



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

It was a raw, cold morning for the March race but the conditions were good for running and six children and five adults achieved personal best times.

We welcomed new runners: Laura Reynolds, Victoria Bell and Ingrid Sanderson. Joanne Wyatt was the Most Improved woman, Dennis Doney the Most Improved man and Jenson Paddy was our Rising Star.



Thanks very much to our marshals and timekeepers, Bruce Paddy and Anna Nelson and to Jim Dundas for the cake. Thanks also to David Gould for putting out the signs and crunching the numbers and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on **Sunday 10th April** 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 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.



2016 Longparish Fete

Saturday 10th September at the Cricket Ground.

Smooth Movers

Improve your balance, co-ordination and suppleness with low impact aerobic exercise, stretching and toning to music. **Thursdays 9.15am - 10.15am** in the village hall



Classes are led by Lauren Mildenberger, a fully qualified and experienced fitness instructor and new members are very welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and non-slip shoes.

£5 a session and parking is free, so why travel to Andover for a class?

Contact Sarah Harris (720 437) for more information or just come along on a Thursday morning.

ONE MILLION TINY PLAYS ABOUT BRITAIN



Monday 25th April - Village Hall - 7pm

LCA and the Village Hall are bringing the Watermill Theatre to Longparish. Craig Taylor's humorous and poignant look at modern Britain is coming to Longparish 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 but there is no need to go to Newbury to enjoy this entertaining stage show. The Watermill are bringing high-quality professional theatre to your doorstep! It's a no brainer really! Demand will be high so book now to ensure you get tickets.

Tickets are £12 (£10 for LCA members). Doors and bar open at 7pm.

You can book online here <https://billetto.co.uk/users/longparish-community-association> or use this QR code with your mobile phone. 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 so it won't be too late a night.

iPad Basics Introduction

Village Hall Tuesday April 5th

10:30am - 12:30pm

Learn how to use your iPad and get the most out of it!

Come join myself and local villagers to help answer your iPad questions and needs.

If you think you might be interested in coming along please call Chris Goode on 01264 366745.

£5.00 per person.

LCA Coffee Shop - Village Hall

Friday

8th April

10am-12

noon

The village hall coffee morning has grounds for celebration



There's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil... and quite a lot at Longparish village hall on the second Friday of every month.

That's when a growing number of locals get together to socialise over coffee (or tea) and biscuits.

The March get together was a special occasion and marked the 1000th cup served since the coffee mornings were started by Nigel and Gloria Goodliffe of Southside Road.

To celebrate, hall chairman Brian Sanders presented the couple with a specially baked coffee cake. In return they presented a new microwave to the hall bought from the profits of the coffee mornings.

In the early days a different villager hosted the event at home each month but it was soon clear that more space was needed. The newly refurbished village hall with its warm and friendly atmosphere was the obvious choice.

The event is regularly attended by more than forty people, young and old. Each pays £1 for a bottomless coffee pot and biscuits.

Said Gloria *"Longparish is a lovely community and the coffee morning gives people an opportunity to get together with friends and also make new ones. Everyone is welcome, particularly people who are new to the village."*

Nigel and Gloria are helped by Georgina Knipe in the kitchen. Maggie Barber and Sarah Harris are also on hand to collect and drop off anyone who finds the hall too far to reach on foot. Telephone Gloria on 720425 to arrange a lift.

The next coffee morning will be on **Friday April 8th** between 10 am and midday.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 24th April at 10.30 am

St Nicholas, Longparish

Please come and support your parish church at the annual meeting on Sunday 24 April. The meeting will take place in St Nicholas Church at about 10.30 after the service.

There will be reports on church activities during 2015, the election of Churchwardens and PCC (Parochial Church Council) members and refreshments.

All are welcome to attend.

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH EARLY SPRING WALK

As usual, I start from home, a raven flies overhead and a sparrow hawk circles above looking at the feeders hoping to catch his dinner. On down the back track I stop to see what's on Chris Lemon's feeders, – nothing today!

