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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



Dear Friends,

As you read this we will have moved into the Christian season of Advent, drawing ever closer towards Christmas. I'm sure that most people enjoy the lead up to Christmas and of course the special day itself. Having said this, I wonder what most of us do during the season of Advent.

As a Christian, I try to use this time of the year to reflect and exercise patience for the arrival of the wonder that is Christmas day. I am only too aware of the excitement and the 'busyness' that advent entails. None-the-less, I do try to reflect on the significance of Christ's birth and the promise that Christ will indeed come again.

So, of course, Advent is a time for preparing for **this** Christmas, but it is also a time of waiting patiently for the great promise of Christ's return.

This past year will have seen joys and sorrows in our personal lives, the life of our community and in the national and international arena. I won't list them all here but I'm sure you could probably compile a quick mental list of your own. As we reflect on the good and bad times, perhaps we might take a few moments to consider what it is we are celebrating on the 25th December, that much anticipated day of the year.

The great Christian hope is that by coming to be amongst us in the person of Jesus, God truly identified with and sought to save the whole of humanity by his sacrifice on the cross. This Christmas as at all Christmases, it is for this reason, underpinned by faith and hope, that we celebrate Christ's birth.

As we draw closer to Christmas and journey on into 2020 I wish **everyone** within our community the peace and joy of Christmas.

Warmest wishes and prayers to you all.

Craig



Vicar's Diary Dates and Notice

Tuesday 10th December Bible Study 11.00am The Vicarage, St. Mary Bourne

There will be no Bible Study in January

Thursdays Home Group 3.30pm 4 Applegate, St. Mary Bourne

Services in the Parish Churches

December 2019

1st December - 1st of Advent

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	Family Communion
Longparish	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Woodcott	No Service	



8th December 2nd of Advent

Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	Family Worship
Longparish	11.00am	Patronal Worship
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	Family Communion
	4.00pm	Christingle
Woodcott	9.30am	Holy Communion



15th December - 3rd of Advent

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	Carol Service
Longparish	6.00pm	Carol Service
St Mary Bourne	8.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Carol Service
Woodcott	4.00pm	Children's Nativity and Crib Service



22nd December - 4th of Advent

Hurstbourne Priors	3.00pm	Beneficence Nativity Service Chapmansford Farmhouse Barn (RG28 7RR)
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Christmas Eve

Longparish	5.00pm	Christingle
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
St. Mary Bourne	11.30pm	Midnight Communion



25th December - Christmas Day

Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	Christmas Communion
Longparish	11.00am	Christmas Communion
St. Mary Bourne	8.00am	Christmas Communion
	11.00am	Christmas Communion
Woodcott	9.30am	Christmas Communion



29th December - 1st of Christmas

St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	End of Year Service
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Holy Communion In St. Peter's on Thursdays at 9.30am
(There will be no Thursday services on 26th December or 2nd January)

January 2020

5th January - Epiphany

Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	Family Communion
Longparish	9.30am	Family Worship
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	Family Worship
	6.00pm	Evensong
Woodcott	No Service	



12th January - Baptism of Christ

Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	Family Worship
Longparish	11.00am	Family Worship
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Woodcott	9.30am	Mattins



19th January - Epiphany 2

Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	Evensong
Longparish	9.30am	Family Communion
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	Family Worship
	6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
Woodcott	No Service	



26th January - Epiphany 3

Hurstbourne Priors	8.00am	Holy Communion
Longparish	9.30am	Family Communion
St. Mary Bourne	11.00am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Special Service
Woodcott	9.30am	Holy Communion



Holy Communion In St. Peter's on Thursdays at 9.30am

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact:

The Revd Craig Marshall ☎ 01264 738308
The Vicarage, St Mary Bourne, Andover
Hampshire SP11 6AY
email: craig785@btinternet.com

or anyone of the Clergy:

The Revd Dodie Marsden ☎ 01264 738211
email: dodie.marsden@gmail.com ,
The Revd Richard Sutcliffe ☎ 01264 738288
email: rev.sutcliffe@btinternet.com

- For details of **Roman Catholic Services** in Whitchurch or Andover ☎ 01264 352829
- **Methodist Minister** for our parishes: The Revd Rachel Borgars, 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, RG28 7SU ☎ 01256 895878
email: rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

"Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father."

Sunday 10th November - St. Mary Bourne
Baptism of Madeline Olivia Pritchard
in St. Peter's
Daughter of Oliver and Pearl

Sunday 24th November - St. Mary Bourne
Baptism of Phoebe Barrington Seys
in St. Peter's
Daughter of Olivia and Philip

Funerals

"Into God's loving care we commit you ..."

Tuesday 5th November - St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Anne Mackie in St. Peter's

Saturday 16th November - St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Margret Haigh
at Andover Crematorium

Wednesday 21st November - St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Becks Heath in St. Peter's

Tuesday 26th November - St. Mary Bourne
Funeral of Stuart Oram
at Andover Crematorium followed by a
Thanksgiving Service in St. Peter's



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The Lunch

Our next Village Lunch is on **Wednesday 11th December, 12.30pm** at St Mary Bourne Village Centre. This will be our traditional Christmas Lunch and the suggested donation is still £3.00, which includes a glass of Sherry! As usual we will be holding a raffle and the Village School will be kindly coming along again to entertain us with Christmas Carols and Songs. Returning to the third Wednesday of the month, our first lunch of the New Year will be on **Wednesday 15th January 2020.**

If a lift is needed please phone Chris Smith on ☎ 01264 738 110 by noon on the Tuesday before.



Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning on **Tuesday 10th December 2019** and **Tuesday 14th January at 10.30am** in **The George Inn**, St Mary Bourne, and as long as The George stays open.

£2.50 for coffee and biscuits - if you need a lift, contact Win Coventry ☎ 01264 738 199.

Women's Fellowship – Our next meeting will be held at The Cottage at **2:30pm on Thursday 5th December.** There will not be a meeting in January but we hope to meet again at 2:30pm on Thursday 6th February 2020. We are always delighted to welcome new members so do join us. For further information contact **Eve Lind-Smith** on ☎ 01264 738681



The Community Library - Club Room
Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30

Scramblers

Thursday 14th December at 2.15pm we will go to the Manger to remind ourselves what Christmas is all about. Come along with your toddler and enjoy half an hour of fun and friendship, a story and then a drink and a mince pie.

