



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

It was a dull damp morning but the sun broke through just as the December race was starting and conditions were excellent. We welcomed six new runners, Peggy Mercer, Zac Robinson, Sandra and Dennis Doney and juniors Joe Goldsmith and Maya Paris. They brought the field up to 31 finishers, a new record. With people who accompanied the seven juniors there must have been over 40 people taking part.

Most Improved Lady was Alice Evans who beat her handicap by a minute and a half. Whether the dog held her back or pulled her on is a question for debate. Most Improved Man was David Harper and our Rising Star was Lucie Nelson. As well as the usual trophies, there were token presents for all three but Alice found only a few remnants of hers at home and we think the dog scoffed it! David, Lucie and Daniel Sanderson also had their best ever times. Well done!



Afterwards we had hot mince pies and mulled wine.

Thanks very much to our marshals and timekeepers, Maggie Barber, Abi Bryan and Karl Gailer, to Maggie for the refreshments, to David Gould for doing the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on **Sunday 10th January** 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. Everyone is welcome!



LCA Coffee Shop Village Hall Friday 8th January 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 - Tuesday Talks

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

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

**18th January Village Hall
7.45pm**

We will be starting the 2016 Monday Night at the Movies with an evergreen from 1981 featuring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn in the classic:

On Golden Pond

Henry Fonda's last film and one of his best.

This is a straightforward story about a couple growing old as they live 'On Golden Pond'. The performances of the cast are truly outstanding in this wonderful feel good movie.

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.

Calling all LCA members!

The start of a New Year means that membership of the LCA is due for renewal. An annual subscription costs £1 per person and will last until 31st December 2016. Forms are on the back of this month's Longparish Diary insert or can be downloaded from the Longparish website.

Christine Beresford, who has been our Membership Secretary has recently retired - she has our grateful thanks. David Gould is taking over. Membership forms can be dropped off with David in Forton (address on form) or given to Iris at the shop.



Longparish Community Association with Hog the Limelight are pleased to present two of the UK's most innovative and creative cellists joining forces to present an evening of comedy, improvisation and music from around the world.

**SHORTT & SMART
CELLO MADNESS**

27th February Longparish Village Hall.
(Doors open 7:30pm)

Tickets available online www.billetto.co.uk/lca-cello-madness, or from Longparish village post office/stores

LCA members £9 (non-members £12) – Bar available. Table seated event – please bring your own food.

Shirley Smart and Maurizio Minardi

Shirley Smart and Maurizio Minardi's repertoires span music from classical genre, jazz standards, tango and music from North Africa, the Balkans, and Eastern Europe, all re-imagined though jazz-inspired improvisation.

Shirley spent many years living in Jerusalem, where she studied and performed a wide variety of world music from the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern region, as well as being highly involved with the jazz and improvised music scene. Since returning to the UK, she has quickly become known as one of the most creative cellists on the music scene and has worked with many leading jazz and world music groups, including Antonoi Forcione, Gilad Atzmon, Neil Cowley, Julian Ferraretto, Alice Zawadski and Robert Mitchell as well as leading her own projects.

Multi-instrumentalist and composer Maurizio Minardi has recorded 9 albums and performed with a number of artists including Carmen Souza, Antonio Forcione, the Royal Shakespeare Company, Georgia Mancio. Maurizio has played in a range of venues and festivals, including BBC London, Pizza Express Jazz Club, the Royal Albert Hall Ignite Series, Upstairs at Ronnie Scott's, Kings Place Festival, The Vortex, the Apollo Hammersmith, the Lost Theatre, and more.

Kate Shortt – Cellist/Comedienne/Singer-songwriter

Kate Shortt, former musician-comedienne of the year, is a classical/jazz cellist/pianist and singer-songwriter who combines all with her offbeat comedy show 'Shortt 'n Sweett'. With her abstract

humour, impressions and self-penned comedy songs, she has entertained in cabaret and comedy venues throughout England. Festivals include; Mardis Gras for Classic FM radio, Edinburgh, Brighton, Covent Garden, Crouch end and more recently Austria.

"... Wacky ebullient cellist with wide ranging vocals..." *The Stage*

"... Very funny polished act and a wonderful elastic face..." *London Live Radio*

"...A Jewish Victoria Wood!..." *Brighton magazine*

"...At the end I wanted to be part of it. At the beginning I didn't know who you were! Best thing I've seen in a long time!" *Man behind the bar*

LCA Recycled Teenagers

We organise regular outings and other events using Test Valley Community Service's minibus for transport.

