

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - AN EARLY AUTUMN WALK

I start from home as usual, down along the back track, with the usual house sparrows making a racket in the bushes! A collared dove sits on top of the telegraph pole.



Turning left by the shop there is not much around, other than a lot of rooks and jackdaws in front of Longparish House. Turning right into the Cleeves the trees are alive with birds but the trees, still leafy, make it hard to see what they are. I spot a long tailed tit, blue tit, marsh tit, nuthatch and a willow warbler. Then the alarm call goes out as a female sparrow hawk comes flashing through the trees, unlucky this time!

Time to move on by the mill where I spot a family of six spotted flycatchers and on rounding the corner to the next bridge a grey wagtail catches flies on the weir. Moving on, a dragonfly sits atop a stem of some old cow parsley. On reaching the river I stop quickly as a heron sits, just across the river from me, fishing. It's not long before it spots me and takes off, flying up the river, and in doing so it puts up another, both flying around me before landing further up the river. Meanwhile, a pair of little egrets sit in a tree, preening.

On to the cross roads, just up the track to Lark Whistle Farm, the trees are *full* of birds, long tailed tit, blue tit, great tit, chaffinch, tree creeper, chiffchaff and a goldcrest. It's a good bird spotting day today, as a buzzard flies low over the rape field and puts up a flock of linnets and greenfinches.

At the farm, swallows are still flying around and behind the barn three buzzards are circling in a thermal getting higher and higher. Woodpigeons are flying as always and I spot hundreds of house martins heading for somewhere warmer. At the duck pond two young sparrow hawks are play fighting in the air. On the pond there are hundreds of noisy mallards. A little grebe pops up right in front of me then dives out of sight. Then, out of the corner of my eye, I catch a flash of blue as a kingfisher flies off!

On to Pig Bridge on the right, another little grebe is trying to hide in the weed and on the other side is a pair of swans. Moving on to the fishing lakes I spot three egrets, greylag goose, lesser black-backed gull, great black-backed gull, moorhen, coots, tufted ducks and more mallards. There is a carrion crow in a tree, a robin singing on the fence and a pied wagtail chasing flies. Then I notice all the thistle seeds blowing in the wind, the reason - a big flock of goldfinches! On to the bridge a blackbird flies across the river and a red kite flies overhead. It's very quiet and with nothing much else to see I move on, heading home, with a kestrel flying over.

I hope you have enjoyed our walk together, in total we saw 42 different birds!

Chris Bowman



Longparish Gardening Club Village Hall Tuesday 25th November 7.00 pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GARDENING QUIZ

An opportunity to have a Christmas gathering and final meeting of 2014. No need to dress up. Just an informal social evening including a Gardening quiz for a bit of fun and hopefully a preview of the programme for next year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Members Free – (Non-members very welcome £5.00)

Please let us know if you are attending so that we know how many to expect.

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 720325

rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com or Marion Bell 720205



Free to Good Home! Upright Piano

Ever thought about learning to play the piano? In good condition for its age and free for uplift, our upright piano is now looking for a new home. Will require tuning after moving.

Contact: Johanne Scotland, Maiden Cottage, Longparish 720258



The dog poo went on my toddler shoe, (again today)

Please pick up the poo, So that it doesn't go on my shoe!

I walk on the path and I walk on the verge, Just like your dog. I too, Am exploring and walking and strolling along, I don't want to tread in the mess that is there.

So please dog owner, pick it up, bag it and take it away with you. Thank you

The Cricketers Inn Live Music Night Saturday 29th November

Back by popular demand.

Come along and enjoy the sounds of Nathan Jon Snell, from 8pm.



Longparish Playgroup

What a packed month October has been. We've been to Harold Hillier Gardens with the children, it was Harvest Festival, we've had a coffee morning and of course the annual Pumpkin Competition.

We were lucky to have the sun shining on our trip to Hillier Gardens. The children collected apples, dug up some carrots, found different coloured leaves and matched them to coloured hoops. Then we went on a bear hunt! Thank you to all the parents who came and helped us - we hope they had as much fun as we did.

For Harvest, we went to the church to meet Dodie. The children took food to donate to the Andover Food Bank. We all sang and had to find pictures around the church about Harvest.

The coffee morning had a great turn out of mums and grannies and the children enjoyed showing them around Playgroup and sharing the cakes they had made and decorated.

Thank you to Sylvia Crook, Laura Wearn, Alice and Jonathan Evans for organising the Pumpkin Competition event. It was a lot of fun and we are very grateful that the proceeds of the day are donated to our Playgroup.