There will be no Scramblers in January.

Village postcards - available from St Peter's Church and the Village Shop at 30p each.



St Mary Bourne Village Centre Presents... Family Christmas Theatre Season 2019

● **Friday 6th December at 6.30pm**

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● **Friday 20th December at 6.30pm**

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- Adult £8.00 ● Child (Under 16) £5.00
- Family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children £22.00

SEASON TICKET for both productions:

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We are taking orders for turkeys and Christmas meat too so do make sure you pop in to collect your order form... why fight the supermarkets when we have everything here? AND we're serving free mince pies and mulled wine on Christmas Eve!

Please see below for our Christmas Opening Times.

Other new things include wonderful olives, cheeses, wines, liqueurs... to name but a few. You really do have to come down and have a look if you haven't been already.

And once it's all said and done Gwen, Gordon, Nadeen and I would like to thank you all for your custom and to thank our wonderful volunteers for their time and dedication and of course, the amazing shop committee. We've had a blast in 2019 and very much look forward to serving you in 2020.

Adios 2019 and hello 2020!!

Lara

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Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve	8am – 1pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	9am – 1pm
New Year's Eve	9am – 1pm
New Year's Day	Closed

~ If day is not specified then it's normal opening hours! ~

The 2020 Village Shop Calendar is still for sale in the Village Shop for £6 each.

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**Summary Report - Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th November 2019**

Five councillors and the clerk attended the meeting. Also attending were BDBCllr G Falconer, a prospective parish councillor and three members of the public.

Time for Public Speaking - An architect working with the applicant on planning application 19/02861 asked for questions about the application. Two councillors declared an interest in application 19/02975 and took no part in the discussion/decision making process.

Actions since the last meeting - The Chair was in correspondence with the Chief Operating Officer at Sovereign Housing about access to FP 37. It had been established that FP41 is a permissive bridleway and the landowner would be asked if vegetation along the path could be cut back to improve passage for walkers. No reply had been received from Steve Goodall of Hampshire Highways about ownership of The Pound.

Borough Councillor's Report - Cllr Falconer reported on BDBC's failure to meet the 5 year housing supply. The Chair noted that the parish was seeing an increase of applications on greenfield sites but Cllr Falconer felt that it was still protected by being in an AONB and the Neighbourhood Plan was useful to represent the community's priorities to planning officers. Cllr Falconer intended to lodge a strong objection to the grant of planning permission at Denning Wood where he felt the planning officers had acted improperly and had misled the Development Committee. He would try to reverse the decision.

He further reported on BDBC's budget proposals which are under consultation and will be finalized in January. He advised the parish council to send its views to the BDBC portfolio holder for finance Hannah Golding and to the Director of Resources and Finance Sue Cuerden.

Recreation Ground & Lake

- a) Cllr Fullerton would arrange for IT help to download play equipment report software.
- b) Permission to park on the MUGA was granted for events on 22nd November, 11th December and 14th December.

Printed minutes from the current and previous 4 years are available to view in the Parish Office. All prior minutes are archived and may be viewed by visiting the Hampshire Record Office in Winchester.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:
Tuesday 10th December, 19.30
Village Centre Club Room
Public welcome

All planning applications for the parish of St Mary Bourne can now be looked up by visiting the new parish council website www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk - go to 'Planning' and 'Planning Tracker' and use the options available - or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk ☎ 01264 738 039.

Details of all planning applications can be accessed on the B&DBC website - go to www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning

**Basingstoke & Deane
Christmas 2019 rubbish and recycling**

Collection days will change over the Christmas break:

Normal collection date	Festive collection date
Friday 27 th December	Monday 30th December
Friday 3 rd January	Monday 6th January

Christmas can mean extra rubbish. Therefore, for the first collection only after Christmas on **Monday 30th December extra rubbish sacks** left by the grey bin will be collected.

Extra recycling placed in a cardboard box next to the green bin or inside a clear plastic bag will also be collected. Please ensure large card board is flattened.

Wrapping paper cannot be recycled and should be put in the grey bin.

If your glass box is full, there is a bottle bank behind the Village Shop.

Real Christmas Tree Recycling

Garden waste customers will be able to put their Christmas trees out for collection with their fortnightly garden waste. Alternatively, tree recycling drop-off points will be available from 2nd to 26th January to recycle real trees once the decorations are down.



Being Seen...

Winter months present a serious hazard to all road users because of reduced visibility due to shorter days/longer nights and bad weather conditions. Road safety organisations

recommend that pedestrians wear **reflective strips** (or something white) and carry a **torch** so they can be spotted by motorists on unlit country roads & lanes.

Stay lit and don't get hit!

10th Andover Bourne Valley Scout Group

There will be an **Emergency Meeting** for anyone interested in helping prevent the closure of all sections of the 10th Andover Bourne Valley Scout Group - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - at

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The Jumble Sale and thank you!
Thanks to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale in November. We made **£325 profit** and this will go to helping equip the Hospital Clinic in Mityana at a place called Butuloogo.
Dodie



St Mary Bourne Bowling club

The St Mary Bourne Bowling Club is organising a Christmas Coffee Morning on

Saturday 14th December from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome! Entry £1.00 to include seasonal refreshment and tea or coffee. There will be a large raffle and several stalls.

THE BIG BREAKFAST
Sunday 26th January
9am to 12 noon
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A big thank you to everyone that came to the last Big Breakfast. In total we raised **£639** for the **Sustainable Bourne Valley** group which will be spent on projects protecting the environment and promoting sustainable living in SMB, including buying seeds, plants, gardening equipment, bird and bat boxes, and other materials.

The next Big Breakfast will be on **January 26th 2020** - so put the date in your diary please...

For info contact Jo Boxer (☎ 01264 738 342)



Light Touch
Several New Opportunities for 2020

We have a new village project following on from the terracycle articles of the last two months. There will be a new box at the back of the church with the stamp and foreign coin boxes for **all plastic writing materials**. This includes any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition. These will be collected regularly by Jen Gunnel as she works at Thorngrove School where the local box resides.

