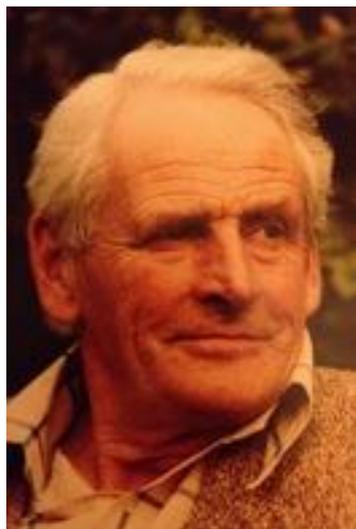


Dick Snow 1916 to 2015



Dick was born mid-way through the Great War, on November 11th 1916, at Church Farm, Longparish, where his sister Mary was born four years later. At the time their father, Cobden, known everywhere as Cob, was managing the Middleton Estate for Mr Whiteley, later Lord Marchamley, who was away at the war. Farmed now by contract from Newmarket, the land in those days was divided into six or seven tenant

farms, each of two or three hundred acres.

Church Farm was one of them, with its own milk round and a herd of cattle which would graze in the water meadows, coming back across the river twice a day to be milked by hand in the little old cow pen, still there, with its back to the bottom of the Middle Way, known then as Middleton Lane.

Dick would have been five or six when Mr Whiteley built Lower Mill, bought a few hundred acres from St Cross to go with it, and took the Snows – Cob, his wife Sylvia, Dick and Mary to live at Southside and farm it for him. There, in 1925, his brother Allen was born and Dick spent all his working life.

Dick's strength, lasting powers and famously insatiable appetite, which happily he never lost, came from sheer hard work. It was another 10 or 15 years before anything as modern as a tractor, let alone a combine harvester, would have come into his life. By then, Dick had passed into Andover Grammar School from the Whitchurch Primary School, become an early member of the Young Farmers Club, and been to Sparsholt Agricultural College. Time had to be found, too, for cricket, tennis, and bridge.

Regarding cricket, Cob, Dick, and young Allen must have taken not hundreds but thousands of wickets for Longparish, first in the park behind Middleton House and then where the cricket ground is now. Perhaps Dick's finest hour as a Longparish cricketer was when he made 70 against Collingbourne Kingston to win the final of the Border League - locally a very keenly fought contest - in 1938.

For many years Dick shared a little rough shoot near Stockbridge with three like-minded countrymen – Philip Snow, John Woodcock, and Dick's oldest friend and best man, Norman Brook. There, with their beloved gundogs, they showed those who came for a day that you could get just as much fun out of a bag of two pheasants, a pigeon and a rabbit as from one a hundred times larger.

In the 1940s, after the Second World War, time was allowed in the winter to go to the Dell to watch Southampton play in the First Division, the equivalent of today's Premier League. Alternate Saturdays would be for ferreting on the railway line, where it would be left to

Dick, with his strength and know-how to dig out the ferret if it did not re-appear.

Dick's contribution to the Second World War – as a farmer he was in a reserved occupation – was to help run the Royal Observer Corps post, a purpose built brick building at the top of Southside Hill. From there, the movement of enemy aircraft on their way to, or from, bombing Midland towns such as Coventry was monitored. In recognition of his work he was chosen to take part in the great victory march through London in 1945.

But the most propitious moment of Dick's life was yet to come. It did so when Mr Farthing retired from being headmaster of Longparish School, to be replaced by Mrs House who brought with her an enchanting daughter, Peggy, who, in 1950, Dick took to the altar. In due course, first John and then Jane were born and for Dick to have had them both nearby to take care of him in his last years was the most wonderful blessing.

In 1960 Dick took over the farm on the death of his father. As well as caring for the crops and farm animals, Dick took a great interest in bird life and devoted hours to observing and marking the ground nests of plovers and skylarks to ensure that rollers or harrows did not destroy them. It is difficult to summarise a lifetime of farming, but these figures, calculated by his son, John, may suffice. Leaving aside the lamb and beef he reared, in his years as a farmer Dick produced: enough wheat for 6 million loaves of bread; enough grass seed to re-turf Wembley Stadium 1300 times; and enough barley for 38.5 million pints of beer!