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



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Longparish Village Hall

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.

Marcus Dancer is a specialist in Clematis but this time he is coming to talk about various "Climbing Plants for Sun and Shade".

New members are always welcome from within Hill and Valley parishes. £20 per person for annual membership or £35 per couple.

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



Mobile Library

Please see Diary Dates page for new days and times for Mobile Library visits to Longparish.

James Patrick Smith 1935 - 2015

On November 17th the funeral of James Patrick Smith was held at Basingstoke Crematorium.



Jim Smith retired from the watercress beds in Nun's walk and moved from Longparish to Overton three years ago. During the service a tribute was paid to Jim with information from his wife, Sue, which included the following:

We celebrate a Hampshire man. Jim was born in Longparish, attended our local primary school before going on to Westholm Boys' School in Andover. He had a great childhood and youth growing up in the Villas with horses, motorbikes and a scramble track. We remember his relationship with his cousins and sadly the death of Trudy in this past year with whom he was so close.

He was married in Whitchurch at All Hallows and from that marriage came two daughters, Frances and Belinda. He is also grandfather to three granddaughters. After the wedding they lived in Whitchurch but sadly when the marriage broke up he moved back to Longparish.

He later set up home with Sue in Newbury moving then to Andover Down and after his mother's (Queenie) death back to Longparish. Three years ago he and Sue moved from the watercress beds to Overton to a home modified so that his father Bruce could live with them and where they have enjoyed lovely neighbours but alas the last two years have been a struggle with his heart problems and Bruce has now moved into Copper Beeches, Andover.

We celebrate a watercress man. Jim started working on the beds at 14 and was running the business by the time he was 23. He was following his grandfather who came down from Herefordshire and moved to Villas in 1923. The Biggs family had watercress beds around the area. He worked 7 days a week and seemed to those of us who visited the bunching shed to buy our fix of watercress to be always cheerful and friendly. Yet as we have noticed he never enjoyed the retirement he so richly deserved.

We celebrate an uncomplicated man. After his motorbikes Jim moved onto cars. He played bar billiards and snooker and had a great love of model aeroplanes flying radio-controlled planes with the Doyley Flyers' Club.

He enjoyed watching rugby on television, and motorbike racing occasionally visiting Thruxton. Another sporting interest was horseracing and he organised a yearly trip for the Cheltenham Festival every March on what Sue dubbed the "Jolly Boys' Outing". Watching the horses on the television was an interest until just before he died. With all the wildlife he saw around the watercress beds it was natural he would enjoy wildlife programmes on television. He loved country music and the early

rock music including Elvis and Buddy Holly. So we remember a hard-working man, who was quiet and did not need other people's company, a man with simple tastes but who enjoyed all that he did.

Jim, rest in peace and rise in glory.

ST NICHOLAS SEWING PROJECT

Would anyone be interested in joining a group to sew rings onto the embroidered kneelers in St Nicholas Church? I am planning a few mornings or afternoons in January / February to sew tape and rings to each kneeler so that they can be hung on hooks rather than left on the floor. No sewing experience needed, there is always measuring and cutting! Coffee and cake provided. Dates and venue to be decided but if interested please ring Christian Dryden 720398

**St Nicholas Fayre - Thank You!**

We would like to thank everyone who supported the St Nicholas Fayre on 5th December, whether it was through attending, spending money, helping on the day or making a donation of any sort, but Jane would particularly like to thank all those who contributed

towards the hampers. We would also like to thank the School for its support of the Fayre. With your help we raised £1,600. £800 will be given to the Mityana Project and £800 used to fund the upkeep and work of St Nicholas Church. Many thanks to you all.





BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - THE ROBIN

In the 1800s, British postmen wore red in honour of the crown, one of the reasons post boxes are red. The postmen, in their red-breasted coats that resembled robins,

were nicknamed robins. At Christmas time people would eagerly wait for the robins delivery of cards from family and friends.

Robins are about the same size as a sparrow, but it has a bright red breast surrounded by grey with a brown back and pale white belly. Robins are very territorial and will fight any intruder; the fight can sometimes lead to death. They nest between early March and June and can choose some unusual places to nest, from ivy on a wall, old kettle, garden sheds, in a flower pot and many more man made things. The nest is a bulky structure of dead leaves which form the base, on which a cup of moss and grass is built, lined with hair and finer material. Eggs are smooth glossy white marked with sandy-red freckles and small blotches, sometimes covering the whole egg. 4-6 eggs are laid and are incubated for 13-14 days. Fledging in 15-18 days.

