

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

The rain held off and there was another excellent turnout for the November run. We welcomed new runners Ann Edge and David Harper.

First home, over four minutes ahead of his handicap was Nick Moss who became our Most Improved Man. Close behind him was our Rising Star, Mikey Sykes. They both had personal bests as did our Most Improved Woman, Camilla Janmohamed and Maurice Leech. Well done all! Special mention also goes to Rob Bryan who managed to get lost on his tenth race. It must have been the early start!



Thanks very much to our marshals and timekeepers, Maggie Barber, Joanne Wyatt, Clare Sykes and Katie Sykes, to Maggie Barber and Jim Dundas for the refreshments, to Jeremy Barber for doing the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

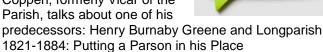
The next race is on Sunday 13th December starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground. This is our Christmas run so Santa hats will be welcome. It is a handicap race so runners of all abilities have a chance to win. Everyone is welcome!

LCA - Tuesday Talks

The programme for the remainder of the 2015-16 season is as follows:

8th December: Martin

Coppen, formerly Vicar of the Parish, talks about one of his



Tuesday

Talks

12th January: David Sullivan from Hurstbourne Tarrant, on being a lifetime shepherd and storyteller

9th February: Ian "Branny" Branfoot talks about his native Northumberland

8th March: Hawker expert John Bishop will talk about the famous sportsman who lived at Longparish House.

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 14th December Village Hall 7.45pm

Starring Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra, Jean Simmons & Vivian Blaine

Guys and Dolls

Join us for an evening of sheer musical joy. This wonderful escapist sing-along spectacular is for many their number one musical of all time – guaranteed to get the foot tapping.

All the hot gamblers are in town, and they're all depending on Nathan Detroit to set up this week's incarnation of "The Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York"; the only problem is, he needs \$1,000 to get the place. Throw in Sarah Brown, who's short on sinners at the mission she runs; Sky Masterson, who accepts Nathan's \$1,000 bet that he can't get Sarah Brown to go with him to Havana; Miss Adelaide, who wants Nathan to marry her; Police Lieutenant Brannigan, who always seems to appear at the wrong time; and the music/lyrics of Frank Loesser, and you've got quite a musical. Includes the songs: "Fugue for Tinhorns", "Luck Be a Lady", "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat".

Great fun, great music, seasonal nibbles and mulled wine to set us up nicely for Christmas. Don't miss it!

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.

Christmas Tea Party

An invitation from the Recycled Teenagers:

The Recycled Teenagers invite you to a Christmas tea party at

1.45pm on Tuesday 1st December in the village hall, finishing about 4pm.

There will be entertainment from Peter Anderson, a singer and guitarist who will treat us to music from the 50s and 60s as well as country and carols, so something for everyone. We will serve tea and cakes in the interval and there will be 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 by 24th November if possible so we know how many to cater for.

LCA Coffee Shop - Village

Friday 11th December 10am-noon

The LCA coffee shop is open the second Friday of the month. Drop in with your friends, children, parents. Everyone is welcome.







LCA Boxing Day Entertainment

The Great Longparish Santa Dash and Mummers Play return this Boxing Day and we're going the opposite way for a change! Meet at the School for the 'Dash' and at The Cricketers for the Mummers Play.



The Santa Dash

starts at 11am at the school. Santas of all ages, shapes, species and sizes will be dashing (at varying speeds!) to The Cricketers. There will be prizes for the best

dressed Santas (or elves or puddings....) and for the best dressed pet. Any queries contact Fiona on 720709.

Longparish Mummers will continue the tradition of

performing on Boxing Day. They will perform their 20minute traditional folk play in The Cricketers car park at 11.30am. There are wonderful costumes and lots of action with a great battle between King George and the Yorkish Knight.



Please come on foot if possible

Burns Night Dinner & Ceilidh



Saturday 30th January 2016 Village Hall

Please contact John Findlay on 720761 if you would like added to the waiting list.

The Choir's Christmas Cracker



Saturday 5th December 7.30pm Village Hall

**SOLD OUT - SORRY! **

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



Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday 20th December 6pm St Nicholas Church

All welcome





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

Proceeds will be split between the maintenance of St Nicholas Church and our link in Mityana, Uganda Contact: Pam Weale 01264 720362

Donations for the hamper tombola still appreciated: small or large baskets, bottles of wine or festive packaged food, chocolates, etc

Please drop off at Elm Lodge or ring Jane Young 720233



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Longparish Primary School

A reminder that pre-ordered 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.

