



## LCA - L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of the Month Handicap Race

We started early for the November run because of Remembrance Day and it was a lovely bright morning. We welcomed new runner Søren Petersen and welcomed back David Roebuck who we haven't seen for a while.

Perhaps it was the early start but, despite the fine weather, only four of our runners broke their handicaps. That included Dennis Doney who had a new personal record. Well done!



There was a Forton battle along Nuns' Walk. David Gould was in hot pursuit of Dave Henery and eventually overtook him.

Most Improved Man was Ian Beveridge, the 14th time he has received this honour. Most Improved Woman was Sheila Evans and Frankie Arnold was the Rising Star.

Thank you to Sam Arnold for taking photos, to Maggie Barber for baking, David

Gould for doing the signs, Maggie and Wendy Beveridge for marshalling and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

Our next race is on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December** starting at the usual time of 10am at the Cricket Ground. This is our Christmas race so refreshments will include mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is welcome especially volunteers to help (running is not essential). If you'd like to run it is a handicap race so people of all abilities have a chance to win.

You can see the full results and photos 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

The programme for the remainder of the 2016-17 season is as follows:

- **13<sup>th</sup> December:** Mike Johnson will be talking about the curious world of London Livery Companies.
- 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- 14<sup>th</sup> February
- 14<sup>th</sup> March



Doors and cash bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

## Christmas Tea Party – Free!

The Recycled Teenagers invite you to a Christmas tea party at 1.45pm on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** in Longparish

Village Hall. We'll finish about 4pm.

Children from the Longparish Playgroup will come and sing a few carols for us and Robin Geard of the Wyvern Dance Band will sing songs from the 50s and 60s as well as carols. We'll serve tea and cakes in the interval and there'll be a raffle.

All welcome from Longparish and we'd be delighted to see those from surrounding villages also, so please do tell your friends.

Please contact Maggie on (01264) 720459 or Corinne on 720643 so that we know how many to cater for.

## Recycled Teenagers

### Film Show Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Doors open at 1.30pm. The film will start at 2pm and will be followed by a delicious cream tea and a raffle.

All welcome. Free to LCA members. Join or renew your membership for £1 on the door.

Please contact Maggie on 720459 for more information and to reserve your place.

## LCA Coffee Shop Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am-noon

The LCA coffee shop is open the second Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.



## Magical Candlelit Carol Service

Longparish Village Choir will be performing some beautiful Christmas music at this year's Carol Service in St Nicholas Church.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6pm

The annual candle-lit service is a wonderfully atmospheric start to Christmas, with the traditional 9 lessons and favourite carols old and new.



The Choir has been singing at the Carol Service for more than 15 years but we sing at many types of events now, sacred and secular, serious and fun. Anyone is welcome to join us - there are no auditions and you do not need to read music or even to have sung in a choir before. Like many choirs, we particularly need tenors!

If you love singing, and would like to find out more about the Choir, just speak to any member or call Cathy Yelf on 720790. You can also email [cathy.yelf@sky.com](mailto:cathy.yelf@sky.com)

Happy Christmas from The Choir!

## LCA Boxing Day Entertainment

The Great Longparish Santa Dash and Mummers Play return this Boxing Day. Meet at the School for the 'Dash' and at The Cricketers for the Mummers Play.

The pub will be open from 11am so you can get a drink before the play. Please come on foot if possible

**The Santa Dash** starts at 11am at the school. Santas of all ages, shapes, species and sizes will be dashing (at varying speeds!) to The Cricketers.

There will be prizes for the best dressed Santas (or elves or puddings....) and for the best dressed pet.

Any queries contact Fiona on 720709.



## Longparish

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



There will be a collection in aid of Mityana and the Andover Food Bank. Then, afterwards ...

**The Boxing Day Barbie** at the Cricketers is new this year. Forget the cold turkey. Kevin will be serving hot dogs, bacon rolls and burgers. Just what you need for a tasty lunch or a late Boxing Day breakfast for that matter - commencing 11am.