There is also very good news on the Whitchurch recycling centre at 16, Queens Road, the first road on the right after Testbourne School. This is the home of a lady called Radka who has many labelled bins in her front garden. She can now recycle the following **plastic** products: **Cleaning** caps, rigid coloured tubs, air freshener containers and cartridge caps. **Beauty** caps, trigger pumps and sprays, pots and flexible tubes, hair colourant kits, deodorant roll-ons (aerosols go in the grey bin) **Dental** brushes including electric heads, toothpaste tubes and packaging, **Dishwasher** tablet and salt bags, cleaner and "foil" inner protector bags, **Pringles** tubes and lids, **Ring Carriers** from cans as well as the formerly mentioned crisp packet and multipack bags, biscuit, snack and cake wrappers and Ella's Kitchen baby food pouches.

Do contact her at **radka.wigmore@yahoo.co.uk** with any queries about this huge list.

She gets a small amount of money for each kilogram sent to terracycle and has managed to give over £500 to charity so far.



HURSTBOURNE TARRANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th December; 7.45pm in the Community Centre

This will take the now-traditional informal format for our pre-Christmas gathering, with members giving a short talk on a subject of their choice.

The meeting will be preceded by a brief AGM.

The Properties and People of Church Street
by June Wheeler

Some personal reminiscences about the histories of the buildings in Church Street and their previous inhabitants from June, whose relatives have lived in the village for many generations.

If time allows – "A Historical Christmas"
by Andy Watson

A seasonal reflection on Christmas Past, with a few surprises.

Complimentary mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments.

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will glisten and sparkle this January with an all new magical, after dark illuminated trail. The Mill will be transformed by spectacular installations, leaving the dark winter evenings aglow. This is a first for the Mill as it features dazzling light artworks, installations and an illuminated trail.

Often known as Blue January, for many it is a time to mark the end of the yule season and celebrate the end of winter and the return of the sun. Normally this quiet Hampshire town falls into darkness but this January the Mill will glow brighter than usual from 17 to 26 January thanks to the addition of sparkling installations from Yes Productions.

As part of the illumination, there will be a series of events including a business networking event, artists' development event, a health and wellbeing day and a skills project involving local young people. There will be markets and family activities over the weekends. It will be an amazing time of year to visit the Mill as the unique facades of this weaving icon will be brought to life with colour, shape and movement, and the tree canopies and river vista will be drenched in grand illuminations reflected in the crystal-clear waters of the River Test. Vintage lanterns in the Mill and light pipes on the lawn continue the surprises both inside and outside the Mill.



For more information visit
<https://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/>

Alzheimer's Research September Event Final Total

We raised the amazing total of **£1,300**. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who so generously donated to and supported the Dementia Research Centre, University College London.

We should all feel justly proud. The money we have raised, goes directly into researching a cure for this dreadful and debilitating disease. We really have made a difference. Sincerest good wishes to you all for peace and joy at Christmas and much happiness in 2020.

Rosie Shepperd



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The Children's Society Collecting Boxes

raised a total of **£324.79** this year, an increase of almost £80 from last year – amazing in the current climate. Many thanks to everyone who so kindly donates to this very worthwhile charity by collecting their spare change during the year.

Statistics from *The Children's Society* show that in 2017/18 the lives of 554,791 children and young people were improved by policy changes the charity contributed to; they worked with 11,031 children and young people with complex needs, and reached a further 13,492 children and young people through their awareness raising work. Over 4,000 volunteers co-ordinated *The Children's Society* donation boxes raising over £1.4 million.

For more information or to have a Children's Society collecting box, please contact Fiona Foote 738105



St Mary Bourne United Charities

Do you know anyone who needs help with heating costs this winter? Or is struggling with finances due to difficult circumstances? St Mary Bourne United Charities may be able to help. All enquiries treated in total confidence.

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Postcard from Binley November 2019

The fag end of Autumn is upon us. The beech trees in the park at Binley House are still russet and golden but the ash and sycamore, stripped almost entirely now of leaf are laid bare and exposed. At dusk the rooks and jackdaws, cackling like witches come to roost in the branches that extend high above the lane. There has been a rookery here around the old Hurdlers Arms pub for generations.

In spring Micky Wedge would help himself to "branchers", young rooks that were not yet fully fledged. He'd put them in a pie. Rook pie was a staple food for country people going way back and it was rook that featured in the old nursery rhyme as "four and twenty black birds ...". Not to be confused please with the orange beaked garden songster! The meat as he prepared it reminded me of pigeon, dark and grainy. I declined the opportunity to taste it but he assured me it was good.

Stay a while as the Red Kites drift in behind them to take residence on the far side of the park. They are as silent as the grave. I have counted as many as sixty of these wonderful raptors arrive and it is a magnificent sight! What a conservation success story they are! And all the while the scent of wood smoke fills the senses as fires are lit around the village, lamps glow, curtains are drawn, evening meals prepared.

The floor beneath the rookery is carpeted with leaves and my mind turns to Old Bacon, the head gardener at Binley House. He lived in my cottage during the war and Bacons were here for a long time in Binley. Old Bacon, the worse for drink fell in a bonfire of leaves and was burned to a crisp. Which is unfortunate to say the least.

Talking of the park at Binley House, a book in my possession claims it is haunted by the ghost of Lady Kitchener. I have visions of her in a diaphanous nightie running through the grass barefoot but in 35 years I have neither seen nor met the woman. What would you talk about? Brexit I suppose. No, if you are a serious ghost buster you must take the road out of Binley towards Woodcote, turn right along the footpath to Woodcote church and there to your left where the land flattens out is an old plague burial pit from the 14th century. Two thirds of the population of Newbury perished from the Black Death so I guess there are several of these pits dotted about. It is eerily still up there though.

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The History of New Year's Resolutions

The tradition of the New Year's Resolutions goes all the way back to 153 B.C. Janus, a mythical king of early Rome was placed at the head of the calendar. With two faces, Janus could look back on past events and forward to the future. Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions and many Romans looked for forgiveness from their enemies and also exchanged gifts before the beginning of each year.

