

Issue No. 250

Hill & Valley

THE PARISH MAGAZINE OF HURSTBOURNE PRIORS, LONGPARISH, ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT

50p

July/August 2021



*St Mary Bourne
Flower Show & Fête
Saturday 24th July 2021
12.30 to 3.30pm*

Dear Friends,

In mid-June on Radio Four's *Thought for the Day* programme I listened to a reflection from Daniel Greenberg. He had heard that many holiday cottage owners had felt obliged to offer a no-penalty-cancellation clause because of Covid and it



appears that some people were booking a cottage as a back-up plan if their planned holiday abroad

didn't work out. This meant they could cancel at the last minute if restrictions on foreign holidays were lifted. Knowing from a legal perspective, owners couldn't complain if holiday makers took advantage of them.

Greenberg pointed out that the relationship between contract law and morality comes under very real pressure when the strict letter of the law is needed to enforce rights. But he also pointed out that the question we may well be asked on the Day of Judgement is not about keeping within the letter of the law but "*did you deal decently with other people*"? When it comes down to it, we are talking about an agreement to which we are not legally bound and therefore not breaking the law but having an understanding that our actions may cause loss to others. If we do believe in life after death, he suggests we would do well to order our conduct by ethics as much as by law.

Of course, most people don't book a number of holidays with the no-penalty-cancellation clause with the intention of cancelling for a trip abroad. Most people know that although that action would be 100% lawful it would undoubtedly cause misery for people with holiday lets in an industry already so badly hit by Covid.

But reading this reminds us of the two alternatives we are often faced with: where the legal question is "*Can I*"? and our faith reminds us that the more important question is "*Should I*". So when it comes down to it, where do we stand? Jesus came up against this constantly with the religious leaders. *Loving my neighbour as myself* brings us to a place where "*Can I*" must never replace the "*Should I*".

A story: a family sat down at the table to share the freshly baked chocolate cake and having each had a more than generous helping, there was only enough for one to have a second slice. The mother reminded the twin boys about generosity and about what Jesus would have done... intimating that loving their neighbour in this situation might mean a sacrificial act of kindness: something Jesus demonstrated in his life. So both boys found themselves in a terrible dilemma: both wanted the last slice, both didn't want to disappoint their parents who waited patiently to see if their teaching of Jesus' love would manifest itself in the possibility that even they might be offered the last slice. Well, it did and it didn't - one twin said to the other: "*You be Jesus, thank you, I love you, too,*" and grabbing the final slice and shot out of the kitchen like a rocket!



And finally, on a personal note, I have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to me and all the Marsden family after Alan's death. Emails, gifts, letters, cards, visits - love. Thank you, thank you so much.

I am again reminded that we live amongst people who are truly *wonderful, kind, thoughtful, generous, caring and loving*. I am so humbled. When I first came here at the end of the 1970s - literally last century - I thought I would return to Australia and live in Perth and so it was with some disbelief that I found myself marrying a military man; me hardly knowing the difference between a bombardier and brigadier! I could only wonder how on earth people in a rural English county would cope with my Aussie ways, accent and energy. Of course, I had absolutely no idea what this place and people would come to mean to us. But (and I hope you know this) both have come to mean everything. After all these years I know God has richly blessed me in friends and neighbours - in church, on Zoom, through Mityana, with the extending and joining of our benefices, village hamlet, town - in community, through the sheer beauty of this place. Alan loved living here and what a gift it is for me, now he is gone, to continue living here - in this wonderful part of Hampshire - with people I love so dearly.

Dodie

Services in the Parish Churches

July & August 2021

Our churches are open for services. **But the times may be different from previous years, so please check.**

Because of the need for safety for all in our Benefice, each week we will have an 11.00am Zoom service - see * below. If you are in a vulnerable category or are unsure, please stay safe, stay at home and come to Zoom, at least for a little while. All Zoom details (incl. the link) are available from the Church wardens or Dodie Marsden.

July 4th - Trinity 5

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott	no service	
* Home Zoom service at 11.00am		

July 11th - Trinity 6

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>All Age Family Worship</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
* Home Zoom service at 11.00am		

July 18th - Trinity 7

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Family Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott	no service	
* Home Zoom service at 11.00am		

July 25th - Trinity 8

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	11.00am	<i>All Age worship</i> * Zoom service
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Jazz Evensong</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.30am	<i>Matins</i>

August this year will be different. We will be worshipping across our Benefice and that of Whitchurch, Litchfield and Tufton. Do please come and visit another of our wonderful, historic churches over the month of August.

August 1st

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors 11.00am *United Benefice outdoor Morning Praise service followed by refreshments/picnic*

There will be services on 8th, 15th and 22nd August

August 29th

All Hallows Church, Whitchurch 11.00am *United Benefice Holy Communion followed by refreshments/picnic*

Benefice Contacts during the interregnum period:

For all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact Karen in the Benefice Office ☎ 01264 738 308 or email: office.brightwaters@btinternet.com

If you wish to contact the Revd Canon Dodie Marsden, please call ☎ 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 ..."

We would like to record the deaths of:

Alan Marsden (husband of Dodie) who died on 3rd June, aged 86

Keith Hirst (husband of Carol) who died on 4th June, aged 74

Jane Marshall (wife of Craig) who died on 5th June



Jazz Evensong

St Peter's - 6 pm on Sunday 25th July (free admission)



Pest Problems? Call the experts!

TEST VALLEY PEST CONTROL

RATS. MICE. SQUIRRELS. MOLES. RABBITS. BIRDS.
CLUSTER FLIES. FLEAS.
BED BUGS. ANTS. WASPS.
CLOTHES MOTHS, ETC...



Office: 01256 771632
Mobile: 07718986858

All aspects of pest control undertaken

Blackwell & Moody

A full range of memorials on display. Available in granite, marble, stone and slate. Existing memorials restored and cleaned. A personal individual service.

Magdalen Masonry Works,
Alresford Road,
Winchester, Hants
SO21 1HE

Tel: 01962 852 476

Dave Taylor Auto Repairs

Green Lane, Stoke
SP11 0PF

All work undertaken including

- Bodywork
- Paintwork
- Servicing
- MOT prep work
- Welding and repairs to MOT standard

All makes, models, light commercials

01264 736279

Home: 01264 323571
Mob: 07792 473174

Fine, Bespoke Kitchens



www.saxondesigns.co.uk : Tel 01264 773333
Studio at Weyhill Farm, Weyhill, SP118DE



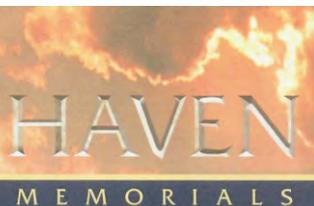
RESTORATION SERVICE FURNITURE | ANTIQUES | OBJET D'ART

By experienced craftsman in Barton Stacey

- Repairs
- Polishing
- Upholstery
- Marquetry
- Floors
- Banisters
- Leather Tops
- Projects

Phone Tim Williams 07565 591481

Email: trwilliams71@gmail.com



HAVEN MEMORIALS
are a family run business with over 30 years' experience of creating bespoke headstones.

We pride ourselves on our friendly service and impartial advice. Contact us today to discuss your requirements.

Haven Memorials, Unit/Shop 2, 6 Wote Street,
Basingstoke, RG21 7NW

Tel: 01256 811829

admin@havenstone.co.uk www.havenstone.co.uk

YorkAssociates

Architectural Design Services
Planning Consultants

- Full design services
- Planning applications for new houses and extensions
- Applications for Listed Building Consent
- Building Regulations submissions



Andrew Steeden MRICS
Chartered Building Surveyor

Telephone: 07393 025574

andy.yorkassociates@gmail.com

www.yorkassociates.org

Satellite & aerial



Satellite & Aerial:

- TV Aerial Installations and Repairs
- Sky Satellite Installations
- Freeview & FreeSat
- FM & DAB Radio Installations
- Extra TV, Satellite & Telephone points
- Commercial (IRS, CCTV)
- European & Motorised

Sound & Vision:

- Home Entertainment Systems
- Home Cinema
- Multi Room Audio Visual Installations
- LED, LCD, Plasma TV's & Projectors
- Home Automation Systems
- Lighting Control
- Commercial

For a friendly and professional service please call 01264 934 824, email info@onedegreewest.tv or visit onedegreewest.tv



one degree west
satellite & aerial

KMSERVICES Est. 1997



Painting & Decorating Specialists
Replacement Guttering, Cast Iron & Plastic
Gutter Cleaning & Maintenance

Tel: 01256 892122 Mobile: 0777 562 4488

Find us at www.kmservices.info

All work is tailor made to your specifications and carries a workmanship warranty

WEATHER – MAY 2021

Total rainfall for month	137 mm	5.39 in
It rained on	17 days	
Rainfall same month last year	4 mm	0.16 in
Total for 2021	428 mm	16.85 in
Total for 2020	460 mm	18.11 in
Max temp (on 31 st)	28C	82F
Min temp (on 6 th)	-1C	30F
Number of frosts	3	

We have had the wettest May since 1967 when there was 131.7mm of rain. We beat that with 137mm.

It was a dry May in 2020 and we had 5ins more rain this year than last - it certainly made up for the April drought!

John Smail

MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION AND CHARITY AUCTION – NOW 11th SEPTEMBER

MAY FAIR ON LINE PRESERVES STALL



The Preserves stall is back in production with Marmalades, Jams and Chutneys at £3.50 per jar.

To find out what is currently available to purchase, please email Josephine at:

josephine.hutchinson@btinternet.com

All proceeds from the sale of preserves to the Hurstbourne Priors May Fair which raises funds for our village amenities.

*Thank you for your support
Josephine and Denise*

LADIES' COFFEE MORNINGS

The July coffee morning will be on Monday, 19th from 10.15 to 12noon with Fiona Obert de Thieusies at Bourne Cottage, No.55/56 (tel.896996). If restrictions still apply and the weather is fine we shall be in the garden.

There will be no coffee morning in August. If anyone would like to host a morning in the months thereafter, please contact Susie Sorby (tel. 892665 or sbsorby@hotmail.com)



SAVE THE DATE!

Back by popular demand, a recital by talented pianist CHRISTOPHER BURROWS

Saturday Evening October 9th 2021

In St Andrew's Church, Hurstbourne Priors.
Refreshments served.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE – KS1 & KS2 TUTORING

Fun, engaging and confidence boosting 1:1 tutorial sessions run by a qualified primary teacher and former Head of English in both London and Hampshire prep schools.

Hannah Ross teaches all ages of primary education and also Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning for the 11+ entrance exams and is fully DBS checked.

Sessions will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from September at the School House, Hurstbourne Priors. Session 1 is from 3.30-4.10pm and Session 2 from 4.20 – 5pm.

For further information, please contact Hannah Ross
Tel: 07890 514 938 or hannahvictoriaross@gmail.com

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

WHITCHURCH **Colour, Light and Play**
SILK MILL

We are starting to look forward to our summer exhibition now the weather is looking brighter! There'll be family fun in an interactive sensory play zone exploring colour and light in the Mill and the garden, where we will be growing a grass labyrinth. Covid19 precautions will be in place. FREE with admission/family ticket, Sat 3 July to Sun 5 September.

Could You Be a Trustee of the Mill? We're seeking two new Trustees to join the Mill's board and we need individuals who are strategic thinkers, dynamic, resourceful, have leadership experience and who are capable of contributing to the successful management of the Mill Trust. In our Trustees we like to have diverse voices, skilled expertise and relevant experience, and we're keen to involve people from all backgrounds and perspectives. If you feel you'd be a suitable fit, find out more at www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/opportunities/

New Café Menu We've recently updated our menu to offer a wider variety of options. As well as our popular standard menu of sandwiches, paninis, jacket potatoes and light snacks we're now also offering savouries packed full of delicious ingredients from local suppliers, including the famous ChalkStream® cold-smoked trout paté. We have gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options. Check our website for the new menu. The café is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10.30–4.30.