## New Year's Eve

Why not join all your friends and neighbours for a few drinks and to welcome in the New Year at the Cricketers Inn.



## LCA -Monday Night at the Movies

Our season of movies continues on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall. Please check the Village website for movie scheduling or ring David on 07747 014519. 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.



## ST NICHOLAS FAYRE

**Saturday 3rd December**

**Longparish Community Hall  
2pm to 4pm**

Come and enjoy this village event

- Produce stall with homemade goodies
  - Cake stall
  - Longparish apple juice
  - Christmas wreaths and bulbs
  - Hamper tombola
  - Raffle of generously donated gifts
  - Locally made hardwood bowls, platters
  - Phoenix greeting cards
  - Venison sausages
  - Locally brewed special beers
  - St Nicholas candles and Christmas cards
  - Locally made Christmas gifts
  - Christmas decorations
  - Santa's Grotto
  - Face Painting
- And a chance to chat over tea with your neighbours

**Entrance £1 to include mulled wine or tea or coffee**

Proceeds from the Fayre will be split between  
St Nicholas Church  
and our link in Mityana, Uganda



## LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Longparish Village Hall

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB IN DECEMBER.

We wish everyone a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and hope to see many of you for our first meeting of 2017 on **Tuesday 24th January** at 7pm for re-enrolment and talk on the "The Honey Bee" by Becky of BeckysBeezzzzs.co.uk

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



## Pints of View!

Come to the Cricketers for an informal discussion over a pint or two on **Wednesday 14th December** from 8pm. The topic (at least the one we start with...) will be published via the LCA Facebook page nearer the time.

To suggest a subject for a future meeting, please contact Terry (720215) or Georgi (720829).



## Cecil Albert White: May 1936-October 2016



The funeral for Cecil White took place at Basingstoke Crematorium on 7th November. Cecil had spent most of his life in Longparish, moving some three years ago to Andover where he died in The Countess of Brecknock Hospice on 25th October.

Cecil was born in Honeysuckle Cottage and said that he had not met other children until he went to school here in the village. He had an elder sister, Ellen, who died before he could know her and a brother Michael who died very young, and is still remembered by many in the village. Cecil's education was here and in Whitchurch.

He did his apprenticeship in Andover working for Simms & Yates and for the rest of his life worked in the Andover area. There are many building jobs, many extensions and many roofs, which remain as a legacy to his life of hard work.

As a young man he played cricket for Longparish but met Joy at a dance in the Fiesta Hall, East Street, Andover and they were soon engaged and married in March 1963. Their honeymoon was in Jersey where the family returned later to revisit the places Cecil and Joy had been. They shared many years of happy married life. Their first home was in a bungalow in Andover. The joy of family life was enriched with the births of Graham and Joanne, which have been followed by six grandchildren. Family was at the centre of Cecil's thoughts and priorities.

Although marriage and family life meant Cecil gave up playing cricket he remained a keen spectator supporting both Hampshire Cricket Club and the Saints having a season ticket for Southampton. He watched sport on television where he also enjoyed the countryside programmes.

As well as taking his children to watch sport he took them ice-skating and even ventured on the ice himself. His main interest was in his work and in the countryside. He loved both and was gifted with his hands. On retirement (not that he ever properly retired) he bought a lathe and enjoyed wood-turning. St Nicholas Church is grateful for his putting up the statue of St Nicholas where he showed both his skill and strength. That was just 4 years ago.

With the family he enjoyed holidays driving to the south of France, visiting Italy, exploring places and also going on walking holidays. Although he enjoyed Italian food he was a true Englishman and liked good English food where a meal should consist of meat, vegetables and potatoes. The vegetables were often grown in his garden, which he tended with care. Having a greenhouse he was proud that he grew all his plants from seed rather than buying from a nursery. He planted roses but it must be admitted that he had a battle with the dog, who delighted in digging them up!

Cecil's love of his family extended to his grandchildren on whom he practised his dry sense of humour and they would have to look at him carefully to know if he was pulling their leg in what he said.