Contact Laura Harding 720298

LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Longparish Village Hall

There will be no meeting of the Longparish Gardening Club in December but we wish everyone a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and thank you to those who have attended our meetings and garden visits this year.

We hope to see many of you for our first meeting of the New Year at 7pm on Tuesday 26th January when we will be re-enrolling for 2016.

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



Was your child part of the PIFA birth cohort?

You may have seen some stories about PIFA in the news before the summer holidays! If your child was part of the PIFA birth cohort, we would appreciate your help. You will receive a letter from the study team inviting you to take part in the follow up study's online questionnaire (15-20 minutes). There is also the option for your child to have a clinical assessment (involving allergy and asthma tests) after school/on a Saturday. If your contact details have changed/you would like to know more about the follow up study (iFAAM), contact the study team: ifaam@southampton.ac.uk or 02381 206160.

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

I am pleased to report that everyone returned safe and well from the half term break. Those involved in the trip to Morocco with the Geography Department returned having had an exciting time away.

Our Remembrance Assembly this year was led by Mrs Blake and as always it was an important opportunity for us to come together as a school for an act of remembrance.

We are looking forward to our school production, Oliver. I hope that many of you will enjoy coming along to the performances advertised for the last week of term.

A group of our Year 7 and 8 students are also performing in the Shakespeare in Schools Festival. They are performing 'As You Like It' at the Lights Theatre in Andover.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shearing, Head of Humanities. Mrs Shearing joined the school in September 2008 moving from Leicestershire. She has made the decision that it is time to retire. We wish her well and hope that she enjoys a long and active retirement. I know that she has lots on her 'to do' list. Mrs Knab will be joining us in January to take up the post of Head of Geography.

Ruth Beasley, Headteacher

Longparish CE School News

Be bright and be seen day

Recently, Longparish Primary School had a "Be bright and be seen day" held by the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) team. This is where everyone (even the teachers) had to dress up in the brightest, most luminous clothes they could get their hands on. On the day, the JRSO team did an assembly about staying safe on the roads to raise awareness of making sure everyone is seen by car drivers, as recently it has begun to get dark.

Also we were raising money to buy a class pack of hivisibility jackets for when we go out of the school for swimming, bikeability, triathlon club or other school trips.

Altogether everyone enjoyed the day and we have raised enough money to buy our jackets. Evie and Amber.

Leckford Estate

Earlier this term Heron class went to Leckford Estate because we were learning about food. When we arrived we planted some plants with a lady called Sue. After that we went and saw two ladies who told us about mushrooms. They said that they grow very quickly. Then we had lunch.

In the afternoon a man called Simon told us about animals and played Jinga with us. Next we went to a man called Jeff and he let us walk through the amazing maze they grow for the cows. Then we went to look at the combine harvester and the tractors. Finally we met a miller and he showed us different kinds of flour before we went back to school.

Thank you to all the adults who showed us around and to the teachers for organising the trip.

Lottie

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

FoLS have been getting festive with our preparations for the school Christmas party as well as Christmas card and Christmas tree sales.

Many of us will be doing our Christmas shopping online and if you are too, there is a way you can help raise money for Longparish School. Sign up for free at easyfundraising.org.uk and use the site as a gateway to other online sites such as John Lewis, Marks and Spencer and many more. FoLS then receives a donation, usually a percentage of the amount you have spent. We currently have 10 supporters on this site, who just by shopping have raised £162.51 for the school. Imagine the possibilities if we could increase the number of people shopping in this way?

Others ways you can support the school include our 100+ Club. Don't forget to renew your numbers for £9 until the end of September. You've got to be in it to win it! In terms of events, we unfortunately had to cancel the Quiz night, as we didn't have enough people. We appreciate it is a busy time of year and with positive feedback on having a quiz night, we have rearranged it **Saturday 6th February**. The quiz night is open to everyone in the community, so get in contact for tickets and let's make it an enjoyable and successful fundraiser. Also looking forward to next year, other dates for the

diary include: -

School Disco for the children – 24th January

Easter Egg Hunt and Duck Race – 20th March

May Fayre - 7th May

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has supported FoLS this year and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. *Penny Billingham*

Longparish Playgroup

Christmas is coming ...

... and the Playgroup Children have been busying themselves with plenty of festive activities. We have been making Christmas Cards with prints of our hands and feet as well as preparing for our annual Nativity play. We will be going to the The Lights theatre in Andover in a few days time to watch "Snow Play".

