

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 5th May

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

Procedural

This was the statutory Annual Meeting of the Council, and Christian Dryden was elected as Chairman and Natasha Rouse as Vice Chairman. The chairmanship of the Planning Committee and Working Parties was also agreed. It was resolved to retain the Plough Inn Committee at least until the pub opens.

Finance

The Council agreed the Accounts and Notes for 2020-21 and the Annual Return and noted that these would be scrutinised by the Internal Auditor before being passed to the External Auditor. The Council also approved the revised Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment.

The Plough Inn

On behalf of LCPL, Stuart Montague reviewed the schedule of works for the refurbishment, and there was a discussion about how best to let volunteers know that they may be needed. Any Jolliffe advised that the recruitment process was underway, and several candidates had been interviewed for the Manager's post.

Open Spaces & Footpaths

A small scale Clean-Up Day took place in April, and useful work had been completed throughout the village. The Chair had met a representative of TVBC to arrange the reinstatement of a green bin near Long Bridge at The Cleeves and had also spoken to the landowner about replacing the bench.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 1930 hours on Monday 14th June 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 – Christian Dryden (tel: 720398, or email: clerk@longparish.org.uk).

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LONGPARISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

With the end of lockdown approaching, and the success of the vaccination programme, there is less of a need for the Longparish Community Covid Support Group in its original form. We would like to thank all volunteers who have helped out in any way and everyone who has supported their friends and neighbours over the last year.

We would like to think that anyone needing any sort of emergency help perhaps with shopping, a regular phone call, technology support, a lift to an appointment, emergency dog walking, prescription collection etc can call on Longparish volunteers through the Longparish Community Association at any time or through their own network of friends and neighbours.

WhatsApp groups have been set up by residents in different locations in the village, but those not on WhatsApp need also to be kept in the loop so please keep your neighbours up to date as part of the telephone tree.

*Christian Dryden Longparish Parish Council
Andy Jolliffe LCA*

Useful Contacts:

Longparish Community Support Group –
Email covidhelp@longparish.org.uk

LCA Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/Longparish

The Community Support Welfare Fund continues to be administered by St Nicholas Church in strictest confidence
Tel 01264 720 215.

Longparish Age Concern Village Agent will help people find the information and support they need to stay living safely and independently.

Tel 01962 868545

Email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

UNITY (Test Valley Community Services) contact 0330 4004116

Citizens Advice Bureau

Adviceline (England): [0800 144 8848](tel:08001448848)

[Andover Neighbour Care](#)

[Transport](#) Tel 01264 404142

[Home from hospital](#) 01264 336020

FoLS 100 Club Winners

1st - Gail Hunt

2nd - Netta Wills

3rd - Jan and Richard West





Longparish Little School

We have been spending a lot more time outside this term. The children have really enjoyed exploring our newly refurbished outside area. They have been doing lots of building

using the tyres, planks of wood and crates to make their own obstacle courses. They have been investigating sound in the music area and there has been lots of mark making on our big chalk and painting boards. Our new nature area is extremely popular, we have been feeding the birds and planting some potatoes, beans and peas.

We have continued to look at life cycles. The coal tits nesting in our camera nest box are taking very good care of their chicks, our caterpillars and tadpoles are getting very big and we are waiting for the next stage of their metamorphosis to take place. The children have also loved having the ewes and lambs in the field next door.

Our Forest School sessions started again after the Easter break with our new Forest School leader, Babs. The children have already found lots of bugs and learnt about bees and wildflowers. They have used a drill, a bow saw and a hammer to create wooden bees and flower pictures. They have used ropes to help develop their grip and balance skills and have made lots of yummy food in the woodland café using leaves and twigs. Ed our sports coach has also returned, and the children have been practicing different movements as well as their throwing and catching skills.

If you would like to see some photos of all the exciting things we do at Little School you can go to our website www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup>

We are currently taking for bookings for September 2022. If you would like to come and have a look around please email me at claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk or phone 01264 720455.



CLARE SYKES would like to thank everyone for an amazing farewell she received from Longparish Primary School when she left just before Easter for her new teaching job just outside Newbury.

"Wow! What a send-off! I have loved every minute of my Longparish journey, from starting at Little School and then making the exciting transition to Big School; just after Easter I moved to pastures new - as a Food Tech Teacher!

Heartfelt thanks for all the cards, beautiful gifts and thoughtful words - our home has turned into a florists! I'm just so thankful that we still live in lovely Longparish.

Thank you and see you soon LP Big and Little School!"