At the bottom there are no sparrows in the bushes so I turn left and stop at Rosie's to see what's visiting her feeders today. The sparrows are here along with blue tits, great tits, chaffinches and a jackdaw on the roof. On we go; a lot more jackdaws are in the grass field. I stop at the corner and look up across the ploughed field where pheasants and a pair of French partridges are feeding. Moving on, my next stop is at Richard's place on Woodwalk - nothing today; too many workmen about. I carry on to Upper Mill where, down the riverbank, a heron is fishing. I stop at the next bridge and have a natter with Robert. Moving on along to the river a small flock of black-headed gulls fly over, and I stop at the seat. Nothing much up river today, two red kites play fight with each other just in front of me. A jay flies across the river and a pair of noisy carrion crows are in the trees. On to the cross roads a robin sits on a branch singing and a blackbird rakes over leaf litter looking for a meal. Along the straight two cormorants are eyeing up Nick's fish. I spot a stock dove in the field that Nick is rolling, along with woodpigeons and rooks. At the farm a collared dove sits on the roof. I meet up with my wife and Johanne walking the dogs. A buzzard is just visible in the distance. We go along together passing the revamped lake where we spot little grebe, coot and a tufted duck. On to Pig Bridge, where today there are only a few mallards. Along at the fishing lakes we see swans, Canada geese, greylag geese, more tufted ducks and mallards. On the grass are song thrush, mistle thrush, redwings, a pair of grey wagtails and a pair of yellow-legged gulls. Moving on a kestrel is sitting in its favourite tree; it's very often there. At the bridge I point out a moorhen, gadwall, long-tailed tits, goldcrest, and then an egret appears at the side of the river. Then we hear a chiffchaff calling, further down the river. That's the first one I have heard this year. The ladies carry on leaving me there watching the birds. I spot a pair of wrens in the reeds; they all seem to be in pairs, getting ready for the breeding season. Right, lets move on! Just before the road junction a pair of greenfinches are sitting at the top of the tree in The Croft but there is nothing much in the pony paddock today, only a few pigeons and jackdaws. Turning back into North Acre up the back track I take a quick look at Chris' feeders again. This time there is a lesser redpoll. What a nice bird to finish off our walk! I hope you have enjoyed it we have seen a total of 44 different birds.

Last month I told you about the great grey shrike. WELL! I have now seen one thanks to Dave Piper. The description I gave you was not completely accurate, after seeing one it's more like a song thrush than a chaffinch in size. So another new tick for the village. CB



Clean for the Queen

On Saturday 5th March, four volunteers collected 10 sacks of litter in two hours from the main roads into Longparish. Thank you!

Test Valley council kindly arranged for the collection of the rubbish and has also dealt with the road signs left littering the verges. There is a mystery red bean cup thrower who seems determined to improve his or her throwing skills by targeting one spot at the bottom of Southside Hill. Please take your cups home. There are at least four green bins in the village so no excuses for deliberate littering!

The main part of the village is generally litter free and thanks should go to the kind people who pick up what they see as they walk through the village. The main roads into the village are more of a problem, due to drivers throwing food and drink containers out of the window.

If anyone else would like to adopt a section of road in the village please contact me so you can take advantage of a litter picking stick, high viz vest and bin bags!

Christian Dryden



The next big Village Clean Up Day is on **Saturday 16th April at 10am.**

Please meet at the playground. We will be concentrating on litter picking this time; so all ages and abilities can help! There will also be some clearing of vegetation, cleaning and general tidying! Lunch

will be provided at the Cricketers Inn afterwards.

Volunteers please contact James Hillier on 720016.

James Hillier



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Longparish Village Hall

Tuesday, 26th April at 7 pm

Paolo Arrigo

From Seed to Plate

Paolo covers vegetables from Roman times to present day and his talk is a journey from Italy to the UK. His talk has mass appeal to gardeners, foodies and Italophiles. Paolo will be bringing some Franchi seeds with him.

****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@yewcottagelongparish.com or Marion Bell 01264 720205



Plant Stall

School May Fayre Saturday 7th May

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

So instead of buying plants either for the flowerbed or the vegetable garden, why not buy your plants from our stall and help raise money for the school at the same time?

We will have lots of vegetables and of course pumpkins (so you can start growing your entry for the Pumpkin show in October). There will also be annuals and perennials for your borders and containers.

If you are sowing seeds, be it flowers or vegetables, or lifting and dividing plants please remember that any spare plants you are happy to donate will be very much appreciated.