The New Year has not always begun on January 1, and it doesn't begin on that date everywhere today. It begins on that date only for cultures that use a 365-day solar calendar. January 1 became the beginning of the New Year in 46 B.C., when Julius Caesar developed a calendar that would more accurately reflect the seasons than previous calendars had.

The Romans named the first month of the year after Janus, the god of beginnings and the guardian of doors and entrances. He was always depicted with two faces, one on the front of his head and one on the back. Thus he could look backward and forward at the same time. At midnight on December 31, the Romans imagined Janus looking back at the old year and forward to the new. The Romans began a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve by giving one another branches from sacred trees for good fortune. Later, nuts or coins imprinted with the god Janus became more common New Year's gifts.

In the Middle Ages, Christians changed New Year's Day to December 25, the birth of Jesus. Then they changed it to March 25, a holiday called the Annunciation. In the sixteenth century, Pope Gregory XIII revised the Julian calendar, and the celebration of the New Year was returned to January 1.

The Julian and Gregorian calendars are solar calendars. Some cultures have lunar calendars, however. A year in a lunar calendar is less than 365 days because the months are based on the phases of the moon. The Chinese use a lunar calendar. Their new year begins at the time of the first full moon (over the Far East) after the sun enters Aquarius- sometime between January 19 and February 21.

Although the date for New Year's Day is not the same in every culture, it is always a time for celebration and for customs to ensure good luck in the coming year.

We are always glad to get news and photos of village events & celebrations. Please email to **pearlpritchard@outlook.com** .
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LONGPARISH HIDDEN HISTORY Part 2

by Henry Yelf

October Hill and Valley featured the story of a Victorian self-made man, Richard Stanbrook, of Longparish who shared William Gladstone's passion for home rule for Ireland. Stanbrook built several rows of cottages and semi-detached houses in the village and named them Gladstone Terrace, Home Rule Cottages (now Park View Cottages) and Self Rule Villas (later renamed Mayfield Villas). After laying the foundation stone of Home Rule Cottages in 1890 Stanbrook "took occasion to vent his views on The Irish Question."

The Andover Advertiser reported that he said he had given a great amount of thought and consideration to the Irish question. He said that a few days earlier police and soldiers armed with batons and "bludgeons" had attacked a crowd listening to speeches by Irish MPs. He said that the Tory Government had their feet upon the neck of the Irish people. He hoped that before long the order of things would be reversed and the Government would be subject to the people under the leadership of Mr. Gladstone,"the Grand Old Man."

Richard Stanbrook was an interesting and enterprising man. He had been poverty stricken in early life before prospering as a thatcher, watercress farmer and cattle dealer. On his death the Andover Advertiser described him as "the biggest property owner in Longparish." Since 1895 Stanbrook had been propping up a local charity, The Widmore Trust. It had been set up many years earlier with an investment of £100 and earned sufficient interest to continue supplying Christmas blankets to the local poor. Stanbrook made up the difference to allow the charity to continue to survive. Richard Widmore is described on a plaque in St. Nicholas Church as Lord of the Manor.

In 1913 Stanbrook formalised the arrangement by giving £100 to the Parish Council to invest to fund the continuing distribution of blankets after his death. According to a publication called The Social Gazette "his interest is occasioned by the fact that fifty years ago a thatcher received a blanket from the charity. "

He died eight months later on December 27 1913. Stanbrook had been in poor health for some time and caught a chill while delivering Christmas blankets. He took to his bed and died a few days later.

At auction five months later at the Star hotel, Andover his properties went under the hammer. The Andover Advertiser reported that the first two of nine properties failed to reach the reserve price but then interest picked up.

Gladstone Terrace sold for £450 Self Rule Villas fetched £345, "a good figure" and Home Rule cottages went for £460.

It is still unclear when Home Rule Cottages became Park View Cottages and Self Rule Villas became Mayfield Villas or when the Stanbrook and Widmore charity was wound up.

Longparish Fete Helicopter Trip to Isle of Wight

Saturday 28 September was a day to remember! Having won first prize at the Longparish village fete, Anne and Dennis Riley and several members of their family (including grandchildren Aidan aged 13 and Kat aged 10) were treated to a once in a life time helicopter experience courtesy of local resident, Jonathan Palmer.

With Jonathan at the helm, the group took to the skies enjoying a birdseye view across Longparish, over to Portsmouth and arriving very shortly afterwards on the Isle of Wight. The owner of The Fighting Cocks pub made sure that an enjoyable lunch was had by all before a return journey to Longparish House.

Anne, Dennis and their family were hugely grateful for Jonathan's hospitality and steady hand.



PINTS OF VIEW

There will not be a Pints of View Session in December. The next one will be on

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St. Nicholas Parish Church, Longparish Church Finances Explained – Expenditure By John Young and Georgi Leask, Church Wardens

Previous articles in this series exploring the finances of St. Nicholas Parish Church, Longparish have provided an overview of church finance and further information on the sources of income. Our annual income during 2018 was £52,594 and expenditure was £54,045 (excluding costs associated with the first phase of the re-ordering project). This article aims to provide some more detail about the expenditure of the church which is broken down as follows:

Expenditure	Value
Common Mission Fund	£28,420.00
Building maintenance	£12,317.00
Fundraising	£4,058.00
Charitable Giving	£3,759.00
Maintaining Worship	£5,491.00
Total	£54,045.00

The most significant element of the church expenditure is the Common Mission Fund. This is the gift that St. Nicholas makes to the Winchester Diocese and which enables the diocese to provide support to the parish. This support is provided through paying the stipend of our vicar, Craig, along with funding training and provision of housing for clergy. There are administration functions including financial and legal support provided to the parish. Longparish School is a Church of England school, but is funded by Hampshire County Council, although the diocese provides support in other ways, including financial support for specific projects such as the library project. We are fortunate, through the generosity of the many parishioners, to be a parish that is able to meet the amount of the Common Mission Fund requirement in full. This results in the diocese being able to provide direct support to its less affluent areas, and where the Church of England can engage directly with those parishes/benefices housing many of the less fortunate members of society.