We have also had fun fundraising. On Children in Need day staff and children came to Playgroup in pyjamas and baked and decorated biscuits. We raised £32 overall. The Art Gallery fundraiser was also a great success - we displayed the children's framed artwork in our gallery for parents to purchase (handy Christmas presents).

Quite a few parents have been in recently to join in activities, from painting firework pictures, to baking or just simply reading a story. We always welcome parent and community contribution so if you would like to come in or have an idea or skill that you think the children might be interested in then do get in touch.

Happy Christmas from the Staff, Children and Playgroup Committee and thank you for your ongoing support.

Clare Nash

Kathleen Annie Hewlett 1922 to 2015

She was a remarkable local lady who lived all her life in Forton. At the funeral service Clive Judd paid the following tribute to her:



Kathleen was born in Forton in 1922 and never moved away. Her parents, Jack and Clara Taylor, came to Longparish when they were married and both took jobs in service at The Orchards. Kathleen was born in Chapel Cottage next to the Primitive Methodist Chapel – both of which are now demolished. Her father died when she

was nine years old and she and her mother then moved to No. 3 Forton. She was educated at the village school, which at that time took children from 5 to 14 years old, when Mr Farthing was headteacher. She attended Sunday school here and was a Brownie and subsequently a Girl Guide. Village life was very different from today. The milkman, fishman and baker all delivered with horse and cart; there were many active farms in the village; no electricity; water came from the well and the bath was in front of the fire.

At 14 Kathleen entered service as kitchen maid to Sir Geoffrey and Lady Watson at Lower Mill. It was a happy household with six living-in staff who were treated considerately. She worked under three different cooks in the four years she was there, and gradually did more of the cooking herself, first for the staff and then some for the Watsons.

With the outbreak of the Second World War she had to leave to take up work which was considered more useful to the war effort, and in 1940 she went to Laverstoke Mill travelling every day from home. As well as working during the day she was part of the fire-fighting team in the village, and her home had a notice saying - "Stirrup pump kept here". The team had good fun practising on the school field but was never called upon to put out a real fire!

Kathleen was a much-loved daughter and her loving relationship with her mother was replicated in that between her and her sons and her grandchildren.

Reference to love would not be complete without mention of a particular train journey to Bournemouth where Kathleen was going to stay with Aunt Dora. When the train stopped at Winchester who should get on but a handsome young sailor called Eric Hewlett. Eric came from the edge of Sherwood Forest in Nottingham, where his father was butler at Thorsby Hall. He had joined the navy but, after seeing action on HMS King George V in the hunt for the Bismarck, was invalided out due to deafness. He retrained as a joiner and after meeting Kathleen moved to Andover to be near her. They were married here in St. Nicholas on 26th July 1947 and it is wonderful that Kathleen's bridesmaid, Elsie, is able to be here today. On their marriage they were able to rent half of the present Riverside Cottage from General Dawnay. There Alan was born in 1949 and Malcolm in 1951. Later they were able to buy the cottage and, when the other tenant died, to turn it into one house.

Kathleen's parents were active in village life and she certainly carried on the tradition. Her father was a bell ringer here at St Nicholas and her mother, who died aged 90 in 1976, was an early member of the Mothers' Union. Kathleen herself joined in the mid 50s and for many years was the Enrolling Member. She was first Secretary and then President of the Women's Institute. She ran the Brownies in the 60s and 70s when the village also had Guides, Cubs and Scouts. She was a long serving member of the Parochial Church Council and enjoyed the Welcome Club, the St. Nicholas Wives Club, the Recycled Teenagers and the lunches at the School. You could be sure that at any village event she would have been there supporting it as in former years she would have been helping with stalls and teas. I would not like to hazard a guess as to how much mincemeat for the St. Nicholas Sale might have been made in Riverside Cottage over the years. She enjoyed using the Dial-a-Ride bus and the mobility scooters when shopping in Andover. A few days before her death we were talking about Scott having passed his driving test and I asked Kathleen if she had ever thought about driving. It seemed that she had driven around Forton and back but just the once!

Kathleen's Christian faith meant that she regularly attended services here at St. Nicholas. Indeed in my minds eye I can picture her very clearly sitting with her mother at Evensong on a lovely sunny summer's evening. Many of the beautiful hassocks here in St. Nicholas started life in Riverside Cottage.

Kathleen retained her interest in life and people, especially in the village, even when it was nearly impossible for her to get anywhere. Her reply to "How are you, Kathleen" was almost inevitably "I'm all right". She was always interested in what we were doing, where we'd been, what we had seen, what had we cooked or eaten. In recent years and months we had a few laughs when neither of us could remember names or places nor sort out what it was Kathleen wanted to say. Sometimes we would ring each other to say we had remembered the following morning.

