

Longparish Fête

Saturday

1st September

Cricket Field

12.00 to 4.00pm

by kind permission of Richard Wills, Middleton Estate and Longparish Cricket Club

Come along, have fun, bring the family, lots to do

By the time some of you see this the Fête may be over but if you see it before Saturday 1st September do make a mega-effort to come this year. There is a good programme which will be lots of fun for all ages and particularly children. Entry £2 per car but people completely free.



PROGRAMME

12.00	Fête opens
12.00 – 1.00	Village Dog Show
1.00 – 1.30	Mr Punch 1 st Show
1.00 – 1.45	Basingstoke Silver Band
1.45 – 2.05	Garston Gallopers
	Morris Dance Display 1
2.10 – 2.45	Basingstoke Silver Band
2.10 – 2.35	Mr Punch 2 nd Show
2.45 – 3.15	Juggling Jake – Circus Skills Display
3.15 – 3.40	Garston Gallopers
	Morris Dance Display 2
3.45	Grand Draw
4.0	Fête closes

Juggling Jake will give demos and instruction to children in circus skills in his mini big top throughout the afternoon

Lots of Stalls: beer, books, bottles, bowling, bric á brac, barbecue, cakes, champagne draw, coconuts, pitch and putt, produce, grand draw, sweets, teas and some other vendors



Dave West will be there with his Wild West Fast Draw and the children's fairground with bouncy castle, carousel and helter skelter will provide lots of fun



Village dog show starts at 12.00. Classes : Most Obedient, Most Pretty, Most Comical. Entry on the day

We need helpers to erect the tents on the Cricket Ground at 10.00am on Friday 31st. I still need a Face Painter and the car park always needs lots of volunteers please phone David Marklew 720796 if you can lend a hand here.

Many thanks to all the stallholders and helpers for all that you do. Any queries or offers of help to Tom Bremridge email tom@brem.eclipse.co.uk , or tel. 07973 768535

Longparish Playgroup

Invites all current, new and prospective parents to a
Welcome and Information Evening and AGM

on Wednesday 26th September

at 7.30pm in the Longparish Community Hall

This is a great opportunity to look around the playgroup, chat to playgroup staff and perhaps become part of the playgroup committee.

Drinks and nibbles will be available.



Longparish Village Hall Refurbishment

Exciting news: at last the end of the building work is in sight and we expect the hall will be handed back to us by the builders by the time you read this.

Behind the scenes the committee has been working very hard to make sure everything is as good as it can be. To that end we have compiled a long list of snags which are being sorted out. At the same time we are working towards fitting out the hall with things like curtains, kitchen equipment and shelves for store rooms.

Meanwhile we still need to carry on fundraising. Inevitably everything is costing more than we hoped and we have a shortfall of around £35,000. There will be a Quiz Night on 17 November but before that is the Fête on 1 September.

The grand opening of the hall will be on 13/14 October. We'll have an opening ceremony and throw the hall open to everyone so you can come and see what has been achieved. More details next month.

Finally, please note that Jacqui Healey has taken over as booking secretary from Gloria Goodliffe. Gloria, together with her husband, Nigel, has worked tirelessly over many years to keep the hall ticking over, doing everything from bookings to plumbing and clearing out wasps' nests and we are enormously grateful to them both.

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

To book the hall phone Jacqui on 01264 720560
or email villagehall@longparish.org.uk

LCA Smooth Movers Ladies Exercise Class



**Longparish Village Hall,
Thursday mornings
9.15-10.15am**

Re-starting from 27th September in the newly refurbished Village Hall,
warm and comfortable, no thermals needed!
We have spaces for a few more ladies, come along
and give it a try.

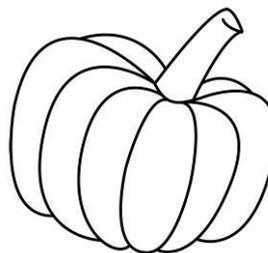
£5 per session.