Cecil was very much a local man, living only in Longparish and Andover and had a good knowledge of the area coupled with a good sense of direction.

May Cecil rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Longparish CE School News

### Year 5-6 Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, Longparish School's Year 5 and 6 hockey team drove to John Hanson Secondary School in Andover to take part in a hockey tournament. The members of the team were Mathew, Jake, George, Charlotte, Asha, Isabel, Rosie, Joe, Megan Beal, Megan Lowe, Wilf and Toby; Mrs Brewer was our coach. The things we had to bring were: gum shield, water bottle, hockey stick and shin pads. There were assistant referees (members of John Hanson School) helping the P.E. teachers to referee the competition.

Our team played brilliantly and put into practice the skills we had learned in hockey club. Our defence was superb and we stopped many teams from scoring. Longparish had never entered a hockey competition before, so it was a new experience. We hope to build on our acquired skills in the future.

Although we came fifth, we all still loved the tournament. The overall winners were Ampport, who won by one point - they won the trophy and received a medal each.

*By Toby and Wilf*

### Georgian Rugby League

The first fixture of the Georgian Rugby League took place in November at Longparish School, giving us the home advantage. Our school's kit was blue, with a long sleeved rugby shirt with a white collar and the school badge on it, and plain blue shorts. The schools playing in the Georgian League were: Micheldever Primary, Barton Stacey Primary, North Waltham Primary and Longparish Primary.

Our team is a mixture of boys and girls; these are the members of the team: Asha, Joe, Isabel, Charlotte, Mikey, Jake, Mathew and Seb. Our captain is called Jake, he is in Year 6.

Our first game was against Micheldever and we won, the scores were 4-1 to us. To be fair to Micheldever, they played really well for their first time. Our second game was against North Waltham and we won, the scores were 5-3 to us. Our third and final game was against Barton Stacey and we won again, the scores were 4-5. We won every game and we were so happy. We're now looking forward to the next fixture in January.

*By Joe and Asha*

### Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) News

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

If you have ordered a tree, it will be available to pick up from outside the school on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** between 2-4pm. We will have a few to sell on the day, so if you haven't pre-ordered, please come and see what we have on offer.

If you are doing Christmas shopping online, there is a way you can help raise money for Longparish School. Sign up for free at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and use the site as a gateway to other online sites such as John Lewis, Marks and Spencer and many more. FoLS then receives a donation, usually a percentage of the amount you have spent.

Since our last update we have had our AGM and the committee for 2016/17 is: Laura Harding (Chair), Gay Taylor (Treasurer), Penny Billingham (Secretary), Sid Bryant, Kirsten Hails, Georgina Montague and Andrea Williams. Thank you to everyone who was on the committee last year. We are always in need of volunteers to help out, so if you are able to help at an event or are interested in joining the committee, please talk to one us.

We're looking forward to next year with some familiar events such as a Film Afternoon, the Easter Egg Hunt and Duck Race and May Fayre, as well as some new activities, including a Bingo session. More details to follow in next month's H&V.

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

#### Recent FoLS 100 Club Winners

Sid Bryant £20  
Jeremy Barber £10  
Stephen Williams £5

Elisabeth Hanbury-Bateman £20  
Sonia Whiteman £10  
Kirsten Hails £5

#### Longparish Playgroup

It has been a fun and busy month at playgroup. The Halloween walk was a great success with lots of scary costumes and lots of treats collected (thank you residents of North Acre)

Great excitement was caused when there were men cutting down trees outside the gate, everybody went outside to watch and the men kindly chatted to the children for a bit and gave them some pieces of wood to look at.

The children have been enjoying role-play including post office, hairdressers, trains and doctors - we even tried some bandaging!

As we've had a few cold and frosty mornings everybody has been enjoying learning about ice and how it is made.

#### Vacancy: Pre-school Key Worker at Longparish Playgroup

We have a vacancy for a Key Worker. The position is Temporary (until July 2017) with the possibility of becoming permanent for the right candidate.