The last few years, and especially the last months and weeks have not been easy either for Kathleen or indeed for Alan and the family. The support provided by NursePlus enabled Kathleen to stay at home and this was a real achievement but not without considerable personal costs and heartaches.

At the centre and forefront of Kathleen's world, of course, has always been her family – Eric, Alan, Malcolm, Lynn, Mark, Lucy, Nikki and Scott all were loved by her. It was particularly moving to me to witness Alan's care for his mum in the days immediately leading up to her death; he has been a wonderful son - no one could have been better.

Kathleen had a calm and optimistic outlook on life and she considered herself fortunate to have lived her whole life in Forton. Today is naturally one of sadness as well of thanksgiving for a Christian life well and long lived but although we are saying "Goodbye" to her earthly body I believe in our hearts we should be saying "God be with you, Kathleen, until we meet again. Thank you for all you gave to us, for what you meant to us and for what you will continue to mean to us"



BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - EGYPTIAN GOOSE

The Egyptian goose was first introduced from Egypt as an ornamental bird

for wildlife parks etc, but has now started breeding in the wild. I have seen two in Longparish. I think, in a few years time, they will become common. Its size is somewhere between a large duck and a goose. Its legs are long and bright red. It is grey to red-brown above with a paler head and underparts, chestnut spectacles, collar and breast patch and a red beak. When in flight, wing-coverts are bright white. The latest estimate is 1200 breeding pairs and rising fast. Its food is mainly grass, plant leaves and seeds. The Egyptian goose starts nesting in late March, early April. The nest is mostly on the ground in thick vegetation or under bushes. but will also nest in an old bird's nest in a tree. The nest itself is mainly down which she plucks from her breast. 8-9 eggs are laid, rounded at both ends, creamy white in colour and incubated for 28-30 days. The young will leave the nest soon after hatching and finally fledge in 70-75 days.

If you haven't seen me around lately it's because I've not been too good but will soon be out and about again.

Chris Bowman



Longparish Cricket Club

Club Vice President, Frank Hibberd who gave great service to Longparish Cricket Club over many years, has sadly passed away. Frank

undertook numerous roles at Longparish Cricket Club and served extensively on the Committee. He wrote, produced and delivered two hundred editions of the LCC Newsletter and for many years combined with Ken Ball to provide weekly match reports for the local papers. He was instrumental in the formation of the Hundred Club, which has raised vital funds for the club over many years and he also represented the club at innumerable Hampshire Cricket League meetings. Frank and his family made an enormous contribution to life at Longparish Cricket Club both during times of great success and also through leaner times, and the fact that the club remains today and continues to thrive is due in no small part to their efforts.

Autumn work on the square is now complete, a man on a green tractor with things whizzing about behind drove at the square and removed several trailer loads of rubbish, scarification I think he called it! It is vital work, and the Longparish square has improved no end because of it, but it costs money and yes, you guessed it, here comes an appeal. So far this winter, the club have had to fork out for the specialist mowers to be serviced and the roller will also require attention in the new year.

A second hand 4x4 has been purchased to pull the gang mowers around the outfield, a task that for a few years has been carried out by committee members' cars. Next on the list are the nets, which are used by all the Longparish teams from U11s up and are in desperate need of renovation. Currently the club are raising money on three fronts.

The first is the **Christmas Draw**, which will take place on the **9th December** and is kindly hosted by The Cricketers Inn. Tickets cost £1, are available from Ray Smith, Julie Sturt or on the night, prizes include, wine, spirits, cricket kit, and assorted Christmas provender.

The second comprises various applications to sporting bodies for funding to match what we are able to raise ourselves.

The third is through our 1st XI bowler of the year Harry Martin, who is running a marathon in the new year and can be sponsored at:

www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/h-martin

Well done Harry, and thank you from all at the club for your efforts.

Apologies for passing the cap around again, and thank you to all those who have shown so much support to the club throughout 2015.

Hundred Club

£35 Martyn Clarke £15 Paul Blackmore £15 Sarah Nicholson

RAF SQUADRON REMEMBERS LONGPARISH

VC

Three copies of a poster featuring Longparish WW1 flying ace Lanoe Hawker VC have



been put on permanent display at his squadron headquarters in Scotland. One is hanging in the pilots' crew room

The poster is one of a dozen telling the stories of local men named on the village war memorial.

