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Dear Friends,

As I write we have September within our sights. This is what William Wordsworth wrote two hundred and five years ago:

SEPTEMBER 1815

*While not a leaf seems faded; while the fields,
with ripening harvest prodigally fair, in brightest sunshine bask;
This nipping air, sent from some distant clime where Winter wields
His icy scimitar, a foretaste yields of bitter change, and bids the flowers beware;
And whispers to the silent birds, 'Prepare against the threatening foe your trustiest shields'.
For me, who under kindlier laws belong to Nature's tuneful quire, this rustling dry
Through leaves yet green, and yon crystalline sky, announce a season potent to renew,
'Mid frost and snow, the instinctive joys of song, and nobler cares than listless summer knew'.*

When I found this poem, it reminded me of what we all face in September; that month of new beginnings, the end of the summer and in particular this year, a month clouded with uncertainties.

Winter with *'its icy scimitar'* will come with a nip in the air from the Arctic perhaps. But this we know about. What is more hidden, more invidious, are things we don't have any warning signs of, like an unexpected heart attack, stroke or accident, before it hits us. As we try to get our heads around the uncertainties of the future, that crippling emotion "fear" can fill our hearts. Covid 19 has made and continues to make us fearful.

How often do we say: 'I am afraid?' (or 'I am worried' which may mean the same thing). Not just for ourselves but also for our loved ones, friends and neighbours. These fears can cover a lack of job, an unpaid mortgage payment, sickness, even a death, and much more. Dare I suggest that fear grips us more than we are prepared to say?

So, I wonder, what are *'our trustiest shields to prepare against the threatening foe'* ?

In the last 6 weeks we have been looking at Matthew's gospel in our Benefice Zoom services. In many of the stories, those around Jesus were afraid. Afraid of what they could not understand: walking on the water, a miracle healing and Jesus' love for a foreigner (an enemy of the people). In nearly every case they were told one of three things: to believe, to trust or to come to him.

These are invitations for those who believe – to take a step of faith, to reach out to the one who was and is and will be - always and everywhere. But the truth is everyone needs some sort of weapon which we can use against rational or irrational fears. And these could be anything from acts of kindness and generosity, to care and concern, from a personal stance in self-isolating to offering of support and encouragement. For all of us in these dark days we have the opportunity to give love in whatever form to disturb the fears and send them running.

How many of you learnt that wonderful hymn at Primary School: 'When a Knight won his spurs'? I will leave you with the last verse:

*Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed 'gainst the dragons of anger and the ogres of greed,
And let me set free with the sword of my youth from the castle of darkness the power of the truth.*

God bless, keep safe and thank you for all you are doing.

Dodie

Church Openings

St James' - Woodcott: by arrangement

St Peter's - St Mary Bourne: all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays

St Andrew's - Hurstbourne Priors: Wednesdays and Saturdays mid-morning to early evening

St Nicholas' - Longparish: all day on Sunday



The Benefice Live Stream Service

We are continuing with our Benefice Zoom services. It has been remarkable to find so many people joining us. If you haven't been, give it a go! You can join us anonymously if that is what you prefer. But the best thing about it has been 'being together' and seeing everyone, even those we don't know very well. The details can be obtained by emailing one of the church wardens or Dodie.

It is only 35 minutes with a couple of songs, a reading, reflection, prayers and blessing. Each week there is something different and everyone in the family can join. What could be easier than falling into a comfy chair, with a cup of coffee, and joining others.



Communion At Home

Every alternate Thursday we have a Zoom Benefice Home Communion at 6pm. The September dates are 10th and 24th. It's just under 1/2 hour and it is a more traditional service. No sermon, the bread and wine (water if you prefer) in our own homes are not blessed but we receive them symbolically.



Benefice Church and Zoom info

On 20th September we have the third of our Benefice Church services at St Peter's in St Mary Bourne at 10 am. This will be a communion service. There will be a Zoom service at 11am, as there is every Sunday until the end of this month.

We are trying to be very careful as numbers in church are limited (as I write, but it may be different by the beginning of the month). By October we hope there are more. And besides, it's our Harvest month and we will want to celebrate.

September Church Services

There will be a service of Morning Prayer held at **St Nicholas', Longparish** on three Sundays: **6th, 13th and 27th September at 10am**. On the third Sunday of the month there will be a Benefice Holy Communion on **Sunday 20th at St Peter's, St Mary Bourne**.

At each of these services masks need to be worn, and contact details taken in line with Government regulations.

The clergy and Church Wardens of the Benefice are meeting with Rev. David Roche (Area Dean and Vicar of Whitchurch, Tufton and Litchfield) in September to plan the services for the rest of the year with the information and regulations set out by the Church of England to date. But we are aware these may change.

Dodie



The Benefice Sandwich competition was held on Monday 17th August at 6pm. These entries tasted delicious.



Benefice Contacts during the interregnum period:

For the duration of the interregnum Karen Morrison (Longparish) has kindly agreed to be the Benefice Team Co-ordinator.

Phone calls to the St Mary Bourne vicarage will be diverted to Karen's home phone and she will be fielding all calls that currently go to the vicarage.

For all enquires about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact Karen in the Benefice Office

☎ **01264 738308** or

e: office.brightwaters@btinternet.com

In an emergency, or if you wish to contact the Rev Canon Dodie Marsden, please

☎ **01264 738 211** or

email: **dodie.marsden@gmail.com**

If you are unable to contact Dodie in an emergency, please call ☎ **01264 720 215** or ☎ **01264 738 489**.

• 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** or email: **rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk**

From the Church Registers

Funerals

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

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne

17th August - Roger Holt

26th August - Keith Anderson

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	June	July
Total rainfall for month	66mm (2.59in)	59mm (2.32in)
It rained on	13 days	12 days
Rainfall same month last year	98mm (3.85in)	27mm (1.06in)
Total for 2020	526mm (20.70in)	592mm (23.30in)
Total for 2019	404mm (15.09in)	458mm (18.03in)
Max temp	35C (95F) on 24 th	33.8C (93F) on 31 st
Min temp	7C (44F) on 21 st	7C (44F) on 10 th

The third hottest day ever was 37.8C recorded at Heathrow on 31 July. We were way behind this time with 33.8C which was lower than our June high of 35C.

John Smail

FROM THE DELI STALL

To all our Deli Stall buyers
Of marmalades, chutneys and jams,
A big THANK YOU for your generosity,
T'was worthwhile slaving over those pans.



The total amassed was a whopping
£1,083.50 in this exceptional year.
Your patronage has been heart warming,
That's unquestionably crystal clear.



The fruits are currently growing
To be harvested for next year's Stall,
Au revoir, à bientôt, until then,
Keep safe and well, above all.



PS: Please could you return empty jars to Josephine if you bought preserves in June and July (if you still have them!).

Also a plea for any fruit and/or vegetables if anyone has a glut and doesn't know what to do with any extras. We are now into production of preserves for next year's May Fair Deli stall!

Denise and Josephine

WORD OF THE MONTH

Two words have come to my attention and in fairness to them both I cannot suggest one without the other. A good pair of words which should come back into more use!

OVERMORROW (spell check doesn't like it again!!) it means the day after tomorrow,

and its friend YESTEREVE which explains itself:
yes - "yesterday evening"!