More information from Gina Snowden 720128
Longparish Community Association - working to make life better

Fabulous 16th Longparish Pumpkin contest

Saturday 20th October

Well I hope your pumpkins are showing signs of growth despite the poor growing season! It's soon that time of year again - Pumpkins, squashes, gourdes, marrows of any shape and size, bring them along and win a prize!



The fabulous 16th contest will be held in our brand new Village Hall starting at 3pm. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be available (no charge but donations welcome). It's free to enter but please support the raffle (all proceeds in aid of playgroup) and bring a raffle prize if you can.

There will be prizes for the heaviest pumpkins, the smallest pumpkins, as well as the usual prizes decorated pumpkins. For more information contact Sylvia Crook on 720819 or Laura Wearn on 720066.



combined with the monthly LCA coffee morning

COFFEE AND CAKES
LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
10.15 - 12 NOON

Please support us again this year,
bring all the family to make it another
really happy occasion.

Donations of homemade cakes and
biscuits will be welcomed and
any surplus will be sold at the school at
3.30pm

Further information from
Jacqui 720560, Linda 720522
or Gina 720128

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

We were joined by new runners Scott, James, Katie and Lucy and some Hardley Runners after their 18 mile reccy of the upper reaches of the Test Way the day before. All were very welcome. It was muggy for the run with a little drizzle; enough to cool the runners but not to dampen the spirits.

Ian Blundell smashed his handicap by over 4 minutes to retain the trophy for Most Improved Man. He has clearly been practising and, if he keeps up this rate of improvement, Mo Farah will have to watch out. Jacqui Healey was Most Improved Woman and Katie Nelson took the Rising Star trophy for Most Improved Junior. Special mention also goes to Chris Dewey who had a new PB and just missed the course record and to Ian Beveridge, who dived for the line to get 16th place and thus became our 1000th finisher. Well done all!



Thanks very much to Maggie, Anna and Jack for marshalling, to Maggie for the flapjacks, Jonathan, Glynne and Ian for the photos, David for the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue. Thanks also to Sarah who accompanied juniors round the course.

After the race we enjoyed a barbie in Forton. The sun came out and summer arrived at last. We even had to seek shade under some apple trees.

We look forward to seeing you at the next race on Sunday 9 September 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.

Social Table Tennis

Looking for some gentle exercise with some sociable and friendly people? Haven't played for years? No matter - why not come along to play on Monday afternoons at South Wonston Village Hall? Lifts can be arranged from Longparish if required.

Three excellent tables and bats and balls provided, and a cup of tea and biscuit at "half-time". Go on, give it a try!

More information from Gina and Brian 720128 or Dennis at dennisthomson@btinternet.com
Re-starting Monday 10th September 2.30 - 4.30pm

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH THE BLUE TIT



The blue tit is one of the most acrobatic birds on the bird table. Smaller than the great tit with an 11.5 cm wing-span, it has a light blue cap on a white head and a thin black line through the eye, white cheeks with a black bib and neck. The chest is a light yellow-green and its back a darker greenish yellow. Wings and tail are black with a white wing bar. It has a very small black beak and its eyes and legs are also black. There are estimated to be 3.5 million in the United Kingdom.

The blue tit nests in April and usually has a single brood. It nests in a hole in a tree or wall and loves nest boxes - any small hole will do. The nest is mostly moss with dead grass, straw or other plant material. The cup is lined with hair, wool and sometimes feathers. It lays 6-10 small white eggs with reddish brown specks which it incubates for 13-16 days. The young fledge in 16-22 days. Blue tits eat insects, caterpillars, seeds and of course peanuts and fat balls. It's quite common for small birds, especially the tit family, to raise large broods to cope with the very high mortality, through natural deaths and predation.

Well, the collared dove in North Acre is still sitting as I write this on 7th August; that's nine weeks. I saw the male taking new twigs to the nest today. This is some incubation!

