

## LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

### REPORT FROM MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON 8 MARCH

#### Planning

The Parish Council had **no objection** to:

- Erection of building to house swimming pool plant and provide a store and changing area at **Longparish House**
- Tree works at **The Plough Inn**

In response to a request from TVBC to determine if prior approval is required for the conversion of 2 agricultural buildings to a single residential dwelling at **Watercress Beds, Nun's Walk**, the Parish Council requested TVBC to consider this proposal as a full planning application, and not under Class Q General Permitted Development rights.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 20 April at 7.00pm**. This will be a remote meeting held via Zoom, and those wishing to attend, should contact the council for the link to the meeting. The Parish Meeting is a good opportunity to hear a summary of Parish Council actions and details of PC finances for the previous year, as well as hearing from local groups and organisations.

#### Stream Verge B3048

For some considerable time, the Parish Council has been making enquiries into having repairs made to the stream bank running alongside the B3048 in Longparish. Engineers from HCC recently visited Longparish to look at the eroded parts of the bank, and have advised the PC that they will contact us once they have established what the next steps should be.

#### Visiting the Playground

The newly refurbished playground has become a very popular destination, and cars parked in the vicinity of the playground have raised concerns. We would urge all playground users to walk to the playground wherever possible. The spinal path runs across the football field from the Village Hall car park, near the school, all the way to the playground. Please do not park in front of the allotments – this obstructs access to the allotments and to the adjacent fields. Cars can be parked along the straight stretch of road next to the playground, but please do not obstruct the entrance to the playground, or park anywhere near the blind corner. Vehicles should also not park on both sides of the road in this area. This limits visibility for other drivers. If you notice dangerous parking, please let the PC know the date and time so that we can build up a picture of the busy times and come up with a better way to manage this.

#### Village Hall car park drainage repairs

The repairs to the car park have now been completed, and the car park was re-opened in good time for children returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Parish Council is pleased to report that the repairs came in under budget, and the Council will consider reallocation of remaining funds at a future meeting.

#### Spring Clean Up Day

The date of the next Clean-Up Day is **Saturday 24 April**. Tasks will be co-ordinated by James Hillier, and volunteers wishing to participate should get in touch.

#### Parish Council Meetings

Until further guidance is received from HALC, the Parish Council will continue to meet remotely via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to “attend” any meetings should contact the Clerk or the Chairman.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 20 April. Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman - Christian Dryden (Tel 720398, or email [christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk](mailto:christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk))

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



#### Longparish Village Hall

The Village Hall AGM will be on Wed 28 April at 7.30pm via Zoom. All are welcome. Please contact [mrjeremybarber@gmail.com](mailto:mrjeremybarber@gmail.com) for the link.

If all goes according to plan, we expect to re-open the hall on 17 May, with restrictions on numbers and activities permitted and to be fully open from 21 June. More details will be in next month's issue.



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### Longparish Community Support Group

Lifts can be arranged to the vaccination centres if needed.

Please call 07765 467 006 or email [covidhelp@longparish.org.uk](mailto:covidhelp@longparish.org.uk)

Some other useful numbers :

**Longparish Support Fund** – The purpose of the fund is to provide financial help to individuals or families whose income has been adversely affected by the Covid-19 outbreak.

Call 01264 720215 or email [stnicholaslongparish@btinternet.com](mailto:stnicholaslongparish@btinternet.com)

**Age Concern Village Agent** – for all enquiries about support available.

Email [villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)  
Tel 07593 439018

### Barton Stacey WI

Over the last few months we have managed to hold meetings via Zoom, which has served us well. There have been good speakers and a chance to chat over the internet.

At the April meeting, we will be launching the new programme for 2021/22 with a talk focusing on Cyber Security, which has been quite a problem over the lockdown period especially.

This talk will be on 22 April and we would welcome anyone who is interested in the WI and maybe would like to join.

The programme includes talks on Homeopathy to hearing from a BBC Correspondent, Hit the Road Jac - Granny on a Bike - and her seven years and twenty countries on a motorbike. At some time we hope we will be moving back into the Village Hall but for the time being we are Zooming from home.

Meetings are on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30 but if you would like more information, please contact [bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk)

### FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

Planning for the first one of 2021 to be on 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Village Hall, if Covid Regulations allow.  
Christian and Andrea

### LITTER PICKING REWARDS

Thank you to everyone who helps keep Longparish beautiful by picking up litter.