Barbara Carrodus

THANK YOU FROM THE MAYFAIR TEAM



As you will be aware, with the May Fair cancelled this year due to Covid-19, we have been raising much needed funds for village amenities through on-line sales from some of our popular stalls.

We're delighted to report that total sales to date from Plants and Preserves have reached the splendid sum of £2109.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the sales this year, whether you have donated produce and plants, helped with deliveries and orders, or purchased plants and preserves. The team is tremendously grateful to you all, but special mention must go to Precelly Murray who raised a fantastic £1025.50 from Plant sales, and to the formidable team of Josephine Hutchinson and Denise Bradley who made a record-breaking £1083.50 from their Jams and Chutneys.

Thankfully, we took the decision to cancel the fair before any large costs were incurred this year, so with costs of just £55, we have total profits to date of £2054. For easy maths, we propose to disperse a total of £2051 as soon as possible to our nominated village amenities in the agreed ratio, as follows:

Hurstbourne Priors PCC: £879.00 (3/7 of the total)

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall: £879.00 (3/7 of the total)

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council: £293.00 (1/7 of the total) – this as a contribution to costs for the ongoing upkeep of the recreation ground / cricket pavilion as a suitable venue for the fair.

Despite this marvellous total from just two stalls, we're all acutely aware that these figures fall far short of a full-blown fair. From last year's fair we dispersed a total of £12,250 to the beneficiaries so we are more than £10k below that this year. If anyone has a bright idea for another fund-raiser to support our village amenities, but would like some support from the May Fair team to help deliver it, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any one of us!

The May Fair team

(Ed Beasley, Kim French, James Macmillan, John Perry, Clare Read, Mark Sorby, Fenella & Mark Williams)

hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com

ST ANDREWS CHURCH OPENING

St Andrew's Church will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.30am to 5.30pm for private prayer during September, except for Saturday 12th September when we will have to keep the church closed as there is a wedding the next day. Visitors for Ride and Stride will be welcome, but will only have access to the porch.

Fenella Williams

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

Précis minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 via Zoom at 6.00pm.

A full copy of these minutes can be viewed on the Parish Website.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public asked to join the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The PC agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record. The Chairman will sign the minutes in due course. Matters arising from those minutes:

RECREATION GROUND

After much discussion it was decided that the Recreation Ground should stay open for the use of the village during the Covid-19 Pandemic. This was due to a number of residents having small children who needed a safe place to 'blow off steam' and other residents wanting a safe place to take their exercise. Two portable goal posts were purchased and placed at a safe distance from each other. The Parish Council put up clear signage reminding users to stay in family groups and to wash their hands on their return home. The Chairman has received amazing feedback from the residents.

PAVILION – Replacement of the floor and the installation of a disabled use toilet have been completed during lockdown. The floor had rotted due to lack of air circulation rather than rot or infestation. Air vents have now been installed.

Paper towel dispensers, hand sanitizer and cleaner have been ordered for use once the Pavilion re opens for matches.

HIGHWAYS – There has been a significant increase in traffic (mainly due to Southern Water road closures) through the village, leading to lots of complaints. The PC agreed to install 'Children in Road' signs either side of the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

PLANNING

There was no news to report on Dairy Cottage, the building has deteriorated further and has become a dreadful eyesore within the village. It is surprising that the Testbourne Estate have let it get so bad.

TUFTON

Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported:

- The A34 Off Ramp signs have been renewed but not the On Ramp signs.
- The grass has been cut.
- Hampshire Highways have been in the area repairing potholes. Signs have been erected in Tufton for road surface dressing.
- New signs have been erected for Judd's Meadow corner together with white lining.

FOOTPATHS

All the footpaths are walkable with the exception of Footpath 13 which runs through the Testbourne Estate. This is a shame because all other footpaths through the Estate have been cut very well, including the Permissive Footpath.

The Parish Council have agreed to purchase two dog waste bins- one will be placed in Tufton and one at the entrance to Footpath 11 (the gallops).

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will remain shut due to the pandemic until further notice. They have received a £10,000 Business Interruption Grant from Basingstoke and Deane BC.

The Clerk is to investigate whether the Pavilion is eligible for the grant.

COVID-19 - The Chairman was pleased to report that there has been amazing community spirit during Covid-19 lockdown. Many residents have helped with shopping and prescription pick-ups for those isolating.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting should try to take place in the Village Hall. Details will be posted on the village web page and in Hill & Valley.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

From the week commencing 17th August our household waste and recycling collections have returned to pre-Covid collections as the waste services team return to full strength. For those who have forgotten the cycle, this means that Friday 28th August will be black, green and glass recycling and Friday 4th September will just be black bins – and then in rotation. For our residents in Tufton who are on the Whitchurch route it is the other way round.

We hope that this will stop the awful amount of fly tipping that has taken place during lockdown.

If you wish to use the Waste and Recycling facility in Andover please remember that you have to register your car and book a slot via the hants.gov.uk website.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

ANDOVER FOODBANK

The Andover foodbank is currently in need of the following food and non-food items:-

Laundry washing powder or liquid
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Tins of rice pudding or custard.
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HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Calling all sunflower growers who took part in this summer’s great Sunflower Growing Competition. Judging time is nearly upon us so please make sure you send in all your photographs. Next month’s issue of Hill & Valley will have all the results and as many photographs as the Editor can fit in.

There are prizes for the best decorated pot, the tallest sunflower, the biggest flower (please measure from tip of petal to tip of petal) and, don’t forget, that if you’ve managed to grow one bigger than you there is a prize too.

Please send your pictures to fenella.williams@btopenworld.com and clareread@aol.com by **Saturday, 12th September**. We already have several, some of which have featured in past issues, but do please keep them coming. Here are some of those hoping to win! Good luck everyone. *Clare Read*



Megan and Alfred Brunwin are very proud that their sunflowers are taller than Mummy!



Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells and pretty maids all in a row!

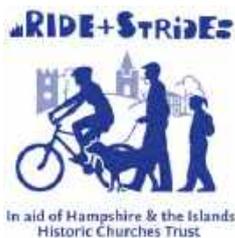


The Macmillans



Hugo and Rose Briant-Evans – lots of flowers on each plant!

(Right) Rose and Susie Urquhart made a ‘sunflower nursery’. They grew three different types of seed to compare and by far the tallest and most beautiful were Clare’s Hurstbourne Priors sunflowers!



The annual sponsored Ride and Stride is on Saturday, 12 September between 10am and 6pm. Participants cycle, walk, run, ride or drive to raise money for the region’s historic churches and chapels of all denominations. The money you raise from your sponsors will be divided between Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches’ Trust and the church or churches of your choice. The sponsorship form and information can be downloaded from the Ride and Stride website:

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COLIN KEITH MURRAY - a memoir



Born in Edinburgh on 18th June 1932 (Waterloo Day), Colin spent the first 8 years of his life “following the drum”. From Edinburgh to Dover Castle to Glasgow to Balmoral and, as War was imminent, to Fort George, Inverness-shire, Headquarters of The Seaforth Highlanders, of which his father was the Commanding Officer.

