



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

It was a lovely sunny, but bitterly cold morning for the February race on St Valentine's Day.

We welcomed new runners: George and Pollyanna Reynolds, Arthur and Lulu Hibbert, Frankie Arnold, and Luke Pierce. Sandra Doney was the Most Improved woman and Dennis Doney the Most Improved man. Lucie Nelson was our Rising Star.



Lucie, Imery Wearn, Dennis and Sandra Doney, Oliver Coleman and Zac Robinson all recorded their best ever times. Well done!

Thank you to our marshals and timekeepers, Sheila Evans and Angela Bryant, to Sheila Evans, Sandra Doney and Jim Dundas for the cakes. Jim's cake was a heart shaped one for Valentine's Day!



Thank you also to Sam Arnold and Mark Reynolds for the photos and David Wearn for doing the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on **Sunday 13th 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. Everyone is welcome!

You can find more information and the entry form in the L2SOTM area of the Longparish website <http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/>

LCA DEFIBRILLATOR CAMPAIGN

LCA are supporting fund raising to equip Longparish with three Public Accessible Defibrillators (or PADs as they are known). You may have already seen them in shopping centres and some of our neighbouring villages. Heart rhythm disorders, or cardiac arrhythmias, are a major killer in the UK.

Arrhythmias kill more people than lung cancer, breast cancer and AIDS combined. Every year around 1 in every 850 people in the UK will suffer from a sudden cardiac arrest, and unfortunately the survival rate today is less than 5%.

However, with CPR and early access to an Automatic External Defibrillator (or AED) survival rates can be greatly improved. Modern AEDs are designed to be used safely and without any training. LCA will soon provide opportunities for familiarization with using an AED and giving CPR for anyone looking to learn this potentially life saving skill. We need to raise £6,900 to provide for the equipment, cabinets and ongoing support. We are already well on the way to achieving this target, through fund raising events and generous donations, together with a substantial grant from the British Heart Foundation. If you would like to donate to this campaign, please either use the GiftAid donation form on the back of the Longparish calendar included in this issue, or you can also see our progress and donate online (anonymously if you prefer) here :-

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/lcadedifbfund/283354>

LCA Coffee Shop Village Hall

Friday 11th March 10am-noon



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

AFTERNOON BRIDGE TEA

Raising funds for Longparish Defibrillator Campaign

On 1st February the Bridge Tea in the village hall was well supported and raised over £900 towards the village defibrillator fund. Thank you to Marion Bell, Rosie Lowry and Clare Francis for their organisation, and to everyone that came along and supported this afternoon raising funds.

LCA - Tuesday Talks

8th March: John Bishop will talk about Colonel Peter Hawker (1786 –1853), the celebrated diarist, author and 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

Monday 21st March

Village Hall 7.15/7.45pm

Next in our new blockbuster season is the frequently requested and much anticipated

Suffragette

Academy Award nominees Carey Mulligan and Helena Bonham Carter, and three-time Academy Award winner Meryl Streep, lead the cast of a powerful drama about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early-20th-century Britain.



Cash Bar available

LCA Midsummer Fun Day

Saturday 25th June

A full day of activities, fun and food. More details as we get nearer the time, but please note the date in your diaries.



LCA One Million Tiny Plays About Britain

Monday 25th April at 7.30pm

Craig Taylor's humorous and poignant look at modern Britain is coming to Longparish Village Hall straight after its run at the Watermill in Newbury. Laugh-out-loud funny and sometimes heartbreakingly moving, these miniature insights into other people's lives reveal the triumphs, disasters, horrors and joys of life in the 21st century.

"... a digest of the nation's soaps with a little bit of Alan Bennett and the Vicar of Dibley thrown in"

Times Literary Supplement

The play is the same, the cast is the same. The Watermill is bringing high-quality professional theatre to your doorstep! Demand will be high so book now to ensure you get tickets. Doors and bar open at 7pm. Tickets are £12 (£10 for LCA members). You can book online here <https://billetto.co.uk/users/longparish-community-association>. If you aren't able to do online booking please call our Box Office on 01264 720459.