Besides running the farm, Dick was deeply immersed in village life. He was a long-serving School Governor, Parish Councillor and, for over 20 years, Churchwarden – contributing to the Snow family's unbroken century of service to the Church starting in the 1890s. His natural resourcefulness, and ability to fix things quickly, so vital on the farm, often extended to church and village emergencies, when he was always ready to lend a hand.

Dick had a lifelong love of bridge, and for many years was a 'County Master'. He played his last game at Clatford Bridge Club at the age of 94, and although his short-term memory was by then very poor, could still recall every card in a particular game.

Dick lived all his 98 years in the same community and will be remembered with countless stories, but mostly he will be remembered for his integrity, resourcefulness, sense of fun and his love for family, farm and village life.

Compiled by Jane Snow from various tributes.



Easter Sunday is on April 5th and once again we will be decorating the church. Anyone who would like to give lilies in memory of someone please let me know.

Eila Chamberlen 720691

DOROTHY ELLICOCK 1923 – 2015

My parents lived in Longparish for 22 years. My mother died aged 91, five months after my father aged 94. They were married 71 years. My sister described my mother beautifully at her Thanksgiving Service; Kate spoke of her devotion to and pride in her family, particularly her eleven great

grandchildren, and of her gregarious nature, infectious enthusiasm and her wonderful smile.

She was, from an early age, a remarkable sportswoman and played tennis into her late 70s. Her competitiveness and determination were legendary, her spirit indomitable. As an athlete in her school days she was unbeaten in several events but it was cycling in which she really excelled. With a bubbly nature, great sense of humour and engaging smile, she talked her way into an all-male cycling club. She started the ladies' section and was only 14 years old! She cycled prodigious distances, even by today's standards, for one so young – 130 miles from her home in Potters Bar to Lulworth Cove in a day. On a club ride to Brighton, she met my father, aged 17, who had cycled with his club from Portsmouth. She threw a pebble, he turned, she smiled and they married 5 years later.

My father's post-war military career took the family to France, Singapore, Malaya, Germany and four UK locations. My mother's determination never to be beaten applied not only to sport but to every eventuality which the vagaries and turmoil of military life threw her way. She made the most of every new location, made new friends easily, gave my father tremendous support and made a wonderful, loving family home. She loved the pomp and ceremony of military life and was thrilled to see her eldest grandson as a piper at the Edinburgh Tattoo; he piped at her Thanksgiving Service. She remained physically fit all her life. She was London District badminton singles champion and BAOR singles and mixed doubles champion. She took up tennis and excelled. She started two tennis clubs. Sadly, in the closing decade of her life, as her coordination and hearing faded, sport and socializing became ever more difficult for her. As a consequence, in contrast to her earlier life, she was somewhat in the shadow of my father who was to be seen running until aged 87 and presenting the trophies at the monthly village run.

There were glimpses, however, of the indomitable spirit. One example: on the eve of departure from Singapore my father had been presented with a Malay Kris (knife). My mother woke to see a burglar with the Kris in their bedroom. There were no screams, no hysterics, only blind fury! My warrior father woke to see his wife fighting the intruder. She wrenched the Kris and scabbard from him, by which time the burglar was in retreat towards the window. The Kris, unsheathed in the struggle, cut my mother's arm – a scar she bore all her life.

Dogs were always a feature of her life and they were as devoted to her as she was to them. I am enormously grateful to villagers who stopped and chatted to her, especially when her dementia and hearing deteriorated.

My mother died after 10 days in hospital, following a fall. It was the first time she had ever been admitted to hospital. I took her ashes and those of my father, as I

promised them I would, to Brighton Beach where they had met, aged 14 and 17, in 1937. I returned them to the surf together.

John Ellicock

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - THE SKYLARK

The skylark is another one of our disappearing birds. This is said to be related to modern farming techniques and the use of pesticides. Skylarks in the spring and summer are a treat to listen to. They take off and hover, moving higher and higher, until they are just a small speck in the sky, but all the while singing. Nick Dunford has them nesting on his farm and they also nest around Owls Lodge Farm.