Educated, on and off, by a shared governess Colin went to school in 1940. Belhaven Hill had been evacuated to Dinnet House, a large sporting estate on the River Dee, where his great achievement was to catch and land a 9lb pike from a loch – a school record - and a passion for fishing remained forever. Five years followed at Wellington College before “joining-up” in 1950. He followed his father into The Seaforth Highlanders for National Service doing his WOSBE at Barton Stacey, was seconded to the King’s African Rifles and found himself aged 19 in command of his African Platoon fighting the Chinese Communists in the Malayan jungle. He learnt 10 words of Nyanga every day (an African provincial language) and later he added

Italian and Chinese (enough to top and tail a speech) to the French and German he already spoke quite well.

Returning to civilian life in 1953 Colin signed on with the T.A. but did not take up his place at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He joined C.T. Bowring, a large firm of insurance brokers at Lloyd’s where he stayed for 10 years before moving to R.J. Kiln, a newly formed underwriting syndicate. Just before the move, Colin had become engaged to Precelly Davies-Scourfield. They married in 1964 and Sophia, Harriet and William happily arrived by January 1970. Colin followed Robert Kiln as Chairman in 1985. He also served on the Committee and the Council as well as a time as Deputy Chairman of Lloyd’s. During his years at Lloyd’s Colin was much involved with the Lloyd’s Volunteer Forces Fund as well as supporting some of the music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. In 1992 he was appointed to the Lieutenancy of the City of London. Retirement came along in 1995 but Colin stayed on part-time with Equitas for another 5 years. He then devoted himself to life in Hampshire where he had lived with his family since 1978 having moved there from Putney.

Music was very important in Colin’s life both listening to all sorts of music from American 1930s Ruth Etting to all the classics especially opera. When first in London he took singing lessons and learned to play the Spanish Guitar so was much in demand at parties and gatherings of friends. In 2000 Colin joined the Friends of Music in Winchester. At one of his first meetings he said (something like this), “I know what we must do! We must have a Singing Competition and it must be Fun for everyone”. By 2018 the Hampshire Singing Competition was International and the finals took place at The Grange, Northington which has now taken it on.

2002/3 gave Colin a wonderful opportunity to really get to know the County that had become his home. The year as High Sheriff opened so many doors to the working life of the County as well as sitting in Court in Winchester beside the Judge when possible. The Legal Sunday Service in Winchester Cathedral marking the beginning of the legal year was extra special for him because his daughter Harriet, a barrister, was able to take part in the procession. Several days a week visits were planned to many places of interest from prisons to St John Ambulance, Army Cadets and many schools the last of which fed his particular concerns about the development of young people. He was Chairman and then President of Hampshire Youth Clubs, a Governor of a School in Andover, hands-on supporter of Young Carers and more recently he gave some young people at Winton Academy help in achieving steps towards their careers. Colin was always on the look-out for a way of “fixing” and many people benefited from his “Something must be done” and “Make a Difference” attitude.

Family life was of huge importance to Colin and family holidays continued until well after school years. The last two holidays were in 2018 and 19 when Colin gathered children and 7 grandchildren to the very North of Scotland where he had so much pleasure in watching the young learning to fish. Colin had spent many childhood holidays in Thurso with his own grandparents so it was a very happy time for him but he was unable to fish himself owing to the loss of his arm through cancer. His first operation was in 2003, five more followed with the last being the total loss of his right arm in 2015 – he was determined to drive with a gadget - and did!

Colin quite simply loved living in Hurstbourne Priors. He absorbed the fun of joining in everywhere especially if he had something to say. Nothing interfered with him being at the May Fair every year until Sunday 3rd May 2020 when he died peacefully in the morning of the day the May Fair should have taken place.

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News from Two Rivers Medical Partnership

At the time of writing this the sun is shining and temperatures are high, but Two Rivers is in the middle of planning the biggest flu campaign yet!



We will be vaccinating from 25th September. As with other years all eligible patients will be contacted via text, email or letter as appropriate. We will also be vaccinating all patients over 50 as vaccine becomes nationally available. It is vitally important you attend for your flu jab this year. The vaccine does not prevent COVID 19 but protecting yourself against flu has a huge benefit to your overall health and immune system, avoiding complications if you are at risk and also reducing the risk of the NHS being overwhelmed with cases of Flu and COVID 19.

We are planning our clinics to ensure you and our staff are kept safe, including strict social distancing rules, wearing of face coverings and asking patients to only attend the surgery 5 minutes before their appointment time. We will be running smaller clinics in surgery and are negotiating with local venues so that we are prepared to run clinics in other settings if necessary. For more information, contact the practice nearer the time.

We would also like to thank our patients for adapting so quickly to the new ways of working that we have implemented over the past few months to slow down the spread of the virus during this pandemic and keep you and our staff safe. We have reduced the number of people coming into the practice by using online consultation, telephone appointments and video consultations. We continue to ask you not to visit the Derry Down or Whitchurch Surgery without an appointment but if you need to be seen, this will happen. We also ask you to wear a face covering.

We continue to provide important vaccinations, screening services including smears, midwife services and many of our routine long-term condition appointments. These are a mixture of face to face visits and telephone calls.

As if you needed a reminder, the main symptoms of the Coronavirus are high temperature, new continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 episodes in 24 hours), loss or change of sense of smell or taste. If you have symptoms visit 111.nhs.uk/COVID-19 or call NHS 111. Don't forget to arrange for a test as soon as you start showing symptoms.

Now for some good news! We would like to welcome a new Partner, Dr Emily Donovan to Two Rivers. Many of you will know Dr Donovan as a local resident. We are very excited she has joined us and look forward to the future with our new team member.

One further piece of information. Staff working in general practice are at three times the risk of mental health illness compared to the general population. To reduce the pressure on our staff, who arrive before 8am every morning, the Clinic will close at 6pm rather than 6.30pm. The Whitchurch Surgery will remain open as now until 6.30pm. Phone calls to Derry Down will be automatically redirected to the Whitchurch site as will emergency consultations. The only impact this will have on our patients is that dispensed prescriptions will not be available to collect after 6pm.

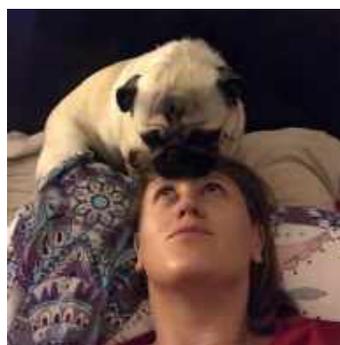
St Mary Bourne Ironman.... or shall we say IRONLADY

Watch out for Hollie Craddock on **5th September** running around the village. With COVID 19 cancelling her **IRONMAN** event in Wales she decided to do it all the same but at home! This challenge covers 140.6 miles.

She'll be swimming for over an hour with a tether in her back garden, then cycling indoors on a turbo trainer for 112 miles (approximately 6.5 hours). If that isn't exhausting enough, she will then run a full 26.2-mile marathon around the village!



She is looking to be running from around 3pm near the war memorial, up to Binley and back 4 times. Be sure to give her a cheer if you see her!



Hollie is raising money for Blue Cross animal charity in memory of her beloved Pug Dobby who tragically died earlier this year. Many people in the village offered their help when he went missing and although it wasn't the outcome everyone prayed for, she wants to **thank them and give something back** to other animals in need.