The show is suitable for children over 10 and we will do a special price of £6 each. It finishes around 9.45pm.



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Longparish Village Hall

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH at 7 PM

PETER THOMPSON "Barley, Buttercups and Birds". Peter is the Biodiversity Advisor for The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. He has lived in the countryside all of his life and is captivated by ALL natural history.

Raffle towards the cost of future speakers.

New members are always welcome from within Hill and Valley Parishes. Any queries please contact Rosie Lowry 01264 720325 rosie@yewcottage-longparish.com



A request to all 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



Jean Isabel Chambers

1939 - 25th December 2015

Jean Chambers lived for many years on North Acre where she was known as a founder member of the Recycled Teenagers



Club, a keen scrabble player and a helper to many. At her funeral in St Nicholas' Church she was remembered by many who gathered with her family. The notes of her life come from that service with information provided by the family:

Jean was proud to be a Hampshire person, growing up in Hamble with 2 sisters and going on from school in Hamble to Bursledon and then to work for Boots in Southampton. She met Roy, who was then in the RAF, and was out driving with a friend. By chance they met at the Southampton Ice Rink and she must have been impressed by his skills for they married 2 years later, in 1962, in Winchester. Roy was at RAF Lynham but she followed him and later lived in Malta and Germany before they bought their first house in Lancashire where Roy was, by then, in the prison service. Their two daughters Karen and Gail were both born during Roy's service with the RAF and Jean showed her skills and devotion not only as a wife but as a mother too. She worked in Lancashire going to work on her bike, cycling was one of her great pleasures.

When they moved south again Jean was warden of Shepherds Lodge in Andover for 11 years. She also looked after her mother and had Karen back at home too. She was very much a family person and her daughters say the thing that summed up their mother most was unconditional love. It continued with her granddaughters, Nicky, Amy & Josie and then also to her Great Granddaughter Araydia. Jean's last time in St Nicholas' Church was just before Christmas at the playgroup nativity where she had been so proud that, having seen her daughters and granddaughters take part in nativity plays, she had now seen her great-granddaughter do the same. Her step granddaughter Ellie was included in this family circle. Many of you will know how good a friend she was, and on the Acre many will have stories to tell of her help to others. She delighted in doing things with others, playing cards and Rumikub and playing golf and tenpin bowling on the Wii games console.

She also loved travelling. That included visiting the United States and Canada, Norway and camping in the Lake District in a trailer tent with her family.

Dodie had a great affection for Jean and appreciated all the knitting Jean did for the 'Squares for Uganda' collection. She also made some of the tapestry kneelers in the church and loved cross-stitching as well as making Christmas tree ornaments. In the kitchen she loved feeding the family and they declare her gravy was the best and they shall miss her macaroni mince and cheese straws!

Jean was an avid reader and as her eyesight deteriorated she relied more on talking books, but after being given a kindle was overjoyed to be able to read again thanks to the large font.

It was not only humans who were welcome in Jean's home, she loved animals, especially cats & dogs and they were her companions.

Jean was always a keen Christian and churchgoer and while living in Longparish was a faithful supporter of St Nicholas' Church.

Donations in lieu of flowers raised £110 for Andover Cats Protection League and £110 for the Cinnamon Trust.

Our thoughts go to Roy, Karen, Gail and all her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

A wee bit of Scotland in Longparish



The skirl of the pipes and the scent of heather and haggis wafted through Longparish as Burns Night was celebrated with a traditional supper and Ceilidh. After 6 months in the planning, the night finally arrived and what a great night it was. The evening was compered by Ken Scotland who also gave us a stirring rendition of the Address to the Haggis with his Dirk cutting the air and the haggis with a flourish! Henry Yelf gave us The Immortal Memory; a great insight into the life of Rabbe Burns and the lovely ladies, Jen Sanders, Jane Young, Jeanette Branfoot and Georgi Leask recited "Bessy and her Spinning Wheel", with props.

