be mowed.

Karen-Marie Dinesen



*Spring Concert*

An entertaining evening of music from films and musicals performed by local musicians.

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May  
7.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Longparish

Tickets £6 (£5.50 for LCA members). Available from the Longparish Village Shop, Longparish Playgroup or email longparish2012@gmail.com

## Longparish Rocks!

Two years ago, unprecedented scenes broke out at St Nicholas Church in Longparish when nearly 180 parishioners, their friends and families, danced in the pews, clapping and singing along to Dancing Queen by Abba. This was the uplifting culmination of a remarkable musical evening that was devised, organised and performed by some of the musically talented Longparish villagers. The programme ranged from Vivaldi, to Gershwin, to Abba. The Longparishioners are organising another concert on **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May** and similar scenes are expected to recur at St Nicholas Church.

Robin Smallwood is one of the musical directors: *"This year the theme is 'Music from Films and Musicals' – but it's not just the theme tunes – it's all sorts of music that has featured somewhere on screen or stage. We have assembled a really talented band, along with our remarkably good village choir. We're hoping it's going to be even more of a hit than our first concert two years ago. The music will include an extract from Mozart's Requiem; songs from the James Bond films; Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine; Phantom of the Opera; Minnie the Moocher from The Blues Brothers; extracts from The Sound of Music and the Dam Busters' theme."*

The success of the first concert in 2010 took even the organisers by surprise – Robin says it wasn't just the high standard of musicianship that was so striking, but the enthusiasm and commitment of everyone who wanted to get involved:

*"It began as a small one-off concert to raise money for The Longparish Playgroup. We started asking around the village about potential musicians. The Director of Longparish Village Choir, Cathy Yelf, suggested a few people and slowly others started to come forward. For many, it meant dusting off trumpets, violins and guitars that hadn't been played for 20 years or more. This time we've persuaded even more people to join in. Our band (and staging) is twice the size and this year we're adding the Longparish School choir to the programme."*

In 2010 the concert all but sold out and raised over £1,300. With two performances scheduled for 2012, organisers hope to more than double that. The proceeds are being divided equally between Longparish School, Longparish Playgroup and the Longparish Village Hall refurbishment fund.

Alison Cooper

**LONGPARISH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PRESENTS THE  
**MAY FAYRE 2012**  
**SATURDAY 12TH MAY**  
**12 - 3PM**





**GRAND RAFFLE**

**MAYPOLE DANCING**



**WELLY-WANGING**

**FACE PAINTING**



**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**ART & CRAFT STALLS**

**GIFT STALLS**




**AND MUCH, MUCH MORE ...**

WITH REGRET: NO DOGS. EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS

FRIENDS OF LONGPARISH SCHOOL  
REGD CHARITY No: 1001539

**FOLS** would welcome donations for the following stalls: Plants, Toys, Books, CDs & DVDs, Cakes & Chocolate

We are also opening up the Fayre to local craft and small businesses, charging £15 per stall & a gift to the raffle. Contact Clare Sykes, tel. 720443 or Helen Ridge 720256

**FOLS Quiz Night** We would like to thank everyone who supported our annual quiz night in March, made food or donated raffle prizes. We made an amazing £537 profit and a great evening was had by all.



## LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY at 6 pm.**

*(Please note earlier time than usual)*

### GARDEN VISITS TO 5 OVERTON GARDENS

We will be visiting 5 gardens in Overton, all close together, finishing with Angela and Charles Cardiff for drinks and to see the garden they moved to 2 years ago.

Meet in Car Park in London Road, Overton (Go through the traffic lights heading towards Basingstoke from Whitchurch and 100 yards on left you will see the car park.)

MEMBERS FREE but please bring money for drinks.  
NON-MEMBERS £5.00  
No Raffle.

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 01264720325  
or Marion Bell 01264720205



## Longparish Diamond Jubilee Celebration on 2 June

The day is organised and funded by Longparish Community Association with additional funding from the Parish Council

Events are FREE for LCA members and anyone living in the village, but you will need to book for breakfast, tea and the evening party.