If you would like to sponsor her please see her charity site online <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HollieCraddock> or post through her door at Fieldside, SP11 6AY. Good luck Hollie!

Go Star Gazing in September

2 September - Full Moon - known as Corn Moon.

11 September - Neptune at Opposition. The blue giant planet will beat its closest approach to earth. Its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and visible all night long. View by telescope.

17 September - New Moon - This is best time of the month to observe galaxies and star clusters as there is no moonlight to interfere.

22 September - September Equinox - The sun will shine directly on the equator & there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is the first day of the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere.

1 October - Full Moon. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth, as the Sun will be fully illuminated. This Harvest Moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the September Equinox each year. The deep orange appearance occurs as you are observing this fun moon through the thickness of the of the earth's atmosphere.

Clear skies and warm evenings are ideal for enjoying observing in the dark night skies of our rural location. Please try to minimise light pollution by reducing outdoor lighting. This benefits wildlife, the environment and humans alike.



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St Peter's Day Appeal

A **Very Big Thank You** to all of you who contributed to the appeal this year despite all the difficulties everyone is facing.

So far, we have **raised, approximately £4,400 including Gift Aid**. All the money raised will go towards the **maintenance** of our wonderful ancient church building. **Roof, walls, audio visual system and other repairs.**

If you have not yet contributed and would still like to you can put your contribution in an envelope marked St Peter's Day Appeal and either deliver to 'The Cottage,' High Street, St Mary Bourne or St Mary Bourne Shop or online, details for which are on page 1 in the July & August Hill and Valley Magazine.

Cheques should be made payable to PCC St Mary Bourne.

Again, many thanks to all who have already contributed.

Ride and Stride 12th September 2020

Why not take part! Many of you have used cycling or walking to keep fit so why not make a day of it. Plan a route taking in as many churches as possible

It is a country wide event raising money for historic churches and chapels. Half the money you raise through Sponsorship goes to the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches' Trust and half to your own church funds. Usually 400 churches and chapels are open in Hampshire many of them offering refreshments as well. But this may not be the case this year due to covid19.

The idea is to be sponsored to visit as many churches you can by walking or cycling to them between 10 am and 6pm. It's a fun thing to do. Why not make up a party and go for it. Sponsor forms and further information available from Eve Lind-Smith 738681. Good luck. And enjoy.



Church Cleaning

We desperately need more new volunteers. At the moment we can't do routine cleaning but as soon as we can **we need to be ready so we can go into the church to clean regularly.** It is a job which those who are or have been on our rota thoroughly enjoy. It only comes up once a month and can be done any time during your week that suits you. Each person has their particular area to clean and cleaning materials are in the church.

Please volunteer to take a slot. **The more we have the less time it takes.** Sadly, several of our recent helpers have felt the time has come to retire. They have all done a wonderful job over many years for which we are extremely grateful. Should you join us you will not only be one of those who make the church feel loved but find that it becomes a very personal special time and place for you. If you would be interested and like to know more do please get in touch with me or join us on **Thursday 17th September between 4:00pm and 6:00pm** when we will be having a **big clean** in preparation for the **service on Sunday 20th.** Social distancing in place!

Eve Lind-Smith 738681

SMB ST MARY BOURNE VILLAGE SHOP & post office

After an interesting, to put it mildly, year so far, the shop is returning to normal. From the **1st September** our opening hours will be back to what they were pre lockdown:

Monday-Friday	8am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	9am – 3pm

It really feels that we can put the madness of the last few months behind us and look forward to things to come. Christmas ordering has been done (I know! I have to do it in July!!) and we are planning new and exciting things for the shop. Our biggest plan at the moment is to see if we can extend the shop to include a Community Café. This will obviously be a massive undertaking and needs a great deal of thought and planning. The Café would serve hot and cold drinks, snacks and light meals and the extension, we hope would overlook the recreation ground. At the very outset we want to establish whether it is something that the village would like. If you think the café is a good idea and you would use it, please let us know by signing our form in the shop or emailing us at shop@stmarybourne.org. We'd love to hear any views you have on it. So, onwards and upwards. Thanks Summer, in the main you've been fabulous. Hello, Autumn. What do you have in store for us?

Village Shop - July 1☺☺ Club Draw:

£50 – R Case; £20 A & B Shegog;
£20 – S & T Grunsell; £10 – P Blair.

Village Shop - August 1☺☺ Club Draw:

£50 – G Evans; £20 J Hardie;
£20 – M & E Maclay; £10 – S & K Vernon.



St Mary Bourne Village Centre News

Re-opening

We plan to gradually open the Village Centre again from September but that will only be for activities and events that are permitted by the government guidance that we need to operate under. This guidance is constantly being adjusted in line with the government's recovery road map and many more activities are now possible, although parties and some other social gatherings are still not permitted. This means that we cannot currently confirm certain bookings for definite but are pencilling in requests for those bookings and will update hirers (and our website) from time to time as restrictions change.

For further information check our website
www.stmarybourne.co.uk or
contact smbvillagecentre@btinternet.com or
phone 01264 738158

Community Library

We are able to re-open the community library operating in the Club Room and are happy to report that it will be open, with some additional steps users will need to follow for everyone's safety, from **10.30am to 12.30pm** starting on **Saturday 5th September.**

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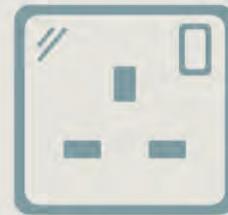
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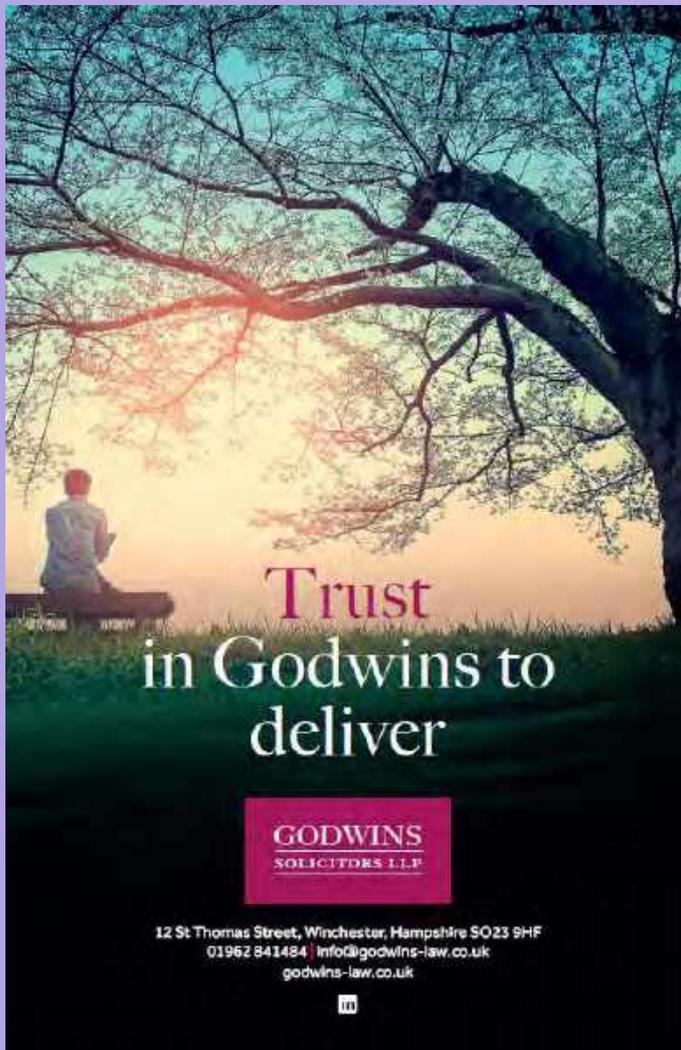
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What's the Point of Wasps?