Here's great recipe that Clar has recently done with her new pupils, which she hopes you will enjoy!

Crumpets



Ingredients :

- 150g plain flour
- 200ml warm water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp of yeast
- 1 tbsp warm water
- 2 tbsp of melted butter (for frying)

Instructions :

1. Whisk flour, water and salt in a bowl
2. Dissolve the yeast in a small bowl with the warm water
3. Add yeast, sugar and baking powder and whisk for 30 seconds
4. Cover with cling film and leave in a warm place for 20 minutes
5. Brush cookie cutters with melted butter
6. Brush frying pan with butter and turn on the hob to 4 - put cookie cutters inside pan
7. Pour some batter into cookie cutter - cook for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ minutes.
8. Turn heat to 2 - look for bubbles to appear then cook for 2-4 more minutes.
9. Remove rings by running a knife around the edge
10. Flip the crumpets with a spatula and cook on the other side for 30 seconds



Registered Charity Number is 1113832

Presents...

The Longparish Mid-Summer Fun Day!

Saturday 26th June 2021

Welcome villagers, old and new to the Longparish Mid-Summer Fun Day! Our village will be hosting lots fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Competition Time! Great prizes to be won! Why not... decorate and display a wheelbarrow, watering can or unusual garden implement! Put your photos on the LCA Facebook page or email them to:

Mid-Summer@longparish.org.uk and have your innovative implements displayed for all to see! Let's get planting!

Prizes for:

- Best Child's Wheelbarrow!
- Best Family Wheelbarrow!
- Largest Wheelbarrow Display!
- Most Elaborate Wheelbarrow Display!



Cream Tea @ The Cricks (including Prosecco if you fancy a post-Lockdown treat!)

Save the Date!

Keep your eyes peeled on the LCA Facebook, LCA Website and Posters for more details!

Long awaited family fun!

L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of the Month handicap race

We welcomed new runners, Emma Ryan and Hannah Ross from Hurstbourne Priors to the 164th edition of the L2SOTM. It was great to be back after four months of Covid lockdown and we had two extra reasons to celebrate: it was Jim Dundas' 100th run and Wendy Beveridge's birthday.



As often happens, our new runners underestimated their abilities and Emma was first home, breaking her estimated handicap by over four minutes with Hannah not far behind.

First home off a non-estimated handicap was Forton's Dave Henery who beat his handicap by nearly two minutes to become our Most Improved Man. Jo Clare was Most Improved Woman with a new personal best by nearly a minute. Sylvia Crook and Jack

Dundas also recorded best ever times and Jacqui Healey Hannah's happy at the finish ran her fastest time in nearly 8 years. Well done all!

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith, Roger Bradley and David Gould for helping and the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

If Covid relaxations go according to plan we'll be back on Sunday 13 June. You will be very welcome if you'd like to run or help out. Your start time depends on how fast you are. For your first race it will be based on your estimated time. After that your handicap will be based on your most recent result. Slower runners will start first with the fastest last so the winner is the person who improves most.

Runners must enter in advance and numbers are limited. There will be Covid rules to ensure the safety of runners and volunteers.

We issue a monthly email invitation a few days before each race and very occasional other emails. Please follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/vygzolzdb> to be added to our Mail Chimp list. Some email systems may treat your first email as spam so please look out for it and add us to your trusted list. There's more information on the village website <http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/> or please feel free to give me a ring :

Jeremy Barber Tel 01264 720459

Afterword on ticks...

I was interested in Matthew Dryden's useful article on ticks in May as I quite often pick one up in the garden. Usually they are very small, a tiny black dot in the middle of an itchy bite. I find that the easiest way to deal with them is a blob of clear nail varnish, painted on, dried and left for 24 hours. The tick expires and can be peeled off with the nail varnish. Matthew says that this is acceptable.

Mary Jo Darrah

BIRDS OF LONGPARISH

BY CHRIS BOWMAN

Nightingale

I was lucky enough to see and hear a Nightingale recently, which I have not done for a long, long time.

Nightingales have been in decline over the years but recent figures show they have been making a bit of a comeback. 15% bigger than a Robin with a smaller head and longer tail, russet brown above and dull brown-grey below. Quite a plain bird really but with a fantastic song.