St. Nicholas is a Grade I listed building and there are significant costs associated with this. Regular preventative maintenance (£4,295), insurance (£2,606), heating (£1,202) and lighting (£1,028) along with keeping the churchyard and other areas of the building in good order all cost money (£3,186). The age and listed status of the building places special demands on the PCC requiring us to adopt appropriate materials and skilled craftspeople whenever work is required.

Whilst the majority of the effort in setting up and running the fete is undertaken by a tireless army of volunteers from around the village, there were costs of £4,058 associated with the fete in 2018. This pays for displays and entertainment, licenses, advertising, rubbish collection, beer and Pimms and supplies for the tea tent, amongst many other things. The return on this investment generates significant income for the church, and is always welcome. In fact, we are ever more reliant on this income to avoid running at an annual deficit, but we are still able at present to support other organisations/projects in the village.

The PCC has a policy to make charitable donations to local, national and international charities during the year. A total of £3,759 was donated to various charities during 2018.

Given the age of St. Nicholas Church, it is safe to assume that regular acts of worship have been held in Longparish for over 800 years. The continued act of worshipping God, celebrating the festivals of Christmas and Easter and marking special times in the life of the community remains important to many within the village. Ensuring that this continuity is maintained for our tenure in this special place is important. During 2018 the cost of maintaining worship was £5,491 and this includes the cost of providing music, printing costs and for materials used during services.

The expenditure of the church is significant and will remain so. Hopefully this article has given a brief insight into where money is spent and how it benefits many within the parish and beyond.

The church does not receive any financial support from the “central” church for the maintenance of the building. The PCC is extremely grateful for all the support, both financial and practical, that St. Nicholas receives from those in the parish. If you would like to know more about worship or any aspect of church life at St Nicholas, please do contact either of the churchwardens.

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(j.young233@btinternet.com)

Longparish Parish Council Report from Meeting Held on 11 November

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

Wheelabrator Waste-to-Energy Facility update

The second phase of the public consultation has commenced, and the Wheelabrator consultation event at Longparish Village Hall is scheduled for Saturday 16 November between 9.00am and 1.00pm. The PC and KTVB plan to host a public meeting on Saturday 30 November to update residents on the process so far. A survey for residents in Longparish and Barton Stacey will be issued by the respective PCs shortly.

Village Clean-Up Day – report on page 3

Playground

David Drew (TVBC) advised that Community Infrastructure Levy funding of £40k towards the refurbishment of the playground is to be approved.

Next Parish Council Meeting 1930 hours on Monday 9 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 – Christian Dryden (Tel: 720398, or email: clerk@longparish.org.uk).



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BIRDS OF LONGPARISH by Chris Bowman

BARNACLE GEESE

Another new tick for the village and once again at the trout farm; on my usual trip around the village I was very surprised to see a pair of barnacle geese walking around the lake. Barnacle geese are slightly smaller than the greylag goose. They have a black bill white creamy face black neck and chest, underneath is white with faint grey bars. The back is grey-black with thin white stripes and black legs. They nest on the edge of the arctic tundra, on steep cliffs, tops of rocky outcrops, particularly on islands in river channels.

The nest is a shallow mound of grass and other vegetation, lined with down plucked from their breasts. 4-5 eggs are laid, grey-white but becoming stained during incubation. They are incubated for 24-25 days. The young leave the nest soon after hatching. The parents will fly down to the bottom of the cliffs and call the young who will leap out of the nest and fall down the cliff and bounce on the ground with surprisingly no injury. Their food is mainly grass and seeds. I think the pair at the lake had a failed breeding attempt so they came back early. There is quite a big influx of them during the winter mostly to the north and to Scotland.

You never know what you will find so keep your eyes open.



LONGPARISH LITTLE SCHOOL

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Little School Pumpkin Competition, it was a highly successful day with lots of fantastic entries, and good fun was had by all.

During November we celebrated Guy Fawkes night by toasting marshmallows on the campfire and drinking hot chocolate to keep us warm. We also made some bright firework paintings using paint, glue and glitter. In 'Music with Amanda' we sang songs about the autumn time, and in Yoga we went on a magic carpet ride to a mystical forest. We saw lots of animals including a unicorn.

Our budding Picassos and Van Goghs created beautiful masterpieces, framed them and displayed them in our very own Art Gallery event. Then, at the end of November, we teamed up with the Primary School Reception class to stage a nursery rhyme concert.

It's December already and this can mean only one thing: the Christmas festivities are under way! We have been busy making our Christmas cards and learning Christmas carols for our visit to Arbory Residential home and for our nativity play. We are also visiting The Lights Theatre to see Reindeer on the Roof!

We are currently taking bookings for next September. Spaces are filling up fast, so please contact us to arrange a visit to our preschool and forest school. You can call us on 01264 720455 or email claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk. We do currently have afternoon sessions available.

All are welcome at our annual Christmas Pub Quiz. Help us raise money for Little School by entering a team in the quiz and trying your luck at the raffle. The quiz is on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Cricketers pub. Tickets are £5 per person (teams of 2-8 people). To book, contact Little School or email fundraising@longparishlittleschool.org.uk.



VILLAGE CLEAN UP AUTM N 2019

On a grey and wet Saturday morning, over 20 volunteers set about litter picking, hedge cutting, leaf sweeping, stream clearing and bus stop tidying!

Thank you to everyone involved – a great effort and amazing results achieved in very poor weather - and to those who couldn't make it on the day but contribute throughout the year. Particular thanks to Richard McAllister, Mick Blocksidge, Paul Knipe and Clive Kent for the use of their hardware and their skill in operating them – it makes all the difference!

Thanks, too, to Lorraine and Ian at the Cricketers for yummy Chili con Carne at the Cricketers afterwards.

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

The weather was fine for the November race and the village was looking great after the Clean Up Day. It was an early start to give everyone time to change before the Remembrance Service but that did not deter 19 runners.

First home was Ian Beveridge with his fastest time in two years. Close on his heels was Fiona Teasdale who beat her handicap by nearly two minutes to become our Most Improved Woman and third place was taken by our Rising Star, Freddie Brown. Fiona and Freddie recorded their best ever times as did Andrew Jones who was 4th. Well done all!