Suddenly they appear in Late August and

September hovering around our picnics, falling in our drinks and making holes in our garden fruit. There are approximately 9,000 species of wasp here in the UK. These include the parasitic wasps, some as tiny as a pin head. Of the 250 larger wasps which have a sting, the majority are solitary and cause no upset to humans. Social wasps are the ones we notice and possibly fear or hate especially the common wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*).

So first a plea for their lives because of the reasons we need them.

Without them it's likely that human life would not survive because, in the absence of their role as predators, our farm crops and gardens would be overrun by even more damaging insects such as aphids, ants and caterpillars and we might have to go back to using those dangerous chemicals. They also capture some people's other bugbears; flies, spiders and woodlice. A single colony is thought to consume up to 23kg of prey per season, that would amount to about 250,000 aphids from each colony. Exciting research is looking into the potential use of wasp venom as a cancer therapy so they may even have the potential to save human lives. There is also a story that around

2,000 years ago a Chinese eunuch called Cai Lun noticed a wasp building a paper nest in his garden, so he started to mulch wood and with it made the first paper. Another reason to thank them! Now to explain why they pester us at picnics so you might look on them more kindly.

Unlike the honeybee which is now loved or at least appreciated by most; social wasps have not developed a way of storing food over winter. The only survivors are the young, fertilised queens who hibernate over winter. They emerge in the spring to build little walnut sized nests where they lay around 20 eggs. These emerge as workers around May and spend the whole summer slaving away enlarging the nest and catching insects for the queen's next batch of young. These larvae reward the workers by releasing a sugary liquid for them which is all they can digest. Suddenly around now the queen stops releasing the pheromones that had caused the workers to slave so hard for her and she stops laying so that these wasps are suddenly redundant, disorientated and very, very hungry for sugar.

So why are those who panic and try to swat them away more likely to be stung than those who remain calm? Because they feel under attack and are frightened. They can release their own pheromone which will call other wasps to their aid making things far worse.

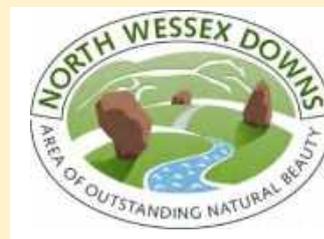


A jar of diluted peppermint oil is apparently a big deterrent or try blowing on them as that seems to warn wasps off. Best of all put a bowl of jam or fizzy drink well away from your gathering so both you and the poor tired hungry things can have a meal in peace!

Overview of The North Wessex Downs Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The North Wessex Downs is a tranquil yet stunning landscape of rolling chalk downlands, forests, woods and dales. Beech woodland crowns the tops of many of the downs providing wonderful panoramic views for miles around. Thinly populated, the downs project a feeling of remoteness and timelessness. In the vast skies above, skylarks, lapwings and majestic birds of prey can be seen.

The world famous Uffington White Horse and Avebury Stone circle are located on the Ridgeway path running across the north of the region along with many other ancient barrows and hill forts.



Close to major conurbations, the Downs is the ideal place to get away from it all and enjoy the freedom of the countryside while respecting the environment. There are many footpaths, horse riding trails and cycle paths criss-crossing the landscape and taking in many of the best views and ancient monuments. If you prefer to travel by water you can hire a canal boat or go canoeing along the Kennet and Avon Canal.

The North Wessex Downs has a great industrial heritage. At the Crofton Pumping Station on the Kennet and Avon Canal, you can see the world's oldest steam engines or visit the only working windmill in Wessex at Wilton. There are also fine country houses. Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) has impressive staterooms, an Egyptian exhibition and wonderful grounds to walk.

The picturesque market towns and villages of the Downs have much to offer. If you like browsing antiques there are lots of dealers in Marlborough, Hungerford and Pewsey. For those with an interest in history there are fascinating museums and visitor centres in Devizes, Pewsey, Wantage and Whitchurch. During the summer, many of the towns and some of the larger villages have music and arts festivals, carnivals plus special events around Christmas.

The North Wessex Downs AONB have published on line a new 2 page leaflet for visitors to the AONB with a nice map and some info on the area - go to https://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/uploads/File_Management/Publications/Visitor_Information/NWD_Visitor_Guide.pdf

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ST MARY BOURNE FLOWER SHOW & FETE 2020



The Flower Show & Fete committee were determined that the 2020 event would not be entirely ruined by Coronavirus and came up with some inventive ideas this year!

A fantastic effort from all those who entered meant that nearly 100 entries were received online across the different categories and the new scarecrow competition proved a great success with a staggering 28 scarecrow heroes appearing all around the parish. They looked amazing and great to see so much creativity. Do keep your frames for next year!

Special mention goes to the top 3 scarecrows

- 1st Place - Fireman Nigel*
- 2nd Place - Vincent van Gogh*
- 3rd Place - One Too Many*

A full list of winners and photographs of the fete entries and scarecrow heroes can be found at the brilliant new village website

www.stmarybourne.org/flower-show

in the Spring of 2021. Please phone me on 01264 738089 for more information.



St Mary Bourne Scrapbook 2020

I am in the process of creating a Parish Scrapbook for 2020. When I say Parish that is to include SMB, Stoke, Binley, Dunley, Woodcott, Wadwick, The Wykes, Egbury, The Links, Little London and anyone else who considers themselves as part of SMB!



To make the scrapbook a success I need you to send me photos and some journaling about events in you and your family and friends lives in 2020. I have already collected some photos from the VE day celebrations and some from the Easter decorated gardens. I do need more, also items about how you have coped with/spent your time during the lockdown. Photos of any new babies born during this time, how you managed home schooling, new hobbies that you have taken up. Any photos sent to me will be kept securely, they will only be published in the scrapbook. The scrapbook is not an online document, it is an album type of document- just a lot bigger!

Please send in photos to the following email address – lctchome@gmail.com. They could also be sent via Facebook if you are happy with them being seen on that platform. I will also take printed photos. Please get the permission of anyone in the photos to use them for this project. This project will be ongoing during 2020 and hopefully the completed book will be available



Postcard from Binley

Last night was a three-dog night. The jury's out on whether this was an Aboriginal or North American Indian saying but in essence, it means that at least three dogs were needed on the bed to keep you sufficiently warm. That doesn't mean it was particularly cold here in Binley, just that three dogs shared my sleeping arrangements, as they do every night. As I write (11th August) we are actually in the middle of a tropical heatwave! The temperatures at night are stifling so I have dragged the metal fan from the loft, set it up at the foot of the bed and now three dogs and I can lay on our backs, four legs in the air (two in my case) and cool our nether regions down. Utter bliss!