We were then introduced to our guest of honour, Martin Hulme, who did us the honour of singing a song from his 'idol' Elvis and didn't he look good in his ginger wig and kilt? Some of our younger Villagers then served the meal; traditional Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, expertly prepared and cooked by Linda Blundell and ably assisted by Ian. It was all worthy of a Michelin star and each of the eighty revellers even found a miniature whisky or Baileys beside their plates.

Talented Piper Alex Dryden, having previously piped in the guests and then the haggis, was given a standing ovation and then treated us to an encore before introducing the dancing. Plenty of knees were on show as eighty guests and kilted expatriates danced reels to the sound of the Bursledon Village Band, whose very skilled caller kept everyone (well nearly everyone) on time and in step!



Congratulations must also go to all those involved in the modernisation of the hall. We should be proud to have this venue available to all in the Village. From the proceeds of the evening a donation will be given to the Friends of Longparish School and to the Parent and Toddler group. Can I thank you all for your generosity and kind words and for making the first Burns night a roaring success – here's to the next one!

John Findlay, Henry Yelf

LCC Hundred Club Winners		
First	£35	Nicola Smith
Second	£15	Ann Herbert
Third	£15	Sarah Nicholson

Longparish Playgroup



Playgroup will be taking part in a Bag2School fundraiser on **3rd March**.

Bag2School collect second hand clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys. These will then be sent off to Africa and

Eastern European countries to be recycled and playgroup will be paid per kg of items collected (so heavy old boots and wellingtons much appreciated!) ☺ This money will go towards purchasing learning resources.

Collection bags will be delivered to all homes within the village in the week prior to collection. Bags can either be placed in the cardboard container outside of playgroup or you can contact Laura Thomson on 720750 for collection.

Longparish Playgroup is a major village asset, but sometimes suffers a lack of continuity as parents, understandably, often remain on the committee only for the length of time their children attend Playgroup. We are very keen to attract other villagers who are prepared to offer their expertise to the Playgroup committee - in particular, we are currently desperate for a new Treasurer, as our current Treasurer leaves at the end of February. There is a very real risk that without a Treasurer, the Playgroup will have to close, which would be a terrible shame.

We have recently advertised for an Administrator - a paid role in support of the Treasurer - which means we have been able to reduce the Treasurer's responsibilities (although we would consider appointing someone to play both roles, if that suited someone.)

Thank you in anticipation for your help and support.

Children's Sale & Raffle

Raising funds for Longparish Defibrillator Campaign

I would like to send our enormous thanks to everyone who supported the Children's Sale by helping, donating, baking, selling and buying. We raised well over £500 and it was a happy event enjoyed by many. The money will help introduce emergency defibrillators to the village. Particular thanks to Linda, Jen & Jane, The Thomson family and Clare & Rosie."

Longparish Choir

The Longparish Village Choir needs tenors for our four part harmonies. If you have a higher man's voice or a lower woman's voice you might be a perfect tenor! If you think you might be interested or would like to chat about what we do please do call:
Cathy Yelf 01264 720790



URGENT: TREASURER NEEDED

Longparish Playgroup needs to fill the Treasurer Role or risk **CLOSURE!**

You do not need to be a parent; you will work with a great team and will preserve this valuable community asset.

For more information, please contact Laura Thomson on 07493109280 or email thomo_laura@yahoo.co.nz

Longparish School News

Which seeds will grow first?

We have watched Tim Peak going up into space on the rocket and Kingfisher class (years 3 and 4) is really excited and happy that the first British man has successfully landed on the moon. We felt so excited about the first British person taking part in this adventure that we did many projects on Tim Peak and we did some writing too. We liked watching the launch of the rocket and my favourite video was when Tim showed us how to drink water in space. In that video I liked it when the water just floated in a ball. If we did that, it would just spray on the floor not float in a ball, because in space there is no gravity but on earth there is.