Latest story from one of our regular litter pickers who has adopted the A303 flyover.

"I was picking away near the bridge today when a large breakdown truck drove past me, then stopped a few yards further on.

After watching me for a minute or two a bloke jumped out carrying a small Costa bag.

I assumed he was either lost and going to ask for directions or going to hand me some litter for my "collection".

To my surprise he said "I wanted to thank you for what you're doing. I know how much time it takes because I collect litter in my village. I'm a novelist - here's a copy of my latest book". He handed me the Costa bag, jumped back in his truck and drove away.

Above is a picture of the front cover. It looks self-published and from the blurb on the back, perhaps a little racy...



Why not join the band of regular litter pickers in Longparish by adopting a road or footpath. Who knows what you will find or what you will be given?

The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags. Tel Christian Dryden 720



**Longparish CE Primary School**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, all the children returned to school, thankfully safe and well after such a harrowing time. We want to thank all the parents for their patience, support and thoughtfulness during the pandemic - you have seen us through the days with huge cakes, biscuits and kind, uplifting messages.

During the lockdown experience some of the children have grown up, some even taller! They have settled well back into the school routine and we have launched into some amazing topics on the run up to Easter.

Our children learn very early on the values of kindness, compassion and consideration to ensure our future adults of Longparish are good, unselfish and thoughtful citizens. I've heard it said: "You can always tell a Longparish child, because they are so well behaved and thoughtful".

Our children are the best in the world... I blame the parents!! How lucky we are to have a school in this amazing village surrounded by natural beauty and the richness of people's generosity and care. Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you". A tall task, often done by Longparish neighbours!

I have every confidence in Mrs Nicky White, the new Head teacher and the school team, as they continue to bring light, love and learning to the village in abundance. Thank you for the past three and a half years - the happiest of my career. Thank you for your love, care and kindness. I shall never forget it. Wishing you all the very best for now and in the future. God Bless you and Happy Easter!

**Trudie Cawthra**  
Head teacher 2017- 2021

**FoLS 100 Club Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Sid Bryant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rachel Waite
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeanette Branfoot



**A big heartfelt 'thank you and farewell' to Mrs. Cawthra!**



Mrs Trudie Cawthra, Headteacher of Longparish Primary School, is retiring at the end of the Easter term, marking the end of a fantastic 39 year career in education. For the last four years, we have been lucky to benefit from her vast experience at Longparish Primary School.

As well as her wealth of experience, Mrs Cawthra brought her warmth, kindness, sense of fun, and infectious energy to the school, all of which have rubbed off on the many children who have come through the doors. It was not unusual to see Mrs Cawthra dressed as a bear or a fox at drop off!

More recently, she has held the fort during the incredibly challenging (but hopefully soon-to-end) pandemic, leading acts of worship from home and trying to ensure our children continue to thrive.

Mrs Cawthra, thank you for everything and may you have a happy and healthy retirement!

**The Governing Body,**  
**on behalf of the whole school community**



**Longparish Little School**

We are now starting to offer viewings for you to look around Little School if you would like a place from September onwards. These viewings will be at 3.30pm after the children have gone home during these Covid times. If you would like to book a viewing please call 01264 720455 or email [claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk](mailto:claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk)

For more information our website is <https://www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk/> OR <https://www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup>

What have we been up to? We have had some new pets at Little School, have watched our frogspawn turn into tadpoles and we are now waiting to see when they grow legs and turn into froglets. We've had two sparrows make a nest in our bird



box with a camera in. We are hoping they will lay some eggs soon. We found lots of things we thought birds might use and created some great nests.

**Claire Nash**

**LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB**

We are planning for the Summer in line with Government Guidelines and hoping to visit the venues we were expecting to visit last year as well as others.

We will also be arranging some talks for the Autumn.

Current plans are to start on the normal Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Keep gardening and hope we can all get together soon.

Any queries please send to: Rosie Lowry 01264 720325  
[rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com](mailto:rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com) or Marion Bell 01264 720205

**BIRDS OF LONGPARISH**

**Chris Bowman**

**LINNET**

I have two Linnets that visit my feeders every day. They are not known as a bird that usually will come to feeders. Roughly the size of a House Sparrow, but with a longer tail, brown back with pale buff-brown underneath, marked by white edges to the primaries and tail feathers, quite heavy streaked on back and underparts and paler throat markings.