Initially for 13.5 hours per week:  
Tuesday 8.45am- 15.30pm  
Thursday 8.45am- 15.30pm + 1 hours key person time.

For further information please contact Playgroup Manager Claire Nash on 01264 720455 or email [playgroup@longparish.org.uk](mailto:playgroup@longparish.org.uk).

**Closing date for applications is 7th December** with interviews to take place on Monday 12th December.

## Burns Supper and Ceilidh Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Village Hall 7.30pm – 11.30pm

Once again a Burns Supper & Ceilidh is to be held in Longparish Village Hall on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017** with a traditional Burns Night menu, entertainment, piper and a live Ceilidh Band and caller.

Bring your own 'Bar' and your dancing shoes!

**Tickets £30 per person**

**\*\*Tables of 8 can be reserved\*\***

Please contact John Findlay on 07766 351083 for a booking and menu form. Tickets sold out very quickly last year so please complete the form and return with your remittance to John Findlay, 81 North Acre by the 7th January.

*John Findlay*

#### BIRDS OF LONGPARISH - AUTUMN WALK

My wife, myself and of course the dog had a very nice walk in the sunshine. We left home down the back track spotting just one house sparrow sat on the fence. Nothing at all in the bushes - that makes a change. Turning left at the shop there is nothing on Rosie's feeders either. The tree by Vine Cottage is covered in small yellow berries, where three blackbirds and six chaffinches are having their fill. Plenty of rooks and jackdaws are on the grass and stubble fields, nothing much else. There's only a chaffinch on Richard's feeders.

Moving on, two blue tits fly across into Mary Jo's garden. Turning right into the Cleeves, there are just a few mallards and a moorhen; so on we go towards the mill. Just before the bench seat by the river, we spot a male and female stonechat - not seen here very often. Up the river are two little grebes, coot and a swan. On to the crossroads we see a great spotted woodpecker, right at the top of a tree, he could not have gotten any higher if he wanted to! Turning right along the straight a great tit, dunnock and a pied wagtail are on the roof of the house. At the farm a little egret sits in a tree its pure white colour really makes it stand out. At the duck pond nothing! It's been so quiet here since they built the high banks. We spot a buzzard in the field where the sheep are. Turning right over Pig Bridge there are just a few mallards on the river. Moving on towards the fishing lakes a robin is sitting on a post singing. At the lakes sea gulls, great black-backed gull, yellow-legged gull and herring gull are all present. There are a lot of juveniles, they are very tricky to identify so I won't try!

On to the bridge a wren looking for food and in front of us a small flock of long tailed tits, grey wagtail and a magpie - its mate sat in the bushes, calling - and a carrion crow is down river in a tree. Carrying on we see a pheasant in the field and at the cross roads, turn right. Nothing much in the pony paddocks, only a few wood pigeons and a blackbird. On towards the shop and home. I hope you enjoyed our walk today. In total we saw 34 different birds.

*Chris Bowman*



**LONGPARISH  
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP  
Christmas Party  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 11.30am  
Longparish Village Hall**

For Children Aged 0-5

Come along to Longparish Baby and Toddler Group  
Christmas Party....

There will be games, Christmas craft, toys, snack time  
and a visit from Santa himself!!!

Everyone Welcome

There will be mince pies and tea or coffee

£1 per Adult & 50p per Child

Merry Christmas Everyone



### 1<sup>st</sup> Longparish Rainbows

What an exciting start to the 1<sup>st</sup> Longparish Rainbows! The new recruits have been very busy learning about themselves and have had great fun! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer helpers that are giving their time including our new Duke of Edinburgh trainee, Ella Harris. Without your support our lovely new Rainbows group would not be able to run.

We are looking forward to making Fruity Faces next week and the Rainbows will be taking their Promise in December with a Glow in the Dark games night to celebrate!