Pins and Needles is Back! Join our friendly adult crafting sessions on the first Friday of each month to learn a new skill or just enjoy the company of some like-minded crafters. Tickets £10 per session, to include tuition, all materials and a hot drink from the café. In July, Deborah will teach felt making (a nice messy activity to have fun with outdoors!) using merino wool and silk in an array of colours to make a handy bag, pouch or purse. Future sessions will be advertised on our website.

Inclusivity and Diversity Blog Are you reading our regular blogs on the Mill website and via social media? Their subject matter is varied, educational and entertaining; the most recent one was written by Nat Hawrylak, a Welcome Host at the Mill. Last year Nat undertook one of the Mill's heritage traineeships, working on an inclusivity and diversity audit, and in her blog she discusses what we have learned as an industrial heritage museum and business on our journey to becoming more inclusive and diverse in our work.

Volunteer & Friends Coffee Afternoon

Drop in at any time between 3pm and 4pm once a month on publicised dates for news about upcoming events and to find out about volunteering opportunities. **For the time being these get-togethers are being held via Zoom.**

Contact: info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 01256 892065 – www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

WORD OF THE MONTH

My words for July and August words are:

Boscage ...Useful shelter from the heat and the rain. Boscage is a mass of trees or shrubs giving shelter from heat or rain.

Velleity ... A wish or inclination not strong enough to lead to any action, reminiscent of loosing one's round-to-it (or tuit) !!!

Barbara Carrodus

NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

It has been a very busy term at Testbourne. Early on, our Year 11 students were finishing the last of their exams and course work, which are now being rigorously assessed and graded ready for results day in August. While we risk sounding like a broken record, once again we would like to recognise and congratulate their hard work and effort which will inevitably be reflected in their final grades.

At the end of the term we had our Year 11 Leavers Event. During the event we had speeches, awards, shirt signing, a barbeque and we hired an ice cream van. The positive atmosphere was overwhelming and the afternoon was full of emotion, laughs and goodbyes. It has been an honour for many of our staff members to watch these students grow into young adults.



Although our Year 11 students have not been physically attending school since the May half holiday, we have encouraged them to engage with a wide range of activities and opportunities that we have signposted them to. For instance, they have the opportunity to book a further one to one careers guidance interview with a qualified careers advisor; and we have also given them access to an online careers platform (Unifrog), which includes videos, virtual workshops and top tips on many areas of work-related learning and careers.

Overall, they have been a brilliant year group and we have enjoyed getting to know them over the years. They have consistently demonstrated our school learning qualities of respect, integrity, courage in learning, ambition, responsibility, diligence and leadership. We wish them all the very best in their future.

Aaron Baker - Marketing & IT Officer
[Testbourne Community School](http://www.testbournecommunityschool.org.uk)

ANGELA THOMAS - 1963 - 2021



As a village, we were greatly saddened to learn that Angela Thomas had passed away on 31 March in the Countess of Brecknock Hospice after a diagnosis of cancer. A dedicated nurse in A&E at Hampshire Hospitals, Ange worked unstintingly in the front line throughout the height of the pandemic last year.

Ange was well-known and loved in the village. She was frequently seen out walking her black flat coat retrievers the latest of which, Jeeves, was an enthusiastic greeter of fellow walkers! She was a stalwart supporter of village activities including baking her delicious scones for the May Fair teas. Those of us with long memories will recall her in medieval costume with Sid and the Jousters at the May Fair.

We fondly remember Angela's warmth, friendliness and kindness and offer our sympathy to Sid and her family.

TWO RIVERS MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Looking after our admin team at the surgery - This year has tested us like no other and we have managed to continue to provide care throughout the pandemic, in no small part due to the incredibly hard work of our admin staff (receptionists and secretaries) who deal with endless problems, queries and issues every day.

We are all thankful for the support that so many have shown us, and it really has kept us going through very difficult times. The unexpected surprises of cakes and cards have been fantastic, as have the patients asking, 'and how are you?'

I would like to use this short note to encourage everyone to recognise the work of our reception and admin team. I think they tend to get a little forgotten and I am sad to report that they have seen an increased level of hostility and frustration from patients, being very much in the firing line. This can have an impact on their own wellbeing. As their employers, we value – and have a duty to look after - all our staff. It is in everyone's interest that admin staff are treated in a civil way: the surgery absolutely relies on its receptionists and secretaries to function.

I'd ask patients not to get angry because, for example, a receptionist is unable to solve a problem in the way they would like and they are in a very vulnerable position, being unable to answer back and having a fairly strict set of rules and criteria to meet. Any incidents involving aggression or intimidation will be treated seriously. So, this is a heartfelt plea to everyone to treat the receptionists and admin staff in the same courteous way that is used for the clinicians: they are not separate - we are all the same team.

Ask yourself, what can you do to brighten up their day?

Dr Paul Barber

WATERCRESS AND WINTERBOURNES

Tackling invasives Around 10,000 years ago, a land bridge connected Britain to what is now mainland Europe. The end of the Ice Age allowed wildlife to colonise this newly habitable space, until rising sea levels formed the English Channel. All the plants and animals that were present in Britain at this point are classified as native species. Non-native species, by contrast, are those transported outside their natural range by human activity.

Such introductions aren't always a bad thing - the little owl is a transplant from Europe and the apple tree comes from Kazakhstan, but neither poses a problem for native wildlife. When a species negatively impacts the environment, the economy, or human health, however, then it's classified as invasive. It might hunt native species, out-compete them for food and habitat, carry new diseases, or be able to hybridise.

These effects make it easy to demonise invasive species, but it's important to remember that they were brought to Britain by human activity. In a way, they're a victim of their own success: they're usually tough, adaptable opportunists with a talent for fast reproduction. These qualities allow them to survive in their natural ranges, but can seriously upset the balance of other ecosystems.

Because of their detrimental impact, the UK's invasive species are often subject to control measures. There may be restrictions on importing, trading, and owning them. There may also be efforts to remove them, or to stop them from spreading further. These activities can be hazardous or counterintuitive if not done properly, so it's important to get informed before wading in.

What can you do? Remember to 'Check, Clean, Dry': some species can survive long periods out of water, and may be hitching a ride on your damp clothes or equipment. Follow this three-step process to avoid spreading plants, animals, and eggs.

Be 'Plant Wise': plants are natural escape artists, and we don't know which ones could become invasive in the future. Try to fill your outdoor space with local species, or take steps to stop non-native ones from 'jumping the fence'.

Record your sightings: reports of invasive species are an invaluable tool for controlling their spread. There are several websites and apps for recording sightings, even if you're not completely sure what species you've seen.

Join our team: in our local area this issue is being addressed through the Tackling Invasives project, which is part of the Watercress and Winterbournes Landscape Partnership Scheme. Our amazing volunteers are removing invasive plants in the Bourne Valley this summer, and also monitoring American mink populations – could you help us?

You can learn more about all of these actions on our website: www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/invasives

Sophie Evingar



T C SCOTT
ST MARY BOURNE
GARAGE LTD

MOT Test Station

Repairs & Servicing of all makes of vehicle.

Diagnostics

Welding to MOT standard

Phone (01264) 738606

Bourne Valley PYO

We grow seasonal fruit and vegetables in the heart of the Bourne Valley

For a great day out with the family, come and see us.

Contact – 01264 738 888

www.bournevalleypyo.co.uk



Having a house clearance or work done?



Skip the tip and hire a skip!

Book your skip hire online with friendly next day service!

www.rcollard.com

01264 720 257

GETHERINGTON
CONTRACTING LTD



01256 893150 / 07901 771080
www.gecontracting.co.uk

LANDSCAPING • GROUNDWORK • PLANT HIRE

How to contact your Member of Parliament Kit Malthouse

@ kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk

01264 401401

Or write to me at my constituency office:

✉ 2 Church Close, Andover, SP10 1DP

I hold regular surgeries for all constituents in North West Hampshire



we show you the way

It can be difficult to be confident about what your financial future looks like. Kingsley Financial offers different options to help you find your way:

- 1 Financial Planning Service: a detailed review of where you are & the plan to follow.
- 2 Financial Health Check: figure out what retirement will look like
- 3 Financial Advice Transaction: put in place an arrangement to meet a need
- 4 Financial Ideas Discussion: find out what the jargon really means to you

CHARTERED FINANCIAL ADVICE

impartial, personal, independent



www.kingsleyfinancial.co.uk

enquiries@kingsleyfinancial.co.uk

01256 896203



Peter A Sudlow
Chartered Wealth Manager
CFP™ Dip PFS Chartered MCSI



Eamon Keelan
Director & Chartered Financial Planner
APFS CFP™ Chartered MCSI



Kingsley Financial Management Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

DIARY OF A WIMPY CYCLIST

Interview with a Cumbrian cycling mountaineer.



It gives me enormous pleasure to dedicate this article to a fellow wimpy cyclist in the village who recently completed a gargantuan challenge.

I sold him my road/gravel bike some months back so he could train for the event:

Wimpy Simon >> Crispin, thanks for joining me in the cycle-garage, and congratulations on your recent mountain passes in Cumbria – tell me why?

Wimpy Crispin >> A group of us set out to raise funds for SnowCamp. It is a charity that gives young people from inner-city communities across the UK positive futures through snow sports. It raises aspirations, gives them life skills and opens up a world beyond the gaming console.

Wimpy Simon >> I can see a correlation with the “need for speed!” – what was the challenge, and how much did you all raise?

Wimpy Crispin >> There was a team of 16 of us and with fantastic charitable contributions from across the UK we raised £35,000. The 1-day challenge we set ourselves was immense: We had to cross 10 Cumbrian mountain passes, including Kirkstone, Honister, Newlands, Whinlatter, Hardknott and Wrynose. After 9 hours and 43 minutes in the saddle I covered 115 miles and logged 12,000 ft of elevation gain.



Wimpy Simon >> Outstanding! That has truly gasted my flabber! Were there any major wipe-outs, and did the descents make you all squeal? Was it like the patchy Black Run down to the Alpine village on a warm March afternoon?

Wimpy Crispin >> The weather was on our side and we were in good spirits as we headed through Ambleside and alongside Lake Windermere. Then the uphill was upon us as we headed up and over Kirkstone Pass and we knew the challenge was on! Everyone returned safely, and yes, the descents were terrifying – especially confronting the opposing Chelsea tractors on their way up the 1-in-4 hairpin bends! There were genuine concerns that some of us might not make it.

Wimpy Simon >> Any mechanicals?

Wimpy Crispin >> Yes – one team member had a tyre blow-out descending Honister at speed. On the way up Britain’s toughest climb, Hardknott Pass, no mercy was shown by the mountain when one team member snapped their pedal crank through the sheer force of tackling the 30% gradient.

Wimpy Simon >> Where did you all muster the energy to achieve this? – I have come to learn that cycling is all about nutrition

Wimpy Crispin >> We were supported by an amazing crew who met us at the top of every pass with flapjacks and good cheer. As usual for my endurance events, I ate my way around the Lake District! To add to this, we were all spurred on by the stunning views and the promise of a cold beer or three at the finish!



Wimpy Simon >> I can imagine their enthusiasm was akin to Giro D’Italia fans willing you up each hill. Glad you all

survived, and it sounds like a true tale of Derring-do!

For the full write up from SnowCamp, check out: www.snow-camp.org.uk or the full www.snow-camp.org.uk/2021/06/09/skiers-cumbrian-cycle-challenge/ address. Chapeaux!



... and finally, in the spirit of giving and charitable endeavours, it would be remiss not to mention my forthcoming 300-mile pedal to Paris in aid of Royal British Legion and in memory of my father, Major Mattison, who died training for the event. Please search for our online JustGiving page here:

“mattisonsp2pforrbl” (Mattisons P2P for RBL) or even try your phone camera on this QR code to get the link: As this is the July/August edition of Hill & Valley and we pause for Summer, I look forward to writing-up a successful trip in the September edition. Please take a moment to give if you can.