Sylvia Crook 720792



Wherwell Singers Summer Concert – Save the Date!



The Wherwell Singers Summer concert will be held on **Saturday 18th June** at 7:30pm, St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell. Tickets are £8. The concert will

feature appropriately sunny pieces including sacred and secular music by Elgar, Tallis, Byrd, Vaughan Williams, Whitacre and much more!

Save the date now to avoid disappointment! For more information, please visit the Wherwell Singers website at www.wherwellsingers.org, email the Wherwell Singers at info@wherwellsingers.org, or call 01264 720529.

Mobile Library

The next visit of the library van will be:

Longparish School

Monday 09.20am to 10.15am

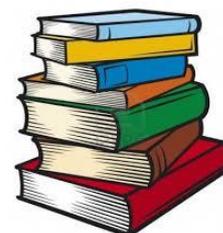
18th April, 16th May, 13th

June

Acre Stores

Monday 10.20am to 10.50am

18th April, 16th May, 13th June



NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE



A short but busy half term. There has been a lot of activity in support of Sport Relief 2016. Sports captains have been busy organising a variety of activities

including football tournaments, mini triathlon and a staff & students netball match.

We are looking forward to being able to make a healthy contribution towards this worthwhile charity. In sport terms our year 7/8 girl cricketers have proved to be a formidable team with success in the Hampshire Indoor League, we wish them well in the finals. Our Year 10 boys' rugby team has also been extremely successful in recent local competitions.

You will notice some changes to our school bus bay area. There is further development to take place that will improve the facility as well as create an access road to the new housing development. We are looking forward to the completion of the bus bay works but there may be some disruption during its completion.

Our new fitness gym is doing well – it is a super facility and if you haven't already become a member then please consider it, contact Paul Bushell on 01256 892261 or email him on p.bushell@testbourne.hants.sch.uk for further information.

A very happy Easter from all at Testbourne.

Ruth Beasley
Headteacher

Longparish School News

The Wonderland



Recently, our school held an art competition and the winners have had their entry transformed into an art mural on our school's library wall.

Mrs Graham Evans has been painting the wall with her helpers; they have been drawing and painting lots of book characters all merging into a magical wonderland. The group of winners and runners up from the art competition have all helped paint the mural; it looks amazing and is almost finished!

It is fantastic seeing the wall progress day after day, there is always a new character to be seen, some of

which are: The BFG [the Big Friendly Giant], Willy Wonka, Harry Potter, Tin Tin and Dorothy.

Altogether the art mural is a piece of art and everyone should have a peep at the magical wonderland. *Eve*

Heron Visit to the Titanic Museum

On Thursday 10th March, we went to the Sea City Museum because we were learning about the Titanic. It was an exciting, lovely and nice trip. When we got there we met our instructor who was called Jane. Jane told us what we were going to do, after that we went into the first activity.

The first activity was to work out what the crew did. We found out that Walter Hurst was a fireman on board. I answered a question, which was about where the Titanic was built; do you know what I said? I said "Belfast".

After that we got onto the second activity to find some glass bottles and then choose two people to dress up as 1912 people - Alice and Tristan dressed up. Then we told them to stand with the crew drawn on the wall and we figured out why they were dressed up like that.

Then we had to figure out what you could do in the gym on board. In the gym you could swim, ride a box horse and do tennis. Then we moved into the working room where you could send messages, steer the ship and shovel coal into an oven. Then we met a lady called Liz, we did some sinking, smelling and lifeboat games with her.

After that we had lunch, lunch was delicious. Soon after lunch we did more exciting coal games and steering games. Finally it was time to go.

We had a lovely time. Thank you to all the teachers for organising it, I had a fabulous time.

Luke, Year 2

Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

FoLS main focus at the moment is on our biggest fundraiser of the year – the May Fayre which is taking place on **Saturday 7th May** between 12noon – 3pm. Bring your friends and family to a great afternoon of family fun!

We need your help to make this event a success. We need:-

- Cakes for the cake stall. If you are unable to drop them off, we can collect these from you on the day between 9-11am. Please see contact details below.
- Raffle prizes – could you or the company you work for donate something for the raffle.
- Lucky Jars – Empty Jam Jars filled with items that a child would like – i.e. sweets, toys, pens etc. Please feel free to be creative with any original ideas
- Bottles of alcohol or soft drinks for the bottle stall. If you live in the village, we will be calling at houses to collect these.
- Chocolate for the chocolate raffle.
- Gorgeous gifts / Bric-a-Brac.
- Toys / Books / Plants.
- Gazebos – do you have one we could borrow to protect our stalls from extremes of weather?