Throughout this term the children have been fortunate enough to be using our new iPad (purchased with funds raised from the Midsummer Barn Dance). It is a great learning resource for all sorts from discovering shape games, making patterns to sorting clothes into colours.

Longparish Primary School News

Laverstoke Park

On Thursday 11th September, Heron Class went to Laverstoke Park Farm. First we got on the minibus and as we drove along we sang songs and made up a game, however the game gave me a headache so I stopped playing! Soon after that we got to the farm, got off the bus and walked up a path into a large classroom and met a lady called Laura who told us about farm safety and our local farmers.

After this, we went to see the walled garden. We saw lots of plants and we were allowed to plant some seeds in pots to take home. Soon after that we got back on our minibus and went back to the classroom to have our lunch.

Eventually we went to see the buffalo, first we saw some adult buffalo, but then we went to see some baby buffalo. On the edges there were older babies and we could feed them, but the middle ones were younger and we couldn't feed them.

Finally, we went back to the classroom, collected our things and came back to school. Millie, Year 2

Junior Road Safety Officer Training

Two children (one child from each of Year 5 and Year 6) have been selected as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) and on Friday 17th of October, we went to a JRSO training day in Basingstoke.

We had an opening talk about what we were going to do and what our role was in school. Then we went off and did our first activity, which was making an advert all about road safety with people from Heart Radio. Once that had finished we went and completed a quiz video game that was all about safety in and outside of a car.

The morning passed quickly then, to our delight, it was time for lunch and there was a wide selection of food for both mains and puddings!

During the afternoon, there was a really fun activity in store for us as it was games on a computer. One of these was a game called snakes and hazards which is a giant game of snakes and ladders but looking at dangers on the road. Lastly, but definitely not least, the final activity was colouring in your own top; we had to make up a chant to draw on our tops, ours was 'Be bright and you'll be alright!' and then we decorated our tops. It was such a fun day and we are now planning our first activity back at school to make children aware of the dangers on the road.

Vickie and Amber

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS)

FoLS organise events throughout the year to raise funds to support our school. During 2013/14 over £4000 was raised which meant we were able to fund four stage blocks, six outdoor parasols, books, footballs, Hama Beads for the afterschool club, the Children's Christmas party including a gift for each child as well as subsidising school trips.

None of this would be possible without parents, villagers and our committee helping to fundraise. Thank you to all who have given their time, donations or attended events to make them a success.

The FoLS committee for 2014/15 are:

Jeanette Stroier (Joint Chair) * Laura Harding (Joint Chair)* Sonia Whiteman (Treasurer) * Penny Billingham (Secretary) * Sid Bryant * Sonja Gailer * Beth Lowe * Clare Sykes * Gay Taylor

We are always in need of more help, whether to join the committee or help organise events. If you would like to join us or have ideas for future events, please talk to a FoLS member or contact us at chairfols@gmail.com

The 18th Longparish Pumpkin Show Report

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pumpkin Contest. It was another great event and amazing to see all the pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. Clearly the children and the few adults that entered the best decorated, are very creative and the effort that everyone goes to

each year just gets better and better. Overall we had 87 entries with 30 in the 5 and under alone!

The category of 'most unusual' had some really stunning examples of the different varieties of this amazing vegetable. We had some really big pumpkins - in the 0-8 year category the winner was George Phillips with a weight of 33.3kg. Alan Hewlett grew the heaviest in the adult class, at a whopping 72.2kg - well done - who's up to the challenge of beating this next year?

Laura and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to ensure the afternoon was a success - you know who you are!! Thank you also to everyone who gave raffle prizes. Through your kind donations we raised £216 for the Playgroup, as well as having another wonderful community event. Lots of fun pictures are on the village website <http://www.longparish.org.uk> so please take a look.

Sylvia Crook





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



The weather was good for the October race and most of the runners broke their handicaps.

First home and over two minutes inside his handicap was Ian Beveridge

who was our Most Improved Man. The Rising Star Trophy went to Daniel Sanderson and Alice Evans was Most improved Woman.

Particular thanks to everyone who helped out and of course to the Longparish Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on Sunday 9th November **starting earlier than usual at 9am** at the Cricket Ground. It is a handicap race so runners of all abilities have a chance to win!

Longparish Village Hall



Precious Village Asset Since 1910

I am delighted to report that Brian Sanders

(tel 720222) was elected as Chairman at our recent committee meeting. Maggie Barber (tel 720459) was elected at Vice-Chairman and Lucy Barker remains as Secretary.

The new shelving in the cupboards should be finished by the time you read this and we are planning to buy new tables soon. We also plan to sort out the tarmac but as the area is part of the highway this may take a while.