The skylark is 18cm long with a wingspan of 33cm. The feathers are streaky brown above, paler below with a pale eye stripe and a small crest (usually raised



when alarmed or in courtship). The wings and tail are edged with white. They begin nesting in April/May and the nest is well hidden in grass or crops. The nest, just a small depression in the ground, is made of grass and leaves lined with finer grass. The skylark will land a short distance away from the nest and then run to it, another way to stop its nest being found. Three to five eggs are laid, glossy, grey-white, thickly spotted with brown or olive. Incubated for 11 days and fledge in 18-20 days but the young leave the nest in 8-10 days. They will go off and hide in the grass or crops so if a predator finds the nest they stand a better chance of survival.

Chris Bowman

Pension Changes are coming in April 2015; avoid the fraudulent investment risks

HMRC have advised that from April 2015, people over the age of 55 will be given the flexibility of taking a number of smaller lump sum pension pots. 25% of the sum will be tax-free, with the remaining pension fund charged at marginal rate of income tax.

We are concerned that fraudsters will take advantage of these rule changes by offering to invest pensions on the victim's behalf. Be very wary of such offers.

Avoid losing your hard-earned cash:

- Do not invest with companies which cold call you, offering extremely high returns. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Seek financial advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau, who work alongside the Treasury delivering the 'Pension Wise' service.
- If you wish to invest your savings in a company, please ensure you seek advice from an FCA registered and authorised advisor.
- Be aware of callers offering a free pension review service by phone call, email and text message and do not invest in unregulated markets such as overseas property developments, storage units or forestry.



Hot Potato Syncopators

Village Hall

Saturday 21st March 7.30pm

Enjoy an evening of hot, swinging musical mayhem, along with a meal, courtesy of the LCA and Hog the Limelight.

The Hot Potato Syncopators present a rip-roaring musical revue of 1930s jazz and dance-band melodies interspersed with visual gags, delightful humour and novelty moments. These three eccentric English gentlemen combine lightning-fast ukulele, heart-melting musical saw, tea chest bass and beautiful harmonies with hilarious consequences.

Tickets are £10 each to include food (£8 without food) and are available from the shop, from David Marklew on 720796, or from any member of the LCA committee.

****Cash Bar****

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



It was a beautiful, bright morning for the February race and there was a near record turnout of 25 runners of whom 15 beat their handicaps. Well

done!

We welcomed new runners, Lee Thomson, Angela Dewey and Derrick Gardiner and it was also great to see a couple of people back after long absences.

First home was Nina Smith who beat her handicap by an amazing 4 minutes and 51 seconds to become our Rising Star with a new Personal Best. Most Improved Man was Dave Henery who beat his handicap by 1 minute and 44 seconds. Most Improved Lady was Sandra Jones who demonstrated the advantage of extreme tapering by beating her handicap by 44 seconds after an absence of over two years. Jesper Stroier, Rob Bryan, Gina Graham and Camilla Janmohamed also recorded Personal Bests.

Afterwards the runners enjoyed relaxing in the sunshine with tea or coffee and excellent cake (thank you Jim Dundas) and flapjack (thanks Maggie).

The next race is on **Sunday 8th March** starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground. It is a handicap race so runners of all abilities have a chance to win!

In April we will be celebrating 100 races so we would like to invite everyone who has ever run to do it again! There will be a special souvenir for all runners. To help us order the right number please email jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk to let us know if you plan to come.

**Tuesday
Talks**

LCA Tuesday Talks

**Village Hall 10th March:
7pm for a 7.30pm start**

How we found the Mary Rose – Henry Yelf and Don Bullivant share their experiences of diving in the Solent. Henry describes his campaign to get proper recognition for Alexander McKee, the man whose stubborn determination led to the rediscovery of the Tudor warship Mary Rose. Don Bullivant was one of McKee's volunteer divers and describes the day they defied doubters and found "McKee's Ghost Ship" under the Solent mud.



LCA Coffee Shop - Village Hall

Friday 13th March 10am-noon

Come along and enjoy freshly brewed coffee and a chat with friends old and new.

LCA membership

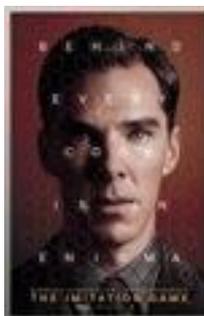
Thank you to all of you who have sent in your membership for 2015. Special thanks go to those of you who generously included a donation with your sub.