Please bring any items to school on Friday 6th May or by 10.30am on the morning of the day. If you are unable to

drop things off at the school, please contact either Penny Billingham on 720226 or Laura Harding on 720298 and we can arrange collection.

If you have your own business and would like to set up a stall on the day, this can also be arranged - please contact Beth Lowe on 07826306948 or email beth.lowe@sky.com for more details.

Do you work for a Company who could help with Fund Matching?

Some of the larger organisations such as banks or mobile phone companies, will consider Fund Matching charity events such as the May Fayre, if their employee attends or helps out with the event. Options like this can make a huge difference to the amount of money that we raise, so please do check with your employer and let us know.

Thank you for your support in this and we look forward to seeing you at the May Fayre.

FoLS 100 Club Winners

February 2016

- 1st Gay Taylor £20
- 2nd Nicky Smallwood £10
- 3rd Simon Tufnell £5

March 2016

- 1st £20 Margaret Johnson
- 2nd £10 David Harding
- 3rd £5 Lizzie Gairdner

Open Studios Walnut Tree House, Longparish



Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th, and Friday 20th May.

10.30am-11.30am
Coffee & Cake

Painting with style by Paula Vize as part of the North Hampshire Open Studios.

A talk and demonstration on watercolour 'Materials - Colour - Technique'.

Booked places £35, max 8 people.
Ring 01264 720418 to book or email
pvize@btinternet.com

Please also see the website for other Open Studio dates when I will be open.

LONGPARISH PLAYGROUP OPEN MORNING

At the heart of Longparish village for 28 years, we offer a fun and stimulating environment for pre-school children aged from 2 years 9 months, in our beautiful purpose built setting. With over £5,000 investment for Spring 2016, we think we're even better than before and we'd love to show you.

FUN

- ◆ Make mud pies in the mud kitchen
- ◆ Play with friends
- ◆ Music with Amanda
- ◆ Secure outdoor play rain or shine
- ◆ Weekly Sports Skills sessions

LEARNING

- ◆ Curiosity corner and sensory area
- ◆ Touch screen computers
- ◆ Parent pack to support emerging skills
- ◆ Experienced staff to help your child grow

COMMUNITY

- ◆ Parents welcome to share skills or play
- ◆ Visits from Interesting Local People
- ◆ Regular trips and nature walks
- ◆ Close links with Longparish Primary School (Ofsted Outstanding 2014)

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

COME AND JOIN US SAT 9TH APRIL 10-12PM

SEE WHAT'S NEW FOR SPRING 2016

Longparish Playgroup, Longparish School, Longparish, Hampshire, SP11 6PB
01264 720455 | playgroup@longparish.org.uk | www.playgroup.longparish.org.uk

2015 Ofsted GRADED GOOD

"This safe and supportive environment enables children to thrive." Ofsted report 2015 graded Good throughout.

Longparish Playgroup

What an exciting time for playgroup. There are so many changes happening; spring is definitely in the air!

The children at playgroup went lambing in early March. We were able to experience not only holding and feeding the lambs, but seeing them being born! The children had a great time and were full of stories when they got home.

Having had such a mild winter means that the children have spent a lot of time outside making the most of our beautiful setting and getting creative in our mud kitchen.



The children have been developing their gross and fine motor skills in a variety of ways, both essential for emergent writing. They have enjoyed mark making by using paintbrushes and chinks on the walls as well as working collaboratively on giant sheets of paper.

We would like to welcome two new members to the Longparish playgroup team: Sally Lawman – part time Office Administrator and Paula Carn – Treasurer.

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 14th March

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

Village Infrastructure

The Council received a briefing from Mr Duxbury following a recent liaison meeting with a representative from Southern Water. He reported that, since the groundwater flooding of 2013/2014, Southern Water had carried out some £300K of remedial and survey work in the village, and that, although it was not expected that this would completely eradicate the problem of groundwater infiltration into the sewer in the event of extreme weather, it should lead to a significant improvement. The long-awaited groundwater Infiltration Reduction Plan was nearing completion, and this would include, in addition, the identification of three proposed over-pumping sites if required.

Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Tree work at the Croft, West Aston.
- Tree work at Riverby, Southside Road.
- Change of use from office to holiday accommodation at the Turbine Barn, Forton.

Other Planning Matters

The application for the continued siting of a mobile home at Testwood Trout Farm, Southside Road had been called to the Northern Area Planning Committee on 31st March. The Council would be represented at the meeting to voice its objections

Finance and Procedural

The Council agreed to accept the proposed new arrangements for External Audit from 2017 and the Internal Audit would be carried out on 12th May.

Open Spaces and Footpaths

The date for the **Village Clean-Up** was set for **Saturday 16th April** at 10am. Several cemetery fence posts next to the Village Hall had been replaced and maintenance was being carried out on the Ash Burn Rest. A footpath cutting regime had been agreed with HCC, but this would depend on the availability of resources.

Highways and Transport

The second year of operation of the Parish Lengthsman scheme had demonstrated its continuing usefulness, and it was hoped that HCC would continue to support it. There had been a small overspend this year, but it was expected that this would be covered by under spend in another parish. A useful informal litter-picking event had been held on 5th March, and thanks were expressed to those who had volunteered to help.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Devolution

The Council received feedback from the recent Devolution Workshop in Winchester. Planning for the county-wide proposal involving nineteen authorities was still proceeding, but a significant amount of uncertainty had been created by the introduction of a proposal for a more limited Solent Combined Authority (Southampton to Portsmouth) with a directly-elected Mayor that excluded the hinterland. The likelihood was that the Parish Council would be required to take on additional responsibilities, but with limited additional resources, and that this would probably require an enhancement of the role of the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on **Monday 11th April** in the Village Hall – all are welcome, so please come and listen to what has been happening in the village over the last year and then have your say. This will be followed by the Parish Council meeting at 8pm. 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 Cricket Club

Longparish claimed their third piece of silverware of the winter season in the Winchester & District indoor leagues Cup competition. After knocking out Longparish II in a bad tempered interclub affair in the 1st round, Longparish went on to defeat Bishops Waltham and then Sparsholt, before meeting top division side RAM in the semi final. A brutal 38 from Michael Taplin, 23 for Scott Sturt and an unbeaten 27 from U15 Callum Giles on his 1st team debut saw Longparish complete their 12 overs with the score on 151 for 3, skipper Matt Jackman then took 2 wickets as RAM were dismissed 23 runs short of their target. In the final, league champions Longparish took on league runners up Winchester University, who batted first and posted 124 for 4. The standard of cricket was very high, and Longparish needed to be at their very best if they were to triumph. Michael Taplin hit 21, Scott Sturt an unbeaten 25 and William de Cani an unbeaten 31 as Longparish passed the target with 4 balls to spare to secure the league and cup double. A remarkable season in which the side have only lost one game. The side must now travel to the Ageas Bowl at the end of the summer to meet the winners of the New Forest, South East Hampshire and North Hampshire indoor leagues to determine which side will represent the county in the national competition.

In their final game of the season Longparish faced a winner-takes-all tie with Basingstoke U15 to determine who would be crowned North Hampshire Indoor U15 champions. Basingstoke U15 batted first and batted well despite some excellent bowling by Tally O'Farrell, Alex Bundy and Luke Benzing to close on 126 for 3. William Samways hit 29, Callum Giles 25 and Jordan Blackmore was run out for 14 as the Longparish reply closed 11 runs short confirming Basingstoke U15 as champions and Longparish U15 as runners up.

The club AGM threatened to boil over as a small band of troublemakers carrying placards and torches invaded the hall demanding to know where it had all gone wrong during the past twelve months. The committee swiftly circled the wagons and the flames of revolt were soon extinguished. All the same people were voted in to the same positions bar Rachel de Cani who is stepping down as Hundred Club co-ordinator with Alison Allen stepping in to her shoes. The Treasurer winced several times during his report, Mr Chair made a call for unity and Madam Secretary responded to a call from the floor for a larger font to be used for the minutes, by throwing her reading glasses at the myopic inquisitor. The remainder of the meeting passed without real incident. *C de Cani*