Simon Mattison



GroundLord

THE PROFESSIONAL
ARBORISTS YOU CAN TRUST

TREE SURGERY | SITE CLEARANCE
ECOLOGY WORKS | FORESTRY

01256 212908
www.groundlord.com



TUCKER

Kitchens, Furniture & Joinery

Est: 1976

Unit 9 Towergate Industrial Park
Colebrook Way, Andover, Hants, SP10 3BB
t: 01264 365113 www.tuckerjoinery.co.uk



SW WINDOWS Window Cleaning



Interior & exterior windows
Gutters, fascias & soffits
Conservatory roofs
Solar panels
Cladding

07968 524874
swwindowstrm@gmail.com

CLEAN OVENS DOMESTICS LTD

• AGAS • HOBS • OVENS • RANGES
• EXTRACTORS • BBQS • MICROWAVES

*Eco-friendly materials used - Experienced staff
Covering Hampshire & Wiltshire*

Call or email Dave
tel: 0800 707 6629 mob: 07563 693145
email: cleanovensdomestic@gmail.com

M.J. SLY

MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR

Andover Memorial Studio
6 Swan Court,
Andover, Hampshire.
SP10 1EZ
Open by appointment only

QUALITY MEMORIALS AT
WORKSHOP PRICES FREE
BROCHURE

Choose a NAMM Member
www.mjsly.co.uk

email: info@mjsly.co.uk

Telephone 01672 516797
Pelham Court, Malborough



Mobile knife, scissor & tool sharpening services

No call out charge

Call Becky on **07393 600630** to book a visit
More details can be found on

www.onpoint-sharpening.co.uk

To Advertise in this Magazine contact: Mr Michael Widén 01264 738250



Back by popular demand following last year's sell-out summer run, The Watermill Theatre is now going on tour and St Mary Bourne Village Centre is proud to announce an open-air performance of 'A Sherlock Holmes Mystery' on the Recreation Ground

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

Tuesday 17th August 2021 at 7pm

A mysterious murder, an ancient curse and a legendary detective...

Join them on the wild moors of Dartmoor and prepare for cryptic chaos! Three actors play all the characters in this madcap version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most celebrated Sherlock Holmes story.

Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead with the paw prints of a gigantic beast beside him and a look of horror on his face. Holmes and Watson are summoned from Baker Street to investigate the crime and discover the truth about the Hound of the Baskervilles.

Join Holmes, Watson and a host of intriguing characters and watch the mystery unfold!

ALL TICKETS £5.00 in advance and £7.50 at the door. Book your tickets smbvillagecentre@btinternet.com or by phone 01264 738250.

The Press on The Hound of the Baskervilles:

'A frolicsome spectacle of heavenly delight' - Daily Telegraph ★★★★★

'Delivered with tongue in cheek energy' - The Times ★★★★★

'A huge comedy caper, and tremendous fun' - British Theatre Guide

Running time: 1 hour 20 minutes, including 20 minute interval

Age Guidance: 8+

This performance takes place outside and will go ahead whatever the weather. No seating or bar will be provided so bring your own picnic, chairs, blankets and refreshments.

Social Distancing and Safety Measures: All current government guidelines apply.



Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome again, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning at **The George Inn** St Mary Bourne on **Tuesday 13th July at 10.30am**

Tuesday 10th August at 10.30am

£2.50 for coffee and biscuits - For more information contact Win Coventry - ☎ 01264 738 199.



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



St Mary Bourne Village Centre News

We will be holding our **AGM** at **7pm** on **Wednesday 21st July**

with a slightly different format to usual as there is so little to report for 2020. We will make reports available on our website www.stmarybourne.co.uk prior to the meeting and will have them available for people to look at on the evening, but will not be reading them out as we have done previously. The AGM business will therefore only take a few minutes and the main topic for discussion will be **ideas for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June next year.** We think everyone will be ready for celebrating in style by then and we want the Village Centre to host village events over the holiday weekend to mark this historic royal first. If you have ideas for this please come along to the AGM and share them, or email us smbvillagecentre@btinternet.com if you are unable to come. Watch this space for updates on this in due course.



St Peter's Day Appeal 2021

Just a reminder that we are making our St Peter's Day Appeal again this year to raise funds for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building and to further equip the church with a new audio

visual system.

The recent inspection of the condition of the church fabric identified a number of repairs required, including essential repair to the masonry of the church structure.

Any donations you are able to make will help enable us to progress these repairs.

Please drop your donation in an envelope marked 'St Peter's Day Appeal' (and if possible complete the Gift Aid details) to Eve Lind-Smith, The Cottage, High Street, SP11 6AY or hand your envelope into The Village Shop.

- Cheques made payable to 'St Mary Bourne PCC'
- By bank transfer 'PCC St Mary Bourne Fabric Fund' sort code: **20-02-25** account no: **6321 9062**
- **Just Giving**
<https://www.justgiving.com/stmarybournepccandover>

In the past your generosity has been amazing and it is always very much appreciated.

Valerie Kennett, Ian Ellis, Eve Lind-Smith, Canon Dodie Marsden

NEW TO THE PARISH?

WELCOME DRINKS FOR NEW VILLAGERS
on Friday 1st October 2021, 6.30pm
St Mary Bourne Village Centre
PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!
More information in the September edition of Hill & Valley

Count on Us Bookkeeping Ltd

Bookkeeping and Accountancy Support



07879 475005
www.coubookkeeping.uk
kath@coubookkeeping.uk



- * Confused by debits and credits?
- * Swamped with paperwork?
- * Fed up with VAT returns and other business forms?
- * Concerned about cashflow?

Then call us to talk to a friendly professional who can help give you back your time. And your sanity!

Monthly, fixed-fee packages available.
For a friendly and affordable service,
phone now for a FREE first meeting



Practice Licence: 11809

WILD ROSE

FLORAL DESIGN

Wild Rose Floral Design will look after your floral needs, weddings, sympathy, events, corporate or a beautiful bouquet delivered to your door, let us inspire you and take you on a floral journey.

07894 103953

laura@wildrosefloraldesign.co.uk
www.wildrosefloraldesign.co.uk

BURLISON Photography

MPA Photographer of the Year 2019/2020



CAA Authorised & Insured Aerial Photography & Film.
Family portraiture at home or on location.

- Wedding Photography & Film
- Instant Event Photography • Award Ceremonies, Fun Days • Golf Days • Summer Balls
- Prom Nights • Xmas Parties • Celebrations
- Commercial • Corporate • PR • Interior • Food & Drink • Lifestyle Photography
- Image Restoration • Bring the memories back to life

Contact Dave on
07771 803025



www.burlisonphotography.com



info@burlisonphotography.com



James Barnett

Quality Painting & Decorating



Advanced City & Guilds
Over 25 Years Experience
Tel:01264394543
Mobile:07747603710

Email:Jamesbarnett1@btinternet.com



I SEE A LINE. I CROSS IT.

BESPOKE TAILORING BY DRESS2KILL.COM

£100 off your first **DRESS 2 KILL**
Bespoke Suit



Exclusive offer for readers
of The Hill & Valley Magazine

Dress 2 Kill now at 84 High St, Andover SP10 1NE Above At Last



OVERTON
BATHROOM CENTRE LTD

@overtonbathrooms
Telephone: 01256 770374
email:info@overtonbathrooms.co.uk
www.overtonbathrooms.co.uk

Thank you to our
loyal customers for
your continued support!

We provide over 30 years
of experience and pride
ourselves on our customer
service, product knowledge
and installation expertise

Ex-Display
SALE
on Instagram

SMB

ST MARY BOURNE VILLAGE SHOP
& post office

You may have read in last month's H&V the obituary for dear Barbara Taylor. Barbara was a real character in the village and a regular at the shop. She would sometimes come in three or four times a day. If we didn't see Barbara for a couple of days, I'd go and knock on her door to check she was OK and one of the staff or our wonderful volunteers would often walk her shopping home for her. That's what a village shop does. It is more than just convenience.

It's one of the reasons I'm so excited about the plans for the **community café**. Creating a space where people can come and meet over great coffee and cake or just pop down if they're feeling a bit lonely or down and know that there will be someone there to chat with is really exciting. Being part of a team that's building a fantastic community asset that will be here long after we all are, is an absolute privilege and one I, personally, am really looking forward to. It's not going to be easy and we are sure there will be lots of hurdles and challenges along the way. As you will see from the separate note below, the shop committee are looking for people to help make this dream a reality so please get in touch if you can help.

Another milestone for the shop is its **20th birthday** in September. We are hoping to celebrate by having an open house drinks party in the Village Hall, although this will all be subject to restrictions and regulations. However, please save the date of **26th September, 3pm to 8pm** and hopefully we'll see you there! More details to follow in September's Hill & Valley.

Before I leave, I would like to thank the family and friends of dear Barbara, especially Quiller, for giving the proceeds of donations from her funeral to the Village Shop. These will be put towards the Community Café, which I know she would have loved.

Enjoy your summer, lovely people. I hope the sun continues to shine. Even if it doesn't, the shop has everything you need to make the metaphorical sunshine in your lives!

Lara and the team x

Your shop (and Community Café) needs you!

We are delighted to confirm that we have full planning permission for the Community Café. We are now looking for people to join the Café Team to help turn this dream into a reality and drive it forward through fundraising and build. We are looking for enthusiastic, passionate people who ideally have experience with raising money, grants, administration, communications or project management. Is this you? Could you help?

If you would like to be part of this exciting project or would like to know more about it, please contact either Jo Boxer (Shop Chair) on 07771 846127 or by email – joannaboxer@googlemail.com or Mike Crofts (Shop Deputy Chair) on 07768 352284 or by email – mike.crofts60@icloud.com.

June 2021 - 1😊😊 Club Draw:

£50 - L & O Madge **£20** - S & P Martin
£20 - E Lind-Smith **£10** - K Aziz



St Mary Bourne & District Flower Show and Fête 2021



The Committee is delighted to confirm that the 74th annual Flower Show & Fete will return this year at the recreation ground in St Mary Bourne on **Saturday 24th July - 12.30 to 3.30pm**

Come and celebrate the end of lockdown. There is plenty for your family and friends to enjoy so please do support us as all proceeds go to local charities.

This year's activities include:

- **Dog Show** - will your pooch be the cutest!?
- **Tug of War** - see if you can beat the firemen!
- Test Valley Brass Band
- Fire Engine
- Welly Wanging
- Plate smashing
- Penalty shootout
- Coconut Shy
- Bottle Stall
- Bouncy Castle wipe out
- Cup 'n Saucer Ride
- Face Painting

Also, an all-day BBQ run by the famous 3 Amigo's, Pimms Bar, Beer Tent, Candy Floss Stand, Ice Cream Van and afternoon tea served in the Village Centre. Stalls run by local businesses plus Homes & Garden, Books, Cakes, Toys and Plants to be bought.

Amazing raffle prizes including the chance to win:

- Hot air balloon ride with Toby Davis
- Cooking masterclass with Michelin trained chef, Nathan Craddock
- Private Floral workshop with Elly Roberts
- 500 litres of heating oil from Ford Fuels
- An original painting by Liza Butterworth

Sadly, due to the coronavirus restrictions the committee have decided that the marquee and therefore all classes will not be able to take place this year but will return in full in 2022 for the 75th Anniversary of the show. For full information visit the website

www.stmarybourne.org/flower-show-and-fete

If you would like to run a stall on the day or can contribute produce to any of stands please contact Abby Millar on abby.millar@btinternet.com or 07799 338472.



HOW ABOUT A PANTO?

Wouldn't it be great if Priors Players put on a Panto in the Village Hall again? We're keen to get going but we need people - people to act and people to do costumes, make-up, scenery, lighting, sound, props, prompt and organise the front of house. That's a whole lot of people and we're hoping that one of them will be you!

If you are at all interested in being part of a village panto, please come along to the Club Room, Wednesday 28th July at 8pm, after the Priors Players AGM at 7pm.

For more information call Sophy on 07900 370493.

An Evening of Music

St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne
Friday 24th September 2021 at 7pm
The Amberley Ensemble

A 60 minute concert with well-known local musicians
Harriet & Nigel Dickinson

All tickets £8 - to book ☎ 01264 738 206
60 minutes of wonderful music not to be missed
Proceeds to St Peter's Church

MARCH HOUSE

Web Design
Logo Development
Digital Marketing
Digital Publishing
Branding
HNW Tech Tutoring

lizzie@marchhouse.co.uk
www.marchhouse.co.uk
0777 622 4985



DIRTYDOGGIES & HAIRYHORSES

Established in 1987

Highly experienced horse groom & dog beautician offering a friendly, mobile grooming service. Have your dog bathed, clipped, trimmed or hand stripped in your own home. Nail clipping. Small-to-medium sized dogs only. Clipping, trimming, mane and tail pulling for horses and ponies. Plaiting for competitions, etc. Please contact Christine Allen
07890 520684



Andover Carpet Cleaning Co.