An annual subscription costs £1 per person and lasts until 31st December 2015. It allows you free admission to the LCA Film Nights, and priority booking for LCA organised events. Forms are available on the back of the H&V Events Diary or can be downloaded from the website. If you don't have Internet access or are unable to print, please get in touch with Christine Beresford on 720421.

Monday Night at the Movies - 16th March Village Hall 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start

The Imitation Game

Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightly



'The Imitation Game both brings to life and pays tribute to Turing's history-altering and pioneering work that paved the way for modern computing'.

'Cumberbatch gives an award winning and haunting performance that is, by turns, awkward, triumphant, and heartbreaking'.

Entry is free to LCA Members – You can join or renew your membership on the night for £1.00. Donations gratefully received

****Cash bar available****

Stop press

Our blockbuster season continues in April when we will be showing the universally acclaimed and multi-award winning Boyhood.

Longparish and the 21st Century!

Do you organise activities or events in the village? Do you want to take better advantage of some of the modern options for communicating with potential participants? Not that they will replace Hill and Valley, but our online presence does give you some other options! Our website: www.longparish.org.uk

Many of you will be aware that we have a website (and have had since 2001) – but you may not be aware that it has recently been re-launched using some technology that was not available when we started. We think the re-launch has enabled us to make the site more modern and attractive, but the main advantage is that it makes it much easier to get more people involved in updating the site. This will hopefully mean more information on what is going on in the village, and more up to date information. It will also mean less work for David Gould and Jeremy Barber who have had to shoulder almost all the work involved until now.

We already have 5 other people up and running and hope to involve more - anyone who can access the Internet can do it and there is no 'programming' involved! If you already are familiar with an editor like Microsoft Word, or a calendar tool like Outlook or Google Calendar, the basics of updating the site will be extremely familiar to you.

If you haven't looked at the website for a while, please have a look. Our home page now has an ever-changing range of events that are coming up in the next month or so and even more on our 'What's On' page. We now have a Village Diary where we are trying to capture all the public events that are happening as much as a year in advance. If you are planning an event yourself – please look to check it won't clash with something already planned.

If you plan an event, please let us know. You can ring Fiona on 720709, or contact us through the link on the website front page. If you are part of a club or organisation or regularly organise events and would like to talk about possibly getting involved with the website, again get in touch as above. Training provided!

Are you on Facebook?

You may have already discovered the Longparish Community Association Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Longparish>), where we post information and pictures of what's happening in the village. Perhaps more importantly we have set up a Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Longparish/>) that anyone can join. You can then post things yourself. Recently another Group has been set up to put local sellers and buyers together. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/longparishsaleswants>

If you have access to the Internet, why don't you check things out?
Fiona Gould

Longparish Fete 2015

This year *Donna Hillier* will head up the Fete Committee. The fete will be held on **Saturday 5th September**. Watch this space for further details and pleas for help.



The Plough Inn – N° 4 with a Bullet!

The Plough Inn, run by chef James Durrant, has won the 'Highest Climber' award in the recent Budweiser Top 50 Gastropub awards, which places The Plough Inn at no. 4 in the top 50! This prestigious award is made all the more special as it is based on a poll of industry experts, top chefs, food writers and James' peers. JS



Please Clean Up After Your Pet!



A number of residents are concerned about the amount of dog waste left on our verges and paths. Please be a good neighbour and clean up after your pet. Please place the bagged waste in the bins provided and not in the hedgerows or hanging from trees!

Longparish Gardening Club Tuesday 24th March at 7pm Village Hall

Kevin Hughes will speak on:

New and Less Usual Plants for the Spring Garden

Kevin runs Kevin Hughes Plants at Heale House Gardens, Upper Woodford, Nr. Salisbury. We visited his nursery last year in April. He has been at the nursery for 7 years and is a passionate conservationist. Kevin is also a Royal Horticultural Society Committee member for Trees and Shrubs.