Chris Bowman

September Haiku

Reach for the cookbook!
sudden glut of vegetables
outstrips my recipes



Longparish Cricket Club

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Earlier in the month Longparish CC lost its greatest supporter. Ken Ball, who lived in the house that guards the gate to the ground succumbed to the cancer that he had been fighting for several years. As much a part of the Longparish ground's make up as the sight screens, stumps and tea urn, Kenny was actively involved in helping to prepare the pitches for match day up until a few weeks before he passed away. He first played for the club over sixty years ago in an away game at neighbouring Hurstbourne. He was once bowled by Frank "Typhoon" Tyson on the Longparish ground by a ball that he heard but did not see and he was involved in both of the Longparish sides that reached the National Village Knockout finals at Lords. A keen follower of all the Longparish sides, both colts and seniors, he wrote match reports for the local papers and was well known to most cricket clubs in the Hampshire Leagues. Longparish CC owes Kenny a huge debt of gratitude for all he has done for cricket at Longparish and he will be greatly missed by all at the club.

On the field, following prolonged rain, cricket eventually broke out once more. The Longparish 1st team has experienced a mixed month with two wins and a defeat. Paul Blackmore hit 82 in an exciting 10 run win over Flamingo and William de Cani scored 131, his second hundred of the season, in the victory over Highfield in which Chris Clarke took 4 for 36. The loss to OTs & Romsey is best glossed over; suffice to say the best side carried all on the day. With 2 games to go Longparish lie 6th in County Div 3. Longparish II has also had a mixed month. A convincing win over Dinton was secured, thanks to a superb 93 from Justin Jackman. Against top of the table IBM South Hants Longparish lost the game, but bowling performances from U13s Jamie Blackmore and Dan Bearpark and U15 Christian Dawson hint at better times ahead. Longparish II currently lie mid table in Div 2 NW.

Following last year's league title in the Winchester & District 20/20 league, Longparish CC's prowess at the shorter format of the game continued with a successful run in the Tichborne Trophy. A super strong St Cross side arrived at the Longparish ground for an exciting semi final in which Longparish won by 2 runs. The game swung on a superb catch by Adam Lister to dismiss St Cross's premier league batsman, Jordan Finney, and a nerveless last over by Martin Savage who took a wicket with the last ball of the match with St Cross needing 3 runs for victory. In the final at the Green Jackets ground in Winchester, Longparish faced holders Tichborne Park while Sparsholt took on Owslebury on the adjacent pitch in the Igglesden Plate final. A huge crowd enjoyed some entertaining cricket but Tichborne Park clung on to their title, and Sparsholt took the Plate.

The Colts league season has drawn to a close but training continues on Tuesday nights. Several of the

Colts from the U13 and U15 sides are now making valuable contributions to the senior sides on Saturdays and Sundays. Callum Giles and Jordan Blackmore performed admirably in the Winchester and District U11 side in the 3 day festival at New Milton, as did Scott Sturt in the U12 festival at Lord Wandsworth College. Billy Mead has covered some miles in a rain-affected season for Hampshire U13, scoring runs in the games with Devon and Wiltshire. Justin Jackman will pick up his Sky Sports, Hampshire's Colts cricket coach of the year award at the one day international at The Rose Bowl between England and South Africa.

100 Club draw results

£35 Edward Wills

£15 Doreen de Cani

£15 Clive Burnard

Longparish CC are one of four finalists in the Lloyds Bank Community awards. The winners will receive £5000 that would part-fund the installation of an artificial wicket. An artificial wicket would reduce the number of Colts games lost to the weather and would provide a true and even surface for coaching. Votes can be cast by texting **votevg2** to **61119** on your mobile and calls are charged at the local network rate. Please help us if you can.

Chris de Cani



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER at 7 p.m.

in Longparish Village Hall (we hope)

Mary Jo and Graham Darrah on
"Growing Bulbs in Longparish"

Graham and Mary Jo have gardened in Longparish for over 50 years. They take especial delight in bulbs, corms and rhizomes, plants which mostly enjoy our chalky soil and come up every year. The talk is illustrated by pictures of the plants they grow.

