

## The Diamond Jubilee in Longparish

What a good thing we decided to hold the Longparish Jubilee celebration on the Saturday when the rain held off until the evening. The sun even made an appearance in the afternoon. Before it all becomes a distant memory we should thank everyone who helped make it such a successful and memorable day for all. It couldn't have happened without the enthusiastic and generous support of so many people, especially the following:

- The Parish Council gave the LCA a grant to help make the event a truly memorable one for everyone who took part
- Gloria printed tickets, posters and certificates, organised the cupcake competition and the children's races, hung 150 metres of bunting - and that's just a sample from a very long list of things she turned her hand to
- Graham and Paul shared their knowledge of the natural history of Longparish with us
- Christian ensured that over 170 people enjoyed a Bucks' Fizz breakfast
- Karen-Marie allowed her garden to be used as a theatrical breakfast café
- Mick got up very early to oversee the setting up for breakfast
- Matthew, Joanna and David managed the bacon grill
- Mary buttered two hundred rolls
- David organised the performing trolley dollies and the interactive hair salon
- Nigel transported barbecues all over the village
- Martin prepared the football pitch and energized 33 players
- Linda baked vast quantities of the best scones this side of the Coronation
- Diane, Pat, Jacky, Sandra and Carol served over 200 cream teas
- Georgina organised the scarecrow competition
- Ella took photographs of the scarecrows for judging
- Celebrity Chef Clare judged (and sampled) 36 cupcakes
- Becky gift wrapped the prizes
- Jane created a village Memory Wall
- Graham loaned and set up his PA system for the tea party
- Fiona and David recorded the day's event for the village website
- Cathy and the choir led a community singing session
- Patrick waged war on the Church Meadow grass
- Peter and Henry manned the evening barbecues
- Sandra found a Ceilidh band when everyone else wanted one
- Maggie dealt with access to the school playground and Community Hall
- Christine oversaw the planning and kept everyone in line

It was a community event that everyone will remember in years to come. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children who were still dancing when the band played the last reel at 11pm!  
LCA committee.



Early morning walk



Entertainment at tea time



Stoics barbecuing in the rain watching dancing in the Hall



Two of the prize winning scarecrows

## LCA Tea and Chat

In July the monthly get together is at Ann Jennings home, Mallards, in Southside Road. You are welcome to meet up with neighbours and friends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July between 2.30 and 4.00. If you need a lift contact Gloria on 720425

## LCA Recycled Teenagers

### Open Garden Tuesday 10 July

June and Bert Hoare will open their garden at 93 North Acre on Tues 10 July, 2 – 4pm, to raise funds for the Recycled Teenagers' outings. There will be a raffle and a cake stall. All welcome. For further information, please contact Corinne on 720643.



## Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment

The building work is going well and we are delighted with how it's coming on. The new windows and doors have made a big difference to the hall's appearance and the amount of external light admitted into the hall. We expect the builders will hand the hall back to us towards the end of July. We will then have to spend a while fitting it out – things like curtains, shelving in the stores and equipping the kitchen – before we reopen.

We anticipate that the total cost of the building work will be around £210,000 plus VAT, which is about £6,000 more than we budgeted for. We need to keep up our fundraising efforts in order to complete the fitting out.

We are very grateful to Awards for All who have given £10,000 and to Jeremy Barber and all those who've sponsored him to the tune of nearly £9,000 for his huge Everest Marathon effort. The concert, open gardens and antiques evening realised around £3000 which is fantastic.

The next fundraising event is the performance of Much Ado About Nothing in the lovely gardens of Lower Mill on 6 July.

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

## Return from Everest

Jeremy Barber has returned from his Himalayan marathon – and while he is ten pounds lighter, he's helped the Village Hall Fund gain over eight and a half thousand pounds. Jeremy puts the former down to preparation for his gruelling 12 hour marathon and the latter to the great generosity of his sponsors.

He returned to the UK just after the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. As Longparish was enjoying the patriotic village shenanigans Jeremy was preparing for the hardest challenge of his life, around 17,000 feet above sea level amongst some of the most unforgiving terrain in the world.