When they arrive from Africa the male will find an area he likes. Nightingales seem to arrive at night so he will sing all night long until he attracts a female. Being a secretive bird, they are mostly found deep in undergrowth. The nest is on the ground or just above in scrub or dense herbage and is made up of a bulky cup of dead leaves and grass lined with finer material and feathers. 4-5 eggs are laid green or green-blue finally speckled with pale red-brown. Incubated for 13 days and fledging in 11 days. Young nightingales are just like baby robins. Food is invertebrates especially beetles and ants.

Well most of our summer visitors have arrived I've heard the Cuckoo but not seen it yet.

Sadly the picture is not one of mine.



LITTER FREE LONGPARISH - GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 28th May to 13th June

Longparish Friday Litter pick Friday 11th June - meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am.

Why not join the band of regular litter pickers in Longparish by adopting a road or footpath.

The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags.

Tel Christian Dryden 720 398



GARDENING



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Our first meeting this year of the Longparish Gardening Club will be a visit to Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants Tuesday 22nd June at 4pm.

(Numbers are limited and details already circulated to our members)

Please also note that the garden at **Lower Mill, Longparish, SP11 6PS** will be open for the NGS on Sunday 4th July at 1-5.30 pm and the LGC will be helping with teas.

Our second meeting will be a garden visit to Preston House, Preston Candover on Tuesday, 27th July.

Any queries please to :

Rosie Lowry 720325 rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com
or **Marion Bell** 720205

Longparish Fete

Saturday 11th September 2021

We are still working on the assumption that things will be OK for September 11th. Let's hope the Indian variant will not set things back!

On that basis, please let me know if you can volunteer to help in some way – e.g. those who ran stalls in 2019, are you able to do the same again this year please? There are lots of other jobs to do too, so if you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

Schools will be back, and I know many are anxious to get away on holiday after release from lockdown, but please try and keep 11th September free. Having not had a fete last year, we need the income!

The fete is such a great way of getting our wonderful village together too – let's celebrate.

Please contact John Young

Email: j.young233@btinternet.com

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KEEP TEST VALLEY BEAUTIFUL RETURNS

The Keep Test Valley Beautiful group has been reformed to fight the huge Incinerator bottom ash pile proposal at Raymond Brown's "Enviropark".

Temporary permission was given for the extra dump as operators Fortis, part of the Raymond Brown/Collard Group, couldn't sell the ash during the lockdown. Now they want to keep the site there forever – and make it bigger. KTVB, which successfully fought the Wheelabrator incinerator scheme say that, as industry gets back to normal, there's no permanent need for the dump. If Fortis get their way, storage of the potentially toxic IBAA will jump from 4,000 tonnes to 63,000 tonnes, a fourteen-fold increase. KTVB say it is "unfortunate" that our local Test Valley planners have told the County Council they have no problem with thousands of tons of ash (IBAA) being dumped on our doorsteps, despite strong objections by Longparish and Barton Stacey Parish Councils.

IBAA has limited uses - mainly roadbuilding - because it contains traces of metals, including mercury and cancer-causing hexavalent chromium, the material which was at centre of the well documented – and filmed - campaign by Erin Brockovich. The dump lies above an aquifer which feeds the Test and Dever and supplies our drinking water. Fortis say by enlarging existing bunds and laying a concrete membrane the aquifer will be safe. KTVB is not so sure.

David Wright, former chair of the KTVB said: "We have major concerns about the management of the surface water run-off. The application suggests it will be dealt with by 'evaporation', but HCC's flood and water management team said this proposal is 'unacceptable'. They say that if the run-off water has to be contained within the application site, it should be considered a pollutant and treated as such."

Existing piles of bottom ash elsewhere at the "Enviropark", tower way above containing bunds. Smell and dust have led to numerous complaints to the Environment Department. KTVB say it's another example of creeping development. The company failed to get the incinerator built and is now using the pandemic to make a temporary measure permanent. Fortis say sales of IBAA were strong before the pandemic, therefore sales will again rise, if they haven't already. If extra space is needed in the short term, Fortis have two larger, storage sites not much more than an hour's drive away. David said "As far as we can see, the need for extra space has only ever been temporary, so the proposal to build a permanent multi acre storage seems an unnecessary desecration of a greenfield site. Some say the real reason is to establish this as an industrial rather than greenfield site, perhaps to improve the chances of success of another Wheelabrator type project down the line. I have some sympathy with that view."

Hampshire County Council planning department will still accept objections directly by email to planning@hants.gov.uk or by letter to Strategic Planning, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD for the attention of Philip Mallard. Quote application 21/00812/CMAN.

You must include your full name and address including postcode and, if you object, you must say so. Each member of the household can complain separately. And numbers count.

