



New Villagers Welcome

Longparish Community Association will be hosting our annual welcome for new villagers on the evening of **Wednesday 26th October 2016** in the village hall. Food and drink will be available. We try to keep track of new people coming into our community, but it would be great if you are new, or you know someone who is, if you could let Fiona (720709) know so you can be sure of an invitation. Everyone is welcome, so please put the date in your diary.

Drinks and light refreshments will be available from 7.30pm and the event will formally begin at around 8pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet new residents and those who have been around a little longer. There will be information about the many different activities and organisations that operate in the village and the chance to chat to many of the people involved in them.

10 minutes of the evening will see the LCA AGM - where we briefly handle the formal business for the Association for the year, but primarily the evening will be around enjoying meeting with your neighbours over drinks and light refreshments. We also hope to have a visual review of the last 12 months in Longparish for you to enjoy.

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

It was a lovely morning for the September race and we had a good turnout of 26 runners for our 5K handicap race. 14 of them broke their handicaps and 8 had their best ever times. Well done!



Most Improved Woman was Toni Jewell. Stephen Williams was our Rising Star and Chris Edwards was Most Improved Man. All three, together with Sonia Whiteman, Lucy Finlay, Matt Hodgson, Dennis Doney and Victoria Blewitt had personal bests.

Thanks very much to people who accompanied juniors, to Maggie Barber, Annabel Doney, Angela Dewey and James Masters for marshalling, to Jim Dundas and the Fete for the cake and to Sam Arnold for some wonderful photos which you can see on the village website. Thanks also to David Gould for putting out the signs and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on **Sunday 9th October** 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 especially volunteers to help!

You can see the full results and find more information and the entry form in the L2SOTM area of the Longparish website

<http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/>

LCA Tuesday Talks

Our programme of entertaining and educational talks resumes in October.

- **11 October:** Martin Clay returns for another showing of his superb nature photography
- **8 November:** Andy Jolliffe takes us on a trip round Cuba

More Tuesday Talks on:

- **13 December:** Mike Johnson with anecdotes about the Pewterers and life in Provence
- **10 January 2017**
- **14 February**
- **14 March**

Tuesday Talks start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome and there is a cash bar.

Grand Draw Prizes & Winners 2016

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Grand Draw at the Fete by selling tickets, buying tickets and giving prizes. Our lucky winners and the names of the donors are below.

Thank you all.

Maggie Barber (Promoter)



£300 star prize: Ian Branfoot,

Flowers from **Petal Boutique:** Rob and Bex Young, 2 course meal for 2 at **The Cricketers Inn:** Jonathan Evans, **Kenyons** fruit basket: Richard Williams, 2 course meal for 2 at **The Plough Inn:** Marion Eade, A pair of **Hunter Field wellies:** Wynyard, A substantial mixed grill for 2 from **John Robinson:** Brian Sanders, One day's coarse fishing for 2 at **Vale Farm Fishery:** Jeremy Barber, **Hillier** voucher: Stuart Head, Leg of lamb from **Bere Mill Farm:** Rustin, Family ticket to **The Hawk Conservancy Trust:** Towneley, Family ticket to **The Museum of Army Flying:** Julie Netton, 2 child swims at **Anderson Leisure Centre:** Trowern, Family ticket to **Finkley Down Farm:** Blewitt, Discovery experience for 2 at **Bombay Sapphire Distillery:** Robin Smallwood, Family ticket to **Whitchurch Silk Mill:** Jarman, Three jars of **Maggie's Marmalade:** Richard Williams, Chrysanthemums: Robin Smallwood, **Amanda Outridge** nail care voucher: Rosie Lowry, **Holiday Inn, Winchester** Tea for Two: Tracey Jeffries, **Strathmore Vets** - box of goodies: Lily, White wine given by **Utility Warehouse Discount Club:** Jane Henery, Hand made bag given by **Mykando:** Lucy Jones, **Bodyzone 24** breakfast trial and wellness profile: Di Cox, Chocolates: Bob Shelley, Champagne: Chris Hewitt



LCA Coffee Shop - Village Hall
Friday 14th October 10am-noon

The LCA Coffee Shop in the village hall is open on the second Friday of the month. Drop in with your friends, children, parents. Everyone is welcome. For £1 you can enjoy a cup of tea or delicious ground coffee and biscuits

20th Longparish Pumpkin Show
Saturday, 15th October
Community Hall 3pm - 4.30pm



Judging will take place at 3.45pm.