When I personally heard we were going to do an experiment to compare the growth of seeds that have been in space and those which have not I felt very excited! One thing is that we don't know which seeds are which because they have not told us. So when we do get the seeds we need to number them, e.g. 1B to 10B, so we can report any observations we make about the individual seed growth. To make it a fair test we need to have them in the same place and give them the same amount of water. We as a class were chosen to do this, but it isn't just this school, it is many other schools doing it as well, so all the data that is collected will be given to Tim Peak.

Now all we need to do is wait for the seeds!

Henry Lloyd

Longparish School News (cont...)

The Planetarium

Recently, Chaffinch class (years 5&6) went to the planetarium at Winchester Science Museum; this was because we were learning about space, planets and star constellations.

Once we had arrived, the staff showed us how our planet currently looks from space. They then used amazing technology to reveal the spectacular star constellations in our galaxy and different aspects of the universe. To see the astounding creations of the stars really inspired us to develop a great interest in them and make a variety of different ideas to help us remember what the star constellations are called.

To us the school trip was a great experience and we all agreed undeniably that we would all go again.

Ana Nelson

Zadok the Priest and the BBC Singers

Recently, Chaffinch class (year 5 and 6) went to Winchester to perform a classical song called Zadok the Priest. To prepare for the special occasion, we practised both parts of the song in the classroom for a few weeks beforehand. We weren't the only school going to perform; there were 120 other students attending! The BBC singers taught us how to sing it even better than before by teaching us special warm-ups to make the song sound more authentic. Ed (an experienced BBC singer) was the conductor. He told us to emphasise certain words to make the song sound greater than our first sing through. The pianist had to play for about one and a half minutes (50 bars of the composition) before we started singing!

The experience really opened our eyes to different musical features and taught us that singing could be fun and enjoyable. It also gave us a reason to actually appreciate the song and cope with learning and singing it.

Once we had finished, a lady called Mrs Buckley told us that a group of people had taken photos of the performance, they recorded it as well. When the CD's are released we shall be able to buy them so that we can hear how well we performed! We thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we would definitely do it again if we were given the opportunity to do something similar.

Hannah Cobble, Eve Ridge, Hannah Bamber

Pancakes!

Recently, the School Council came up with a great idea - to sell pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We sold pancakes for 50p, including a choice of toppings which were: lemon and sugar; chocolate spread or maple syrup. We sold them after the Eucharist service in St Nicholas Church.

The popularity of the event was evident while selling the pancakes; most of the children were there!

There were two lines - one for chocolate spread and the other one for maple syrup, lemon and sugar. I think the most popular topping was the maple syrup and it was an extremely good thing that we had napkins, because the syrup dripped out of nearly everyone's pancake. Due to this fact, there was a really sticky floor to clean!

I was glad we accomplished this fantastic event and I hope we do it again in the future.

The School Council would love to hear from any businesses that would be prepared to match our fund raising.

William French, Oliver Smallwood

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

On the 6th February, we held our first Curry and Quiz night. Seven teams competed and with a few points to spare the Playgroup Players team (pictured below) won. Well done to the winning team. The curry was from Hot Spice in Whitchurch and went down well and an enjoyable night was had. 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 - 20th March – Which duck will swim the fastest? Who will find the most eggs? Meet at The Cleeves at 2pm. Choose your duck in advance for £1 – contact Laura Wearn on 720066. A fun event for all the family.

May Fayre – 9th May – our annual fundraiser. More details in next months Hill and Valley.

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

P Billingham

FoLS 100 club

Mrs A Harris £20

Mrs H Ridge £10

Mr J Wiseman £5



NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

The start of term was very exciting, as a large crane appeared to swing in place, the modular building that has become our new fitness gym. It was an impressive sight as the building was swung in, in 3 pieces. Even more impressive was the speed in which the building was made fully functional. It is an excellent new facility with a growing membership of Whitchurch users. If you haven't already, take a look, please-do.