So if sleep deprivation wasn't bad enough as I cling to the side of the mattress with a hairy foot in my ear, a muntjac deer has been coming down from the hill at the back of the house in the early hours of the morning and barking its head off. Now whether this one is calling for a mate, marking its territory or just being obnoxious I really don't know but it's starting to grind on me. To the point where last night I shouted at it. It reminded me of a time, way back when The Hurdlers Arms had a lodger who would sit at an upstairs window in the small hours and howl and shout at the moon. The first time it happened he scared the bejeebers out of me! It didn't end well. But what funny creatures these muntjac are with their little horns and peculiar gait. Their rump is higher than their shoulders and so look awkward when moving around but they can move I assure you as I discovered when one shot out of the Herbert's garden the other morning directly in front of me. But Binley is looking parched. The long-anticipated rain has yet to come and I spend my days flopping around and panting like an old Labrador. Books are picked up and almost immediately discarded, I feel unable to relax or do anything constructive. Peter Corbett's sheep are all tucked under the hedges, desperate for shade thus making the downs look empty save for the odd Buzzard or crow scavenging around and my excursions with the dogs begin at 6.00 am at the latest. Doctors will tell you that it's very important to keep hydrated and I have been busying myself removing perfectly edible food from the fridge and replacing it with perfectly drinkable beer. One of the great benefits of recycling is that it gives me the opportunity to monitor the drinking habits of my neighbours. A walk around the village on "Recycling Day" confirms that the inhabitants of Binley are indeed very well hydrated, and it allows me to make pithy comments to my wife such as "Ooh! Never had HIM down as a lager man?" or "Two bottles of the hard stuff for HER this week!"

For the second year running I have resisted spraying my roses. They have still flourished, and the benefits have been two-fold; damsel flies, dragon flies, hummingbird hawkmoths are all regular visitors along with a variety of other insects but most pleasing has been to see a family of wrens feasting on the greenfly. They have set up their mossy lodgings behind a drainpipe and I am able to monitor their activity from a window seat just a few feet away. The young are ping-pong in and out like crazy and I hadn't anticipated becoming such a garden bird enthusiast as I have this year.

Another benefit of lockdown! What joy they bring, and I can spend hours just watching and observing.

I'm not sure what the British record is for the common or garden slug but as I opened the door this early morning a definite contender was making his way up the path toward me. He was at least seven inches long and as fat as a butcher's sausage! Slugs are right at the top of my hate list along with rats and I cannot bear to touch the things. To rectify this, I have acquired a litter picker's stick and I can now pick them up with ease.

To give them a sporting second chance I have been flicking them over the hedge into my neighbour's garden, but she's cottoned on to this and has started flicking them back along with her own contingent. Thus, we are now engaged in a game of slug tennis and one wonders where it will all end!

Going back to deer, I haven't seen the large herd of Fallow that passes through here occasionally. I did see a stray doe up on Maclay's but no evidence of the main herd. Whether she was sick or old I'm not sure, but I only saw her the once. The three roe on Heron Down farm that I have been getting closer and closer to over this past year have disappeared. They had become almost tame and would not even move when I passed them with my dogs although I do see a solitary buck still so perhaps the other two have fauns and are in deeper cover. Who knows? It's easy to forget how very dainty they are in comparison to Red or Fallow deer. They are by far my favourite and I do so enjoy seeing them about.

Other Girls Like Me: A Coming of Age Memoir Featuring St. Mary Bourne

By Stephanie Davies

I grew up in St. Mary Bourne, moving here when I was six, when my Dad, Bob Davies, became the headmaster of Testbourne School in Whitchurch. It was a magical place to grow up, especially for a tomboy like me – I played football for the boy cubs when they needed more "men," climbed trees, and generally ran as wild as I could in the woods and fields.

On September 1, my first book, *Other Girls Like Me*, will be published, and centres on the year I lived at Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp in Newbury in the early 1980s. Some of you will remember the Greenham women, who descended upon this US military base to protest the siting of Cruise missiles – I know some of you even took part in protests yourselves.

The book is a coming of age memoir, and begins with my idyllic childhood in St. Mary Bourne, where my progressive parents taught me to stand up for social justice – and ends at the 2017 Women's March on Washington, DC, where my wife worked for the Obama Administration. I currently live in the Hudson Valley, just north of New York City, where the scenery is as close as I can find to the Hampshire countryside, I grew up in. We have lakes and mountains and I live by a creek like the Bourne – but I still miss the church bells and bluebells and thatched roof cottages.

'Other Girls Like Me' can be ordered from any bookstore, or online. Stephanie's website is www.stephanie-davies.com



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Simon Coldicott

18th December 1957 - 28th May 2020

Simon was the fifth child of Peter and Diana Coldicott. He had one older and one younger sister & three older brothers. He grew up in Hampshire and attended Lord Wandsworth's College where his unique talent for metalwork was recognised. Following studies at Farnham Art School & Sir John Cass School of Art, London, his work caught the attention of Theo Fennell and Simon worked with the world-renowned jewellery designer & goldsmith for the next 38 years.



Fennell designed and Simon crafted many extraordinary pieces for the Royal Family as well as for global celebrities such as Elton John. Simon also made larger silver pieces for himself, particularly models of cars, trains and motorbikes. In 2014 he won the much-coveted Jacques Cartier Award from The Goldsmiths'

Craft & Design Council. Following Simon's death, the Goldsmiths' Council will name the Small Working Model makers' award after him.

Simon lived in Southview Terrace in Lower Link. He married Kate in 2003 and was a wonderful stepfather to Charles and Josh. He became a familiar local sight with his distinctive mane of hair on his daily walks with his beloved pack of Labradors across the water meadows. The couple moved to the West Country in 2014 but didn't settle and always wanted to return to the Bourne Valley. Sadly, Simon was diagnosed with advanced aggressive cancer in October 2019. He accepted the treatment with dignity and bravery and was fearless to the end. He died at home in Kimpton in May 2020.

His local legacy lives on in the beautiful pieces of jewellery that he crafted for friends and family. He had a unique talent and was a remarkable character and much-loved man. Due to the Covid-19 situation, a small family funeral was held on 22 June 2020. A thanksgiving service is planned for when circumstances allow.

Mollie Gwendoline Mavis Clarke

28th July 1928 – 5th July 2020

Mollie was the third child of Fred and Lizzie Paddock. She had an older brother Johnny, an older sister Betty and was later joined by three younger sisters, Dee, Joy and Esme. The family first lived in Little London and then moved to Andover where Mollie went to school. Times were hard in the 1930s and Mollie left school at 14 for her first job as a kitchen assistant at a school in Surrey. That was where her love of cooking started.

She enjoyed her work there and also enjoyed going dancing in her free time. But, following an illness, she decided to return home to work in the Andover area.