Have you been busy in the garden and grown a pumpkin for this year's competition? 'Lightest' and 'Heaviest' in various age categories.

There is also a category for the 'Most Unusual Gourd', should you have been adventurous on your vegetable plot.

If your green fingers have been put to good use elsewhere in the garden this year and you've not had a chance to grow a pumpkin why not buy one instead from one of the supermarkets and decorate it as you wish.

Enter into one of the following children's age categories for 'Best Decorated Pumpkin'; Under 5, 5-7, 8-10, 11+.

This year there will be a £1 entry fee.

This event is a fundraiser for Longparish Playgroup. Hot dogs, tea and coffee will be on sale.

For further information please contact: Sylvia Crook 720792 or Laura Wearn 720066



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday 25th October
Village Hall 7pm

Peter Moore will be speaking on
"Buddleja, a flower for all seasons"

Peter started his career in horticulture working for Hilliers, ultimately for 36 years. He went to Longstock Park Nursery as a propagator, where for 13 years he has been in charge of the renowned Buddleja Collection.

We will have the usual raffle. Longparish Gardening Members Free (Non-Members welcome £5.)

Any queries please to Rosie Lowry 01264720325
 rosie@yewcottagealongparish.com
 Or Marion Bell 01264720205



Longparish Players
 Our next production will be a double bill, on **2nd and 3rd December. Please save the date!**



The Bowmans

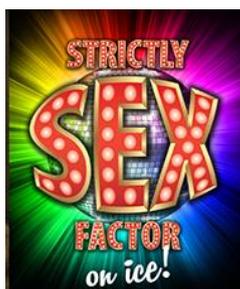


Based on an episode of Hancock's Half Hour. Hancock plays the part of Old Joshua Merryweather in the radio show The Bowmans (which sounds rather similar to The

Archers) but his behaviour and the number of different dialects that he uses causes him to be written out of the script. He turns to doing TV commercials, until the listeners demand the return of 'Old Joshua'.

We plan to film some of the commercials in advance so you can have a chance to star without learning the words!

Strictly Sex Factor on Ice



The Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society are faced with a threat to their very existence. Reality TV shows have ravaged their Saturday night audiences. Never one to take these things lying down, Chairman Gordon has devised a cunning plan to compete head-on - their very own live Saturday night blockbuster,

combining the best of all the other formats. All they need now is an audience, some contestants, four judges, a mirror ball... oh, yes, and some ice.

Tickets on Sale Soon!

Want to be involved?

This is your chance to tread the boards or help behind the scenes. To find out more please contact Andrea Hulme on 01264 720347 or Andy Smith on 01264 720034

Afternoon Tea and Sing Along

Featuring the Test Valley
U3A Singers

Accompanied by Ray Blazdell
Wherwell

Home Guard Club
Please do come along



Friday 21st October
3pm

£3.00 includes
cream tea and raffle
Telephone Jane Andrews
01264 860635

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH

The Wood Pigeon

Wood pigeons are one of our most common birds. Years ago we used to get vast flocks from Europe escaping the cold for our



milder winters. They would descend on to the farmers rape crop doing lots of damage, so people used to spend days shooting them, sometimes shooting 200+ in a day. But now, with global warming, winters are milder so they stay in Europe. They have also become used to humans, even feeding at the bird table. Woodpigeons nest all year round. I have found them nesting every month. The nest, a platform of sticks lined with finer

ones, is usually low down in a bush or tree. I have also seen them nesting in barns and sheds. Often the old nest is used again and again - they just add a few more twigs. I was quite surprised to see one sitting on eggs in January! This was, however, in a shed on a farm. Two glossy white eggs are laid, incubated for 17 days and fledge in 33-34 days. The secret to them breeding all year round is their production of pigeon's milk. This is a white fluid, which is regurgitated and fed to the young, so they don't have to rely on a food source. Their food is green leaves, seeds, fruit, crops and tree buds especially ash.