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

We are very much hoping that we will be able to hold this meeting in the newly refurbished Longparish Village Hall and we would be grateful if you could let us know if you are coming so we know how many chairs to provide – and glasses!

Do hope to see you. Any queries please get in touch with

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NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

The start of a school year is always an exciting time, however many times it comes around.

In the past year we have used the Olympics as a source of inspiration and they have not failed to deliver. As someone lucky enough to be in the Olympic Stadium on the unforgettable night of the three GB athletic gold medals, the fabulous sources of future inspiration for our young people were clear to see - with the whole Games providing many powerful themes for a whole year's worth of assemblies!

As the year starts we expect to have 780 pupils, with 150 new Y7s joining us. We are fortunate that staffing at Testbourne is very stable, providing valuable continuity for pupils. We are, however, very pleased to welcome Chris Guy as our new Head of ICT and Hilary Stannard and Helen Lloyd to cover for maternity leave for Rachael Wales in MFL and Sarah Haines in RE.

We are pleased that we have managed to achieve some further improvements to our site and facilities. The school has been a hive of activity during the holiday with work taking place to

- completely resand, remark and reseal the Sports Hall floor
- install (finally) 120 free solar panels on the roof of the "Scola" teaching block building
- completely refurbish the "Kingfisher" block - previously leased to the Kingfisher Trust for elderly day care - to provide two much-needed new classrooms and a multi-purpose meeting or conference room - also a useful space for community activities
- install the long-awaited new Ladies, Gents and accessible toilets in the Sports Hall - now due for completion by the end of September
- create a paved outdoor social/eating area between the Dining Room and back of the Theatre Hall.

The works have been made possible through a combination of grants, help from the PTFA and using the last of funds we had built up to fund these projects. I am, however, very concerned that the drastic cuts made to the devolved capital grant mean that it will be very difficult to maintain and improve our accommodation in the future. Prior to the changes we would have expected to receive £185,000 in the past two years but have received just £33,000. It is to be hoped that this situation will improve so we can continue to provide quality facilities.

Although the new school year is just beginning, we are already planning for the class of 2013! You are warmly invited to come and join us for:

- Our Open Evening from 6-8.30 on Thursday 27th September
- Open Mornings from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th October. Please phone the school reception to book a tour.

We look forward to bringing you more news from Testbourne in the school year ahead.

Hilary Jackson, Headteacher.

Stockbridge Drama Society (SADS) workshops for children and teenagers

Are you between 6 and 16 years old and interested in theatre?

SADS has a tradition of getting local children and teenagers involved both in adult productions and in their own Young SADS productions. Lyn Woods, an experienced director of children's theatre, will be holding two drama workshops on the 11th and 25th of September with a view to putting on a Young SADS production in the Spring of 2013. These are open to anyone from 6 to 16 who is interested in acting, helping backstage or just having fun - come to either or both. The workshops are in Stockbridge Town Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. More details at www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk or e-mail the SADS chairman mark.t.frank@gmail.com

SADS will also be holding auditions for its next adult production in September. Sue Jackson is directing the classic comedy *Ring Round the Moon* by Jean Anouilh (performance dates 29th, 30th Nov and 1st Dec). The auditions will be in Stockbridge Town Hall on the 5th and 7th of September. There are lots of parts to fill and newcomers are more than welcome. Just turn up at 7:30 on either evening.

For more details go to www.stockbridgeamdrams.org.uk or e-mail Sue Jackson (suejackson884@yahoo.co.uk).