Thanks very much to Gracie the Bear ably assisted by Sarah Collier and her father, Nick, Maggie Barber and her sister Pauline Brownlow for marshalling, to Maggie for the refreshments, to the adults who accompanied juniors, to Jeremy Barber and Pauline for doing the signs, to David Gould for crunching the numbers and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

Our next race is on Sunday 8th December at the Cricket Ground, starting at the usual time of 10am. This is our Christmas event so there will be prizes for the winners and mince pies and mulled wine for all. Our January race will be on the 12th so if your New Year resolution is to get a bit fitter, please come and join us. Everyone is welcome especially volunteers to help (full training provided). 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 Coffee Shop

Come to the village hall and escape the rush of Christmas on Friday 13th December between 10 and noon. You are invited to enjoy a chat, a mug of freshly brewed coffee or tea along with a warmed mince pie for the princely sum of £1. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also look forward to extending a warm welcome to everyone at the first coffee shop of 2020 on January 10th between 10 and noon.

LITTER PICKING

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you to all the 2019 litter pickers. Make it your New Year resolution and join the band of Litter Pickers 9.00 am on Coffee Shop Fridays. Meet at the Village Hall, equipment provided. Coffee afterwards, courtesy of the coffee shop. Fri 13^h Dec (with mince pies) and Fri 10th Jan



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

There will be no meeting of the Longparish Gardening Club in December but we wish everyone a

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday, 28th January. Speaker is Alan Wilson on "POTATOES" 7 PM Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB

We will be re-enrolling and enrolling for the Longparish Gardening Club for 2020. New Members very welcome from within our combined Parishes. We have speakers during the Winter and visit some lovely gardens and places during the Summer months. Any queries please to Rosie Lowry 01264 720325 rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com Or Marion Bell 01264 720205



TUESDAY TALKS

Last month James Hillier shared some fascinating facts and entertaining memories about the family business. The rest of the season continues as follows:

- **10 December: Jonathan Palmer** and "My fast track route to Longparish" - How one becomes a Formula 1 driver and how the business of motor racing circuits works
- **14 January: Tim Weale** and "Representing the Queen - The Lord Lieutenants and their Deputies"
- **11 February: Ange Takats** and "Memoir Writing - How to tell your story" based on her own life less ordinary
- **10 March: Jon Nelson** and how he got into making gin

Tuesday Talks start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and finish about 8.45pm. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome to support the work of the LCA and the cost of hiring the Hall. There is a cash bar.



FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

The LCA Friday Lunch Club has now been running for exactly a year so it's time to reflect. A steady average of 16 people have been enjoying home cooked lunch, catching up with village gossip as well as listening to some interesting talks ranging from the Whitchurch Silk Mill, how to play the oboe, the works of the Salvation Army, a Burns celebration, the Dog Trust and having a bash at bingo.

Thank you to all the willing volunteers and cooks who have helped to get the Lunch Club off the ground.

The last one this year is on 20th December – Christmas themed, please ring to book as we will be cooking up a storm and need to know the numbers in advance.

For those who don't know, the LCA support a Friday Lunch Club generally on the last Friday of the month. We serve a simple soup lunch and cake, all home made for just £2. It is open to anyone and next year we will serve lunch between 12 and 1.00pm and then for those who want to stay we usually have a short talk, or activity or quiz, finishing by 2.00pm. Home workers try it out, it is only an hour out of your day.

Transport can be arranged and it helps for catering if you book.

Christian Dryden 720 398 or Andrea Harris 720 457

2020 Dates (not all on the last Friday of the month)

31st January, 28th February, 20th March, 1st May, 29th May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, 27th November, 18th December

FILM NIGHTS

Monday 16th December

The Man Who Invented Christmas



Monday 20th January

Mary Queen of Scots



Doors and bar open at 7:15pm Film Starts 7:45pm sharp Free entry to LCA members
Join on the night for just £1 Donations welcomed.

Boxing Day Entertainment

The Longparish Mummers Play returns to The Cricketers on Boxing Day. The pub will be open from 11.15 am so you can get a drink before the play. Please come on foot if possible.

Longparish Mummers 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 for Mityana and Andover Food Bank



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Where do I send my response?

- Email: Wheelabrator: info@wiharewood.co.uk
- Copy if possible: info@bintheincinerator.co.uk
- Post: Freepost WHEELABRATOR HAREWOOD
- Copy to: KTVB, Middleton Estate, Longparish, SP11 6PL
- Also please send copies to your local councillors and parliamentary candidates.

Ensure you ask Wheelabrator for an acknowledgement of your letter or email. Here are some headings for some of the issues you may want to comment on:

Landscape and adverse effects on: local residents, visitors, tourists and recreational users, massive size and oppressive nature of the buildings, light pollution and protection of dark skies, design of the site including materials, shape and colour
Traffic and Transport: road safety A34 in particular, frequent accidents, tight junction at A303 Barton Stacey exit, Interference with footpaths, community severance – splitting Barton Stacey from Longparish, interference with walkers, cyclists, horse riders amenity

Air Quality: smell, emissions effect on habitats, plants, animals, rivers, human health, heavy metals, nitrogen oxides, dioxin and other poisons, risk to organic farmers and other food producers

Health: potential adverse affect on mental and physical health

Noise and Vibration: both during construction and operation

Ecology: impact on rare species, rivers and ground water

Archaeology and Cultural Heritage: impact on heritage buildings and cultural heritage

Climate change/ CO2 emissions: national and international carbon zero targets

Increased risk of accidents: particularly on the already accident prone A303 and A34

Completely inappropriate site for an industrial installation of this type and scale

SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS BY 5.00PM ON 12TH DEC

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Total for 2019	835mm	32.87ins
Total for 2018	748mm	29.44ins
Max temp (on 18th)	20C	68F
Min temp (on 27th)	-1C	30F

We are nearly up to our 25 year average rainfall of 33.75ins with two months to go!