Major Hawker served in 6 Squadron RFC flying flimsy BE2 fighters. The unit is now 6 Squadron RAF, based at RAF Lossiemouth. Today its pilots fly the latest Typhoon fighters. They are regularly scrambled to shadow Russian air force Bear bombers when they venture too close to British airspace.

Sqn Ldr Kim Surman spotted the Hawker poster when she represented the squadron at the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to Hawker on the wall of the village hall.

She asked for a copy, slightly amended (by Henry Yelf) to suit 6 sqn. to put in the "history room". She later emailed, "The Boss was so impressed he asked for two more copies to place in the pilots' crew room and the (station) entrance".

The village hall plaque describes Hawker as being a Royal Engineer but fails to mention the Royal Flying Corps. He was on permanent attachment to the RFC at the time he won the Victoria Cross in 1915 for bombing zeppelin sheds with hand grenades. He transferred officially to the Royal Flying Corps before he was killed in a dogfight with the Red Baron.

All the posters have been on display in St Nicholas' and can be found on the village website longparish.org.uk

Henry Yelf

Longparish Parish Council

Report from Meeting Held on 9th November

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

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Proposed two-storey extension at Fox Farm House, Andover Down.
- Replacement porch and internal re-modelling at Dairy Cottage, Longparish House, West Aston.

The Council objected again to:

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

Other Planning Matters

A further meeting of the A303 Recycling Facility Liaison Group (Raymond Brown) had taken place and no major issues had been raised, although there were still some concerns from the adjacent landowner about odour from the incinerator bottom ash. Assurances were received that efforts would continue to address this problem. The Council also agreed that the initial focus in relation to the Community Right to Bid should be on the two pubs and the village shop.

Open Spaces

The War Memorial had been cleaned before Remembrance Sunday, and, in spite of the weather, sufficient numbers of more stalwart members of the community had turned up to enable a successful Village Clean-Up on 7th November.

Highways and Transport

The Council noted that an incorrect reference to a 'parking place' at the top of Southside Hill in the Minutes of the September meeting should be amended to read 'informal permissive passing place'. The merits and options for installing a vehicle-activated speed sign were discussed, and further research would now be carried out

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 14**th **December** 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 ALLOTMENTS



It looks as though two full plots may become available for next spring. The rent is £6 per year for a full plot, £3 for half a plot. Please contact me if you interested in taking on a plot, which will be allocated on a

first come first allocated basis, with Longparish residents taking priority.

Maintenance

We have had a major clear up of the areas surrounding the individual allotments. Notably:-

- The triangular area near the entrance.
- The 3-metre strip between the road edge and the rear of the allotments cleared of brambles, nettles, blackthorn bushes and years of accumulated rubbish.

• The overgrown area between the Malt House boundary and the allotments.

Many thanks to Mick Grey for his hours of sterling effort with his hedge trimmer and tending bonfires. Thanks also to Tony Oliver who for many years has cut the central strip between the front and rear allotments, he is happy to continue doing this for the time being but the areas recently cleared must become the responsibility of adjacent plot holders.

This has been a one-off effort on our part, in order to keep these areas tidy. I propose that allotment holders backing onto the field maintain the areas to the front and to the right hand side of their allotment and those with an allotment backing on to the road maintain the areas to the rear and to the left hand side of their allotment.

Please contact me on 01264 720437 or email sarah_philharris@btinternet.com if you have any problems relating to your allotment or if you need help/equipment to maintain these areas. Phil Harris

Village Clean Up



A HUGE thanks you to everyone who braved the elements on 7th November on Village Clean Up day! It really was a dreadful morning in terms of the weather - lashing rain and strong gusting winds. So it was a mammoth effort to have such a large turn out and, despite the weather, we achieved a great deal of the intended tasks. The stream edge was cut back and cleared, numerous bags of litter were picked up throughout the village, hedges were cut back, overgrown vegetation was strimmed, several paths cleared, bucketfuls of leaves were removed, and the cemetery and playground both tidied.

I would also like to express my thanks to Karen-Marie at Lower Mill for allowing the use of her tractor and to Mick for driving it; to Mr and Mrs Wills at Middleton Estate and Richard McAllistair for the use of the tractor and various accessories; to Raymond Brown for the free skip; to Paul and Debbie at the Cricketers for feeding the 30 or so hungry and wet volunteers! The combination of everyone's efforts on the day and indeed individuals throughout the year keeps the village in good nick! If there are particular areas that you feel need addressing in the spring clean up day, please let me know. Thank you again.

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