In the breeding season, mid-April-early August, the male has a crimson fore-crown on a grey head, crimson chest and flank. The nest is low down in thick vegetation, bush, hedge or in a conifer plantation. It's made from a foundation of small twigs, roots, stalks and moss lined with hair, wool and feathers. Usually,

4-6 eggs are laid pale to white blue with distinct spots, speckles and streaks of pink, purple or palish brown (mostly at the larger end). They are incubated for 12-14 days and fledge in 10-17 days. The food on my feeders that they like is sunflower hearts but in the wild they eat medium seeds. In the winter they gather in large flocks with other seed eaters eating "weed seeds".

Well, Spring is nearly here, and I have seen Blackbirds and a Robin all with beaks full of worms. It won't be long before a brood of Mallards are about!

**Jan Hunt : 25 November 1944 - 19 January 2021**



Janet Barbara Lillywhite was born in Redhill and spent her childhood in Warlingham in Surrey. She married her husband David, in November 1960. They had four daughters, Carole, Frances, Patricia and Claire. Jan made beautiful cakes and they had all sorts of animals, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs and a fox called Basil.

For most of her married life, Jan was a gamekeeper's wife, taking on all that that entailed including dog breeding. Jan and Dave had a shared love of racing pigeons and they won many trophies. After they went their own ways, she moved to Longparish and qualified as a District Nurse. She also worked as a Marie Curie Nurse before becoming the Deputy Manager and gained qualifications in later life to become a Further Education Tutor and Examiner in the Care Home sector.

She met her partner Lenny and enjoyed many new hobbies including crib and bingo and all types of music, especially country and western. Latterly, she organised trips to Highclere for the Battle Proms with a group of friends from Longparish and Wherwell. She became one of the leaders of the Recycled Teenagers in Longparish and events were always enlivened by her bubbly personality and sense of humour.

Sadly ill-health forced her to move to Whitchurch without her beloved dog, Peggy, but she quickly settled and was happy there. Jan was very proud of her family and absolutely doted on her seven grandchildren and four great grandsons. They will all miss her greatly and will cherish their memories of her.



**LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB**

Longparish Cricket Club are delighted to announce that their grant application to TVBC, to fund 50% of the cost to fully replace the clubs practice nets, has been approved. The club can now replace the old nets, with a brand-new system, built to the required current standards and specifications.

A full cricket season is expected to be possible. The Club runs teams at U11, U13 and U15 age groups, who compete in the local junior cricket leagues and is always happy to welcome new junior players, with no prior experience needed. We organise weekly junior coaching sessions for Year 4 (age 9 or 10) with fully qualified ECB coaches. It is intended that Junior practice will start after Easter, in preparation for matches which will begin in May. The club will continue to run three senior teams playing league cricket on Saturdays, as well as midweek 20:20 team and Sunday team. New senior members are also most welcome.

Please contact the **Junior Coordinator, Justin Jackman**, ([jackmanjustin@aol.com](mailto:jackmanjustin@aol.com)) for further details of membership at junior and senior levels. For more information visit: <https://longparishcc.hitscricket.com>

**Mark Benzing, Chairman and Treasurer**

## LONGPARISH COVID-19 VACCINATION HEROES

With the welcome arrival of Covid vaccines at the end of last year the country went into high gear setting up vaccination centres across the UK. Several members of our community stepped up to help with this mammoth 'war effort' and so have contributed to a very successful national vaccination programme assisted by an army of volunteers, many from the village and surrounding areas.

*"The North Hampshire Covid Vaccination Programme (CVP) based at the Hampshire Court Hotel is a GP-led vaccination centre in Basingstoke, covering much of the North Hampshire area from Tadley down to Alton. It is charged with the vaccination of patients from all 15 GP practices within the programme, amounting to around 250,000 people in total.*

*We have been up and running for over 2 months using both the Pfizer and Oxford/AZ vaccines and are now at our full capacity of around 1,100 vaccines per day 7 days a week. We recently reached our 50,000th dose of vaccine administered at the centre and are fast approaching 60,000 at time of going to print.*



*Across the site we have 800 volunteers and staff, involved in a multitude of different jobs including call centre, IT, operations, car parking, patient liaison, vaccinator support, vaccinators and pharmacy dispensary. Everyone's role is important, and we really value our volunteers as all the medical team needs to worry about is sticking needles in arms!*

*Thank you to all the wonderful Longparish residents who have volunteered; you know who you are, and your assistance is most appreciated. We are always keen to hear from anyone else who would like to get involved ([liz@training-expertise.co.uk](mailto:liz@training-expertise.co.uk)). We certainly can't always promise a role for everyone, but very happy to take details!*

**Liz Mayon-White, Operational Lead**

## LONGPARISH OF OLD



### A Fisherman Hooked

A tale of a wily local river keeper with an eye to a profit has come to light in a rediscovered issue of the Fishing Gazette of **April 1892**. The author, a Major Turle, relates how a new tenant of Middleton House was surveying his beats along The Test when he came across the keeper of a neighbouring stretch of river and enquired if many poachers were about.