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The December Coffee Morning will be hosted by Helen Mehaffey (893119) at The Limes on Wednesday, 4th December 2019 from 10.15 onwards.

The January Coffee Morning will be hosted by Clare Read (896672) at Hurstbourne Priors House on Tuesday 14th January from 10.15 onwards.



REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

The Parish Council purchased a number of large poppies which are mounted on suitable sites within the Parish as a symbol of remembrance and to honour Britain's war dead. They go up for the two weeks either side of Remembrance Sunday.

I am very saddened that someone felt the need to remove some of these from display less than 24 hours after they were put up. We have not received any comments of disapproval, indeed residents appear to appreciate them.

If whoever removed them could return the poppies, simply leave them in the porch of the Village Hall, I would be most grateful. They were affixed with cable ties so they didn't simply 'blow away'.

Clare Read

Chairman, Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

CHRISTMAS REFUSE, RECYCLING AND TREE COLLECTIONS

These are the revised schedules (weather permitting) for the rubbish and recyclable waste collections over the Christmas period. Basingstoke and Deane hope that normal collections will resume week commencing 13th January 2020.

Please remember that gift wrap and tags cannot be recycled and should be put into the black bin with normal household waste. If your glass box is full please take excess bottles to a recycling site or keep until the next collection day. The recycling team cannot take bottles in bags or other boxes.

Friday 20th December – Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins

Friday 27th December collection will be on Monday 30th December – Black bins only

Friday 3rd January collection will be on Monday 6th January – Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins

Friday 10th January collection will be on Saturday 11th January – Black bins only

Friday 17th January back to normal – Black bins, bottle boxes and green bins

This year those with garden waste collections can leave their real trees out for collection (please make sure you have removed all decorations) on Friday 17th January. Otherwise please take your tree to the Winchester Road Car Park in Whitchurch between the 2nd and 26th January for recycling. The Waste and Recycling Centre in Andover can take them during normal opening hours – 0900-1600 except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

WORD OF THE MONTH

SCURRYFUNGE: to rush around cleaning when company is on their way over (Old English).

I am sure many households in The Valley will be partaking in this activity over the coming weeks!

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Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2020

Your Parish Council meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All Parishioners are very welcome to attend, and they do not need to give any notice that they wish to come. However, if there is a particular item which you would like to discuss and which you feel it would be beneficial for the Councillors to look into prior to the meeting, please contact either:

the Parish Clerk, Richard Waterman, on richard.waterman150@btinternet.com

or the Chairman, Clare Read, on clareread@aol.com or 07711 917375.

Dates for 2020

Wednesday 29th January
 Wednesday 25th March
 Wednesday 27th May
 Wednesday 29th July
 Wednesday 30th September
 Wednesday 25th November

Minutes from previous meeting are available to view on the Parish Website.

*Richard Waterman,
 Clerk*



Meet Morris, he is just 3 years old and very affectionate. He came into care due to changes in the household and he was becoming increasingly stressed out. As there were three other cats in the

household who he was not happy with, we feel he should be the only cat in the family. He is used to children and needs a safe garden to explore once settled into his new home.

Lucky Lexi was adopted by one of our former fosterers and has settled in well with the resident cat.

We always have a break in homing cats in the two weeks leading up to Christmas as households are often busy so new cats struggle to settle in.

It's important to remember to keep nervous cats somewhere quiet during the exciting festive period to keep them as stress free as possible.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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The Annual May Fair is organised to raise funds for the Village Hall, St Andrew's Church and the Recreation Ground.

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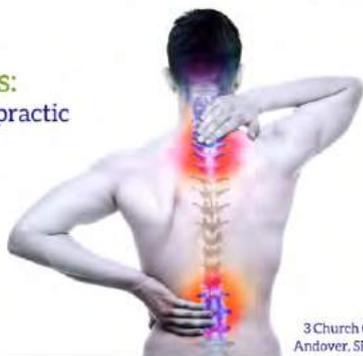
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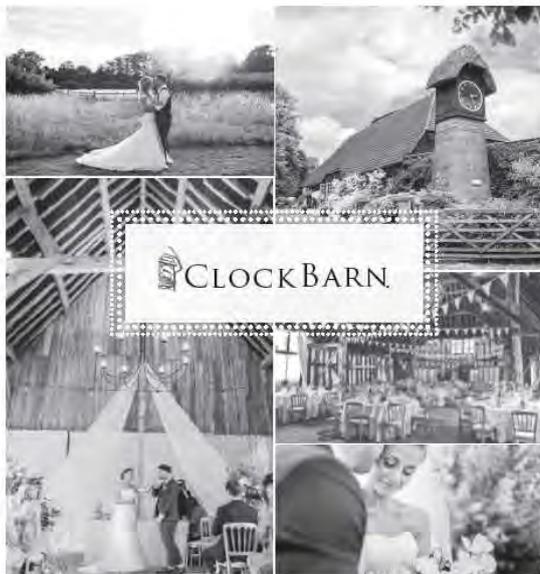
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The Plant will burn metals (yes, metals) from households from the surrounding 5 counties, trucking in waste from within a 2 hour road radius. The Plant will consume 1,100 homes' worth of water every year. It will take 3 years to build, and the A303 is likely to be dug up to connect the electric to Andover, closing a lane. The site is a small field, not an industrial estate.

The short-term jobs created will mean more contractor vans and 4x4 pick-up trucks pressuring our lanes. Bullington Cross will be a turnabout for lost lorry drivers who missed the site turn-off at Barton Stacey. These are all facts that your resident cyclist gleaned at the public exhibition on 12th November.

The exhibition was well attended and even made a cameo appearance on BBC South Today. The staff from Wheelabrator accosted us with dough-eyed stories of low environmental impact, clever architecture and ill thought-out marketing: "What two-tone colour scheme would you like your 'Cathedral-to-Waste' to be?"

The print out of google maps that they had on the table did not even show the lane the proposed Plant would be on – a key lane that is on many of our cycle routes and used by many local drivers. 10 of the 12 highlights from the Preliminary Environmental report were proudly displayed as "impact = Not Significant". This seemed like a suspicious "home run".