Dates for future meetings were agreed as follows. Please note your diary.

- Monday 5th January 2015
- Monday 30th March 2015
- Monday 27th April 2015 - AGM

Jeremy Barber (Treasurer)

LCA Coffee Shop Open - Village Hall Friday 14th November 10am-noon



We continue to open on the second Friday of the month for you to meet and socialise over freshly brewed coffee and biscuits in our lovely village hall. Everyone is welcome, do come along we would love to see you. Gloria and Nigel Goodliffe 720425

Monday Night at the Movies

Village Hall

Monday 17th November



Straight from the Tribeca Film Festival, this month's screening, 'Chef', is an amazing and thoroughly engaging film about doing what you love, and loving what you do.

When chef, Carl Casper (Jon Favreau) suddenly quits his job at a prominent Los Angeles restaurant after refusing to compromise his creative integrity for its controlling owner (Dustin Hoffman), he's left to figure out how to get his life and his family back on track.

A charming cast, including Scarlett Johansson and Robert Downey Jr, make this feel good comedy a flavourful treat.

Certificate 15. 112 minutes.

Doors open 7.15pm, movie starts at 7.45pm prompt.

Cash bar available

Entry free to LCA members (or join on the night for £1)

Donations welcome and gratefully received

LCA Tuesday Talks Village Hall - 7pm for a 7.30pm start

The winter season of Tuesday Talks kicked off in style on 14 October with Jeremy Barber telling us about his 555 mile walk along the Camino de Santiago, from the French Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostella and beyond, to the Atlantic coast at Finisterre.

Dates to keep free for future talks are:

- **11th November : Diary of a River Keeper** – Chris de Cani talking on life working on a Hampshire chalk stream
- **9th December: From London to Bombay the Vintage Way** – John Woodcock will entertain us with his epic 46 day journey in a Rolls in the company of Henry "Blowers" Blofeld

Admission is free but donations are welcome, and there is a cash bar.



Longparish Players present

A horror and comedy double bill with BYO supper

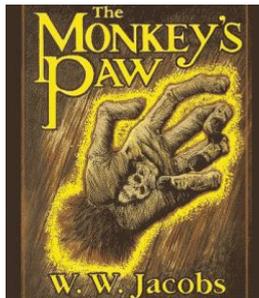
Two Plays Two Courses

Two nights only

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November

Doors & bar open 7.15pm

First play starts 7.30pm



The Monkey's Paw

Beware of what you wish for...

Adapted by Jonathan Holloway from the short story by W.W. Jacobs

Bring your own supper
Cash bar

Followed by



Last Panto in Little Grimley

By David Tristram. The long-awaited sequel to last year's sell-out play.

Following the success of their previous show, the Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society move to a new level of chaos when they tackle the Christmas pantomime. A wannabe diva, a worn out leader, a librarian with a passion for musicals and a set designer with stage fright take to the boards to save the group they love.

Tickets £6 (£5 for LCA members) from the shop, the cast or phone Sandra on 720551.

NB includes adult language and some sexual references.
In film terms a 12A



The Terrible Rain

This month's cover image is by the artist and former Longparish resident Alix Baker. The painting is currently on display in St

Margaret's, Westminster to coincide with the Field of Remembrance and will then move to Salisbury for an exhibition.

The painting depicts a young soldier who is yet to see active service. The vertical and horizontal brush strokes suggest the warp and weft of the fabric of those nations affected by the First World War will never be the same... The colours of the Armed Forces are incorporated into the picture in various ways, including that of the future Royal Air Force formed towards the end of the war by an amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service.

The poppies are few in the foreground but gradually increase until those among the silhouetted figures are numerous, symbolising the death toll to come. Wearing

their poppies, the soldier and his horse will not be among those returning home.

Alix Baker (Artist)

We Will Remember Them

29 men who died in the First World War are remembered on our village war memorial, but who were they? Who was the underage volunteer born in Stream House? Who was the sailor who went down with his ship, whose niece still lives in the village? Who were the families who lost



two and even three sons in the trenches?

From Remembrance Sunday, to the end of the month, there will be an exhibition in the Church telling the stories of some of the men from our village who died in the Great War.

Jo Webb and Henry Yelf have conducted the research and Geoff Hayes has created the exhibition artwork. You can see the exhibition every day in the Church, which is open

during daylight hours.

