



LCA - Tuesday Talks

Tuesday Talks resumed in October, when Jeremy Barber took us on a fascinating tour of the Falklands, having recently spent a month exploring them, and running a marathon for a change.



Tuesday 10th November: *Longparish: A Year in Nature* by Martin Clay, wildlife and nature photographer, and Chris Bowman, author of Hill & Valley's monthly bird column. Martin will also bring his 2016 calendars, so come prepared to stock up for Christmas!

Tuesday 8th December: speaker to be confirmed in the next issue of Hill & Valley.

Doors and cash bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

LCA Monday Night at the Movies

16th November Village Hall 7.45pm

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Check in again for more love and laughter as new arrival Richard Gere joins an all-star ensemble cast - including Judi Dench, Celia Imrie, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel - returning for this heart-warming sequel to *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel!*

Now that his first venture has been proven successful, ever-confident Sonny (Patel) is busy juggling plans for a second resort...as well as his own wedding. But his efforts are constantly hampered by hilarious complications, and in order to pull it all together, he'll need a little help and encouragement from his resident friends.

Doors open from 7.15pm. Entry is free to LCA members (donations gratefully received) - you can join or renew your membership on the night for £1.00. Cash bar.

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

It was a lovely autumn morning for the October run. We welcomed new runners: Flora McAllister (well, the whole McAllister family really), Maurice Leech, Piers Blewitt, Elaine Crewe-Tyrell and Nick Moss. We had a



record turnout of 29 runners with 19 beating their handicaps, despite the previous evening's Beer Festival.

First home was Piers Blewitt, running with a buggy, who seriously underestimated his ability in his first race and finished nearly 7 minutes ahead of his predicted time.

Luke Sanderson (who beat his handicap by over three minutes to become our Rising Star), Joanne Wyatt (Most Improved Woman), Vicki Blewitt, Daniel Sanderson, Colin Teasdale, Rob Bryan and Jeanette Stroier all had their best ever times. Well done! Most Improved Man was Ian Beveridge on his 75th run.

Thanks very much to our marshals and timekeepers, Maggie Barber, Emma Smith and Laura Harding, to everyone who accompanied juniors, to David Gould (who made a special cake to celebrate Mark Curtis' 50th birthday), Maggie Barber and Jim Dundas for the refreshments, to David and Fiona Gould for doing the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on **Sunday 8th November** starting at 9am, earlier than usual because of Remembrance Day, at the Cricket Ground. It is a handicap race so runners of all abilities have a chance to win. Everyone is welcome.

LCA Recycled Teenagers

We organise regular outings and other events using Test Valley Community Service's minibus for transport. This month will be a visit to Haskins Garden Centre on **Tuesday 3rd November** with time for Christmas shopping and lunch. We will leave Longparish at 10.30am and the cost will be £2.



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

Christmas Tea Party on 1st December

The Recycled Teenagers invite you to a Christmas tea party with entertainment but also plenty of time to chat. The party will be in the village hall starting at 1.45pm 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 would 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.

Village Clean Up Day

Saturday 7th

November

All volunteers welcome. A range of jobs to suit everyone, including litter picking, path strimming, weeding streams, ditch clearing, cleaning signs etc.

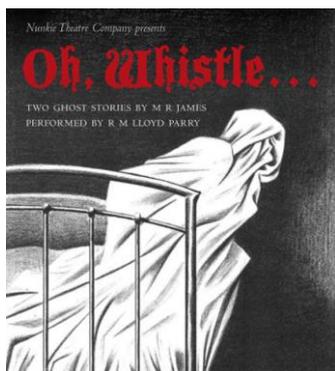


Lunch provided. If you think you may be available please let James Hillier know 01264 720016 or e-mail jameshillier@hillier.co.uk to help plan the schedule of works. Please meet at the Cricket Field/Playground at 10am.

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LCA Nunkie Theatre presents Two Chilling Ghost Stories - Village Hall

'Oh Whistle and I'll come to You My Lad' and 'The Ash Tree', performed by R M Lloyd Parry on Friday 13th November.



Tickets in advance (Ages 13+), with ghoulish food, are £10. Tickets on the door are £8 not including food.

Commences 7.30 pm for food, last entry strictly 8.15 pm.