The factory diagrams were reminiscent of the marvellous mechanical Mouse Mill from Bagpuss (if you are not familiar: They feed it

chocolate biscuits and it produces chocolate biscuits; Type "ChocolateBiscuit15000" into YouTube).

If the waste is not trucked to us it will continue to go to landfill, or be shipped to the European continent. To be fair to the Harewood-brained scheme if you were looking at England from a great height (say, as an American) and bisected the country vertically, then drew across using a Roman road from London to Exeter, the cross-hairs would hit Bullington Cross – already the site of a metal recycling facility (coincidence or irony?). The choice of site would appear to be purely about road network, not about Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or risks to thousand-year old pure water courses, or the thatched idyll that many of us have escaped the industrialised parts of our country to live in.

As a cyclist, my scepticism is rooted in road safety due to the additional commercial traffic burden on local roads and the intimidation of a power station. As an environmentalist it is folly to believe we can burn our waste using old technology, having suffered 3 years of further polluting disruption to our local roads.

As a NIMBY I expect a thank-you postcard every year from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Surrey and Wiltshire for "taking one for the team" in a nationally significant infrastructure project designed to over-rule rural England. My fear is that our part of the A303 will become an industrial corridor, much like the M1 with its power stations and massive empty warehouses for let. It appears our countryside is to bear the burden of the blatant throw-away culture started by the very same people that now want to sell us our own waste. Our ecology will suffer, and we need better technical innovation and location choices than this.

Please write to them with your concerns. The deadline is election day, 12 December (again, coincidence or irony?).

*Simon Mattison
Cyclist*

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SEE THE SILK MILL IN A NEW LIGHT!



The Whitchurch Silk Mill and its gardens in the heart of rural Hampshire will glisten and sparkle this January with an all new, magical, after dark illuminated trail. The Mill will be transformed by spectacular installations, leaving the dark winter evenings aglow. This is a first for the Mill as it features dazzling light artworks, installations and an illuminated trail.

Often known as Blue January, for many it is a time to mark the end of the yule season and celebrate the end of winter and the return of the sun. Normally this quiet Hampshire

town falls into darkness but this January the Mill will glow brighter than usual from 17th to 26th January thanks to the addition of sparkling installations from Yes Productions.

As part of the illumination, there will be a series of events including a business networking event, artists' development event, a health and wellbeing day and a skills project involving local young people. There will be markets and family activities over the weekends.

It will be an amazing time of year to visit the Mill as the unique facades of this weaving icon will be brought to life with colour, shape and movement, and the tree canopies and river vista will be drenched in grand illuminations reflected in the crystal clear waters of the River Test. Vintage lanterns in the Mill and light pipes on the lawn continue the surprises both inside and outside the Mill.

For more information visit <https://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/>



WHITCHURCH
SILK MILL
HERITAGE OF WEAVING



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST ANDREWS, HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

Carol Service - Our traditional service of lessons and carols is on Sunday, 15th December at 11am.

On Christmas Day, there will be a Christmas Family Communion at 9.30am.

All are welcome and we do hope you will join us.



ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT

- 5 Dec** 2.30 pm - Women's Fellowship - The Cottage
6 7.30 pm - "Little Red Riding Hood" - Village Centre
9 7.45 pm - HBT Historical Society Meeting - HBT Community Centre
10 10.30 am - Coffee at the George - The George Inn
10 7.30 pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Centre
11 12.30 - **The Lunch** - Village Centre
12 7pm - Andover Scout Group meeting - HBT Community Centre
14 10.30 am - Christmas Coffee Morning - SMB Bowling Club
14 2.15 pm - Scramblers - St Peter's Church
20 7.30 pm - "A Christmas Knight" - Village Centre
14 Jan 10.30 am - Coffee at the George - The George Inn
14 7.30 pm - Parish Council Meeting - Club Room
21 7.30 pm - **The Film** - Yesterday - Village Centre
15 12.30 - **The Lunch** - Village Centre
26 9am - **The Big Breakfast** - Village Centre
Saturdays 10.30am to 12.30pm - The Community Library - Club Room



Andover Artisan Market
Sunday 15th December 2019
 10am to 2pm - High Street

Mayor's Carol Service
Sunday 8th December
7pm, St Michael's Church
 Basingstoke RG21 7QW
 Donations in aid of the
 Mayor's Charity Appeal

LONGPARISH

- 7 Dec** 2 to 4pm - **Christmas Fair** - Village Hall
8 10am - L2SOTM race - Cricket Ground
9 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
10 7pm - Tuesday Talk - Village Hall
12 5pm - Deadline for comments to Wheelabrator
12 7.30pm - Little School Pub Quiz - The Cricketers
13 9am - Litter picking - Village Hall
13 10am to 12 noon - Coffee Shop - Village Hall
15 6pm - Carol Service - St Nicholas Church
16 7.15pm - **Film Night** - Village Hall
20 12 noon to 1pm - Friday Lunch Club - Village Hall
24 5pm - Christingle service - St Nicholas Church
24 11.30pm - Midnight Christmas Service - St Nicholas Church
25 11am - Christmas Day Service - St Nicholas Church
26 11.30am - **Boxing Day entertainment** - The Cricketers
10 Jan 9am - Litter Picking - Village Hall
10 10am to 12 noon - Coffee Shop - Village Hall
12 10am - L2SOTM Race - Cricket Ground
13 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
14 7pm - Tuesday Talk - Village Hall
15 8pm - Pints of View Discussion - The Cricketers
20 7.15pm - **Film Night** - Village Hall
28 7pm - Gardening Club - Potatoes - Village Hall
31 12 noon to 1pm - Friday Lunch Club - Village Hall



Wherwell Singers Christmas Concert

Saturday 7th December, 7:30pm
St. Peter and Holy Cross Church, Wherwell
 We celebrate Christmas with a programme of choral masterpieces, including works by Byrd, Parsons, Tavener and Walton, plus traditional carols, mulled wine and mince pies.
Tickets £8, available on the door

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

- 4 Dec** 10.15am - Ladies' Coffee Morning - The Limes
15 11am - Carol Service - St Andrew's Church
14 Jan 10.15am - Ladies' Coffee Morning - HBP House
29 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall



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