Carpets, Rugs, Suites,
Sofas, Recliners etc.

Scotchguard &
Deodorise Treatment

Call 01264 334636
Mobile
07850 677 761

The Shearing Shed

Dog Grooming

Rachel Brown
07460832214

4 Grenage Cottages
Litchfield RG28 7PT



theshearingshed1@gmail.com



TREE AND GARDEN SERVICES

Contact Drew

01256 893566 ~ 07720 842451

monkeybusiness77@hotmail.co.uk

NCHARB ~ Fully Insured ~ Free estimates and advice

QUALITY PRIVATE DENTISTRY

GD Gwynne
Dental

Complete Dental Care

Cosmetic Dentistry

info@gwynnedental.co.uk

www.gwynnedental.co.uk

24/7 access to your
dentist for advice
and emergencies

Children's Dentistry

01256 321 945



HEATSOURCE BOILERS LTD

All makes of oil and gas boiler
servicing, repair and replacement.

07952 671669 / 01962 761339

TAYLOR & KERBY

ANTIQUe CLOCK REPAIRS



With a combined 35 years in the craft, Taylor & Kerby are specialists with an enthusiasm for sympathetic repairs and thorough servicing of almost any mechanical clock.

Based in Weyhill near Andover, we cover all surrounding areas of Hampshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire within a 25-mile radius for collection and delivery.

www.taylorandkerby.co.uk
Unit 5, The Fairground Craft Centre, Weyhill,
HANTS, SP11 0QN
01264 772230

Frenches Farm livery

- Beautiful livery on working farm
- Spaces available for DIY, competition, full and part livery
- Access to all facilities including indoor and outdoor arena, lunge pen and jumping field
- Stunning off road farm hacking routes and local bridal ways
- Well - kept summer and winter paddocks for daily turn out

Frenches Farm Livery

Facebook: Frenches Farm Livery

Website: www.frenchesfarmlivery-andover.co.uk

Email: anna.frenchesfarm@gmail.com

Find us in Little London, Andover, SP11 6JG

Please email for more information



Aardvark

PROFESSIONAL OVEN AND CARPET CLEANING SERVICES

AARDVARKOVENCLEANING.COM • AARDVARKCARPET-CLEANING.COM

07783 810806

Parish Council

Dates for Full Parish Council Meetings

- Tuesday 20th July
- Tuesday 17th August • Tuesday 21st September

Summary Report - Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 18th May 2021

Local Election Results - The Chair, David Peart, introduced Cllr Samuel Carr as the newly elected councillor for Evingar Ward, B&DBC. Cllrs Graham Falconer and John Izzett were re-elected as Borough Councillors and Tom Thacker was re-elected as our County Councillor.

Meeting Attendance - Six councillors and the Clerk attended the meeting. County Councillor Tom Thacker and Borough Councillors Graham Falconer and Sam Carr also attended. Apologies - Oliver Madge.

Borough Councillors' report - Cllr Falconer explained that B&DBC reports on parking at Methodist Chapel and Spring Hill Lane development issues had been delayed due to staffing. He also reported on Green Strategy on B&DBC council buildings and the 3 planning zones introduced in the Local Plan to clarify planning application requirements. Cllr Carr reported that the Evingar Ward of B&DBC would be divided between three councillors with Cllr Carr having responsibility for St Mary Bourne. The new development at Hurstbourne Station planned to name roads after local people who fell in 2nd World War.

County Councillor's report - Cllr Thacker gave an update on diversions and resurfacing works planned for Egbury Road and Cold Harbour Lane.

Public toilets at Bourne Meadow - A Condition Survey report had been received. B&DBC would be contacted to clarify what work would be carried out prior to handover.

Parish Office in the Club Room - Discussions were continuing regarding the continued use of the Parish Office after October 2021.

All minutes and reports can be viewed at

www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

Details of all Planning Applications for the Parish can be accessed on the B&DBC website:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk ☎ 01264 738 039

Newly registered Planning Applications July/August 2021

Erection of single storey stable building - **Land Adjacent Breach Farm House, Egbury Road** - 21/01541/FUL - 04 May 2021

Creation of outdoor riding arena - **The Derrydown Estate, Derry Down** - 21/01447/FUL - 26 Apr 2021

Recent Local Planning Authority Decisions

Conversion of loft and construction of front dormer - **6 Baptist Hill** - 21/00967/HSE - 17 March 2021 - **granted**

Erection of a Log Cabin in garden - **Derrydown Farm, Derry Down** - 21/00951/HSE - 09 April 2021 - **granted**

- Erection of a single storey rear extension (following partial demolition of existing). Associated internal alterations and repairs. Replacement of 2 no. ground floor front windows and 2 no. first floor rear windows. Raising and lining of chimneys with new chimney pots. Reduced perimeter paving levels - **Ricketts Way, Gangbridge Lane** - 20/03401 & 03402 - 07 December 2020 - **granted**

- Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement agricultural workers dwelling; with associated parking, turning, landscaping and private amenity space - **Copse Cottage, Derry Down** - 20/02231/FUL - 07 October 2020 - **application withdrawn**

Annual Parish Assembly 2021 - Chairman's Report

For reasons that we are all aware of and as was the case last year, it has not been possible to hold this year's Annual Parish Assembly in the usual format. However, I believe it is important that the parish is kept up to date with what projects and activities the parish council has been involved in on their behalf. Before doing so, I would first like to mention the continuing positive response there has been throughout the parish to the unprecedented and difficult times we have all been having to deal with since the first lockdown at the end of March 2020. On behalf of the parish, I would again like to say thank you to all the staff and volunteers at both the Village Shop and Derrydown Clinic for keeping open and for the home delivery service that many have relied upon during the difficult period of the lockdown. Thank you to them all! As for the work of the parish council during the past year:

Highways: As reported last year, HCC has reduced its funding for new signage, street furniture etc. and has set up a system for Community Funded Initiatives. What this means is that they will help with the feasibility and construction of any improvements that we want to make, but the pc has to find the money to pay for them. A number of improvements have already been implemented, but there are some that are still outstanding, including the speed indicator devices. The clearing of grips and ditches continues to be carried out as part of our Lengthsman budget. Thankfully the Lengthsman scheme is being continued by HCC for this year at least and the pc is also getting extra revenue from this as we continue to be the administrator for the 14 other parishes included in our cluster.

Grounds Maintenance: The parish council oversees the maintenance of the Recreation Ground, Lake and War Memorial etc. Scofell Commercial Landscapes continue to look after our grounds' maintenance work and Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance remain as our contractor for the Parish Lengthsman work. I would also like to thank Freddie Tarrant for continuing to keep our streets clean throughout the year and Patrick and Fiona Foote for organising the litter picks around the village and Stoke Village Fund for doing the same in Stoke. Our footpaths are generally in a good state of repair, but if you come across any problems with paths being blocked or damage to stiles and signs please make the clerk aware so that they can be reported and dealt with.

Flood & Emergency Group: Thankfully during last Winter and Spring there were no incidences of the river breaking its banks. However, there were again problems with ground water infiltration into the main sewer running through the village which necessitated prolonged use of tankers at the pumping station opposite Vitacress. The pc has been in discussion with Southern Water in order to find a long-term solution to this problem, but it would appear that there are no easy answers and it will not be helped when the housing development behind Cressington is occupied. We are continuing the remedial work identified by the H.C.C. Pathfinder Project and also in partnership with Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust to restore the remaining parts of the riverbank that require repair.

Lake and Recreation Ground: The Rec Committee has co-opted two parents of children who regularly use the play area to look at updating the equipment and the feasibility of relocating to a safer area. They have already carried out a lot of preparatory work which I believe will be explained in more detail below. The aim of the Lake Committee formed last year



Country Oak Buildings

Specialising in:
Hand Made Oak Buildings
Garden Structures and Follies
Traditional Carpentry Techniques

Contact Nick 01962 776 217

Mobile 07919 987451

www.countryoakbuildings.co.uk

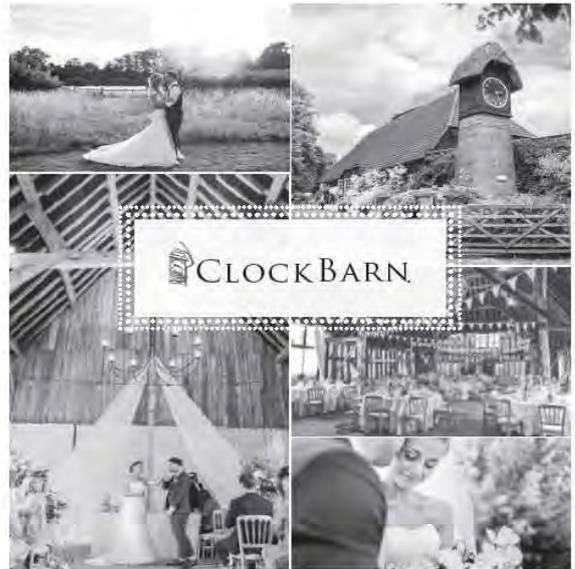
Our Treatments

McTimoney Chiropractic
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Sports therapy
Nutrition and allergies
Bowen technique
Alexander technique
Counselling



01264 324924

36 East Street, Andover, SP10 1ES
www.chirosclinic.com



CLOCK BARN.

Beautiful barn weddings

Clock Barn, Tufton Warren, Whitchurch, Hampshire, RG28 7RB

01256 630199 clockbarn-weddings.co.uk



Images by Mia Hooper Photography, Jacob & Pauline Photography and Kit Myers Photography

Tried - Tested - Trusted

We only offer the best advice and a no-pressure sales calls

KJM



Building quality since 1983...Triple Glazing Specialists



Windows, Doors, Conservatories in Hardwood, PVC and Aluminium

Mylen Business Centre, Mylen Road, Andover SP10 3HR

Tel 01264 359355 | Fax 01264 353441 | e-mail: sales@kjmgroup.co.uk



www.kjmgroup.co.uk - 4 x Finalists "Installer of the Year" G-Awards

is for the lake and its environs to be actively managed for habitat enrichment and Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust and the Wessex Chalk Stream & Rivers Trust continue to support the committee in developing a management plan to meet that objective. Dog fouling continues to be a problem, particularly on the Recreation Ground. I believe it is the small minority of dog owners that think the rules do not apply to them that are causing the problems. There are bins provided around the rec so there is no excuse for not picking up after your dog. The parish council has considered various options to try to combat this unpleasant problem, one of which is only allowing dogs that are on leads onto the Recreation Ground.

Finance and the Precept: The precept has again been increased for this current financial year. This has been done reluctantly, but there is still a need to slow the reduction in the parish council reserves so we do not fall below the reserve threshold generally accepted to be required to ensure continuity of service and our aim remains to cover our core running costs with controllable income. The increase when shown as 13.4% might appear to be large, but in real terms for a band C property, it means an annual increase of only £5.18. In conclusion, I would like to thank our Borough and County Councillors for their work on your behalf and the valuable support they continue to give to the parish council. Also, to our Clerk, Ben Sawyer for his hard work during his first year, which has not been an easy one. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Tony Grunsell who sadly passed away during this last year. Tony was a long-standing member of the pc, a good friend to this village and liked by all. I would like to thank all of your parish councillors for the support they've given to me over the past year and for giving their time, effort and dedication in trying to keep our parish the special place that it is. We are now into the last year of this council as the next election is due to be held in May 2022. Unfortunately, there were not enough candidates to force an election in 2018 so I would urge everyone to think about putting themselves forward as it is important for the council to have a mandate from the parish.