After acclimatising for a couple of weeks in the Himalaya, he and his companions finally began what they'd arrived in Nepal to tackle – a marathon from Everest base camp down to Namche Bazaar in Nepal over uneven rock – strewn ground, narrow ice paths and rickety bridges. In the past, Jeremy has done around 15 to 20 marathons and usually finishes in around 4.5 hours. This one took him nearly three times as long. If you listen to the video clip he recorded of the first moments of the Everest Marathon, you'd be forgiven for thinking he'd just finished it. His voice is strained and his breathing extremely laboured. The shattering effect that high altitude has on the body and its ability to function is apparent in his every sentence.

While the majority of this extraordinary adventure is down hill, there are several uphill sections. Jeremy admits that he hadn't realised how hard those uphill climbs were going to be. After watching the video of the first of these I ask him: "Was that the worst bit?" He replies grimly "No, but at that point we didn't know it." So there was more punishing uphill to come – in fact the worst bit was just five kilometres from the finish – a cruel twist in this extremely demanding and somewhat dangerous venture. To add to the drama and discomfort, and due to logistical problems, the supply of water bottles en route dried up and Jeremy admits that he became very dehydrated. A few of his companions didn't finish. One Australian lady suffering from severe altitude sickness was helicoptered off the mountain during the training period. Another runner fell, cut her knee open and completed the marathon on horseback.

Jeremy and his marathon companion Peter finished at around 7.30 in the evening. It was getting dark and the weather was closing in. They had to stumble through the last kilometre or so in the semi darkness. Others finished at 1am the following morning.

I ask him whether he would ever consider doing the Everest Marathon again. He thinks about it and says "Yes, but on the other hand there are lots of other adventures out there..." Jeremy will be telling his story in the newly refurbished Village Hall, as soon as the building work is finished. It's a fascinating tale and the photographs of this incredible scenery are amazing.

It's not too late to sponsor Jeremy or make a donation to the Village Hall refurbishment fund. Contact him at Queen Anne Cottage, Forton, Andover, SP11 6NU 01264 720459. Email [jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk](mailto:jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk), or visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/everestmarathon>  
Alison Cooper

## Longparish Garden Open Days.

Wendy and Karen-Marie would like to thank all who helped at their two recent Open Days – with making cakes, serving teas or lunches, selling plants or at one of the gates. There were 80 visitors on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 206 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – a new record, beating the 175 garden-lovers who visited the 2 gardens on Mothering Sunday in March.

Over the 3 days, plant sales made £367 and teas and lunches (27<sup>th</sup> only) made £940. A cheque for £1032 has been given to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.



### Playgroup celebrates the Jubilee

Longparish Playgroup celebrated the Diamond Jubilee with a 'Jubilee Party'. The children came to the party dressed in red, white and blue and wore their gold crowns that they themselves had decorated in preparation for the celebratory event. Sat beneath a room bedecked with union jack, paper chains and flags, the 35 children enjoyed a sandwich lunch followed by fairy cakes that again, had been decorated by their own fair hands – creative flair abounds amongst the youngsters.

In the lead up to the Diamond Jubilee, the children had learnt about HM the Queen and seen pictures of her and had an understanding of her role in society. Asked by the staff what they thought the Queen did each day, one child replied 'She lies down in the bath' – evidently, cleanliness and the Queen's appearance had been a topic of conversation!

### Longparish School News

#### Victorian day

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, Chaffinch class had a Victorian day when everyone dressed up as a Victorian child. When we arrived at school, the girls and boys had to walk into school at different entrances, because in the Victorian era, girls and boys were not allowed to mix. We were each seated in twos, in rows. First, Charlie Stapleton had to read the Morning Prayer. He said it wrong, so he had to stand on a stool at the back of the classroom and wear the dunce's hat! Next, we had to copy sentences off the blackboard onto our slates (black paper) using chalk. All children who wrote with their left hand had to write with their right hand or they would get the cane.