To register your daughter please visit:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter>

or contact me, Clare Sykes on:

[longparishrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:longparishrainbows@gmail.com)

Clare Sykes



### Longparish Cricket Club

Longparish 1st VI began the defence of their Winchester & District league title with a defeat to Easton & MW. Back to back wins over Winchester University and RAM however keep Longparish in

the hunt for the top division title.

Longparish 2nd VI have only had one game, a tight game against Sparsholt that closed with Longparish 21 runs short of the target.

In the Dummer Indoor League the Longparish Lightweights secured wins over Old Basing and St Marys but fell to narrow defeats against Hook Hammers and Crickitstansis. One Division down the Longparish Longhops lost their opening tie to Yateley but bounced

back with 3 wins in a row over Ramsdell, Candovers and Sheffield Foxes with Jamie Blackmore starring with the bat.

One division down the Longparish Lappas began their winter campaign with three successive wins over Bumbles, Team KaKaPaPa and St Mary's 2 with Gary Taplin scoring runs in each game and Tally O'Farrell, Alex Bundy and Nathan Smith taking wickets.

In the opening game of their winter campaign Longparish U13 took on Andover U13 who batted first and posted 115 for 4 with William McDermott and Oliver Oram bowling brilliantly and Alfie Smith and Jude Cooper-Smith picking up wickets. Myles Cole top scored with 20, Zac Allen struck 18 and Alfie Smith added 13 in a Longparish U13 reply that closed 12 runs short.

Hook U13 were the next opponents, who batted first and were dismissed for 89 with William McDermott, Oliver Oram and Alfie Smith picking up wickets. Zac Allen was unbeaten on 19 as Longparish U13 passed the target with 5 wickets and just under four overs remaining.

The club were present at the recent Hampshire Cricket League presentation evening where the Longparish 1st XI were awarded the County Division 2 title that sees them return to the top flight of the Hampshire Leagues after an absence of 20 years. William de Cani picked up the award for the leading run scorer in the division and Longparish III skipper Martin Bearpark picked up the batting award for the regional division.

With much depleted club coffers, the club will be holding several pre-season fund raising events in the coming weeks. The **Christmas Draw** and the final 100 club draw of 2016 will be held on **Tuesday 13th December** at 7.30pm, kindly hosted by The Cricketers Inn. Tickets are priced at £1 and provide the opportunity to win the full gamut of Christmas based prizes. On **Saturday 17th December** the club will once again be forcing baked fare upon the good people of Stockbridge. Contrary to popular rumour the cake sale has not switched sides to the other side of the street following a substantial offer from Channel 4, but will once again take place beside Robinson's butchers who have once again very kindly provided the club with the pitch. *Chris De Cani*

### Village Clean Up

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Village Clean Up on Saturday November 5th. A great deal was achieved including the collection of 5 bin liners of litter from the roads; painting the new wooden barrier (built by Chris of Heritage Property Services) around the Skate Ramp; mending the fences in the playground; clearing the stream; strimming the spinal footpath; re-surfacing a footpath section in North Acre; trimming the hedge by the school; leaf sweeping; disposing of a skip full of pond weed and road sweepings.

I would also like to thank Raymond Brown for the skip, Karen-Marie Dinesen for the use of her tractor, the Middleton Estate for their support, and to Mick Blockside and Richard McAllister for driving the tractors.

The Cricketers was a welcome sight after the hard work was complete. Thanks to Kevin and Julie for the lovely sandwiches, chips, refreshments and support!

*James Hillier*

## Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 14<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Forest Edge Kart Club (FEKC)

The Council was briefed by representatives from FEKC on the activities of the Club. The Club, which has been operating from the site for 12 years, is subject to the rules of the Motor Sports Association – these include the requirement to monitor and control noise. The Secretary, Mr Colin Wright, noted that the Club would be willing to liaise with the MOD to make the site, which has electricity and toilets, available for village events when not required for racing. He also confirmed that local residents would be welcome to come and watch the racing at the site – their programme for 2017 will be published on the Longparish web-site.