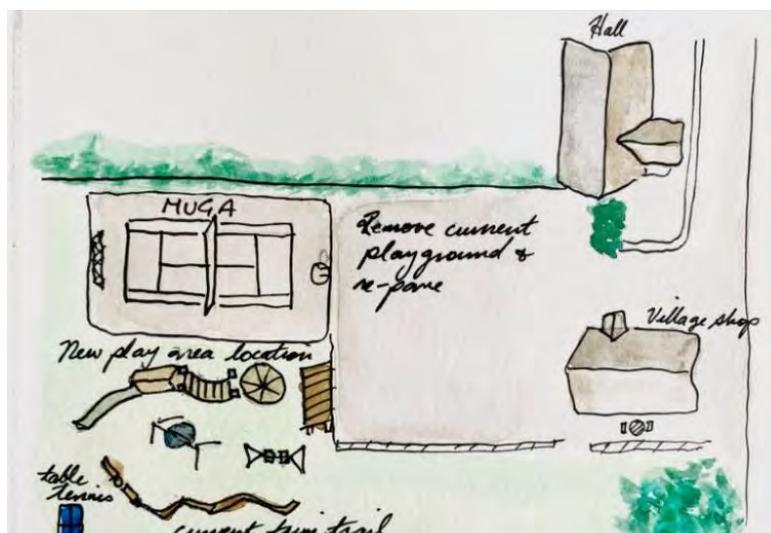
David Peart, *Chairman of St Mary Bourne Parish Council*

St Mary Bourne Play Area Update & Call for Volunteers

On the 25th of May, The SMB Recreational Ground & Play Area Committee met to discuss updates to the existing play area and MUGA facilities. Last year, Laura Davis and Amelda de Segundo volunteered to be co-opted onto the Committee to explore a safer alternative to the location of the small children's play area. Inspired by Longparish's recent update, Laura and Amelda held meetings with the maintenance team and landscape architect from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, play equipment companies, and members of Longparish's play area Working Party. The outcome is a proposed new layout (see picture) that combines a community natural play space for children under 12, with a smaller, updated tennis court and MUGA and a repaved area for additional parking. The Committee agreed for Laura and Amelda to work with the community to progress the project.

The goal is to design and build an imaginative, natural space for young children, their families and for future generations to enjoy. The project will need to be entirely funded through local grants, donations and fundraising. Based on similar scale play area updates, we estimate the timeline to be one to two years and cost around £100k. With plans for a Village Shop café on the horizon, it's a great time to get involved and help shape our

new facilities. Laura and Amelda will be gathering input from residents and families to create a space that works for everyone. They are also looking for a few volunteers to join them in creating a SMB Working Party. The Working Party will manage the project from start to finish. They are looking for volunteers who have spare time and skills such as budgeting, fundraising or experience applying for grants. Equally, someone who wants to be involved in a rewarding project and help design a creative, amazing play area are welcome! Please get in touch with Laura and Amelda on smbplayarea@gmail.com with your thoughts and ideas, for donations or to get involved.



Gold Luck for a Bourne Olympian!

Get out the flags to cheer on a local man for Gold in the Tokyo Olympics. Congratulations to **Charlie Elwes** of Stoke who has been selected to row for Great Britain in the Men's Eight at the Olympics in Tokyo this summer. You may have spotted him training/biking in the valley during lockdown. Good luck to Charlie and the team!



Fitness training, Bourne Valley



© British Rowing



Varese, Italy

© British Rowing

Postcard from Binley July 2021

June has at last begun to flame and haymaking in Binley is in full swing. What's been a delight this year is that it's been carried out by Ed and Charlie Batchelor with their vintage tractors and equipment. It's been like stumbling across a pastoral scene from the 1950's and it's lovely. The trees are all in leaf, even my Indian Bean tree which is a notoriously late starter. If there is one thing I can take satisfaction from, it's planting trees. I got the bug while at school during the "Plant a Tree in '73" campaign, mine was a Laburnum and I have been doing it ever since. The trees I planted here in Binley 26 years ago are all magnificent mature specimens now; the Acers, Maples, Himalayan Birch, Cherries and so on. What a way to leave your mark on this earth! I think June is my favourite month, each new day brings fresh pleasure in the garden as blooms unfold before my eyes. A Wisteria I planted a few years back gave up her first flowers this year and was worth the wait as was a giant red Papava poppy. You need patience for gardening. When I bought the house it had been un-lived-in for some time and rabbits had completely destroyed the garden and it's been a labour of love ever since. Talking of rabbits, where have they gone? Binley was lifting with them back then but it's a rarity to even spot one now.

Funny how smells can transport you instantly back to your childhood. I was ambushed by a candy floss van the other day and the sudden aroma almost brought me to my knees with nostalgia. Damp church halls, a primus stove brewing tea, tack rooms, the leather and wood interiors of old cars, they all bring tears to these old eyes. I guess it's an age thing this yearning for the past but I find myself doing it more and more. And the older you get the grumpier you are permitted to be. I lost it a bit with Prince Charles yesterday in Waitrose. I picked up a packet of his Duchy Original vine tomatoes and read they were "Grown for flavour"? What on earth else would you grow them for? Earrings?

I was listening to a chap on Radio 4 the other day who had converted to Buddhism. I don't think I've ever heard anyone so at peace with themselves and the world and it peaked my interest. And of course, one of the perks of Buddhism is reincarnation. You come back! When you convert I'm not sure if there is a form you fill in, a tick box type of thing which gives you a set of options but I'd like to think there would be. I'd insist on staying in Binley and I've been looking around at what I'm going to return as. Not a rook, I can't stand communal living at the best of times and like my own company so that's a no, as is a sheep which would be ghastly. Wouldn't mind being a cock pheasant, there's only a slim chance of being shot on Peter Corbett's shoot, a deer would be nice but the winters I'd struggle with. No, I've decided on coming back as a horse. The horses here in Binley are always well cared for with feed and blankets when it's chilly and besides I already have one physical characteristic of a horse and before you jump to conclusions it's not that, it's yellow teeth! But nibbling the sweet grass, taking the occasional canter and loafing around in the buttercups sounds right up my street.

As I write (June 12th) Binley has been invaded by an army of beardy types in silly hats with real ale bellies. They are swarming over the fields like ants! Metal detectorists! They must have got wind of the Celtic war chariot that was found here a little while back and fancy their chances. There's a few old fossils I could point them in the direction of here in the village but that would be unkind! But what a find that chariot was! Pre Roman too. What a thrill it must have been for its finder. I'm dead jealous!

NA



Light Touch Grow your Own

We have talked about healthy soil, looking after your main helpers the worms and composting all those weeds. It is too

late for much seed sowing, but there is still time to plant out ready grown vegetables from a garden centre or organised friend. This is the easy time; no hardening off or worries about frost and as long as your baby plants are watered well, they will grow fast and give you a good late summer crop. Vegetables can be grown in large pots on a patio or balcony or in flower beds between the flowers.



Garden organic is a charity which since 1958 has believed in encouraging practises that harness the natural cycles and processes that promote plant growth to protect the rich, interdependent diverse life of our growing spaces. This involves avoiding pesticides, artificial fertilisers and herbicides as they believe this is the best option to protect our environment, health, food supplies and wellbeing. You even get a bit of free "green gym" thrown in as well as you weed and tend. It is really satisfying to see your future food growing in your own little patch of the world. There are many techniques to help replace our old reliance on chemicals such as companion planting to lure pests away, horticultural mesh to shut out others and baked crushed eggshells around the bases of each plant. Grit your teeth and wait for the ladybirds to come and eat your green fly. Encourage helpful pest eating wildlife into your patch by having a sunken shallow dish of water in the ground for hedgehogs, birds and frogs to drink and leaving patches of twigs, leaves and long grass for shelter.



Most gardens are quite small but there are 15 million of them in the UK. If all these gardens were cared for organically it would create a much better environment for our families, plants, pets and wildlife.



Tales from the Riverbank Photography Competition

Are you a camera whizz or a smartphone snapper?
Get inspired by our beautiful local chalk streams!

- Up to £75 of gift vouchers to be won
- Heritage, Landscape, People, and Wildlife categories
- Special prizes for under 18s
- Enter by 31 August 2021

www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/tales

Photo © Jon Hawkins



Obituary

Hazel Brenda Clara Legg (née Gibbons)

22nd March 1933 – 13th May 2021

Tribute compiled from the eulogy given by Hazel's son Graham at her funeral service in St Peter's.

Hazel was born in a small cottage in Stoke on the 22nd March 1933 to Martha (née Gale) and Leonard Gibbons. She had one younger brother, Orlando (Orly). Early in her life, the family moved to Baptist Hill in St. Mary Bourne where Hazel spent a happy childhood. Her father was the church organist for St Peter's church at Hurstbourne Tarrant and at St James's Woodcott. Her mother Martha was a kind woman whose door was always open for friends, family and the occasional lodger. She taught Hazel valuable lifelong skills such as making the best of what she had and not being wasteful.

Hazel attended the local primary school and Whitchurch Secondary school where she was a natural learner, but she lacked confidence and never regarded herself as clever, despite her quick sharp wit, her love for solving problems and puzzles and her skilful writing. Hazel's lifelong love of animals knew no bounds. She kept pets of many varieties during her life and it was well known that any animal in her care was in very good care.



In the late 1940s Hazel attracted the attention of a young man called Robert (Bob) Legg from Ashmansworth. Bob would often cycle from Ashmansworth after a long day working on the farm to see Hazel. Despite the occasional rebuff, Bob didn't give up and the couple were married at Woodcott church in 1950. By this time Bob was working in Link for Mr Tommy Lee, and they settled in one of his tied farm cottages.

Their early married years were marked with sadness when their first child Debra, born in 1951, died at 18 months from meningitis and they lost a second child before birth. But Hazel gave birth to her daughter Jacqueline in 1955 and to her son Graham in 1959. By then the young family was living at 9 Stevens Green which would become Hazel's beloved home for approximately 68 years.

In 1971 Hazel took on a new job of cleaning New Barn farmhouse for the farm manager Andrew Blanchard and his wife Jill. The job lasted 32 years and started a long endearing friendship with the whole family. The Blanchard children Matthew & Clare regarded Hazel as a third grandmother and called her "Leggy".

During the 1960s and 70s, Bob and Hazel made regular car trips to visit relations and friends and Hazel decided in the 1980s to take a driving test. She succeeded at her first attempt but then never drove again, claiming Bob didn't want her to drive but she had always wanted to prove that she could. Hazel and Bob enjoyed many holidays together, camping, caravanning, coach tours and trips to holiday resorts. Trips to the coast were especially important to Hazel and her love of the British seaside never left her.

Sadly, this all changed when Bob developed a heart condition at the age of 57 and took early retirement.

Hazel was now embracing her new status as a grandmother. She played an important part in Christopher, Louise and Oliver's development and was always there to support Jackie when needed.

In 2000, Hazel and Bob welcomed in the Millennium with a huge village party of all their children, grandchildren and friends which they followed later on in the year by further Golden Wedding celebrations with a coach trip and restaurant reception in the New Forest. Their granddaughter Rebecca was born in the same year, and in 2002 they welcomed their first great-grandchild Lydia who was later on followed by six more great-grandchildren.

Sadly, Bob fell ill and passed away on 2nd July 2004 leaving Hazel to adapt to a new life without him. It wasn't easy, but she never complained and she enjoyed the ongoing support of her children, Jackie and Graham. At the end of 2006, Hazel also became a grandmother once more to her fifth grandchild Robert.

Unfortunately around that time, Hazel was diagnosed with vascular dementia but she maintained her can-do spirit and was able to stay in her beloved home until following a fall outside in early April she was treated in Basingstoke Hospital for three weeks, and then moved to Harrier Grange Nursing Home in Andover where she died on 13th May

Hazel enjoyed a long life. She endured hardships and loss at a young age. Those life experiences shaped her character as a hard-working, loyal and honest woman. Family was the most important thing to her, but she also enjoyed many friendships. Her strong sense of right and wrong was only equalled by her wisdom and sharp wit. She was a kind, loving person who will be greatly missed by all.