Miss Taylor told us that whenever we saw an adult, we had to curtsy if we were a girl and bow if we were a boy. Then we had to recite some poetry out of a poetry book. Miss Taylor was acting really strict and if we even got a word wrong, we would be punished. Before lunch, we had our photograph taken. We were not allowed to smile, but Maia and Florence found it a bit harder to keep their faces under control! When we went to lunch, we were not allowed to sit down until Miss Taylor said, "You may be seated". After lunch, we did samplers, a way of showing different stitches in sewing.

It was a great day and everyone enjoyed trying to stay in character throughout the day. Nina Smith

#### Sparkling Rugby tournament

Years 5 and 6 took part in a Sparkling Rugby tournament on 30<sup>th</sup> May at the Overton Rugby Club.

When we arrived at Overton, we walked over to the field that we were playing on and set up our tents that Mrs Gregori kindly brought along to provide cover from rain. Once we had got ourselves organised, Mrs Gregori told us who was playing and which school our opposition was. Our captain for the day was Hannah and our vice captain was Jack.

We all played a part in getting the ball up to the try line, but Jack was our top scorer with 10 tries, including 3 against Winklebury to lead us to a 3- 2 win. All together we scored 15 tries. Overall, it was a great day out;

although we didn't get into the quarter finals, we had fun trying. Jack Deacon.

#### Andover Cricket Tournament

A selected few key stage two pupils drove to Andover cricket pitch on 19<sup>th</sup> June to represent Longparish School at cricket. Although Longparish has good cricketers, we did not win any matches, but we all had great fun and played very good cricket! Another pride in Longparish's cricket team is the way that they play as a team. They are all amazing sporting players and never get angry or argue. On the day, we had some very good batters and we played immensely well as a team in fielding.

Simeon Evans

#### Results of FOLS 100 Club draws

April	1 <sup>st</sup>	56	Jenni Janaway
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	19	Helen Ridge
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	142	Jeremy Lloyd
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	41	Olivia Tuffnell
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	49	Sheila Borlotti
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	29	Lois Jones

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

It was a cool, overcast morning for the June race; ideal conditions for running. In fact the conditions were so good and our runners were so fit that we had six new Personal Records. First home and Most Improved Man was Ian Blundell who knocked an incredible 4 minutes and 53 seconds off his previous best. Well done also to Jack Dundas, Andy Best, David Gould and Ben and Simeon Evans who all recorded new PRs. A special mention goes to David as a new PR gets harder to achieve with each successive outing and this was his 46th.



Ben Evans overtook his brother in the closing stages to take the Rising Star trophy for the Most Improved Junior and his mother, Alice, was Most Improved Woman.

Thanks very much to Maggie, Sarah, Jack and our County Councillor, Andrew Gibson for marshalling, Jim for the scrummy cake, 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 8 July at 10am at the Cricket Ground.

**SYLLA ELIZABETH FRERE****4th September 1955 – 19th May 2012**

At her funeral in St Nicholas, Jonathan offered a most moving tribute to his wife.

“Sylla Elizabeth Warner was born on 4th September 1955 in Queen Charlotte’s Hospital, Hammersmith. She was, therefore, quite happy to admit to being a Londoner, provided that one understood which part of London she was from. Among their neighbours were a certain Mr and Mrs John Le Mesurier – and Sylla’s mother and Hattie Jacques were often to be seen in Holland Park wheeling their prams together. This connection was not coincidental, because Sylla’s father, Jack Herbert Warner, was an actor, a career he began after leaving the Navy. During his wartime service he was seconded to the Indian Navy where he began a lifelong friendship with Sir Dinshaw Pettit, a very wealthy Parsee baronet from Bombay, after whose wife (*Big Sylla*), who was a member of the Tata family, she was named.