My claim to fame is that I was the first person to see a European robin in the Gambia; I even got my name in their papers! Wishing you all a very happy New Year.

Chris Bowman



Marmalade Time!

Would you like to raise some money for the Countess of Brecknock Hospice by making some marmalade? You can do so by entering the World's Original Marmalade Awards & Festival held at Dalemain in Cumbria. Last year our

entries raised £438 for the Hospice. You can find out more here

<http://www.dalemainmarmaladeawards.co.uk> This year we cannot arrange transport to Dalemain but you can still ask for your entry fee to be donated to the Countess of Brecknock. You can post your entries and they must reach Dalemain by **14 February**.

For more information please contact Maggie Barber on 01264 720459 or email

jeremy.barber@longparish.org.uk

New Year - New You?

Why not try the local Community FitClub. It runs twice a week from Longparish School Hall and offers a varied exercise programme suitable for all levels of fitness along with structured balanced



nutritional advice.

We offer all attendees a free wellness profile with metabolic analysis and body composition testing. There is also an option to enter a challenge, with the chance to win regional and national cash prizes, a great incentive to keep you on track! FitClub is Tues & Thurs 6:30 - 7:30pm. For more details please contact Sarah Blocksidge 07752 827098

Baby to Primary Sale – Village Hall

We will be holding a sale in aid of defibrillators for Longparish on **Saturday 6th February** in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm.

Bespoke and unique gifts and treats for children as well as an opportunity to donate or sell good quality preloved clothes and equipment.

Please contact Joanna to sell, donate or for more information. Offers of storage space would be much appreciated. JoannaRoebuck@hotmail.co.uk 720508

Longparish Cricket Club

All of the Longparish indoor teams start the New Year well placed in both the Winchester and District and North Hampshire leagues and harbour serious hopes of silverware come spring.

In the top division in Winchester, two games remain and Longparish I vie with Compton and Winchester University for the title. One division down Longparish II sit top and are favourites for promotion while Longparish III are unbeaten and with two games remaining are all but up.

Over at Dummer the season is at the half way stage and in Division One the Longparish Lightweights have won five out of six and sit second, one division down the Longparish Longhops have lost two out of six and lie third. The Longparish Lappas occupy second place in Division three and have also lost two games.

The Christmas Draw was a great success and raised over £300 towards refurbishing the nets, thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets, and also to The Cricketers Inn for accommodating us on the night.

There is much to be buffed up about the ground, principally the nets, which are used extensively from early April to the end of September by all of the Longparish sides, young and old. The side and top netting is in a bad state of repair, and money raised from the draw will help fund its replacement. Once again thank you very much.

Thank you also to everyone who showed so much support to the club throughout 2015, the club continues to grow and will once again field three outdoor teams in the Hampshire Leagues and Colts sides from U11 to U15.

Fixtures, results, and how to get involved with Longparish Cricket Club can be found at

www.longparishcc.co.uk.

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Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 14th December

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

Longparish School

The meeting started with a useful update about the School from the Chair of Governors, who explained that it was now effectively full, with 109 pupils out of a maximum permitted number of 110, and that there was very limited scope for admitting pupils during the year. The Year R intake in September 2016 would be 15, which should be sufficient to cope with the number of pupils coming from within the catchment area. The School was continuing to perform well academically, but had to deal with changes to the curriculum.

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Tree work at Longmead House, West Aston.

Other Planning Matters

The Council had been informed that the TVBC Local Plan would probably be receiving official approval very shortly, as the Inspector's draft report had now been sent to TVBC. The Council also noted that, of the six planning applications listed as still awaiting approval, three related to Testwood Trout Farm.

Open Spaces

The Council noted that the refurbishment work on the Ash Burn Rest would now be carried out in the spring, and that the 'Beware of the Dog' sign on the footpath by Greenholme near the Village Hall would be removed following expressions of concern.

Highways and Transport

Some research had been carried out into vehicle-activated speed signs (see separate article) and ideas drawn from other local councils. Hampshire Highways had confirmed that improvements to the road surface at the entrance to the Village Hall and in the road opposite could not start until the scaffolding at Church Farm Cottage had been removed.