Now for some good news – lapwings, swallows and house martins have had a fantastic breeding season at Owls Lodge Farm. I was sitting in the garden the other day watching 2 adults and 4 juvenile yellow wagtails on the roof, catching insects. It's not a new tick on my list but I've not seen one for 25 years or more. *CB*

FoLS 100 Club

£20 Mrs C Skyes

£10 Mrs P Sawyer

£5 Mr J Wiseman



Longparish Cricket Club

With the outdoor season now concluded the summer couldn't have gone better for Longparish CC. The 1st XI finished as champions of County Division 2 and return to the top flight of the Hampshire Leagues (which extends deep into Dorset, Wiltshire, Berkshire and Surrey) after an absence of twenty years.

The 2nd XI secured promotion to County Division 4 after a convincing win in their final game over Stockbridge, and the 3rd XI secured promotion to Regional Division 2 several weeks ago.

The midweek 20/20 side retained their top division status and narrowly lost in the final of the Cup competition to Tichborne Park.

All of the Colt sides finished high up in their respective leagues and enjoyed lengthy runs in the cup competitions.

Cricket now moves indoors where the club travels to the Ageas Bowl to face the winners of the New Forest, North Hampshire and South East Hampshire indoor Leagues to determine who will represent the County in the ECB National indoor competition. Longparish will once again be fielding adult and junior sides in the Winchester and District and Dummer Indoor Leagues, details of fixtures and results can be found on the website.

The Cricketers Inn once again hosted the annual club Presentation Evening, where gongs were given out after speeches and a Hog Roast.

The problem of people kicking footballs against the pavilion and nets remains a problem that is close to attaining the status of rabbits digging up the pitch. We can set cage traps for the rabbits, but human rights legislation prevents us doing this for footballers.

If anybody has any ideas as to how to solve this problem please don't be a stranger as it is costing the club money.

Chris de Cani

Over 50 and live in or near Longparish?

Please mark **Thursday 13th October** in your diary. **Longparish Village Hall** is the venue for the latest in a series of Road Shows organised by AGE UK Mid Hampshire, Test Valley Borough Council and the Andover and District Older Peoples Forum. The road show will take place between 11.15am and 2.00 pm. Representatives from these organisations will be joined by other groups and agencies and the aim is to bring information of interest to older (and some younger) people who live in some of the towns and villages of Test Valley. The road shows are funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

This is an opportunity for you to discuss issues including home safety and security, communicating with organisations, benefits for older people, help with challenges faced by older people as well as issues local to Longparish.

In addition you will have the chance to put your views directly to the organisations providing the services affecting your daily life. You can tell us what the agencies and volunteer organisations could do to help improve your life.

Mike Simpson Chief Executive of Age UK Mid Hampshire said, "I am delighted that Age UK are working in partnership with Test Valley Borough Council, the Andover and District Older People's Forum, local charities and other agencies to make this event available to people in and around Longparish. It should really help older people to become much more aware of services and issues affecting them so that they can get the help and advice they need."

Refreshments will be available and so you could arrange to meet your friends there and, after looking around the displays, catch up with their news.

Longparish Harvest Lunch Sunday 2nd October



Please come to a fun community lunch for villagers, family and friends following the Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas at 11 am. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. All are

welcome

Lunch tickets (Adults £3.50 and children under 12 free) are available from Acre Stores or John and Jane Young (730233)

Longparish School News

It has been lovely to welcome our new Year R children to Longparish School, all of whom were full-time by the end of the second week. They settled in extremely well and are already taking an active part in the school community.

If you have a child who will be 4 before 1st September 2017 and are starting to think about selecting your preferred school for your child's education, we are holding Open Days on the morning of **Wednesday 9th November** and the afternoon of **Monday 21st November**. These days provide parents with the opportunity to see the school in action and to meet pupils and staff. Application for school places opens on 1st November and the closing date is Friday 15th January 2017. If you would like any further information regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Admin Office on 01264 720317.

Year 5 and 6 Residential

Our oldest class started this academic year with a residential week at PGL Liddington. This was a great way for the class to bond together and it was wonderful to see their self-confidence grow throughout the week, as they challenged themselves daily with new activities; below are excerpts from a few of their reports.

PGL Liddington - Tree Top Study Trail

Everyday, we (me and the girls in my dorm) checked the required clothing for each activity. Obviously, this was in addition to the safety equipment needed; for Tree Top Study Trail we had to use ropes to hold us up in case we fell or were swinging, a helmet, a harness and karabiners.