Sylla’s father (*Plum* as he was known) never quite made it to the big time as an actor. To avoid confusion with the other, more famous, Jack Warner, he changed his name to John Warren – Sylla’s surname when I met her – and it was in this guise that he focussed more and more on script-writing. He helped to write several comedy films, and sketches for comedians like Arthur Haynes and Dick Emery, one of whose main scriptwriters he became. Sylla was therefore brought up in what was very much a “showbiz” household. However, there was a downside to this exciting life – her father would not always be in the best of tempers when he was having difficulty with his writing – although perhaps Sylla’s affectionate nature and desire to “help” might have had something to do with this. Sylla was very proud of her mother’s aristocratic Scottish lineage. Her uncle was the 11th Baronet Seton of Pitmedden, and Sylla always felt aggrieved that the title did not pass to her when he died, going instead to a distant male relative in America. Sylla’s parents died relatively young – her father when she was 21 and her mother when she was 32 - so her only close relative when I met her was her grandmother, Lady Seton, who could still be quite the *grande dame*, and whose approval I had to gain.

Sylla was brought up with dogs, but it was when the family moved to their home outside Ham Gate on Richmond Park, that she collided with the real love of her life – horses. Their house had been the club-house for Ham Polo Club, and it included a number of stables that were still used by the Club. From then on, Sylla’s life revolved around horses, more specifically polo ponies, and the Club itself, which became the centre of her social life and where she made many friendships that have endured to this day. She was a fearless rider in her youth, and was delighted when we acquired our first horse, a retired polo pony from the Club whom she continued to ride almost up to the day Eleanor was born.

I met Sylla about a year after her mother had died, after a long illness that had affected Sylla’s life, because her mother was very dependent on her. We were both members of the same amateur dramatic society, and the first time she saw me was on the stage of the Walton Playhouse. She readily accepted the prospect of becoming an Army wife, and our married life began

under an archway of crossed swords and polo sticks. In many ways she looked on it as her career, throwing herself wholeheartedly into wives’ clubs, coffee mornings, Mess functions and organising events as the wife of a commanding officer, attaché, Senior British Officer etc. She came to enjoy living abroad and moving around. Her duties in these postings all played to her strengths, because she loved meeting new people of all nationalities, helping others and supporting charity work. We were a good team, but she sometimes felt, particularly when I retired from the Army, that not many people understood what she had done, and that her contribution was undervalued.

However, it was her role as mother to Eleanor that gave Sylla the most satisfaction, and she felt that all her efforts had been fulfilled when we took our daughter up to Scotland for her first term at St Andrews University. Sylla was very proud that, unlike herself, Eleanor was going to university. After her experience with her own mother, she was determined that her illness should not affect Eleanor’s progress through life. Perhaps it was because her own parents both died when she was relatively young that she valued our family life so much.

Sylla also loved being part of the community here in Longparish, and was a familiar sight out walking the dogs, when she would always be happy to stop and talk to anyone. She thoroughly enjoyed singing with the choir, and I think it is no exaggeration to say that it was one of the proudest moments of her life when she performed a solo in “*Don’t Dilly Dally On the Way*” at the Village Hall Centenary after her first round of chemotherapy.

Let me finish with a very fond memory I have of Sylla from our attaché days in Budapest. At the end of the annual attaché ball, when all the guests had left and we, as hosts, were relaxing, Sylla, as the smallest and lightest and even though she was the only sober one, was inveigled (not by me, I hasten to add!) into dancing barefoot on the table. I will never forget the sight of her moving gracefully to the music, totally lost in the moment – my life has been greatly diminished by her passing, but the corollary to that is how much it was enhanced because she was part of it. Sylla, thank you for the memory.”



**LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB**  
**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012 at 6.30 pm**

**NB CHANGE OF VENUE**  
**EVENING VISIT TO CONHOLT PARK,**  
**Nr. Chute, Andover SP11 9HA**

10 acres surrounding Regency house with mature cedars. Rose, sensory, winter and secret gardens and fern dell. Restored one and a half acre walled garden with vegetable and flower cartwheels, berry wall, orchard. Ladies Walk and large foot-shaped maze with viewing platform.