Tickets are available from:

- Forton: Christian Dryden (720398)
- Southside: Gloria Goodliffe (720425)
- Middle of village: Sandra Jones (720551)
- East Aston: Christine Beresford (720421)

### Programme

- **7am:** meet at the Cleeves for a riverside nature walk
- **8.30-10am:** open-air breakfast at Lower Mill (*booking required*)
- **11am:** Lads and Dads football match
- **12.30-2pm:** special lunch menu at The Cricketers
- **4pm-5.30pm:** Tea party on the school playground (Community Hall if wet) (*booking required*)
- **4.30-5pm:** children's races on the school playing field
- **5pm:** announcement of prize-winners for Cupcake, Scarecrow and Wheelbarrow competitions
- **5.10pm:** community Sing-Along led by Longparish Choir
- **5.30pm:** tea party ends
- **6.30pm:** Community Hall open for evening party. BYO food and drinks (*booking required*)
- **8pm:** dancing to Ceilidh band starts
- **11pm:** evening party ends

**Scarecrow Competition** Entry forms with details are available from the shop. The deadline for entry is Sunday 27 May, and judging will be carried out during the following week. Workshops to get you started will be run by Georgina Knipe in the Community Hall on:



- Friday 18 May from 6.30 to 8pm
- Saturday 19 May from 9.30 to 11am and from 5 to 6.30pm

Some materials will be available, but now's the time to check out attics and cupboards for suitable clothes.

Regal scarecrows will be awarded more points!

**Wheelbarrow competition** Jubilee themed "Wheeled Wonders" should be



delivered to the school playground on 2 June between 3.45 and 4.15 for judging. Judging will be by community voting during the tea party.

**Jubilee Cupcake Competition** Bring your artistic and delicious creations to the Community Hall at 3.30 to be judged by Longparish celebrity chef Clare Francis.



1952



2012

### Do you remember the the day when Princess Elizabeth became Queen?

Do you remember what you were doing on  
Coronation day?

Please share your memories with the village as we  
celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in June.

To add your memories to a display called the **Longparish Memory Wall** write down your personal highlights of Coronation day: tell us where you were, what you did and who else took part in the celebrations with you. If you have any photos taken at the time please include them to bring the display to life. Don't forget to include your name and your age on the day.

Put your **photos** and your **written memory** in an **envelope clearly marked with your name and address**. Give it either to **Jean Chambers** at 78 North Acre, **Gloria Goodliffe** at Meadow View or **Jane Henery** at Meadow Cottage, Forton no later than **20th May**.

Original photos and writing will not be displayed but will be carefully copied and returned to you. The copies will form the Longparish Memory Wall at the Diamond Jubilee tea party at the Community Hall. At the end of the day the memories will be archived so that in years to come others can read about your Coronation Day.

We very much look forward to hearing about your experiences. For more details about the Longparish Memory Wall call Gloria on 720425 or Jane Henery on 720867.

**For more information about any of the Jubilee events and to offer your help phone Christine Beresford on 720421 or email [beresford@woodwalk.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:beresford@woodwalk.fsbusiness.co.uk)**

## LCA Recycled Teenagers

On 16 May there is another Come and Sing Tea party at Wherwell Village Hall. The minibus will leave the shop at 2pm so if you are interested, please contact Corinne on 720643.

## LCA Coffee and Chat

Isobel Johnston is hosting this month's LCA Coffee and Chat at Blacksmith's Bridge House in Southside Road on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May between 10.30 and noon. Everyone is very welcome. If you need a lift please contact Gloria Goodliffe on 720425.

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

Ian Beveridge made it four in a row when he knocked nearly a minute off his target time to be Most Improved Man. It will be a long time before anyone manages to match Ian's achievement. First home, just ahead of Ian was Katie King who was Most Improved Woman. 3<sup>rd</sup> was Glynne Evans in a personal best. Well done all three!