Tickets available from the Longparish Village Shop, Sue on 07454939838, Andy on 720207 or 07917043915

Thank you to all that supported the First LCA Longparish Beer Festival



We had a very successful evening on Saturday 10th October when our lovely village hall was turned into a mini October Festival. We

sold out very quickly and 80 of us had great fun sampling different beers from around the local area. All of the local breweries either gave us discounts or raffle prizes and were really keen to support our event. With the raffle and ticket sales we managed to raise £206 for the LCA, which was an added bonus. I think everyone was in agreement that this should now be a new annual event for the village so see you all next year! Thank you

The Longparish Beer Festival Committee

19th Longparish Pumpkin Contest



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. Yet again the children were very creative. The effort that everyone goes to just gets better and better each year!

Flora Butler won best in show from all the decorated classes – well done!

Jeremy Barber won the largest pumpkin weighing in at 110lbs – amazing given this year's difficult growing conditions.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to ensure the afternoon was a success – you know who you all are!! Thank you also to everyone who gave raffle prizes. Through your kind donations we raised £259 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. See you all next year for the 20th show!

Sylvia Crook

LCA Coffee Shop - Village Hall Friday 13th November

10am-noon



The LCA coffee shop is open the second Friday of the month.

Drop in with your friends, children, parents. Everyone is welcome.

For £1 you can enjoy a cup of tea or delicious ground coffee and biscuits. You will be made very welcome.

Longparish Mummers

On Boxing Day Longparish Mummers will continue the tradition of performing that goes back well over a century. This year they will be at The Cricketers. There are wonderful



costumes and lots of action with a great battle between King George and the Yorkish Knight. So save the date and come along and enjoy the fun. More details next month.



Burns Supper and Ceilidh Saturday 30th January 2016 Village Hall 7.30pm to 11pm

Ladies and Gentlemen: A Burns Night celebration with a traditional three-course meal, entertainment, piper and a live Ceilidh Band.

Bring your own 'bar'/glasses and your dancing shoes!

Dress Code - Smart/Tartan.
Tickets £30 per person

****Please see the order form on the reverse of this month's Diary Dates insert****



The Choir's Christmas Cracker

Saturday 5th December

7.30pm Village Hall

BYO Supper – Cash Bar

Tickets £6

In aid of village defibrillator fund and Andover Crisis Centre

And don't forget the magical

candle-lit Carol Service at 6pm on **Sunday 20th December** in St Nicholas Church.

To buy tickets and to find out more about the choir and how to join please call Cathy Yelf on 720790.



Longparish Cricket Club

Longparish CC moved indoors to begin their indoor cricket campaigns. This winter the club will be fielding three senior sides in the Winchester & District Leagues at Riverside Park, three senior

sides in the Dummer Cricket League at the Dummer Cricket Centre and an U15 side in the North Hampshire Indoor Cricket League. Details of fixtures and results can be found at www.longparishcc.co.uk.

First team opener, William de Cani finished the outdoor season as the leading run scorer in Hampshire Cricket League's County Division 2 and has been invited along to the league award ceremony to collect his award.

Longparish III's Nathan Smith will also be in attendance as not only was he the leading wicket taker for all of the Longparish senior sides this summer, but also the leading bowler in their division. Both William and Nathan began playing cricket in the Longparish Colts sides at the age of ten.

Frank Hibberd who gave great service to Longparish Cricket over many years has sadly passed away. Frank undertook numerous roles at Longparish Cricket club, scoring for the 1st XI, 2nd XI and indoor sides for many years and also for the Longparish Colts teams when they took the field for the first time. Frank served extensively on the Longparish General Committee. He wrote, produced and delivered two hundred editions of the LCC Newsletter and combined with Ken Ball to provide weekly match reports for the local papers. He was instrumental in the formation of the Hundred Club, which raises vital funds for the club and he and his family made an enormous contribution to life at Longparish Cricket Club over the years.

Autumn work on the square has been completed and the ground put to bed. There is much maintenance to be carried out over the winter and funds to be raised in order to replace the nets that are used intensively by all the Longparish sides throughout the summer.

LCC Hundred Club Draw
£35 Anne Louise Spence-Herbert
£15 Warren Bonathan
£15 Georgina Bonathan

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Longparish School Community Hall

Saturday 5th December

2pm to 4pm

Entrance fee: £1 to include mulled wine or soft drink
RAFFLE, CHRISTMAS CARDS, TOMBOLA, PRODUCE, TEAS & CAKES, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, SANTA'S GROTTO, CHRISTMAS WREATHS

We would also be most grateful for donations for the hamper tombola: small or large baskets (you may have won a basket last year and it is still gathering dust); bottles of wine or festive packaged food, chocolates, etc Items can be dropped off at Elm Lodge, (just up from Mill Lane towards the Cricketers), or if you would like collection, please contact:

Jane Young 01264 720233; j.young233@btinternet.com



NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

A busy half term at Testbourne with 163 new students joining Year 7 and several new faces joining the staff team. In addition we welcomed two new Teaching Assistants to the team.