Members Free (Non-Members £5.00)  
Any queries to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325  
rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com





## Longparish Parish Council

### Planning

**New Applications:** The Council had no objection to:

- **Apsley Farm Landfill Site:** The variation of a condition to allow for capping and restoration to continue for a further 3 years.
- **A303 Recycling Facility:** An application for temporary permission for one year for a Foamix plant for manufacturing road making materials from rap [recycled asphalt planings] including provision for storage of 20,000 tonnes of rap feedstock, storage bays and staff welfare unit.

### Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council would like to thank the Longparish Community Association for arranging such a successful Midsummer Jubilee day and everyone who was involved in any way.

The scarecrows became a considerable subject of discussion and encouraged people to explore different parts of the village as well as an excuse to put up the bunting and flags. The Extended Hat Fair Street Theatre scheme offered to the LCA at the last minute was also a great success and certainly added a new flavour to the British cup of tea and to the whole day!

### Open Spaces

#### Clean Up Day Follow Up – Sunday 10 June:

A working party on 10 June cleared the choked up entrance to the side stream, by the long bridge, which runs by the road to Upper Mill. The stream itself was also cleared building on the good work done at the clean up day in April. Thanks very much to Graham Darrach and Paul Knipe who led the work and to everyone who helped. Particular mention goes to Paul who provided his vehicle and trailer and disposed of some tons of waste with help from Nigel Goodliffe.



#### Village Hall Car Park:

The repairs to the entrance have been completed and look good.



### Parish Clerk – Change of Address

*By the time you read this David Kraft, our Parish Clerk will have moved to 17 Oakley Lane, Oakley, Basingstoke RG23 7JZ. His email address, clerk@longparish.org.uk, will remain as at present and we will publish a new telephone number once it is known.*

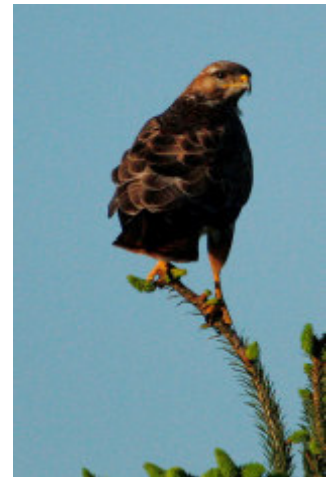
We wish David and family all the best in their new home and are delighted that David is able to continue as our Parish Clerk.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9 July. 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 .

## BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE BUZZARD

The buzzard is our largest bird of prey with a wing span of 113-128cm (that's 44-50in to us older ones). It's a medium-sized soaring raptor with a short round head and a thick neck, broad wings and short tail.



Buzzards are mostly brown with a finely barred tail. Their chests range from brown to creamy white, and they have black beaks with a yellow base and yellow legs.

Buzzards spend a lot of time soaring on thermals. They are distinguished from the red kite by having no V in their tail, broader wings and when soaring their wings are shaped like a V.

I think the first buzzard nested on Middleton Estate in the early 1980s. They start nesting in early May, usually using last year's nest, which is a big platform of sticks and twigs with a shallow cup lined with green foliage. Further material is added during the incubation of eggs. 2-4 eggs are laid which are white with variable red and brown, mostly at the larger end. Incubation takes 33-35 days and the youngsters fledge in 50-55 days. The buzzard's main food is carrion but they will take live prey, small mammals, reptiles, large insects and earthworms.

Chris Bowman

## FÊTE BRIC-à-BRAC STALL

Now is the chance to clear out your cupboards and donate any unwanted items to the bric-à-brac stall. We would be grateful for any of the following:

- Old china and other ceramics, costume jewellery, glass dishes, plates, vases, brass ornaments, old candlesticks, pictures, table linens
- Also small pieces of furniture [e.g. stool, what-not, plant stand or magazine holder].

Articles in saleable condition only, please.

No lampshades or old saucepans and we are not allowed to sell electrical goods.

Items can be left under our archway from 14 August or if you need help delivering please ring us after that date.