Apologies to people who didn't get the message about the early start because of Easter and who arrived after the race finished. At least you got a lie-in! Thanks very much to Maggie, David, Jeremy and Jack for marshalling, to Maggie for the flapjack and Easter eggs, 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 13 May starting at 10am (yes really 10am this time) 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 Cricket Club



*Sponsored by Barker, Son & Isherwood, Solicitors*

Indoor cricket drew to a close earlier in the month. William de Cani's Longparish Lightweights capped a fantastic debut season in the Premier division by finishing runners-up to four time champions Hook. Paul Blackmore's Longparish Longhops also finished runners-up after losing a title-deciding final tie with Thatcham. Jackman's Longparish Lappas were unlucky to finish third after defeats by Hook and Yateley, both of whom chose to field sides packed with players from the premier league.

Longparish got their outdoor season underway with a tight 35-over friendly with neighbours Hurstbourne Priors. On a verdant track Longparish posted 150 with William de Cani unbeaten on 52, Matt Jackman 37 and Mark Matthews conceding only 15 runs from his 7 overs. The Hurstbourne Priors reply started well and they stayed on the required run

rate as Nautiyal hit 50 and Matthews 29 but a clatter of wickets left them 13 runs short with one wicket remaining at the close. Stuart Tognarelli picked up two wickets and Martin Savage and Chris Clarke bowled well in a useful opening fixture for both sides.

At the Longparish AGM Chairman Martin Bearpark reported on a hectic and successful year which had seen the club take great strides both on and off the field, He then stepped down, only to be speedily re-elected. Julie Sturt agreed to continue as Secretary, James Young as Treasurer and Ray Smith stepped into the Fixture Secretary's shoes vacated by Neil Bonathan. On the field Paul Blackmore continues as 1<sup>st</sup> team captain with the position of Vice Captain rotated between some of the younger players, and Warren Bonathan took over the 2<sup>nd</sup> team captaincy from Justin Jackman who will concentrate on his role as Longparish Colts Co-ordinator. The second team vice-captaincy will also be rotated amongst two or three of the younger players. All other roles and committee members remain the same.

The new electronic scoreboard, funded by a donation from the Vitacress fund and a huge amount of fund raising by Carol Aldridge and her team, is now up and running. The extensive work carried out on the square last autumn also looks to have paid dividends and the insertion of an artificial wicket is imminent. New nets have been purchased and put up and the club has taken delivery of thirty green chairs for those who come along to watch the cricket. All are welcome at any game.

Cricket is an expensive game to put on and fund raising plays a huge part in the running of the club, keeping match fees and subscriptions amongst the lowest in the area so making the game available to as many as possible of all ages. The club recently held a balloon launch to boost club funds, ran a Fantasy cricket competition (details from Ray Smith, email raydennismith@hotmail.com) and is seeking match ball sponsors. £10 gets your name in the scorebook, match report, and displayed on a match day of your choice and on the roll of honour on the club website. If you would like to sponsor a match ball please send payment and details of the game you would like to sponsor to Chris de Cani, Stable Cottage, Bransbury, Barton Stacey, Winchester, SO21 3Q

The Longparish Colts await the start of the Winchester and District Leagues. They are training hard and will field sides U11, U13 and U15 sides in the coming season.

### 100 Club Draw results

£35	Christian Dawson
£15	Barry Blackmore
£15	M R Gibson

## Longparish Toddler Group

Now that summer is approaching, Longparish Toddler Group will be meeting on a Wednesday morning in the playground from 10.30 - 11.30 for some outside play. If you have pre-school aged children please come along and if you require any more information please contact Lizzie Gairdner 01264720372 or Caroline Butler on 01264720308.

## May Haiku

The first cuckoo's call  
after ten months of silence  
- a welcome return

## Lynne Pennefather 9 July 1953 – 9 March 2012

Lynne's son Matthew paid this tribute at her funeral in St. Nicholas Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



"Mum was a truly amazing woman, a great friend to many people and the best mother that a son could have ever wished for.

Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1953, Mum was only 58 years of age when she passed away just 2 weeks ago today. Even though it was short, Mum lived a very happy life, which started out in Weybridge, Surrey, where she made several life-long friends, many of whom are here

today.

At the age of 18 Mum moved out of home and started to make her own way in life. This was not an easy choice and Mum was no stranger to hard work, often working two jobs just to make ends meet. Despite this, she still found time to give to charities and organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Scouts, Cancer Research and various other good causes.

Mum was always very proud of being the first female sales representative to work for Monarflex, a building materials company. Mum was quite a looker in her day, and apparently after a quick shimmy up the ladder most of the roofing felt just sold itself!

Another very big accomplishment in Mum's life was her degree in History and Philosophy. She graduated in 1993 with first class honours, despite having gone through two pregnancies and by the end of it having a fairly demanding son to look after. Throughout both mine and my sister's childhood Mum was always incredibly supportive and loving. The best gift she gave us was an education at home, which she did out of utter love and devotion. She had to be devoted too. Have you ever tried separating a stropky teenager from a Playstation!?

Throughout most of her adult life Mum was involved in one quiz team or another. She always loved being right and of course most of the time she usually was. Not just with quiz questions, but also when giving advice - Mum had a couple of other hobbies aside from the quiz team, she was partial to the occasional game of golf, although Grandad reliably informs me that she spent far more time eyeing up the interesting outfits than she did trying to improve her 6 foot putt! Mum also loved singing in Longparish's Village Choir. There were many occasions when both Mum and my sister came back from a rehearsal still singing for hours afterwards.

Mum loved flowers. She turned her love into a part-time career around ten years ago now and I am certain there are many gardens and their owners that will miss her green fingers. Mum's gardening wasn't always without mishap however, the most amusing of times probably being when she cut through her own electric hedge trimmer's power cord... twice.

In more recent years, Mum struggled very hard against Breast Cancer. She was determined that this horrible condition was not going to get her without a fight. It was that grit and determination that kept her here with us for so long.

3 operations, 2 chemotherapy and 4 radiotherapy courses my poor mum had to go through – and every treatment she went to with a smile on her face and a glint in her eye. I can only hope that I have inherited some of the strength that she displayed throughout the course of her treatment.

When you think of Lynne, picture the happy times in the garden, the funny times in the bar, the times when just for one moment she would let her intelligence slip and say something silly that made everyone laugh. Those are the times she would want us all to remember now that she has found peace in a happier, better place."

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### A message of thanks

Graeme and Clare Francis would like to thank the village for the tremendous love and support they have received throughout a very difficult time

*(A man has been remanded in custody on various charges including harassment and assault.)*

### BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE SWALLOW

The swallow is one of the birds everyone looks out for in the spring. It's a sign that summer is coming. They arrive in April after their long journey of over 5000 miles from South Africa. They fly right across the Sahara Desert on route to England, then depart again in September or October to do it all again.



The swallow is 17-19 cm long of which 2-7 cm is tail streamers. Its upper parts are blue-black and underparts buff white. It has a red chestnut face and throat and a blue-black chest

band, black legs, and a big black beak used to catch insects. Its tail is black and white with two long streamers. The male arrives first and finds a nest site which he defends, then attracts a female. They nest in barns, stables, sheds and even pig huts, as in the photo. Many of the swallows' nesting sites are being lost due to barns being converted into houses, and grain stores being made bird and rat proof. Nesting starts in April and they usually have two broods. The nest is half cup shape on the side of a rafter or beam made from mud pellets collected by the parents, lined with grass and feathers. 4-6 eggs are laid which are white with orange-brown specks mostly at the larger end. They are incubated for 12-18 days and the young fledge in 18-23 days. Food is insects caught while flying.



I saw my first swallow on the 10th April, 6 days later than last year.

On a sorer note - I don't think they are villagers but some people think it's great fun to speed through the village and run over the ducks. Three were killed last month including the last white one. The speed limit is 30mph, please give the ducks a chance. Chris Bowman

## Longparish School News

There were many exciting events during the last half term, however, the most thrilling whole school event was undoubtedly the week long visit by Mr James Kironde, Headteacher of Bukanaga Primary School in Uganda.