Last weekend, Year 7 students enjoyed a fabulous



weekend of activities at the PGL Centre in Liddington. 29 students also visited London to hear Dr Roger Crouch, a NASA Astronaut with over 470 hours of time in space. He gave a talk entitled 'WOW-Space is Awesome' where he talked about what it is like to be launched into space in a rocket, and live and work in zero gravity. We were lucky that one of our school governors Dr Alex Hands

who works for the University of Surrey investigating radiation from space, heard about the event and helped organise the trip.

Amber Agee-Dehart, founder of the Cubes in Space (a programme developed by idoodlelearning) that gives young people an opportunity to design an experiment that will be launched into space, was one of the organisers of the event. She spoke to our students after the lecture and encouraged them to enter the Cubes in Space competition.

We are also busy in rehearsal for our school production of Oliver. Performances will be from the 14th-17th December – tickets available from Ms Sager on 01256 890223.

Longparish School News

Chaffinch class have just returned from a residential trip to Stubbington Study Centre. Stubbington is a wonderful wildlife conservation area with all sorts of things to do.

During the week, we participated in many different sessions:

On Monday, we went to the beach to make rock pools. We all had to work together to fill up the bucket with seawater, collect rocks, stones, seaweed and sand. Then we all started collecting livestock like those that live in shells. Finding shells was fun, but most people had their hearts set on trying to find a shark's tooth and fossils.

On Tuesday, we were focussing on beak adaptation. We had activities to do around the edge of the classroom that birds have to do with their beak. For example, we had some grass and had to snip it with scissors in to tiny pieces. This is what a snipe would do to eat. Also we had a metal nail and had to bang an oyster shell against it to try to crack it like an oystercatcher.

In the afternoon, we experienced making shelters out of wood. We were put into groups and had to make shelters that had to protect us from any dangers. They had to be waterproof, keep the sun out, protect you from predators and mean, scary teachers and be strong enough to make sure wind didn't blow it over! We could build our shelters in any shape we wanted. We all had to make sure that no water could get through; the teachers later threw a bucket of water over us – they've always wanted to do that!

On Thursday afternoon we experienced the Eggstreame Challenge. We started the session off by playing a team game using hoops. Next we separated into groups of 6 and were shown some problem solving games including Balls Up, Teg Ni Redro and The Flying Carpet. We solved these and got a certain amount of counters for each one. We later discovered that these were to buy materials to protect a raw egg. When all of the eggs were safely wrapped up, they were taken to be CATAPULTED off the trebuchet. Out of the three groups, only one egg survived!

One of our favourite activities was the mammal hotels. We set up little metal boxes and filled them with hay for animals to sleep in, an apple because apples hold water and juice, and some food to eat. It was basically a mini hotel to attract mice. We put them out in the hedgerows overnight where the animals could get inside. The next day we collected the hotels back in. Out of the 15 we put out, only two contained mice. One was called Sneaky (a female), the other Icky (a male). They were both field mice. Once we had studied them, we released them back where we had found them.

On our last day (Friday), Chaffinch class got ready for an exciting activity called Earthquake. It was a massive obstacle course where we had to carry big objects from one end to the other end without falling off the wood and into the lava (the grass). We had to carry several items including two toy dogs, a ladder, a very thick rope and a first aid kit. Each obstacle had its own rules, e.g. there was one with lots of ropes and we were only allowed under the ropes whilst the equipment was only allowed over the top of them. We had to work as a team to complete the course.

At the end of the week, we were all tired, but had had such a great time that we wanted to stay the weekend!

Admissions

If you have a child who will be 4 before 1st September 2016 and are starting to think about selecting your preferred school for your child's education, we are holding Open Days on the morning of **Wednesday 11th November** (starting at 9.30 am) and the afternoon of **Monday 16th November** (starting at 1.15 pm). These days provide parents with the opportunity to see the school in action and meet pupils and staff. Application for school places opens on 1st November and the closing date is Friday 15th January 2016. If you would like any further information regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Office on 01264 720317.

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

FoLS held their AGM in October and we looked back over the past year at what has been achieved. We held lots of events including the May Fayre and raised a total of £11,215 including donations. Using this and some funds from previous years, we have been able to support the school to get wooden play tables for break time, reading books, gazebos for events such as the May Fayre and Sports Day, Lego software and interactive white boards for the classrooms.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during this time. We are looking forward to another successful year raising funds that make a difference to the children of Longparish School.