FOLS 100 Club draw results

July

1st (81) Mr and Mrs Mottley
2nd (5) Nicky Smallwood
3rd (117) Mrs J Chambers

August

1st (121) Andrea Harris
2nd (20) Katherine Beckwith
3rd (56) Jenni Jannaway



Police security tips on Lead, Scrap Metal, Copper cable and Heating Oil

If you have any of the above there are some general security prevention tips:

- Installation of CCTV covering the building with adequate monitoring and recording can be useful.
- Ensure any gates are locked and the premises are secure.
- Restrict any easy access to the roof by removing water butts, waste bins and tall trees located near to the building.
- Keep ladders stored in a locked building, shed or compound.
- Consider installation of security lighting.
- Remove any means of transporting stolen material, such as wheelbarrows, to a secure place.
- Think of alarms or cages for heating oil tanks
Ring 101 or further information and advice.

Kenneth William Ball

1931 – 2012



Ken Ball, whose death is also recorded in the Longparish Cricket Club report, died on 2nd August at The Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover. At his funeral at Basingstoke Crematorium the chapel was filled with family and friends including a very strong contingent from his beloved Longparish Cricket Club, wearing their club shirts at his request.

A warm tribute was given by his first cousin, Clive Judd, whose wife, Nicky, conducted the service. Ken was the only child of Reg Ball and Millie née Judd, but he acquired a near sister in his cousin Margaret who came to live with them after her mother died. He was born in the village and at the age of 4 moved to Cricket Field Cottages when his father became farm manager on the Middleton Estate and he lived in the same house for the rest of his life. His mother said that he was the naughtiest boy ever and he teased his cousins. At school he was voted the most popular boy although he missed a whole year in his teens, bedridden with rheumatic fever. He was always sports mad and his father made him a bat and some stumps as a little boy, and gave Ken his first lesson in the importance of sportsmanship, when he threatened to burn them if Ken did not accept he was out when playing with his friends.

On leaving school Ken became apprenticed as a printer to Mr L. C. Jeffries of the Standard Press (Andover) Ltd and worked first at West Street, where

part of the Chantry Centre now is, later in South Street and finally, when Standard Press was taken over by Holmes and Son, in the High Street. By then the days of hot metal printing were over and he became the proof reader, a job to which he was well-suited, but he missed setting type.

After the sudden death of his father, Ken continued to live with his mother, and successfully took over the care of the flourishing vegetable garden. As his mother's health deteriorated with crippling arthritis Ken was a brilliant son and cared for her with the help of neighbours and friends. Until she died in 1998.

Ken never married and the passion of his life was cricket. He was a keen supporter of Hampshire County cricket and it was a proud day last year when he received a Nat West Lifetime Achievement Award for services to cricket at the Rose Bowl in Southampton. His main devotion was to Longparish Cricket Club and its ground. He first played for the Club in 1945 and his last appearance in the field was in 2005. He was an occasional leg spinner and a fine cover point fielder. He once made a hundred against Hamble. He was a talented groundsman and made the Longparish wicket fit for world class cricketers to play on, as John Woodcock can testify. John invited several to Longparish to play for his X! against the village team. He played a part in recruiting for the club. The current Chairman of the Club, Martin Bearpark, in his tribute said that when he turned up to watch a match at the ground, Ken approached him with the friendly smile that so many commented on and Martin found himself practising at Longparish later in the week and playing for the Club shortly afterwards. The affection and respect in which Ken was held by Club members past and present, old and young, and also in the village was evident both at the service and at the splendid cricket tea prepared by Dawn Blackmore at the pavilion afterwards.

Ken also played football. He attended as many home matches of Southampton Football Club as he could, and was delighted when the Saints returned to the Premiership. He was the proud owner of three successive MG sports cars which he really enjoyed but he would not let his cousins drive them. In retirement he enjoyed walking round the village, and knew where field mushrooms could be found, though he did not reveal the location. Every day he walked to the village shop to collect the Times.

He was a quiet, private, very unassuming man, one of life's gentle men. He bore his illness stoically and never lost his smile. Last year too he was given a Pride of Andover award for his lifelong contribution to sport which was presented by Esther Rantzen. Martin Bearpark said that Ken had probably watched more Longparish cricket than anyone ever and he was happy and proud that the Club for which he had done so much is currently flourishing with many promising colts.

Mary Jo Darrah