Stoke Village Fund

Stoke Village Fund is a lively group who exist to organise community events to benefit those living in the Stoke and Binley areas. We have arranged outings, fêtes, Harvest Suppers - and many other social events. We have lots of ideas for events but we are always open to new ideas and ready to welcome new members of the committee. Our treasurer is leaving us soon (rest assured the books are in order!) so are there any volunteers out there who would like to take on this role? All the committee members help one another so you would not be entirely on your own!

We are particularly interested in putting on events and activities that will benefit the youngest and oldest members of our villages - so if you have any ideas or are interested in being on the committee please contact Tanya Mew on 07918 195004. Some of you may recall the Flower Making workshops which were held in Stoke last year - more free workshops are coming up in July at April's Farm, Upper Enham. If you are interested in attending please email inionarts@outlook.com. Places are strictly limited.

Stoke Village Fund has been in existence for many years now and is a successful and solvent group. We are fun - so come and join us - we'd love to see you on board!

The next Committee Meeting is on **Thursday 22nd July**, venue to be confirmed. Even if you do not want to be Treasurer, why not come along and get a feel for what we do? We won't pressurise you - too much!

Please contact Tanya on tanyammew@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to join us.



SHOTGUN CARTRIDGES

- Rio
- Gamebore
- Clay Pigeons
- Traps

FIREWOOD

- Seasoned Logs
- Free delivery 10 miles of RG28 7QA

Danegrove Trading, Lower Woodcott Farm, RG28 7QA

Tel: 01635 250518

Email: pamela.nicholson@danegrove.com



The Oak Tree Nursery School

Rural nursery in Whitchurch for children 3 m to 5 yrs, including:

- Forest school
- French lessons
- Healthy home-cooking
- Graduate-led curriculum

www.theoaktreenursery.com

Tel: 01256 895577

Doug Hopkins ~ Joinery ~

Purpose made joinery and cabinet making to your specifications

Tel: 01264 736 705
(Stoke)

Mob: 07857 692 445



Jason Cousins Hair Salon

Come and visit our award winning Salon for a free consultation and excellent customer service.

10c Colenzo Drive
Andover Hampshire
SP10 1JS

Follow Us

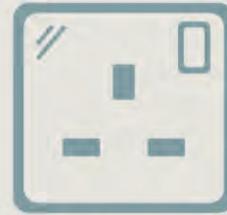
www.jasoncousinshairsalon.co.uk 01264 356011

PAUL MITCHELL

TANGLE TEEZER

ghd

AFFINAGE



HOME ELECTRIC SOLUTIONS

Professional Domestic Electrician

Reliable Professional Affordable

For all your electrical needs

From plug sockets and light fittings to complete rewires and everything in between

No job is too big or too small so please get in touch.

tel: 07816900083

email: info@homeelectricsolutions.co.uk

www.homeelectricsolutions.co.uk

Trust
in Godwins to
deliver

GODWINS
SOLICITORS LLP

12 St Thomas Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 9HF
01962 841484 | info@godwins-law.co.uk
godwins-law.co.uk

Yew Cottage Bed & Breakfast



Rosie and Martin Lowry

*Cosy 17th Century
Cottage accommodation*

*With Annex
in a beautiful village*

on the River Test

*Longparish, Andover,
Hampshire Sp11 6QE*

Telephone 01264 720325

www.yewcottagelongparish.com



LONGPARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Time is flying past so quickly, I cannot believe I have already reached the end of my 8th week as headteacher here at Longparish Church of England Primary School. The weeks have been action packed and I am relishing the buzz of activity around the school as the children engage in some truly wonderful learning. The relaxing of some of the restrictions has made a tangible difference to the children – both in school and out – and it is a joy to hear about the activities they are now able to enjoy once again.

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 children (Chaffinch class) went on a 3 night residential to a PGL centre in Liddington. There were other schools there but they were all kept in ‘bubbles’ and, when I visited on Thursday, I was extremely impressed by the excellent organisation put in place to keep everyone safe. The children had a wonderful time taking part in a brilliant selection of activities including canoeing, abseiling, the big swing, building land buggies and problem solving. A super way to build confidence and to embed our core values of love, excellence and friendship. The PGL staff reported to me how wonderful our children are. I felt so proud of them.

This week we have been learning about wellbeing. Our children have all planted sunflowers and are decorating ceramic pots to plant them in with words and pictures to describe what we need to flourish. ‘Andover Mind’ led a worship on Tuesday sharing stories with the children that encouraged them to think how we can help other children to feel happy by saying or doing kind things.

We have all been enjoying getting outside in the sunny weather, long may it continue!
Sending love and prayers to you all,

Nicky White
Headteacher at Longparish Church of England Primary School



Longparish Little School

Our new nature area has been developing well to ensure the children have lots of great play and learning opportunities. Babs, our Forest School leader, helped the children make a den using sticks. It has been well used and the children have been acting out stories using it as a house for the 3 Little Pigs. In Forest School we made a big bug house to go in our nature area by cutting wood using the bow saw and drilling holes in it. We hope lots of bugs will move in soon. We have also had our new planters arrive so will be busy over the next few weeks planting the fruit, vegetables and sunflowers that we have grown.

All our “pets” have now gone out into the big wide world. Our caterpillars turned into butterflies and we released them into our garden. The tit chicks all successfully fledged and our tadpoles turned into froglets.

With all the sunny weather we have had lately we have had fun exploring paint in our garden, using our hands and feet. It was a great sensory experience and we found we could mix the paint together to create new colours.



If you would like to see some photos of all the exciting things we do at Little School you can go to our website www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup>
We are currently taking for bookings for September 2022, if you would like to come and have a look around please email me at claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk /phone 01264 7205455.

FoLS 100 Club Winners

- 1st Ellie Hatto
- 2nd Adam and Emma Brett
- 3rd Mary Jo Darrah



Esseborne Manor Hotel & Restaurant

Family run business offering a warm welcome and the best food in the area.

Daily lunches with canapes & wine

A la carte dinners

7-course tasting dinners

Sunday lunches

Vintage afternoon teas

Perfect for private functions & weddings

Hurstbourne Tarrant SP11 0ER,
www.esseborne-manor.co.uk, 01264 736 444



"Snowdrops"

5* Bed and Breakfast
- a haven of
tranquillity in Stoke

Beautiful gardens,
home-made preserves
and afternoon tea in
the Swedish Log Cabin

Ring 01264 **738920** to book
your accommodation or email:

gardenend@btinternet.com



G&S Lark Tree Services

Andover (01264) 874 464
Amesbury (01980) 670 226
Mobile 07850 849 960



Tree Care ~ Firewood ~ Hedge cutting

graemelark@outlook.com
www.larktreeservices.co.uk

TW GLAZING & WINDOW REPAIRS

01264 782 211/ 077 652 60922

www.twglazingandwindowrepairs.com

misted double-glazed units
cat-flaps into UPVC and glass
glass repairs into all existing frames
hinges, handles, locks and gaskets
greenhouse glass and faceputtying
FREE QUOTES AND ADVICE

MARH

fuels



Oil



Gas



Coal

01635 253253

AS WAITE & SON LLP

PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEERS

- Heating Systems
- Bathroom design & installation
- Unvented pressurised systems
- Underfloor heating
- Oil boiler specialists;
service, maintenance &
installation

Whitchurch (01256) 893845
Darrell Mobile: 07884 481490
Tony Mobile: 07831 366188

GILL RHODES WEALTH MANAGEMENT

WEALTH MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS



A wealth of expertise on your doorstep

We provide an experienced wealth management service
and offer specialist advice in a wide range of areas including:

- Investment planning
- Retirement planning
- Inheritance Tax planning

For further details contact Gill Rhodes on:

Tel: 01264 362282

Email: gill.rhodes@sjpp.co.uk
Website: www.gillrhodeswm.co.uk

Are you mulching
your garden
this year?

Apsley Farms Mulch Soil Improver

01264 554433 -
www.apsleyfarms.co.uk

Free local delivery - From £50 per 730L bulk bag





Longparish Community Association - working to make life better



Watermill Theatre in Longparish Save the Date

26th August will see an outdoor production of the Hound of the Baskervilles on the football field. Tickets and further information will be available soon.

See the LCA FB page and www.longparish.org.uk or contact Maggie Barber on 720459.

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

We welcomed new runners, Hannah and Max Wiseman, Ben Green and Blaiithin O'Dea to the 165th edition of the L2SOTM. To say it was warm would be something of an understatement but, despite the heat, our first seven finishers all broke their handicaps. Excellent running!



First home and our Most Improved Lady, was Claire Collier who is working towards a half marathon; her first for nine years. Most Improved Man was Graeme Johnson (pictured) with a best-ever time. Hannah Ross also recorded a personal best and

Dave Henery notched up his 100th race. Well done all!

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith, Nick and Sarah Collier, Juliet and Simon Wiseman and David Gould for helping and the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

If Covid relaxations go according to plan we'll be back on Sunday 11 July. You will be very welcome if you'd like to run or help out.

Runners must enter in advance and numbers are limited. There will be Covid rules to ensure the safety of runners and volunteers. We issue a monthly email invitation a few days before each race and very occasional other emails. Please follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/yygolzdb> to be added to our Mail Chimp list. Some email systems may treat your first email as spam so please look out for it and add us to your trusted list. There's more information on the village website <http://archive.longparish.org.uk/l2sotm/> or please feel free to give me a ring. **Jeremy Barber** tel 01264 720459



LITTER FREE LONGPARISH

ay Litter pick Friday 23rd July and 13th August - meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am.

Why not join the band of regular litter pickers in Longparish by adopting a road or footpath. The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags.

Tel **Christian Dryden** 720 398

Smooth Movers



There are now some spaces in Smooth Movers!

Improve your balance, co-ordination and suppleness with low impact aerobic exercise, stretching and toning to music.

Classes are led by Lauren Mildenberger, a fully qualified and experienced fitness and dance instructor. New members would be very welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and non-slip shoes.

£5 a session, free parking, fully compliant with current Covid regulations.

9.30-10.30 on Thursday mornings at Lauren's studio at Andover Down

Contact **Sarah Harris** (sarahharris33@gmail.com / 07789 472820)



GARDENING



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

SUNDAY 4TH JULY 1 – 5.30 pm

LOWER MILL, LONGPARISH, SP11 6PS will be open for the NGS and the Gardening Club will be helping with teas.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY

CHANGE OF GARDEN - We have had to postpone our visit to Preston House, Preston Candover but will now be visiting THE MASTER'S GARDEN AT THE HOSPITAL OF ST. CROSS, WINCHESTER SO23 9SD

Any queries please to :

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

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB



SUMMER DATES
16th July, 20th August

12.00 - 2.00pm
Longparish Village Hall

A simple lunch of soup and cake £3

Booking is essential as numbers will be limited. Masks needed for transport and entering the hall.

On the day please do not attend if you have any symptoms that could be Covid 19

For booking and/or transport call :
Andrea Harris 720 457 or **Christian Dryden** 720 398

Contact details will be kept for 21 days and if the situation changes the Lunch Club maybe cancelled at short notice.

G & R Cousins

BUILDING SERVICES

EXTENSIONS • RENOVATIONS



TILING • CARPENTRY • BRICKWORK

PAVING • PLASTERING • WINDOWS

GARAGE CONVERSIONS • NEW BUILDS KITCHENS • BATHROOMS • PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL

- Established over 10 years -
• FULLY INSURED •

For a FREE estimate call
01264 860115
or Mobile: 07831 342599



LOCAL BUILDER SEMI-RETIRED

Small jobs around your Home

I have been in the building business (formerly Amport Construction Ltd) for over 40 years. Do you have jobs around your house that need doing?

Room Alterations • Garage Conversions • Plastering • Tiling
Brickwork • Rendering • Carpentry • Garden Walls and much more

No job too small. References available
Please contact me for a free quotation:

Ian Gaitskell

Tel: 01264 771280 Mobile: 07787 530991

Email: amportconstruction@gmail.com Web: www.amportconstruction.co.uk

Amport based



Ryan Dickinson
Contract Services Ltd



**HAVE
A HAPPY
BOILER**
ALL ROUND PROTECTION FROM
£14
A MONTH

Leave your central heating in our hands. No more expensive repair bills with parts and labour included in our cover. We provide yearly contracts for gas and oil boilers. Visit our website for more details.