The Remembrance Sunday service starts at 10.50 on Sunday 9th November at the War Memorial in the cemetery and continues in Church. The Longparish Village Choir will be singing and everyone is welcome to join the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

Cathy Yelf

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

A REFLECTIVE EVENING OF PROSE,
POETRY & MUSIC, INCLUDING

FAURÉ'S REQUIEM

PERFORMED BY LONGPARISH VILLAGE CHOIR
& ALL HALLOWS CHURCH CHOIR

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM
St. Nicholas Church, Longparish

AND

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM
All Hallows Church, Whitchurch

TICKETS £7.50

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
Nicky Smallwood (01264 720086)
Longparish Village Shop
Newbury Building Society, Whitchurch

ALL PROCEEDS TO 'ALABARÉ' AND 'WAR CHILD'

With thanks to: Alix Baker PC, MBE, for her kind permission to use this image.

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 13th October

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Tree work at land to the rear of the Willows, Middleton.
- Tree work at Malthouse Cottage, West Aston.
- Tree works at Elm Lodge, West Aston.
- Tree work at Blacksmith's Bridge House, Middleton.
- Tree work at the Barn House, Forton, provided the proposals for cutting back the second birch tree were amended as recommended by the Tree Warden.

Other Planning Matters

The Council noted the matters and issues that the Planning Inspector had raised in connection with TVBC's Local Plan. None appeared to be directly relevant to Longparish, but it was not known what additional representations would be made at the Inspector's hearings. Advice would be sought from TVBC about the additional building work at Testwood Trout Farm, and there had been a useful meeting of the A303 Recycling Facility liaison group.

Finance

The External Auditor raised one minor issue on the 2013/2014 Annual Return, but acknowledged that this had already been resolved. The Council noted the uncertainty about the continuing requirement for external audit in the light of the Transparency Code, and, separately, the Clerk was asked to research the possibility of switching the Council's bank account to a specialist bank that could provide online security with the same levels of control as at present.

Open Spaces

The Council discussed the list of jobs to be carried out at the Village Clean-Up Day on Saturday 8th November and noted that the war memorial would be cleaned before Remembrance Sunday. The issue of anti-social behaviour by visitors to the skate ramp was raised, and, while it was felt that it would not be practicable or appropriate to impose restrictions on its use, reassurance would be sought by improving liaison with the community policeman. It was also noted that a similar, but more extensive, facility was shortly to be opened just outside Andover.

Highways

The Council was informed that a meeting was to be held shortly with local representatives from HCC Highways, at which a number of longstanding concerns would be raised. Autumn tasking for the Parish Lengthsman contractor had been reviewed and a list of jobs agreed. The draft Infiltration Reduction Plan had been discussed in detail with Southern Water at a very productive meeting and a number of comments would be incorporated in the Plan before it was circulated to other organisations prior to being made public.

Communications

The Council discussed progress on the new village website and how best to publish the Minutes of Council meetings.

Other Business

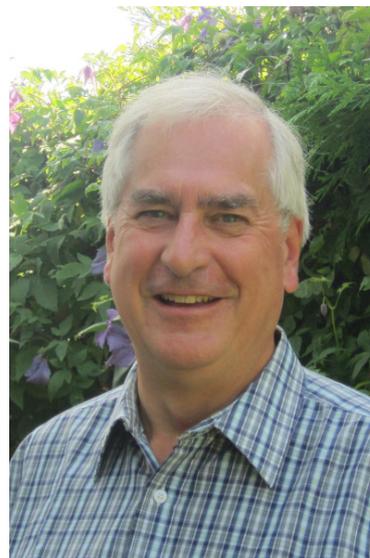
The Council agreed to provide financial support to the community display project as its contribution to the commemoration of the First World War. The effect of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations was noted, and the issue of Councillor recruitment was also discussed. Reports were received from the Community Resilience event and the HALC AGM.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 10th November in the Village Hall. Parish Council meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman – Jonathan Frere (tel: 720574, or email: clerk@longparish.org.uk).

Parish Council Profile

Jim Sawyer



Jim Sawyer was born and brought up in Hampshire. His family lived in Winchester where his father, Peter Sawyer was architect to the Diocese of Winchester. This led to Jim's first connection with Longparish, as his father designed the new Longparish School and supervised the building in 1956 - 7, and Jim remembers visiting the

site. His father also worked with Pam Dawnay and the PCC on the alterations to St Nicholas Church in 1956.

Jim qualified as a chartered surveyor and worked outside Hampshire until 1975, when he returned to Winchester, ultimately specialising in commercial property. He and Philippa were married in Winchester Cathedral that year. They bought Greenholme from Rex Allen in 1985. After the necessary alterations had been made to turn the 2 annexes built by Rex Allen into a house for Philippa's parents, Reg and Elaine Mace, they moved into Longparish the following year with their two small daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth. He remembers being quickly enlisted to help at the Fete by Guyon Prideaux. Philippa joined the PCC and set up her successful private catering business. Jim continued to work in Winchester and was Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce for 8 years. In June 2011 he was awarded the Millennium Egg for his significant contribution to the business community in Winchester. He now works part-time as a consultant in commercial property for London Clancy, which has enabled him to give more time to the village.