I was excited because it looked so much fun. Then again, I was nervous in case something went wrong - you might get scared that your rope will snap, your harness isn't tight enough and will slip off you, that the karabiner hasn't been tightened or even that your helmet will slip off; there was no need to be worried about any of those things, because the instructors always checked everything to make sure it was safe.

By Asha Hails

Giant Swing

My favourite activity and I think almost everyone else's favourite too, was Giant Swing. Before I went on it I felt really nervous because I had just had breakfast, but I also felt excited to try it out. Then we got into partners and I went with Asha because she wanted to go to the top and so did I.

After that we walked over to where the harnesses were and started to put one on. Soon after we had been checked, we grabbed a helmet and went to sit in the shed.

Finally after doing all that preparation, it was time and Asha and I went first, so the instructor (Ed) clipped us in with the karabiner and checked it was safe. Everyone else then had to pull a rope which slowly raised us up. Once we were as high as we wanted to go, Asha was told to pull a rope and when she did, all of a sudden we dropped and swung back and forth until we slowly came to a stop.

By Danielle Smith

Archery

On our penultimate day at PGL, our group took part in archery. In place ready for us, were two massive targets, four bows and four sets of arrows, also on our left arms we had to wear an arm guard. Then four people got called up at a time. When it was my turn I prepared my bow and arrow, the arrow was as sharp as a bee's sting, I pulled back the string and let go and... GOT THE BULL'S EYE, I was so happy.

By Isabel



NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

What an excellent start to the new school year.

We began by celebrating another set of outstanding GCSE examination results with 75% of our students achieving A*-C in

English and Maths. Twenty-one of our students achieved eight or more GCSE's at top grades A/A* this is an excellent achievement.

Over the summer the school has had somewhat of a face-lift in key areas. This means that we now have three new teaching spaces including a large new Science Lab, improved toilet facilities for both boys and girls, an upgraded IT network which also means that we now have some CCTV cameras to help improve our site security and there is also a new staffroom.

We also welcomed several new teachers to the teaching team. They bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise. There is a really vibrant feel around the school. This year we welcomed 178 students into Year 7, this is the largest year group yet. I am pleased to report that they have settled in well and many of them are looking forward to a weekend residential to PGL Liddington. This is a perfect opportunity for them to forge new friendships and for staff to get to know them better.

This week I attended a 40 years service presentation for Jeanette Davies our recently retired Head of Art. It was a splendid occasion and a fitting tribute to someone who has given so much to Testbourne. *R Beasley*

LCA Longparish Apple Days Friday 28th October and Saturday 29th October

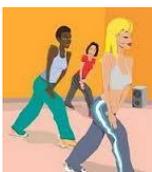


After last year's success we are doing it again! This year the press will be available at Grebe House Forton between 11.30am and 4pm on Friday 28th October and between 10am and

4.00pm on Saturday 29th October. You bring the apples and plastic bottles to put the juice in. In round figures, five pounds of apples will make about one litre of juice. We provide a place to wash the apples and cut them up, a scrapper to mash up the apples and the press. You provide manpower! Please contact me in advance if you are interested. If you don't have apples we have plenty or scrounge some from a neighbour with a surplus! This year, there will be a Sausage Sizzle on Saturday at 12 noon, £2.50, and possibly other apple related fare! All proceeds and any donations will go to the Mityana Project.

Christian Dryden 720398 Jeremy Barber 720459

Smooth Movers Thursdays 9.15am-10.15am Longparish Village Hall



Stay fit, healthy and supple with Smooth Movers, our friendly exercise class. Low impact aerobics and core stability to

music. Work at your own pace. Beneficial to the body and mind. Led by Lauren, a well-qualified and experienced dance and fitness instructor. Lauren updates the music and routines regularly to make it interesting and keep us on our toes! £5 per session.

Phone Sarah Harris, 01264 720437 or just turn up at the village hall on Thursday morning.

Longparish Fete Result

Despite the weather, the result of the fete was a resounding success, with over **£9,000** to be shared between church and village hall for their upkeep and general well-being; in fact, a vital source of funding for both buildings. A remarkable result considering last year we had some 1300 visitors to this year's 600 or so! So, on behalf of the church and the village hall, a huge **'thank you'** to Donna Hillier for the tremendous amount of hard work she put into the organisation of everything over the two years she has been heading up the fete committee. She was ably supported by husband, James and other committee members, and thanks go to them as well.