Whilst she was employed as a cook/help in Upper Clatford, Mollie met John Clarke who worked in the watercress beds there. A courtship followed and the couple married on 22nd August 1956 in St Mary's Church, Andover. Their sons Graham and Marten were born in 1957 & 1958. When John started working for Hampshire Watercress, the family moved to "Cressview" in Lower Link. All the family worked in the cress beds at one time, including the boys during weekends and school holidays. After the boys left home in the 1970s to join the Royal Navy, Mollie worked as Cook at St Mary Bourne Primary School. These meals were also distributed as part of the local Meals on Wheels scheme. This introduced her to further employment as a cook for private functions, a stint in The George Inn and at local village halls for weddings and celebrations.

After John's retirement in 1991, the couple moved to Micheldever Road in Whitchurch. They kept busy; travelled away on holidays to visit the family and, in particular, assisted at the Day Centre for the Elderly, cooking, chauffeuring, and participating in the entertainments.

Unfortunately, in 2002, Mollie suffered a heart attack and also lost both her husband and her younger son Marten. This was a devastating blow. But she rallied; and in 2003 she received an award from the Mayor of Whitchurch for Services to the Local Community.

Mollie continued to play Short Mat Bowls, winning many competitions, and enjoyed travelling to different events around the country and seeing her family. She got on with life at home, tending her large garden and cooking hearty meals and scrumptious cakes for family visits and community events. In 2014 she decided to move to Gosport into a sheltered accommodation flat to be closer to Graham for family support.

Mollie spent six happy years there. She maintained her independence despite declining eyesight and mobility. After a short illness she passed away in Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth on 5th July aged 91, having led an eventful life and given service to the community. Mollie is remembered with fondness by her friends and loved ones and is sadly missed.



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Longparish Parish Council

Key Points and Updates from the Meeting held remotely on 13th July

This was a busy agenda, for full minutes please apply to the clerk or go to www.longparish.org.uk for current and archived minutes.

Planning – The Council had no objection to an enlarged window at the rear of Church Farm House.

Raymond Brown, Variation of Condition 14 of Planning Permission Number 17/00172/CMAN to allow a temporary increase in annual throughput. The council, as a consultee, have expressed their concern about a second temporary change in conditions and are against any further expansion of the site by incremental temporary planning permissions. The full comment will be published on the website.

The Plough The PWLB loan application was submitted to HALC on 29 June, and forwarded by them to the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government - the department responsible for parish borrowing. Mr Barber from Longparish Community Pub Ltd, reported that the community share offer was going well.

Update - The Parish Council received approval from MHCLG to borrow on 7th August. The LCPL share offer reached its target £230K and an offer to purchase the Plough was made to the vendor.

Open Spaces

Dog waste - Middleton Estate are concerned about the numerous dog waste bags left on The Middleway. The PC will be putting up signs in the area, asking walkers to dispose of waste responsibly, or risk losing the permissive path in this area. There are numerous green bins in the village where these bags can be deposited.

Playground Project – Jo Roebuck from the working party explained the plans and timeline for the works to begin. Two generous grants have come from TVBC through the CIL funding and the CAF grant but another large grant was not forthcoming so the plans have been revised to meet the current budget of £80 000. Covid has hampered some of the fundraising activities so an online appeal through LCA Facebook page was due to be set up to reach the budget target. The Parish Council approved the plans and works will begin in September, with a completion time of October half term, all being well. A lot of hard work and thought has gone into the playground project and the PC thanked Jo and her team for the huge efforts and time they have put into it.

Highways Report - The Cleeves and Upper Mill – Concerns have been raised with the PC and with the County Councillor about new Private Road signs installed on the unclassified road between Nuns Walk and B3048. There has been increasing trouble over the past few years, but especially recently, from a small group of people not from the local area, who abuse the right of access and have been trespassing, blocking roads, poaching, and have been abusive when asked to move on. The unclassified road is on private land up to the Mill bridge from B3048. There is right of access as far as the PC understands. Advice is being sought through all the proper channels; Hampshire Highways, and the police as to how to manage this stretch of road and deter people from behaving in this way.

Thanks should go to all those who regularly clear up the rubbish along this lane, left by a few inconsiderate people and the lane will be added to the regular monthly litter picks as well as the biannual Village Clean up days. The area is of Special Scientific Interest and should be respected by all who use it. If you see anyone abusing the right to enjoy this much loved natural landscape, please try and make a note of their car registration and report on 101 if urgent and 999 if an emergency but definitely on the police website, www.hampshire.police – How to report a crime.

Hedges – The Parish Council make a special plea that all hedges alongside public highways are trimmed in the autumn to maintain visibility for road users and the width of the roads. There should be a 1 metre verge.

Longparish Community Association and Longparish Support Group

At the meeting the PC were informed that the shop would be opening fully again on 20th July. The volunteers have been helping the owners get the shop Covid safe for opening to customers. The Community Support Group will continue to operate to run errands and collect shopping for those requiring it, however the fruit and veg ordering has now ended.

Things are changing regularly in this post lockdown phase so by the time this edition is published information about the Village Hall, the Plough, the Playground, is likely to be out of date so please check on the Longparish Village website for latest updates.

Next Parish Council meeting, possibly in the Village Hall Monday 14th September 7.30pm or online.

Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman – Christian Dryden (Tel 720 398) or email clerk@longparish.org.uk

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Longparish Community Support Group



The Longparish Community Support Group would like to thank everyone who has volunteered over the last months with deliveries, shopping for

neighbours, collecting prescriptions, fixing IT, helping out at the shop, mowing lawns, walking dogs, meat, fruit and veg deliveries. A great team effort.

The shop is now back open from 9.00am - 5.00pm and the Post Office is open until 1.00.

The community is very grateful to the Burkes for keeping their business running through difficult times and we should all go on supporting them and their staff while the new normal settles down. You will still be able to order and collect your meat directly from the shop.

Lockdown has been a challenge for everyone in so many ways. There is still the chance that people will have to quarantine if they have come into contact with someone with Covid or want to isolate if Covid numbers increase in the area. If you ever need help with shopping or any errands, there are plenty of volunteers to help out. You can be linked with one volunteer for regular shopping help. Please call 07765 467 006.

The Unity bus service has started up again on Thursdays. As before it needs to be booked and currently there are only 5 places although if there are more passengers they will do a double run, so pick up times may vary. Tel 01264 356 808 or email transport@unityonline.org.uk

The Community Support Group will evolve into an ongoing Longparish Community Support Group for anyone needing temporary practical help. We are looking for someone to take it forward into an established group for Longparish under the LCA umbrella. Please contact Christian Dryden Tel 720 398 or Andy Jolliffe covidhelp@longparish.org.uk if you are interested in this volunteer role to support the community .

Longparish Village Hall Open Again



Our lovely village hall is back in business! Everyone will have to abide by some new rules to keep it Covid-secure but it will be lovely to see it being used again. The headlines are that:

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- face coverings are compulsory, apart from a few exemptions;
- 2m social distancing must be maintained as far as possible; and
- you'll have to do more cleaning.

You can find out more on the village hall pages at www.longparish.org.uk or phone 720459.



SOCIALLY DISTANCING LITTER PICK!

Thank you to all those who have been litter picking throughout Lockdown especially up at the Cleeves.