**Raffle as usual towards the cost of future speakers
Members Free (Non-members welcome £5.00)**

Any queries to Rosie Lowry 720325
rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com or Marion Bell 720205

Recycled Teenagers

We organise regular outings and other events using Test Valley Community Service's minibus for transport. This month, on **Tuesday 3rd March at 1pm**, the



Recycled Teenagers will visit the Tea Cosy in Hurstbourne Tarrant for a Cream Tea.

Sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, cake and tea!

If you or someone you know is interested in joining us or you would like further information please contact *Corinne* on 720643

Longparish Playgroup

We are very pleased to inform you that the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection was 'Good'! The report is now publically available at: www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports.

This half term we have had visits from a police community support officer, a fire fighter, a postman, the school cooks, a vet and headteacher Mrs Foggo! In role-play recently the children have enjoyed being hairdressers, doctors, nurses and builders. We would love you to come in and tell us about your occupation.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Table Top Fundraiser Sale. We raised £235 towards the mud kitchen we hope to build in our outside area.

Claire Nash

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

On the 8th February, we held a family film afternoon to raise funds for Mityana. The film was "Sing-along Frozen" which was a popular choice with over 50 children and 30 adults attending. As a result an amazing £303.38 was raised from the event. FoLS has agreed to match fund this, as well as giving a further donation of £50 from the sale of the Christmas trees. Therefore, a total of £656.76 will be making its way to Mityana to help their school and community. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and made it a success.

We hope you will join us at one of our upcoming events. The next ones are:

- **Easter Duck Race and Egg Hunt – 29th March – Which duck will swim the fastest? Who will find the most eggs? A fun event for all the family.**
- **May Fayre – 9th May – our annual fundraiser.**

Also future events planned include a Race Night with a difference and the BBQ / Camp Out.

As ever, talk to a member of FoLS for more details or with any suggestions for events you would like to see.

Penny Billingham

FoLS 100+ Club

January Draw

- 1st Robyn Dawson
2nd Jeanette Strøier
3rd Nicky Smallwood

February Draw

- 1st Isabella Scott
2nd Alice Evans
3rd Nicky Smallwood

It's still not too late to join the FOLS 100+ Club. Please email me or fill in the form on Longparish website under FoLS and you will still have a chance to enter future draws. Thank you.

Sonia Whiteman (whiteman.sonia@gmail.com)

A request to all keen Gardeners...



I will be running the plant stall at the School Fayre again in May.

Now that spring is around the corner if you are sowing seeds, be it flowers or vegetables, or lifting and dividing plants please remember that any spare plants you can give me to sell on the stall will

help raise money for our school. I will provide more details in next month's edition.

Thank you

Sylvia Crook

Longparish Village Hall



Precious Village Asset Since 1910

I am very pleased to report that the Village Hall is now in use almost every day. It goes from strength to strength. Regular events such as gardening club, Tuesday talks, film nights and coffee mornings are all very well attended and we welcome Anna McAllister who has taken over the mother and toddler group on a Monday morning. Her numbers are building nicely.

I would encourage anyone considering an event to get in touch with Jacqui (720560) as soon as possible. It doesn't matter how far in advance; it is better to have it pencilled in than find the date you want is already taken!

Regarding future developments: we are about to appoint a local company to install acoustic panels in the ceiling of the main hall and hope to secure a significant chunk of the funding to help pay for them. We are also in discussion with Hampshire CC to repair the large pothole at the front of the Hall. It seems that the road is scheduled for resurfacing and the apron in front of the hall may be done at the same time. As yet we do not know when this will be, but it is on their "to do" list.

Other developments further down the line include the installation of broadband and a look at storage issues we will face in the future. It would be good to replace the container with a purpose built storage facility.

Future meeting dates are 30th March (Committee) and 27th April (AGM). All with an interest in the Village Hall are very welcome to attend.

And finally, if it is not too late, a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all!

Brian Sanders, Chairman, tel 720222

Longparish Cricket Club

The Club AGM will take place on **Wednesday 4th March at 7.45pm, in the Village Hall**. If you have a mind for revolution and feel that change is required assemble in the Village Hall car park with torches and placards to march on the meeting for 8pm.