We have welcomed two new members of staff to the team this term, Mrs Knab, Head of Geography and Mrs Vowles as teacher of Drama.

Testbourne students have been out and about with a Year 8 visit to the Southampton Mosque and a Year 10 visit to Ashmolean in Oxford and a Year 11 Geography field trip to Basingstoke. We are also looking forward to the safe return of our Team Uganda next week and hearing about their experiences in Mityana and surrounding villages.

On Wednesday 10th February we were fortunate to host a visitor from the Holocaust Memorial Trust, Henry Schachter, a holocaust survivor, who came and shared his story with Year 9. It was a memorable occasion for everyone involved. He reminded our students of the importance of family history and encouraged them all to talk to grandparents and great grand parents to learn about their families.

Ruth Beasley



BIRDS OF LONGPARISH GREAT GREY SHRIKE

I thought I would tell you about this bird as it is a rare bird in our village. Richard from Woodwalk saw one recently; I have not been lucky enough! The shrike is about the same size as a chaffinch with a longer tail. Pale grey above, white below, with mainly black wings

and tail. It also has a black stripe through each eye like it is wearing a mask. The beak is black and the top bill has a hook on it like a bird of prey. Its home is Scandinavia but a few winter here. They start nesting in March-mid May. The nest is usually in a fork in a tree or thorny bush and is made of twigs, plant stems, grasses, moss, string, plastic, lined with rootlets, plant down, hair and feathers. Eggs - 4-7 are laid, oval, smooth and slightly glossy. Buff to bluish or green- white, heavily marked over whole surface with small blotches and spots of olive or reddish brown. Incubated for 14-19 days and fledged in 14-20. The great grey shrike has another name – Butcher bird. This because when it catches its prey of beetles, bumble bees, voles, reptiles and birds it impales them on spikes like hawthorns or barbed wire. So when it is hungry it goes to its larder for his stored food

picture by Artur Mikolajewski

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 8th February

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

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Tree work at Newton Cottage, West Aston.
- Additional lorry parking at A303 Recycling Facility.

- Variation of working hours at A303 Recycling Facility.

The Council objected to:

- Continued siting of mobile home at Testwood Trout Farm, Southside Road.

Other Planning Matters

The Council was also informed about a forthcoming application to build two houses behind the Dial House, Forton, but would not consider this until the actual application was received. The Council noted that the Local Plan had been formally approved by TVBC and now has a copy of the final document for reference.

Finance

The Council agreed to accept the proposed new arrangements for External Audit from 2017.

Open Spaces and Footpaths

The date for the **Village Clean-Up** was set for **Saturday 16 April**. The Council also discussed the use of Section 106 payments for improvements to the playground.

Highways and Transport

Hampshire Highways and neighbouring parish councils would be consulted about vehicle-activated speed signs. The Council would also seek to take action on concerns that had been raised about the C4 bus service not stopping at the bus stop by the Village Shop.

Other Matters

The Council noted that the LCA Midsummer Fun Day would take place on Saturday 25th June.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm hours on **Monday 14th 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).

VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION – HOW YOU CAN HELP

The extension to Longparish Village hall has moved closer with the granting of planning permission for extra storage space at the back of the building. The structure will replace the packed shipping container, which has provided inadequate temporary storage space for several years.

Now quotations are being obtained and the search is underway to find funding for the work; that is where every villager can help.

Village hall chairman Brian Sanders said: "To support our application for grants we must demonstrate community backing. Our users and others in the village can do this by attending our meetings – including our management meetings."

The next management committee meeting is at 7.30 pm on **Monday 7th March**. Villagers are particularly encouraged to attend the Village Hall AGM on **Wednesday 27th April** also at 7.30 pm. Please put the dates in your diary.