Thank you – John and Jane Young (720233)

## MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

performed by Heartbreak Productions

Friday 6th July in Lower Mill gardens

By kind permission of Mrs Karen-Marie Dinesen

Performance starts 7.30pm. Gates open 5.30pm.

Bring a picnic and rugs or low backed chairs

Wine, Pimms, tea & coffee for sale

*Recent review – "Much ADO was clever, funny and memorable"*

A few tickets still available from Ann Jennings

tel 720367 or Gloria Goodliffe tel. 720425

## Longparish Fête 2012

*2 months to go for the event of the year*

**Saturday 1st September**

**On the cricket ground 12.00-4.00pm. Family friendly fun**

**Basingstoke Silver Band**

**Punch and Judy - 2 shows**

**Juggling Jake - circus skills display**

**And mini big top circus skills tuition**

**Morris Dance Displays**

**Dog show for village dogs**

**Bouncy castle and childrens rides**

**Wild West Fast Draw**

**And all the famous, fabulous stalls: beer, books, bottles, bowling, bric à brac, barbecue, cakes, champagne draw, coconuts, pitch and putt, produce, grand draw, sweets, teas**

*Stall operators please start thinking about your teams and requirements. Let me know if you need any special assistance*

*Volunteers needed for various roles please let me know if you can help.*

**For further information, offers of help and your ideas and suggestions email or call :**

Tom Bremridge 01264 720689

tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk

### BOOKS WANTED FOR LONGPARISH FÊTE

If you have any books, CDs, DVDs, records or tapes you no longer want please save them for the Longparish fête book and audio stalls. I am willing to collect any items. Please phone Jenny Jolliffe on 720207

## Spring Concert



The Longparish Village Choir scrubbed up well for the Spring Concert in St Nicholas Church in May! We had two fabulous sell-out evenings with the highly talented and specially constituted Spring Concert Band performing music from shows and films. It was a wonderful programme devised and led by Nicky and Robin Smallwood. We are all very grateful to everyone who came and supported the concerts. In all more than £3,000 was raised for the three beneficiaries, the Friends of Longparish School, the Longparish Playgroup and the Village Hall refurbishment project. Thank you for your support.

Cathy Yelf.

## NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

### Students Enter Into Olympic Spirit

We are making sure we make the best of the probably once-in-a-lifetime Olympics on home soil. Each of our tutor groups has adopted a country and has been busy researching their chosen nation, decorating their tutor groups accordingly, and flying the flag at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of our Olympic Week. Students have the opportunity to sign up for workshops for sports they've never tried- from Tae Kwando to Water Polo- as well as entering a range of events during the week.

### Testbourne Team Wins Teen Tech Challenge

Two Testbourne teams represented us at the Basingstoke Teen Tech Challenge in June, and won the Air Products prize for building the tallest free-standing tower, collecting a trophy and a £1000 cheque for the school. The event was organised as part of the STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - initiative, designed to raise young people's interest in STEM-based subjects and encourage them to consider linked careers in the future. The students really enjoyed the challenge as well as hearing from lots of different companies showing new gadgets and innovative designs, which gave the students lots of ideas for about possible future pathways.

### Twinning Visit Boosts Entente Cordiale

We were delighted to welcome a group of visitors from Neuvic in France, linked to a visit organised by the local twinning organisation. The partnership goes back a long way but the school has not been involved for a long time. Some of the visitors and their English hosts had not been in school since they left their own and declared themselves "fort impressionés" with what they found. There was a lot of "entente cordiale" in the air and we intend to try and renew these precious links.

### Conveniences to Follow Inconvenience

One of my missions at Testbourne has been to eliminate some of the less attractive, indeed sometimes unpleasant features, of our accommodation. I am, therefore, delighted that work is due to begin in July on installing smart, new male, female and accessible toilets downstairs in the Sports Building for school and community use. We are grateful to Basingstoke and Deane and Hampshire Councils for funding to help make this possible. We apologise for the temporary inconvenience whilst the works are being completed but hope the wait will be worthwhile!

Hilary Jackson Headteacher