Longparish School has been working in partnership with Bukanaga School for a number of years now and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to welcome Mr Kironde (Mr James) to our school. His visit brought to life our understanding of work and play at Bukanaga School and the many similarities and differences between Uganda and England. It also gave greater depth and meaning to our work with Bukanaga School, which will continue with increased zeal!  
Alex Foggo

### Mr Kironde's visit to Longparish School

When Mr James came to visit Longparish School, we had lots of fun. He showed us many crafts the people make in Uganda; they make footballs and place mats out of banana bark and can make dolls from Raffia. He showed us little broom sticks that Ugandans can sweep with and we also saw one that was made for decoration, as it had pretty designs on the handle. He also showed us papyrus mats for preparing food on; sometimes temporary roofs can be made from papyrus too.

Mr James ran with us in the running club. We were all cheering him on. He did really well and we made an arch to welcome him at the finish.

When Reverend Hemming came into Act of Worship, he interviewed Mr James who told us all about himself, his wife and his children, as well as more about life in Uganda. He told us that he goes to work, as a Headteacher, on a motor bike taxi, but most children walk to school. He taught us how to say "How are you?" and "Thank you" in Ugandan and how to count from 1-10. We found the sounds quite tricky because they are different from the sounds in English.

Mr James worked with each class and told us about children's rights and some of the wrongs that happen to children in Uganda. Some of them were very sad and upsetting. In Uganda, if your parents die and you become an orphan, then you have to look after yourself.

We liked having Mr James at Longparish School, it has been interesting and fun to learn about another country.

By Tia and Annabelle, Year 3

*(Other reports are held over until next month)*

## Longparish Parish Council

### Planning

**New Applications:** The Council had no objection to the conversion of a detached garage at Eastfield House, Forton, to an annex to provide additional accommodation.

### Consultations:

Draft versions of The Test Valley and Andover Town Access Plans are on the TVBC website and comments must be lodged with TVBC by 25 May. Do let us know if you have any comments.

### Skydiving:

Provided the aviation authorities agree, London Sky Dive Centre [LSDC] plan to establish a new Drop Zone at the Owls Lodge Shooting School.

Christian Ivory of LSDC hopes to operate on four non-consecutive weekends later this year as a trial period. The aircraft will fly from Popham or Thrupton so should be high enough when they reach Longparish for the noise to be minimal. If that is successful he plans up to 12 flights a day:

- Every other summer weekend in 2013 max 14 weekends/28 days [which would not need planning permission]; and
- Subject to obtaining planning permission, every summer weekend in 2014 and thereafter.

The Council is keeping an open mind about the project and will monitor the trial weekends.

### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Diamond Jubilee weekend, 2-5 June, is nearly upon us; and the Parish Council is grateful to the Longparish Community Association for planning and arranging the village Jubilee Celebration on Saturday 2 June.



The Council is purchasing a 'Jubilee engraved' cyan-teak bench to mark the occasion which we propose to place at a suitable point on the spinal path between North Acre and Sugar Lane.

Both the Council and the School have been presented with Jubilee oak saplings grown from acorns on the Royal Estate. Suitable planting sites are being investigated and we expect to include planting in the Jubilee weekend celebrations. More information next month.

### Open Spaces

**Pocket Nature Reserve at The Common:** There was a good turnout for the third working party on Saturday 17 March, when some more willows were pollarded. Thanks very much to all who helped.

### Cemetery:

Nigel Goodliffe and Jeremy Barber have planted 50 beech trees in the cemetery hedge.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting [the AGM] will be held on Monday 14 May 2012. 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 .

**Stop press** By a sad coincidence the Silver Jubilee bench by the church was damaged sometime before 9am on Wed 18 April, probably by a vehicle. Please ring Christopher Duxbury or Alex Foggo if you have any information about the incident. Cecil White hopes to be able to repair it.