Our new committee was also elected and is now:

Laura Harding (Joint Chair), Jeanette Stroier (Joint Chair), Gay Taylor (Treasurer), Penny Billingham (Secretary), Cassie Beal, Sid Bryant, Louise Durrant, Beth Lowe, Anna McAllister, Georgina Montague, Lucy Smith, Laura Wearn and Andrea Williams. Thank you to the committee for volunteering.

Please do come and talk to us to find out more about FoLS activities or with any suggestions for events you would like to see.

Now onto our next fundraisers:-

- Join us on **Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm** for a hotly contested Quiz Night. Everyone welcome. You can enter a full team or we can match you up on the night.
- **Sunday 29th November at 3pm**. Only just released on DVD, it's the must watch film of the year – Minions. Come and enjoy with popcorn and a hotdog too.

FoLS are selling Christmas cards, designed by the children and we are once again selling good quality Christmas Trees, in various sizes, available to be picked up at the Church Christmas Fayre on the 5th December. Don't be disappointed; order your tree by **Friday 6th November**.

For more information on all these events, look out for posters and details on page 5 of this month's Hill and Valley or contact chairfols@gmail.com.

FoLS 100 Club Winners

Sophie Hibbert £20, Philippa Sawyer £10 and
Sonia Jianfens Yuan £5

Longparish Playgroup

The Playgroup children have been thoroughly enjoying autumn - and how lucky we have been to get outside so much and appreciate the changing colours of the leaves and count the many conkers that have fallen from the trees in the village hall carpark!

We also took a trip in the school bus to Hillier Gardens to see the autumn colours. We found and sorted leaves, acorns and apples and then did some pond dipping. We collected up some of the leaves to bring back and create a display for Playgroup.

Many thanks to the organisers of the brilliant 19th Longparish Pumpkin Competition. We had lots of entries from Playgroup children and very kindly the organisers once again donated the money raised to Playgroup.

Finally, we'd just like to welcome our new Committee members and thank Ian Morris for continuing as Chair.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB Tuesday 24th November

Longparish Village Hall 7pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GARDENING QUIZ

An opportunity to have a Christmas gathering and final meeting of 2015. No need to dress up. Just an informal social evening including a glass of wine, Christmas Raffle, a gardening quiz for a bit of fun and hopefully a preview of the programme for next year.

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@yewcottagelongparish.com or Marion Bell 720205.



Photo Challenge – Guess What?

Dear Editor

Following on from your request for information concerning the strange object photographed by one of our farm entrances off Southside Hill I can



advise that it is a radio beacon/circuit marker owned by the Royal Aero Club. They erect it each year to act as a turn marker for the aero race they run from Popham



Airfield each August encompassing two races The Grosvenor Trophy and the SBAC Trophy. One of the tight turns at high speed is carried out over Owls Lodge Farm and always

provides a stunning spectacle and a temporary diversion from combining our crops. Further information and dates for next year can be found on both Popham Airfield and the Royal Aero Club websites.

Roderick Stubbs

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH DARTFORD WARBLER

A new tick for Longparish - the Dartford warbler, one of my best ticks ever. Many thanks to Richard Wills and Steve Ridge for their cooperation to make it possible for me to see it.



This is a bird usually found in areas like the New Forest, as it likes gorse. It is one of the birds on the increase; possibly due to the mild winters we have been having. They are one of the few warblers that remain here over the winter. A hard, cold, winter with snow causes much mortality. The Dartford warbler has a wingspan of 13-18cm and a body of 12.5cm - just a little bigger than a blue tit. The back and long tail is slate grey, underparts are brown-pink, and the eye ring and outer eye are red-pink with a black iris. When it perches it is like a wren with the tail sticking up in the air. They begin nesting in April; the nest is well hidden in a gorse bush or something similar and is a compact cup made of grass, leaves and cobwebs lined with fine grass or hair. 3-5 eggs are laid, smooth, glossy and white, marked with dark brown to grey-brown speckles and spots. Often two broods are produced. That takes my total of birds seen in Longparish to 120. Picture by deansfamily.

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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Longparish Primary School

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to once again buy your Christmas tree through the school.

The trees are all beautiful **Nordmann Fir Trees**, a lush dark green variety, beautifully scented and long lasting, with excellent needle retention and are from our local supplier. We are pleased to offer the following sizes of trees:

Approx. size **	Price
4'1" - 4'11"	£28.00
4'11" - 5'8"	£34.00
5'8" - 6'6"	£40.00
6'6" - 7'4"	£50.00
7'4" - 8'2"	£70.00

**We cannot guarantee a specific size, only that it will be in between sizes stated.

The trees will be delivered to the school on **Saturday 5th December** – we will have them ready for collection between 2-4 pm. This coincides with the annual St Nicholas Christmas Fayre, which is on in the community hall. Choice of tree will given on a first come first served basis on the day.