Henry Yelf



LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB



The cricket season has started, a full set of senior and junior fixtures are in place...and the rain in May hasn't stopped...

However, Longparish Cricket Club are delighted that the construction of their new state of the art, two-lane practice net system has completed, which looks very impressive and gives the clubs facilities a significant boost. Why would you want to play cricket anywhere else?



The club is now starting to organise an official opening ceremony, which is intended to be for villagers and families, as well as those who play cricket. Further details to follow.

Despite generous financial support from many sources, especially TVBC, the club has spent most of its cash reserves on the nets project and still has its usual operating expenses, including over £1k a year for match balls. The club is runs several fundraising initiatives, including **match ball sponsorship** and a **100 Club**.

If you would like to participate in these fundraising activities, please contact our Fundraising Officer **Alison Allen** (committee@longparishcc.co.uk). To join the club, please contact the **Junior Coordinator, Justin Jackman**, (jackmanjustin@aol.com) for details of membership at junior and senior levels. More information : <https://longparishcc.hitscricket.com>

Mark Benzing, Chairman
Longparish Cricket Club

Stuart Bevan

Stuart Bevan sadly passed away on 10th May. Many people will remember Stuart and Daphne Bevan who lived in Longparish for over 31 years before moving to Newbury in 2007.

Stuart contributed enormously to the life of Longparish. He was churchwarden for 17 years, chairman of the village hall committee for 14 years, he ran the Longparish Fete for many years and was the first chairman of the steering committee which led to the new facilities on the school site. He and Daphne entertained generously and many people will remember parties in their garden.

If you would like to write to Daphne, please do so c/o Mary Jo Darrah, Saddlers Cottage, Longparish



THE PLOUGH UPDATE

The last month has seen a tremendous transformation at The Plough. Ongoing works in the garden, including removal of huge chunks of unwanted

concrete, are clearly visible but what you can't see from the road is all the stuff that's been going on inside.

The dusty, dirty structural works (pulling down ceilings, changing doorways and installing a new steel beam in the bar area) are behind us. Electricians and plumbers are sweeping through making essential updates and we expect to turn lights and heating back on soon. The ceilings are being replaced; refurbishment of the toilets continues and the Plough's iconic bay windows are being extensively repaired.

Elsewhere our volunteer army has done an amazing job of decorating the long River Room (upstairs); the community room (outside) and the manager's suite (which is ready for fitting-out).

Which brings us to some big news: we are delighted to announce that we have found a new manager who has agreed to bring his family and live and work at the Plough Inn. That's all we can say at the moment but watch this space for more details.

And there's another very important development: Our premises licence has been granted: we are now officially a pub! In May, many of you attended the Zoom meeting where we unveiled our plan for branding; presented our beautiful new pub sign (see above) and previewed the tremendous interior scheme. We hope you found it illuminating and inspiring!

This month work continues inside and out at a great pace, thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have worked tirelessly to break up concrete, clear the garden, pull down ceilings, dig, hammer, paint, roller, fill, fetch and carry. Thank you so much to all of you. We still have plenty to do before we open, later this summer, and are really looking forward to many more busy (and sociable) weekends (and weeknights) with our fantastic volunteers.

We would really love you to join us, even if you only have a couple of hours to spare. It would be very much appreciated. If you would like to help out in any way (prepping, painting, cleaning, gardening, shoving stuff about) then please do email volunteer@lcpl.org.uk or call 720069 and leave a message: we'll get back to you.



For general information about The Plough Inn please visit ploughinn.org



The Cricketers Inn

Telephone 01264 720424 Email

thecricketerslongparish@gmail.com

Hello everybody. As you all know we opened indoors on **Monday 17th May**.

It has been an absolute joy to see you all again and I can't thank you enough for all of your continued support, and compliments on our food, drinks and service.

We have the village choir doing a **Sing in the Sunshine** on **Saturday 5th June**, do come along and (hopefully) welcome in the summer!

We are launching our new menu on **Friday, 28th May**.

Here are our opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

11.30 am – 3pm & 6pm – 11pm

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

11.30 am – 11pm

Food served everyday 12pm – 2.30pm & 6pm – 8.30pm

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes are always available.

Our wood fired pizza oven will operate **Saturday and Sunday afternoons between 2.30pm and 6.30pm** for eat in or takeaway, starting on **Saturday 5th June**.

We are still operating a takeaway service for food and drinks during our service times, please call or email with your order and a pick-up time.

Once again, thank you all for your support – **Matt, Jack, Pauline and the team**.