The fete is, in fact, a really great community event, with so many of the villagers getting together to put on what is described by many as 'the best village fete in the area'. There are so many who get involved, from our generous donors to stall holders, to table and chair movers, to tent erectors and taker-downers, to car park attendants, to money counters etc., and you all deserve a big **'thank you'** too.

It is hard work, but above all I believe we have a lot of fun doing it, and we do get to know people in the village, with whom we may not come into contact during the course of our everyday lives, and that's a good thing. Together, we make a good team!

So, well done to everyone involved, and as chair next year, I am counting on your continued support in 2017. Please let me know if you would like to join the committee and help with the organisation next year.

John Young 720233

Email: j.young233@btinternet.com



LONGPARISH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Mondays 9am – 11.30am
Term Time Only

Longparish Village Hall

For Children Aged 0-5

A Relaxed and Friendly Atmosphere to
Have and Cup of Tea and Meet New People



Fun Activities, Toys, Games, Music, Singing, Story Time,
Drawing, Healthy Snack, Making New Friends

Everyone Welcome – Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers

£1 per Adult & 50p per Child
We look Forward to Seeing you!



Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting 12th September

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

Barton Stacey Training Area

Two representatives from the MOD's Defence Infrastructure Organisation briefed the Council about the Training Area and its management. This followed on from the disruption caused by the use of the Training Area for noisy motor sports activities in addition to the regular go-karting events. It was explained that, while the DIO had overall responsibility, Landmarc, which had a commercial interest in third party revenue generation, carried out day-to-day management. Although there was some uncertainty about the future of the Army Training Regiment in Winchester – the current primary user of the site for field training – the increasing number of units stationed in the UK meant that there was growing pressure on training areas and Barton Stacey was very useful because of its proximity to Salisbury Plain. This meant that more training would be taking place there, and the MOD was very conscious of the need to maintain good community relations. The Council received an assurance that Blendini Motorsports' licence to use the Training Area would not be renewed next year, and if any disruption was caused during their final two weekends' operations this year (28/29 Oct and 18/19 Nov) this should be reported to Landmarc's 24 hour operations room on **01420 483405**. It was also requested that members of the public who noticed any illegal use of the Training Area - there have, for example, been problems with unauthorised (and noisy!) use by off-roaders - report it immediately to both the operations room and the police (101/999).

Planning Matters

The Council noted that a useful meeting of the A303 Materials Recycling Facility Liaison Group had been held the previous week, and advance warning had been given about an impending application to increase significantly the volume of IBA (incinerator bottom ash) permitted to be processed there. This would be considered when the formal application was submitted, but in the meantime Raymond Brown would be holding a public Open Day on 29th September. The Council had also received notification that the opening in the barrier on the A34 opposite Firgo Farm would be closed.

Open Spaces

Work was continuing on identifying specific proposals for improving the children's playground, and some of the Parish Lengthsman funding would be spent on improving rights of way, as a proportion of it had been provided by HCC's Countryside Service.

Village Infrastructure

In spite of previous advice about the rollout of superfast broadband in Longparish, the cabinet in North Acre had been upgraded, which meant that it was now available to households in the vicinity. The Council had also noticed that Southern Electric had been carrying out a lot of work replacing poles, cables and connectors, all of which should ensure that the power supply was more resilient in the event of high winds or other extreme weather.

Village Hall

The Council welcomed the fact that work had now started on the Village Hall extension, and that improvements to the road boundary and entranceway were scheduled to be carried out at October Half Term. The Council also supported in principle the idea of acknowledging the unique contribution of the Woodcock family to Longparish over many years in the naming of the Hall, provided there were no practical obstacles.

Other Matters

The LCA had now installed two emergency defibrillators – one on the Village Hall, and one at the Cricketers – and was looking for a site in Forton for a third. A successful training evening had taken place, and there would be another one in November. The New Villagers' Event would be held on **Wednesday 26th October**, and it was requested that villagers inform any new neighbours. The Council also congratulated all those involved in organising and running the Village Fête, which had been successful in spite of the inclement weather.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm hours on **Monday 10th October** 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).

Defibrillator

Official 'Opening' for the first defibrillator at Longparish Village Hall.