He was co-opted on to the Parish Council in July 2011, and recently became Chair of the Planning Committee, where his professional experience is especially helpful and relevant. Both his daughters are now married. Elizabeth is living in Perth, Australia, and Catherine is an army wife currently living in Tidworth, with 2 young sons, much enjoyed by Jim and Philippa.

Plea for hedge maintenance bordering public roads and footpaths

For conservation and wildlife reasons hedge maintenance is best done in January or February unless there is a safety issue. The Hampshire County Council website outlines the responsibilities of property owners or occupiers regarding hedges and highways www.hants.gov.uk, but I found the clearest advice regarding the law and hedges is from the Devon County Council web site as follows:

Owners and occupiers are required to:

- trim hedges and trees to ensure growth does not obscure the view of road signs.
- trim roadside hedges to maintain visibility for road users, particularly at junctions and on the inside of bends.
- trim any hedge that directly abuts a road, footway, cycleway or public right of way so
- that growth does not prevent the passage or affect the safety of the highway user, including cyclists and pedestrians.

Christian Dryden Highways rep for Longparish Parish Council

LITTER FREE LONGPARISH !



ADOPT A ROAD

This scheme has been running in the village since 2004. Unsung heroes have been keeping their chosen stretch of road or pavement free of litter in addition

to the twice-yearly Village Clean Up

days and the Parish Council are very grateful to them.

People move on and we are looking for new volunteers who would like to adopt a stretch of road to keep litter free. You can choose any stretch of road or pavement, anything from 20 metres to 500 metres or more, and it can be done once a year, once a month, once a week, whenever you like. You will be provided with a litter picking stick and fluorescent vest and any safety advice needed.

Of course any litter picking is always encouraged but a litter picking stick does make it easier on the back!

If you are interested in helping keep Longparish roads litter free, please ring me Christian Dryden 01264 720 398

Clean Up Days!



Church and Churchyard Clean-up Day Saturday 1st November 10am to 12noon

Please come with your holy dusters and your ecclesiastical clippers and give the church and the churchyard its autumn/winter clean-up. There are all sorts of jobs to be done inside and out.

Coffee, tea and cake will be served about 11am.

Village Clean Up Day

Saturday 8th November 10am

All volunteers welcome, a range of jobs including litter picking, path strimming, weeding streams, ditch clearing, cleaning signs etc. Lunch provided. If you think you may be available please let James Hillier know 01264 720016 or e-mail donnamhillier@btinternet.com to help plan the schedule of works. Please meet up at the playground.

Congratulations to FoLS 100+ Club October Draw Winners:

- 1st - No. 41 - Jeffrey Wiseman
2nd - No. 142 - Jeremy Lloyd
3rd - No. 110 - Richard Williams



Christmas Tea Party

Tuesday 2nd December
1.15pm

The Recycled Teenagers invite you to a Christmas tea party with entertainment from the 4 Toons, a musical group from Andover who perform

folk, country, comedy, songs from musicals and 1950s/60s songs.

The party will be in the village hall starting at 1.15pm with tea and cakes served in the interval and finishing about 4pm. Admission is free and we will have a raffle.

All welcome from Longparish and we'd be delighted to see those from surrounding villages also so please tell your friends. Please contact Maggie on 720459, Corinne on 720643 or Jan on 720654 to book your place.

We will also be going to **Newbury** for Christmas shopping on **Tuesday 3rd November** leaving Longparish at 10.30am. Please contact Corinne on 720643 if you would like to join us.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 6th December
2pm to 4pm

Mulled Wine * Grand Raffle * Hamper Raffle * Christmas Bunting * Children's cake icing activity * Presents for Mum & Dad * Produce Stall * Teas and Real Coffee * Mince Pies * Cake stall * Bowls of Bulbs * Christmas Wreaths * Stalls with Zoe and Laura *

****SANTA and His Special Helpers****

We are presently making up hampers and would love to receive donations of suitable baskets and ribbons, or, any packaged food, wine, bottles, mince pies, biscuits, etc. Please deliver to Pam at Test Cottage or Jane Young.

Also needed: Any unwanted gifts such as notelets, soaps, photo frames, pretty pots to plant bulbs.

Contact: Pam Weale 720362 or any member of St Nicholas Church.