Monthly Boiler Service Contracts

- ✓ Have a happy boiler with all round protection
- ✓ One off annual fee or easy monthly payments
- ✓ An engineer on site within 24 hours
- ✓ Parts and labour included
- ✓ No expensive repair bills
- ✓ Annual boiler service
- ✓ Total peace of mind

Showroom Open
Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm

For more details
contact us by
telephoning
01256 895216 or
visiting our
showroom at
**No7 London Street
Whitchurch,
Hampshire
RG28 7LH**



Check out our website
www.ryandickinsonplumbing.co.uk



**G
G**
GOLD & GREY
Elegant English Interiors

Interior Design
Upholstery
Curtains & Blinds
Fabrics & Wallpaper

Info@GoldAndGrey.UK
Tel: 07795 247 142
WWW.GoldAndGrey.UK

Bourne Rose Beauty Sky Cousins

We offer a professional, fully qualified and dedicated client service in a full range of beauty treatments.

- Nails Waxing • Lashes & Brows • Facials
- Fake Bake Spray Tanning • Fake Bake Body Polish

Call us to see what we can offer you
07786931639



Follow Us



Fake Bake

LONGPARISH WILDLIFE
BY CHRIS BOWMAN

WATER VOLE

I thought I would do something different this month. Famously known as 'Ratty' in Kenneth Grahame's classic children's book *The Wind in the Willows*, the Water Vole is the largest of the vole family, sometimes mistaken for the brown rat, water rat or water dog.

They are under serious threat from habitat loss and predation from mink, otters, pike, hawks and herons, however, I have seen three this year all in different locations, which is a good sign. Mostly found by water, but not always, they are the same colour as the brown rat but they have a blunt nose, small ears and a furry tail. Water voles like to sit and eat in the same place so piles of nibbled grass and reed stems which are all cut at 45 degrees accumulate.



They start breeding in the spring having three or four litters a year, up to five young are born hairless and blind and are independent in three weeks. They

eat a wide range of food from grass and hedges to apples, which they love. There is a big programme going on at the moment where captive breed voles' young are released back into the wild in different locations.

Well, summer is here at last; it's been a funny year for the birds which usually nest in April but because of the heavy rain which washed the caterpillars out of the oak trees, which they rely on for feeding their young, so many nests failed. I finally saw a cuckoo in June just in time because by the time you read this most of the adults will have left on their way back to Africa.



Longparish Village Choir presents an

evening of joyful and uplifting music to celebrate our community's spirit and resilience during the pandemic. The programme crosses genres from classical to pop to just plain silly!

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 September at 7.30pm St Nicholas' Church, Longparish. Tickets are FREE but please obtain them in advance so that we can control a possibly reduced audience size.

Performances are dependent on COVID-19 guidance at the time.

Free refreshments will be served in the interval – we will be grateful for donations to the Choir's chosen charities.

For tickets please email Cathy Yelf:
Cathyelf200@gmail.com or call 01264 720790.



Longparish Fete



Saturday 11th September 2021
12 noon to 4pm at Longparish Cricket Field

By kind permission of Richard Wills, Middleton Estate and Longparish Cricket Club

Great attractions including:-



K & H Falconry Display



Andover Town Band.



Children's Entertainer (Juggling Jake is back)



Story-telling in the Teepee



Village Dog Show



Fire Engine (Hampshire Fire & Rescue)

GRAND DRAW FIRST PRIZE – Jonathan Palmer has kindly offered a trip in his helicopter again!

Plus all the usual great stalls:-

BBQ* - Teas* – Cakes* – Beer & Wine tent* – Pimms and Gin tent* – Ice-creams* - Bottle Stall* Coconut Shy* - Children's Corner* - Pony Rides* - Pet's Corner* – Raffle* - Books* - Bric-a-Brac* - Fresh Produce* - Face Painting* - Children's Toys* - QuickDraw* St. Nicholas Church tent* - LCA Tent* - Water 'n Wine* - Bottle Stall* - *.....and much more!!

If you ran a stall in 2019, please can you step up again this year – let me know
Please contact John Young (720233)

- ITEMS NEEDED TO SELL -



BOOK/CD/DVD STALL



If you have any books, CDs and DVDs to donate to Longparish fete please phone **Jenny Jolliffe on 07471 942 496 or 01264 720207** to arrange collection.

I am happy to collect items from anywhere within the Bourne Valley any time before the fete date of 11 September 2021



PRODUCE STALL



If you are making jams or chutneys, or can spare any home-grown produce, please bring them along and donate them to the stall on the day. Thank you, **Syliva Crook**

CLACY'S GARAGE

London Street, Whitchurch
01256 892099 or 892168
Email wayne.clacy@hotmail.co.uk
Service and Repairs to All Cars
& Light Commercials

Both Diesel and Petrol
Welding and Bodywork



**BREAKDOWN &
ACCIDENT
RECOVERY
CAR HIRE AND LOAN**

Cars & Light Commercials & Motorbikes -
Diesels, Petrol & Catalysts Tested

Matt Townsend Landscaping and Fencing

Call 07825710750

*Over 15 years' experience
Fully Qualified and Insured*

www.matttownsendlandscapingandfencing.com

Landscaping
Fencing
Patios
Turfing
Decking
Concrete Bases

BARSU GrassWorks

Garden Maintenance

Grass Cutting
Lawn Treatment
Small Hedge Cutting

For Competitive Rates call

Barry

☎ **01264 393803**

Mobile: 07876 178865

or email:

barsu79@ntlworld.com



MOSAÏQUE
EASTFIELD HOUSE

BOOK ONLINE NOW, visit:
www.mosaïquebeauty.com



Relax in beautiful Longparish!

Mosaïque Beauty & Image

Eastfield House,
Forton, Longparish
SP11 6NN

T: 01264 720 797

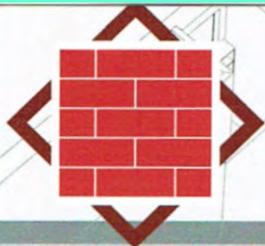
M: 07785 268 186

E: bp@mosaïquebeauty.com

W: www.mosaïquebeauty.com

Treatments Include:

- Organic & Specialist Facials
- Eye treatments
- Manicure & Pedicure
- Gel Polish
- Lycon Gentle Precision Waxing
- Spa Treatments & Lava Shells
- The Dorn Method
- Jane Iredale Mineral Make-up
- Colour & Style Analysis



Hayward Brick and Flint

Restoration, Alterations, New build

Adrian Hayward
Bricklaying And Flintwork Contractor

Groundworks, Fencing,
Patios, Chimney Rebuild
Landscaping, Drives
Drainage, Damp proofing,

10 Hirst Copse
St Mary Bourne
Andover
sp116st

tel **07833691542**
jinxzoolander@hotmail.co.uk



RIBA
Chartered Practice

MATHEWSON WATERS ARCHITECTS

WHITCHURCH 07540 726562 www.mw-architects.co.uk



Longparish Parish Council

Report from Meeting Held on 14 June

June marked the return of face-to-face meetings for the Parish Council – the first since March 2020.

Planning

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

- Alterations to the car park, construction of a concrete base for new LPG tank, and erection of screen fencing at **The Plough Inn, Longparish**
- Repair and renovation of existing garage/outbuilding (part retrospective) at **2 Lower Mill Villas, Longparish**

The Parish council **objected** to:

- Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a single storey side extension at **Meadowsweet, Longparish**

Open Spaces & Footpaths

The football pitch continues to be used regularly, with two clubs holding matches, and a national semi-final scheduled to take place in Longparish over the weekend of 19/20 June. There have been a couple of footpath issues, and these are being addressed.

Playground

The ping pong table has been ordered, and the playground working party is currently exploring suitable surfacing for underneath the table. The Parish Council is very grateful for a grant of £1000 from Vitacress towards the cost of this new facility. ROSPA carried out their annual inspection of the playground in May, which highlighted a few minor issues.

Longparish Cricket Club

The Parish Council approved a grant request of £250 for the Cricket Club towards the restoration of a hardwood bench.

Chris Hewitt, Middleton Estate

The Parish Council wishes Chris Hewitt a very happy retirement. Chris has been a great support to the Parish Council over the years.

Parish Council Meetings

Face-to-face meetings at the Village Hall have now recommenced, adhering to Covid regulations set out by the Village Hall Committee. Capacity of the hall is therefore reduced, and we would ask that anyone wishing to attend a PC meeting should contact the clerk clerk@longparish.org.uk prior to the meeting, so that we can carefully monitor numbers.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 12 July. Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman - Christian Dryden (Tel 720398, or email christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk)

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



Your Parish Council needs you!

As well as ten Councillors and the Clerk, Longparish PC has a number of important Working Parties chaired by a councillor and made up of council and non-council members. We also rely on volunteers for other important jobs for the village. Can you help?

Open Spaces and Footpaths Working Party - Chaired by James Hillier, this is probably our busiest Working Party and could really do with some more volunteers. As well as organising and running the two Village Clean-Up days each year, Open Spaces oversees the football pitch, playground, cemetery, village hall car park, bus shelters, any issues with trees and hedges, vegetation management of the footpaths, gates, and fences. We are looking for keen gardeners (if you are handy with a brush-cutter or a hedge trimmer), DIYers (to re-attach a gate, loose shingle on the bus shelter or mend a finger-post), liaise with TVBC to book pitch marking or grass-cutting, organise a skip, pest-controller, take tools to be fixed, or just to book lunch at the pub on Clean-Up Day!

Communications Working Party - As well as liaising with the Hill & Valley team, the Communications Working Party, co-chaired by Kim Lampard and Natasha Rouse, will be looking at other ways that the Parish Council delivers information and notices to the parish, manages the correspondence and information received from residents and other outside bodies, and how it handles complaints. The website needs a complete overhaul to make it more user-friendly, and easier to find information, as part of which we will look at overall branding, and this is something that the Working Party is just starting to explore. We are looking for people with marketing or customer service skills that might be able to help; someone with a knowledge of website functionality, or social media skills, would be useful additions to this team.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme - Ex-PC Chairman, Christopher Duxbury, has managed the Parish Lengthsman Scheme for many years, and is happy to continue to do so. The Lengthsman is really an extension of the Highways function; clearing gulleys and grips mainly to prevent flooding. Longparish is part of a cluster of parishes, led by St Mary Bourne PC, and the Lengthsman works for all the parishes in the cluster. Christopher schedules work for the Lengthsman and is responsible for submitting the schedule to SMB. There is no vacancy for this role currently, but if this is something that you would be interested in taking on in the future, please let us know.

Parish Online - The Parish Council subscribes to a website portal called Parish Online, and our aim is to use this online tool to record the Lengthsman schedule of works, and use the mapping function to plot village assets, location of bins, footpaths, open spaces that we are responsible for, common land etc. It would be handy to have someone who would be interested in learning how to use this tool to help us.

Speed Indicator Device - We jointly purchased a Speed Indicator Device with Barton Stacey PC a few years ago, but this has been out of action in the village for a while, as we have lost our volunteers who helped us to erect and move the device between the various poles in the village. We are looking for a minimum of two volunteers to help us by putting up the device, charging the battery, and collecting and reviewing the data it records. The device spends three months in Longparish, then three months in Barton Stacey, and back again.

Village Design Statement -

<http://www.longparish.org.uk/images/vds/2003-LongparishVDS.pdf>

Longparish has a Village Design Statement which was last reviewed in 2003. This important document aims to describe the village as it is today and how we would like it to develop. This can then be used to guide planning and development. It has been adopted by Test Valley Borough Council as supplementary planning guidance so TVBC take it into account when considering planning and listed building applications. This is a document that the Parish Council refer to frequently when considering planning applications in the village, and needs to be reviewed to ensure that it remains fit for purpose. We are looking for volunteers with an interest in planning to join us in reviewing this important document.

Health & Safety and Risk Assessments - Can you write a risk assessment? Various activities carried out by the PC require risk assessments. It would be great to have someone we could call upon who could help us to construct one, as and when required. Can you help?