### Planning

The Council had no objection to:

- Tree work at Blacksmith Bridge House, Southside Road.
- Tree work at 1 Eastfield Cottages, Forton.
- Tree work at Woodbine Cottage, East Aston.
- Part removal of internal wall at Smallwood Lodge, Longparish Station.

The Council objected to:

- Retention of trellis at The Orchards, Forton.

### Other Planning Matters

One parishioner had expressed concern about the expansion of the bio-digester at Faulkner's Down Farm, which lies outside the Parish Council boundary but is visible from the B3400. While the Council felt that there was little that they could do at this stage, representations would be made to Basingstoke and Deane District Council to be included on the circulation list for consultation on planning applications at the site. The Council had been represented at a Neighbourhood Planning event run by TVBC that had confirmed the importance of the Village Design Statement (VDS) as a Supplementary Planning Document. The current VDS, while still an excellent document, was compiled in 2003 and is in need of updating – the Council is keen to proceed with this and would welcome offers of assistance from any local residents willing to set up a working group to carry out this work.

### Village Infrastructure

The Council noted that BT had started a 90-day consultation process about the proposed removal of public payphones in Test Valley. One of the payphones scheduled for removal, on the grounds that it had been used only once in the last 12 months, is that located on North Acre. Any comments on its proposed removal should be addressed to the Planning and Building Service Department at TVBC before 31 January 2017.

### Councillor Vacancies

The Council still has 3 vacancies, and would greatly benefit from additional support. Anyone who is prepared to give up a little of their time to serve the community by becoming a Councillor is asked to contact either the Chairman or the Clerk.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm hours on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** in the Village Hall.

Parish Council meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman – Jonathan Frere (tel: 720574, or email: [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)).

## A “BRILLIANT YEAR” FOR LONGPARISH VILLAGE HALL

Work on the new storage extension to Longparish Village Hall is now complete. Metal shelving will soon be installed to accommodate equipment owned by the village. Donations in memory of Graham Healey and money from the fete will be used to pay for it.

The resurfaced car park at the rear of the hall has been marked out with an increased 13 car spaces and looks really smart. A new clothes bank has been installed.

The improvements mark the end of a successful year for the hall. It has seen an increasing number of bookings by local people for wedding celebrations, christening parties and other family events. The regular film nights and Tuesday talks are also popular, the Monday morning baby and toddlers group is going from strength to strength and the youth club is now weekly. There are three new regular groups - children's stagecraft on Wednesdays and karate classes on Mondays preceded by Rainbows, the most junior section of Girl Guides and run by Clare Sykes on 720643.

Organisations from outside Longparish are also becoming aware of what the hall has to offer and booking events.

Hall Chairman Brian Sanders said: “It has been a brilliant year for the hall. That is largely down to villagers making the most of what we have to offer.

“On behalf of the committee I would like to say thanks and a happy Christmas.”

If you are interested in possibly booking the hall call Jacqui Healey on 720560. *Henry Yelf*

## MINI-ANNIE – A LIFE SAVER

The prospects of surviving a heart attack heart attack if you live in Longparish have been boosted now that more than sixty villagers have been trained to operate the new defibrillators which have arrived in the village.

They attended training sessions at Longparish Village Hall where paramedics from South Central Ambulance demonstrated how to use the machines and also perform chest compressions.

The first lesson taught was to call an ambulance –or get someone else to – before starting either procedure.

Statistics show that cardiac arrest survival rates are greatly increased in areas where defibrillators are readily available.

One defibrillator is installed outside the Village Hall. Another is available in the Cricketers Inn and will soon be attached to the outside of the building. The third is to be installed in Forton when a suitable site can be found.

The initiative to obtain the defibrillators was launched by villager Andy Jolliffe. He says the need for more training sessions will be reviewed in the New Year.

Trainees practised on mannequins nicknamed Mini-Annie. Andy says villagers are welcome to borrow her plus an instructional DVD for learning at home. His number is 720207. *Henry Yelf*