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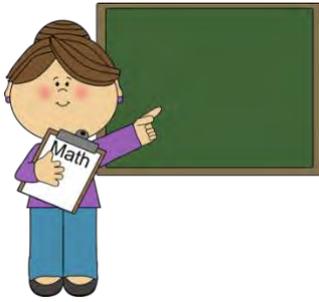
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Longparish Primary School

We were very happy to be able to welcome some of our children back to school for the second half of the summer term but, of course, very sad that it wasn't possible for everyone to return. However, my team worked very hard to support our children both in school and at home and I was incredibly impressed by the quality of work the children produced during this challenging time. Again, as well as my team, I would like to thank all the parents, carers and wider community for your patience, support and understanding.

Looking ahead, all things being equal, we are excited that all the children will be able to return for the start of the 2020/21 school year in early September when, fingers crossed, some level of normality will also return!

With warm wishes from the school community.

Mrs Trudie Cawthra
Head Teacher
Longparish CofE Primary School

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August

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£10 Laura Reynolds (78)
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Longparish Little School



We have had a busy time at Little School with our small bubble of children who returned after lockdown. We had fun exploring our Forest School area making our own mud paint, using natural materials to make faces. We whittled wands and made magic potions. In our role play area, we made an ice cream van to sell playdough ice cream (and some real ice cream as a treat for our snack). We also set up a campsite. We went on an aeroplane to go on holiday where the children all made their own postcards that we posted to their homes. We took advantage of being in this lovely village and went for lots of walks, we hunted for bugs, numbers, letters, shapes, colours and we fed the ducks and swans. We had some new neighbours in the field behind us, some ewes and their lambs. We saw the sheep being sheared and found out what the fleece could be made into. We also held a socially distanced graduation for the children leaving us for big school, we will miss them and wish them all the best in their future journeys.

Now we are looking forward to more children back in September as well as welcoming lots of new families. We do have a few sessions still available in the afternoons, but the majority of our sessions are now full for the forthcoming academic year. We are now taking applications for September 2021. If you would like to come and look around Little School or would like any further information please contact Claire at claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk or phone 01264 720455. You can find out more from our website <https://www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk/> or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup> there are lots of photos so you can see all the fantastic things we do.



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PLOUGH COMMUNITY PUB - UPDATE



Longparish Community Pub Ltd

The community shares offer to raise funds to bring the Plough Inn into community ownership has raised over £235,000, from over 200 subscribers. While most subscribers are local, quite a few are from much further afield, either people with prior connections and fond memories of the Plough, or just keen to help save another pub from disappearing.

Also during July, Longparish Parish Council's application to borrow up to £300,000 to help support the purchase received approval from the Secretary of State for Housing, Community and Local Government.

The total amount required to purchase the Plough and develop the community hub is estimated at £630,000. With the offer of a loan and grant package of £100,000 from the Plunkett Foundation's 'More Than a Pub' programme, the community group now has enough funding to make a formal offer to the current owner.

The Plough Inn was put up for sale in December last year for £550,000 and is still on the market at that price. Taking into account the works needed to enable it to operate as a pub once more, professional valuations undertaken for Longparish Community Pub Ltd place Plough's market value at around £400,000.

An offer to purchase based on the valuation has been submitted to the owner, who has declined to accept it. While disappointing, this wasn't entirely unexpected, and the team behind Longparish Community Pub Ltd, and the Parish Council are currently agreeing their next steps.

In the meantime, the management committee of Longparish Community Pub Ltd thanks everyone that has supported the community shares offer or made a donation. Further news and updates will be published first on www.lcpl.org.uk



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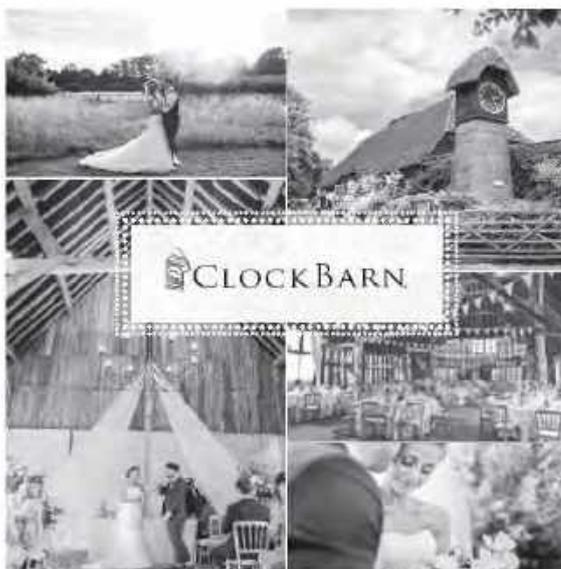
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We re-started in August as lockdown eased. New rules and social distancing made it seem a bit strange but it was great to be back and this is the new normal so we'll just have to get used to it.

Jacqui Healey was first home with a storming finish which broke her handicap by over two minutes. First gentleman was Luke Pierce. Assisted by new Nike Zoom go-faster shoes, Luke broke his personal best by over 30 seconds. Well done both!



Post-run socially distanced chat

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith and Nick Collier for helping and the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

If Covid restrictions permit, we'll be back for September onwards and we will welcome you if you'd like to run. But you'll have to enter in advance and numbers are limited. The new rules are on the website.

You can see the full results and photos and find more information in the L2SOTM area of the Longparish website <http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/>



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday, 22nd September - We are very much hoping we will be able to visit Preston House, Preston Candover.

Numbers will be limited if so and therefore, I am afraid, only members this time and no visitors. If the visit goes ahead Details will be sent to members of the Gardening Club separately.

Future Dates

Tuesday, 27th October "The History and Future of Horticulture on the Leckford Estate" – to be confirmed nearer the time.

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LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB

In accordance with the desire to forge even closer links with the village, Longparish Cricket Club are delighted to announce a new sponsorship partnership with Bourne Valley Classic Car Storage. Longparish resident Alan Marshall was previously involved with the club, as he used to bring Sam Frost to training and matches for the junior and senior Longparish teams. Alan became aware of the requirement for funding to upgrade the clubs practice nets system via Hill and Valley and kindly stepped forward to support the club through his company.

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Under strict health and safety guidelines recreational cricket resumed in July. The club have grasped the opportunity with all three junior teams, the three men's teams, midweek and Sunday teams competing in a busy and extended fixture list. All teams have been performing well and it's been especially rewarding to see the enthusiasm of the juniors during matches, at midweek training and coming to the nets to practice on their own; the club is an important facility for the children in the village.

Should you be interested in joining the club, or for your children to become involved, please contact Justin Jackman or visit our website. Juniors start at under 9 level (school year 4).

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THANK YOU!

A big 'thank you' to all my friends for their kind cards and messages on the occasion of my 100th birthday, and the many contributions to my album. It was wonderful of you to remember the day and I was overwhelmed to receive so many lovely cards. Good wishes and fond memories to you all.

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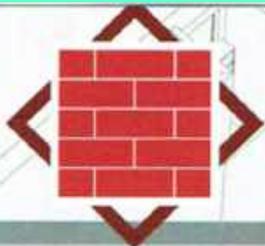
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St Mary Bourne

8 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting

Longparish

5 12 noon - **Not The Longparish Fête**
 11 9.15am - Litter Picking - Village Hall
 13 9am - L2SOTM - Cricket Club
 14 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting
 Village Hall or online
 22 Gardening Club, Preston House
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