To guarantee getting all the sizes we require, we need all orders back by **Friday 6th November**. We know its early, but there is nothing like being organised! Payment of a £10 deposit is required with your order, with the final amount due on selection of your tree on **5th December Payment** :

Please collect an order form from the school office and return with a cheque made payable to Friends of Longparish School. You can also contact **Laura Harding 720298 or chairfols@gmail.com**

**Collection on 5th December at
Longparish Primary School**

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 12th October

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

New Councillor

Mr Wayne Sykes was co-opted onto the Council to fill one of the three vacancies, and will take up his appointment at the next meeting.

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Demolition of existing garage and kitchen extension, and replacement with new single storey extension and separate garage at Woodbury House, Middleton.
- Change of use to tourism unit at Turbine Barn, Forton.
- Construction of wood storage building at Longparish House, West Aston.

After representations from supporters and an objector, and a detailed discussion, the Council concluded that it had no objection in principle to:

- Construction of new two-storey dwelling and garage at Meadowsweet, West Aston, but commented on the highways implications and the possible impact on the nearby important tree.

The Council objected again to:

- Erection of an agricultural building at Testwood Trout Farm, Southside Road.

Other Planning Matters

The Council would contact TVBC to express concern about the delay in the refurbishment of Church Farm Cottage, Middleton, because of the continuing traffic hazard and the impact on road improvements at that location.

Open Spaces

The War Memorial would be cleaned before Remembrance Sunday, and arrangements had been made to service the Ash Burn Rest. Some trees would need to be cut back at the former sandpit near Larkwhistle Farm, because they were encroaching on the electricity cables. It was re-emphasised that the next **Village Clean-Up Day** would take place on **Saturday 7th November**. Middleton Estate would be informed about reports that a hut that had been erected at Tracey's Dell.

Highways and Transport

The Council would discuss vehicle activated speed signs at its next meeting. The interim road markings at the School should be put in place at the end of October or beginning of November.

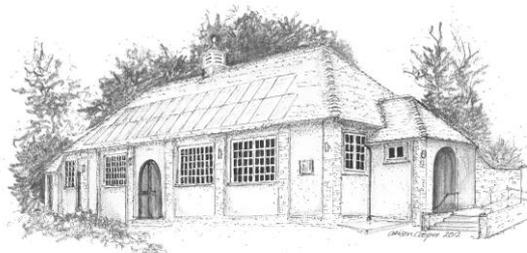
Other Matters

The Council was informed about the recent AGM of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, from which it had become clear that there was an inexorable drive for more devolution of responsibility that would affect Parish Councils, but would not necessarily be allied to additional resources. The HCC programme for Superfast Broadband in the village would be implemented between January and September of 2018, but the problem of how to extend it to Forton had still not been addressed.

Next Parish Council Meeting

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

LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL



An initiative is underway to spread the word about hiring Longparish Village Hall, which has recently been refurbished to the highest standard.

The warm and welcoming atmosphere of the hall is now attracting regular use by a number of local groups.

The hall was constructed in 1910 but step inside and you will discover a light, modern building, ideal for wedding receptions and family celebrations.

Brian Sanders, who chairs the hall's organising committee said: "We want every villager and people living nearby to know they have a top class venue at a modest cost on their doorsteps."

The hall is fitted with a hearing loop and has full disabled facilities. There is a servery and plenty of parking. Work has recently been carried out to improve the acoustics. Wi-Fi, a modern audiovisual system and extendable stage make it ideal for business conferences and away days.

The hall can comfortably cater for more than eighty people. A smaller meeting room is also available for hire. This room is also equipped with an audio visual system and Wi-Fi and so is ideal for use by small clubs or for business meetings. This is what people have written in the visitors' book:

"The best hall we have ever used. Perfect."

"Lovely facility for our presentation."

"A brilliant venue for our Henry's christening."

Award winning chef James Durrant (Great British Menu), who runs the nearby Plough gastro-pub is on hand to provide a hot or cold buffet if required although clients can of course make their own choice of caterers.

Brian or one of the committee would be happy to show prospective hirers around. For more details or to book Longparish Village Hall contact Jacqui Healey, 01264 720560 or e-mail villagehall@longparish.org.uk. Details are also on the website Longparish.org.uk.

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Footnote: We are very pleased that Henry Yelf has joined our committee to assist with the promotion of the Village Hall. This is the first of occasional articles he will place in H&V and other local publications. BS