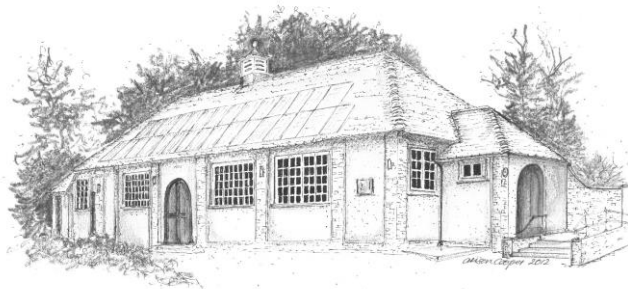
Other Matters

A representative from Scottish and Southern Energy would be briefing the Council at its next meeting, and concern was expressed at the impending departure of the current tenants of the Plough Inn.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 11th January** 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).

VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The next stage in breathing new life into Longparish Village Hall has been triggered. Test Valley Council planners are studying proposals for an extension to the building.

It will replace the old shipping container which has done sterling storage service for a number of years. The container is packed to the roof with fete marquees, signboards and various village paraphernalia. It is ugly, inconvenient to access, musty and far too small.

A planning application was submitted at the end of November for a storage extension to the hall, which will roughly cover the site of the container and measure approximately 30ft by 15ft.

Council planners are expected to decide by the end of January and if they give the go-ahead building work will be put out to tender.

The Village Hall Committee will press ahead with applications for grants and a local fundraising campaign will get underway.

The Winchester Diocese owns the hall, but the ownership of the car park is lost in the mists of time so effectively it has no owner. Now it has been agreed that the Diocese will take the title so it has the same owner as the hall.

Hall Committee Chairman Brian Sanders said: "It is a technical point but it is important we sort it out before the extension is built." Brian is happy to answer any villagers' questions. His number is 720222.

Local lawyer Jonathan Evans QC volunteered to ferret through documents to sort out the legal niceties.

The extension plans, which were on display at this year's fete, can be found on the village website, longparish.org.uk. Navigate your way to the village hall page.

Bookings for the newly refurbished hall are progressing well. The "Christmas Cracker" evening, featuring the village choir, attracted a full house and the monthly coffee mornings and film nights are quickly gaining popularity.

New Year bookings to hire the hall or smaller conference room are already coming in and if you are considering making use of this valuable village facility please contact Jacqui Healey on 720560. Meanwhile the village hall team wish you a happy New Year.

Quiz Night

SATURDAY 6th February

2016

Longparish School Community Hall

7.30pm for 7.45pm prompt start

Teams of up to 8 people

Contact

Jeanette Stroier (01264) 720 628
or Andrea Williams (01264) 720 845

EVERYONE WELCOME!

In aid of FOLS (Friends of
Longparish School)

Registered Charity Number:

1001539

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News



The quiz night on **Saturday 6th February** 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** *Penny Billingham*

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity thank you for all your contributions to Hill and Valley throughout the year and to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2016.

Johanne Scotland

BRIDGE TEA

Longparish Village Hall
Monday 1st February 2016 at 2 p m

In aid of Longparish Village Defibrillator
£12.50 per person or £60 per table.

To book a place please contact Marion Bell on 720205 marionbell1@gmail.com, Clare Francis 720361 or Rosie Lowry 720325

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

One of the most frequent questions asked by Longparish residents is if the Parish Council can do anything about the



speed of vehicles through the village, and inconsiderate driving. In the past various initiatives have been tried - general education using Hampshire Highways leaflets, dustbin speed signs purchased as reminders to drivers, and the occasional speed gun visits. A 30mph zone throughout the village was finally implemented a few years ago, and does have some effect. However, there are still drivers who, although they may not be exceeding the speed limit, do not slow down for pedestrians and cyclists.

Many villages are introducing vehicle activated speed signs to educate drivers, and Longparish Parish Council is looking into the different options available, and whether they would help in changing driver behaviour. If any data was collected it would only be the numbers of cars, the speeds they are travelling, and the times of day. No car registrations would be recorded. It could help identify speed spots and times and give us the information needed to look at possible 20mph speed restricted zones as in Chilbolton. Needless to say, there will be considerable cost for one sign, so this is just the first step in the process. The aim would be driver education and not to increase street clutter.

The Parish Council welcomes any constructive views. Please email the Clerk of Longparish Parish Council sallylawman@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01264 738716, or speak to any Member of Longparish Parish Council.