"A smart few" replied the keeper. "Only the other night I had a bit of a tussle with two of them. I chased them for over a mile and then they dropped the net. I have her up at home now."

Our new tenant believing the net - known as a trammel net - to be "a dangerous engine, even in the hands of a keeper" bought the net for ten shillings. The keeper was reported to be "contented" with the sum although he had initially asked for a guinea.

"Most happy, sir. I will bring it up tonight" he said. Sometime later the previous occupant of Middleton House visited on a shoot day and spotted the net in the gun room.

"Hulloa! Why I see you have got the old net back again." Somewhat taken aback his host replied "Your old net indeed! That net was dropped a few weeks ago by poachers and picked up by -----'s keeper." According to the Fishing Gazette article, his companion burst into a fit of laughter and gasped out, "Well, that is a good one! I gave it to the fellow myself, just before I left the place."

The story concluded: "My friend thought ruefully of his lost shillings; but the joke was too rich, and he was reluctantly obliged to join in the laugh, even against himself."

Elsewhere the article explains that trammel nets were (and maybe are) a favourite tool of poachers. Keepers often buried hooks in the riverbed to snag them. This particular net is now nowhere to be found and probably rotted away.

The tale forms part of an extensive article by Major Turle describing in detail the river from Whitchurch through Longparish.

**Henry Yelf**



## The Cricketers Inn

Hello Everyone! Thank you all for your continued support through our takeaways and café/deli on a Friday and Saturday. We will be continuing with this every weekend until we reopen on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

We are busy getting your pub prepared for outside opening on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, making the garden nice and putting up covered areas. please email [thecricketerslongparish@gmail.com](mailto:thecricketerslongparish@gmail.com), or call 01264 720424 to book a table, or you may also just turn up! Toilet facilities are allowed to be open, and we will be operating table service, and our takeaway hatch.

We cannot wait to welcome you back!

**Matt and Team Cricketers**  
For more details and opening times visit:  
[www.cricketers.com](http://www.cricketers.com)



## Update from The Plough Inn

### Longparish Community Pub Ltd

Firstly, we are holding a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm on Zoom and everyone is welcome. We would love you to join us to hear more about what is happening at The Plough Inn and what we are planning next and an opportunity to ask questions. To find out more, please go to [ploughinn.org](http://ploughinn.org) where you'll find details on how to join the meeting.

You will have probably seen that work is well underway – inside and out. Outside we have secured the bonfire area where teams of volunteers continue to clear the shrubs and borders. We are waiting for permission to remove some of the trees to give the garden additional light and space. The final landscape plan has now been drawn up.

Inside we have fire safety stations in place – just in case. Work is underway now to remodel the bar area – with more room for barstools and more space to stand at the bar – very important in a pub! The distinctive beautiful leaded windows of façade are going to have a make-over.

In the kitchen, volunteers have been busy stripping and scrubbing off the layers of grease from the ceiling, walls and floor ready for the new kitchen equipment to be installed. The ladies', gents' and wheelchair accessible washrooms have all been stripped out and will soon be ready for their new fittings and decoration.

Upstairs the manager's flat and guest rooms have been cleaned and are being prepped for decorating. The overall interior design plan is being drawn up and teams have been assembled to make curtains and gather local artworks. Very importantly, discussions about what to actually sell and serve at the bar are now well under way.

The Plough Inn belongs to Longparish and we would like to use all this wonderful space to benefit the community. As well as a pub and restaurant, the bar and dining area could be used for coffee mornings, village lunches, afternoon teas and for groups and societies who need somewhere to meet. There are plans for a new community/function room and outside room used perhaps as an art gallery, smaller meeting area or workspace. We would love to hear from you if you have an idea about how you might like to see all this potential community space used.

If you'd like to volunteer to help, please just drop us an email [volunteer@lcpl.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lcpl.org.uk) or call 720069.