LCC Hundred Club Draw Winners

- £35 Oliver Wills
£15 Ann Herbert
£15 Richard West

Thank you to all who support Longparish Cricket Club through Hundred Club membership and also for being so prompt with renewing subscriptions, it is hoped that this was due to an overwhelming feeling of goodwill towards the club and nothing to do with the chilling reminder from the Voice of the balls!

Chris De Cani

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 9th February

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish website longparish.org.uk.

Longparish School

The Council received a very informative briefing from the Chair of Governors about the changes to the Admissions Policy, particularly in relation to children with Special Educational Needs, the excellent reputation and progress of the School and the action that had been taken to resolve the problem of unsafe and inconsiderate parking by a few parents at drop-off and pick-up times.

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Part demolition and extension of existing storage building at Longparish House, East Aston.
- Tree work at Kingfisher Cottage, Forton.
- Tree work at Smallwood Lodge, Longparish Station.

Other Planning Matters

The Council noted that an appeal had been lodged in relation to the Bullington Cross Wind Farm, and that no sites in Longparish were included in TVBC's proposed Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan. Concerns about TVBC's apparent refusal to accept the removal of a sickly and badly positioned yew tree in Forton would be followed up and the Council would be seeking further clarification from TVBC concerning the situation at Testwood Trout Farm.

Finance

The Council agreed that the Clerk should follow up the offer of an alternative insurance quotation.

Open Spaces

HCC had been approached for advice on how the track at the end of Sugar Lane could be improved, but no suggestions had yet been received, and the offer of a free inspection of the skateboard ramp had been accepted. The Council noted concerns by the landowner about pedestrians and dogs straying off the footpaths in the Christmas Tree Field and encouraged all users to remain on the rights of way, as there was a risk that the paths might be fenced in. A further plea was issued that **dog owners who collected their pet's faeces in a bag should place it in one of the public bins provided and not leave it by the side of the road or throw it in the hedge!**

Highways

The Council would continue to monitor all reported road problems on the HCC website and seek updates on the list of problems raised directly with the Highways Authority. A meeting had been arranged with Aster to look at the maintenance of the central path in North Acre, and the tree in the grassed area had now been cut back. A request for more streetlights in North Acre had been received and HCC would be approached.

Village Hall

No further information had been received about the proposed joint project to renew the tarmac around the hall, but the Management Committee had received 3 quotations for the proposed improvements to the acoustics in the main hall.

Village Infrastructure

Southern Water had advised that all the urgent work required as part of the Infiltration Reduction Plan would be completed before the end of February, but that there was one task remaining in Southside Road that would necessitate a temporary road closure in March. It was noted that Longparish would be included in Wave 2 of Hampshire's Superfast Broadband Programme, but that there was no forecast of when the work would be carried out.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 9th March 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.

JOIN THE PARISH COUNCIL

On 7th May, at the same time as the General Election and the District Council elections, your Parish Council will also be up for re-election and, because a number of current Members will be standing down after many years of sterling service, we urgently need more people from all parts of Longparish to put themselves forward as potential candidates.

So, if you want to make a contribution to your local community and have a few hours to spare once a month (as well as occasional additional commitments), please consider putting your name forward. Further information can be obtained from the Chairman, Clerk or current Members (details are displayed on the village notice-boards or the web-site).

**OWING TO UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND,
APPLICATIONS MUST CLOSE BY 30th MARCH.
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



News from Testbourne

We are looking forward to the arrival of our Ugandan visitors at the end of February. Seven students and two members of staff will be spending a week with us. I am particularly looking forward to meeting Sammie, the new Headteacher of Mityana Secondary School. I am sure that it will be an invaluable experience for all of us.

We have enjoyed some excellent Dance and Drama showcases this half term – our Year 9 and Year 10 students performed some particularly funny pieces.

Year 8 and Year 9 are very busy preparing to make their GCSE Option choices. For the first time both year groups will be choosing at the same time.

Our Year 11s are very busy preparing for those all-important GCSE results. I am very pleased to say that 26 of our year 11 students have already successfully completed their iGCSE English course and met their target grade of a C or above. This is a really excellent achievement for them all.

Governor vacancies

Testbourne's governing body currently has vacancies for three co-opted governors. Closing Date 3rd March.

Ruth Beasley, Headteacher