Zero Waste Heroes - Another of Christian's ambitions is to set up a group focused on reducing waste in Longparish and looking at recycling opportunities with a view to becoming as zero-waste and carbon-neutral as possible. If you have an interest in recycling and all things environmental and would be interested in helping us to achieve this aim, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in joining any of the groups above, or helping with any of the functions listed, please do get in touch! We would love to hear from you! Longparish remains a lovely place to live because of volunteers, and there's always room for more!

Contact the Clerk for more info:

Sally Lawman, Parish Clerk

Tel: 01264 738716 Email: clerk@longparish.org.uk

P.J.ROPER

Traditional Builders

Traditional Building & Period Property Specialists

CONTACT:

Office - 01256 892993

Mobile: 07770 368176

kathleenroper@btinternet.com

Richard Steel & Partners

The Family Owned Funeral Directors

(Serving Hampshire since 1860)

Alderman House, 12-14 City Road, Winchester

☎ **(01962) 862333**

www.steelsfunerals.co.uk

BELVEDERE TRAVEL



Catered gulet holidays in Turkey

www.belvederetravel.com

email info@janeblount.co.uk

01264 738533 and 07884003082

BOURNE Again Feet

Hilary Steeden MGFHP MAFHP

Foot Health Practitioner

Tel: 01264 738 554

Mob. 07787 703 900

. Problem Nails .Verrucas

.Corns .Cracked Heels

.Hard Skin .Fungal Infections



BINLEY HOUSE FARM B&B

Bed & Breakfast
in the quiet hamlet of Binley
in the Hampshire countryside
near the charming village of
St Mary Bourne. En-suite
bedrooms, full English or
continental breakfast and a
warm welcome.

Horse B&B for two horses also available. Binley House Farm is home to champion Arabian horses. Email: binleyhousefarm@gmail.com or ☎ **01264 738343** www.binlevstud.com



WEST JOINERY

Bespoke doors,
windows,
kitchens,
wardrobes,
bookcases.

*For all your
joinery needs*

07717 570748

Julian@uswests.co.uk


JULIAN WEST CARPENTRY
a company built on reputation
Loft Conversions . House
refurbishments
Kitchens . Bookcases . Wardrobes
General Carpentry and
construction

We pride ourselves on offering
quality service and workmanship
which enables you to see the full
potential of your property

For further details please contact
us on 01264 860392
or 07717 570748

Email: julian@uswests.co.uk

BREACH FARM WOODLAND BURIAL GROUND ST MARY BOURNE, SP11 6DQ

A beautiful woodland burial ground
overlooking the Bourne Valley

Single, Double and Ashes plots available.
Area for pets.

For further information/request a brochure:-
Mobile: 07789 888399

Email: lisa@breachfarmwoodlandburialground.co.uk

Www.breachfarmwoodlandburialground.co.uk



Whitchurch Wills

**FREE INITIAL
CONSULTATION**

**"FRIENDLY, ACCESSIBLE
AND QUALITY SERVICE"**

YOUR LOCAL WILL WRITER FROM WHITCHURCH

• Will Writing • Review of existing Wills • Lasting Power of Attorney
• Estate Planning • Trusts • Probate Services

Clare Datta, BA(Hons) MSWW

T: 01256 896336 M: 07810 455581

E: claredatta@whitchurchwills.co.uk W: www.whitchurchwills.co.uk





LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB

The recent spell of summer weather has seen LCC members of all ages making full use of the new net facilities and playing matches. The ground has seen activity every day of the week.

Unfortunately, the extension of Covid restrictions has meant that our planned net opening event can no longer happen in July, which is immensely disappointing. We are hopeful though that the Club will be able to announce an exciting new sponsorship deal shortly.

For all updates on events see the LCC website: <https://longparishcc.secure-club.com>

Jonathan and Marney Frere hosted leaving drinks at the Cricketers on 13th June



They are moving to Bristol and will be missed by all their friends. Jonathan bought Meadow Lawn House (next to the Cricketers) in 1994. He served on the Parish Council for 10 years and was Chairman for 4 years. Best wishes to them for their new life in Bristol.

BARTON STACEY WI

We have been meeting regularly throughout the restrictions, albeit by Zoom; although not everyone's first choice, it is the best we can do. However, plans are in place for a stunning programme of speakers, just as soon as we are allowed back in the Village Hall. These range from running a Smallholding to the Curious Life of Agatha Christie. We will also hear about the adventures of Jacqui who has toured twenty countries by motor bike. Our August meeting will be a visit to the local distillery and then we will enjoy some creativity leading up to Christmas followed by a visit by the Sewing Soldier and Quilting with a local Quilter.

It's all there and we are hoping we will very soon be back in the hall. Please keep in touch as we are looking forward to opening the doors to anyone who might wish to join us. Our meetings are on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm, you will be so welcome.

Contact us at: bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk

KEEP TEST VALLEY BEAUTIFUL – ASH PILE UPDATE

A number of villagers have complained about dust covering their cars and one said "If that dust is in the air, what is going into our lungs"



If people are prepared to brush the substance into containers we should get enough to get it analysed to find out where it is coming from. As it stands it has not been established that the "enviropark" is to blame. I am happy to receive the containers and progress it.

Hampshire County Council planning department will still accept objections directly by email to planning@hants.gov.uk or by letter to Strategic Planning, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD for the attention of Philip Mallard. Quote application 21/00812/CMAN. You must include your full name and address including postcode and, if you object, you must say so. Each member of the household can complain separately.

Update: It has come to the attention of KTVB that Raymond Brown had a problem during the past couple of weeks caused by an inexperienced operator not following procedure. This is the KTVB response:

KTVB says this is the latest of a number of incidents. It firmly establishes that the company is simply not able over the long term to meet their commitment not to allow this potentially toxic material to escape from the site compromising the chalk streams, our water supply and our health. Blaming the 'inexperienced operator' simply indicates a failure in management for allowing that person to be moving the material in the first place. Was he/she the only person on the site? Allowing a 14 fold increase in the amount of material to be dumped at the "Enviropark" will simply exacerbate the problem.

People with reason to complain about the dust should report incidents to the Environment Department. This is important because if villagers fail to object the department has nothing to investigate. The incident line is 0800 807060 or email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Henry Yelf



Serving the local community for over 15 years

Complete **h₂O** Services

Plumbing & Heating Engineer

OFTEC registered & Grant approved

24 hour call-out service

Registered
Oil Heating
Business



Contact 07990 897372
info@complete-h2o.co.uk
www.complete-h2o.co.uk

TEST VALLEY GARDEN MACHINERY LTD

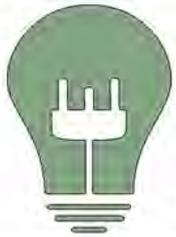
INTRODUCTORY OFFER:
FREE COLLECTION & RETURNS
LOCAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY

— Never knowingly undercut —

Tel: 0800 107 3263

FOR ALL YOUR
REPAIRS • SALES • SERVICE

www.tvgm.uk



RAMPTON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

your local professional electrician covering
all areas of Wiltshire & Hampshire

All domestic & commercial electrical
works undertaken - Bespoke Lighting Specialist

01980 734004

Michael@Ramptonelectrical.co.uk

P C BUTLER BRICKWORK

General and Traditional Building
Roofing, Maintenance & Repairs,
Painting & Decorating

No job too small

01256 781830 or 07833 586250

paulbutler3@hotmail.co.uk



We can help you meet all your pet and equine healthcare needs, with professional and caring staff who can treat your animal at a time that suits you. Our vets offer an emergency service giving you 24 hour reassurance.

... we're here to listen

24 hour phonenumber: 01635 254544

OUR SURGERIES:

Burlyns Surgery, Burlyns,
East Woodhay, Newbury,
Berkshire, RG20 0NU.

Foxhold House Surgery,
Crookham Common, Thatcham,
Berkshire, RG19 8EL.



THE
COACHHOUSE
VETERINARY SURGEONS

www.coachhousevets.com

Robert Allnutt Building & Garden Maintenance

I am based in Longparish, my work is varied and has included Building a Bridge over a River, Bespoke fitted cupboards Shelves and bookcases, Kitchen and Bathroom makeovers, Raised garden beds, Gates and Fencing. I also make Log and Bin stores.

See me on Facebook

**Robert Allnutt Building
and Garden Maintenance**

Message or phone to quote for your
future indoor or outdoor projects

Mobile 077 33 212 809
rob.allnutt@yahoo.co.uk



FREEDOM BI-FOLDS

Bifolding and Sliding Doors – Windows - Residential Doors



Contact us today:

01264 301 302

info@freedombifolds.co.uk

Visit our showroom at Andover Down, SP11 6LJ

THE PLOUGH INN 1721 – 2021

THEN...

1721 – THE PLOUGH OPENS FOR THE FIRST TIME

PLOUGH HOTEL, Longparish, near Whitechurch, Hants.,

THIS Hotel, which affords such excellent accommodation to those fishing the River Test, is under new management, and is situated in one of the prettiest villages in the county, close to church, railway, post and telegraph office, and has been newly furnished throughout. Excellent cuisine.
E. J. SCHRODER, Proprietor.
(Late Chief Steward of Orient Line.)

remodelled and even rebuilt.

Some proprietors, such as a **Mr Mortimer** were custodian of the Plough for many years. He died while still in charge in 1808. Others like **Henry Schroder**, ex chief steward of the Orient Line, tried to liven the place up with "sing songs" but was gone within a year following a brush with the police for allowing drunkenness on the premises. The Plough was a venue for village events including auctions, wedding breakfasts and end of season shooting feasts. The *Fishing Gazette* promoted the Plough's "excellent accommodation and cuisine" In 1833 The Plough closed its micro-brewery and in 1804 the pub was hired by the Commissioners to administer the notorious "Inclosures" Act. Within living memory, the pub became a surgery for the visiting doctor. As you know, Doctors orders say there's nothing like a pint, or a gin and tonic, to lift the spirits!

1889 – A TALE OF WANDERING DUCKS AND A 'DUCKING'

A dispute more than 130 years ago ended in court after the landlord of the Plough, **William Jones**, threw his neighbour into the Test. John Andrews, a carpenter and wheelwright who lived two doors along from the pub got the ducking in July 1889. Andrews told Andover magistrates that Jones accused him of injuring his ducks and then threw him into the river. PC Gay arrived to find the 61-year-old-victim wet through and with a cut arm. Jones' lawyer, Mr Far, claimed the incident was much exaggerated. The magistrates disagreed and fined Jones 20 shillings with 15 shillings costs for an 'outrageous' assault.

Jones was not long to be landlord of the Plough.

According to the 1891 census it was then run by **George Budd** and his family who also operated as a butcher; his wife Florence serving behind the bar...

1900 – LONGPARISH: A VILLAGE MUTINY

You may believe that Victorian Longparish was a village bathed in rural peace with hard working peasants' content with their lot. However, in November 1900 The *Salisbury and Wilton Times* reported claims of frequent drunkenness and "disrespect" towards the police.

Magistrate, Colonel Harmer, declared that Longparish appeared in a "state of mutiny against authority". Four constables had been stationed here since the 'pro-Boer riots' earlier in the year.

Landlord **Henry James Schroder** admitted permitting drunkenness and singing in the Plough and was fined £2 with 10s costs. Several other Longparish men were charged for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart and breaching county by-laws by "hooting and booing". Pro-Boer riots were not uncommon in the UK as controversy raged over the justification of the second Boer war. The Longparish riots took place soon after a local man, Private Alfred Lock of Park View Villas, yards from the Plough, fought at the relief of Ladysmith which the Boers held under siege for 118 days. His name is on the Longparish War memorial...



AND NOW...

2021 – THE PLOUGH RE-OPENS ITS DOORS



300 years after first opening, The Plough welcomes the public again this summer. Following a huge community fundraising effort, with support from the Parish Council, it has undergone an extensive renovation driven by an army of skilled tradesmen and volunteers.

The pub is currently hiding behind its scaffolding, but when that comes down, The Plough Inn will emerge, butterfly-like, with newly-painted windows and doors, repaired chimneys, a new sign and looking splendid and ready for what we hope will be an August opening. Inside, the building work has been completed and signed off and the task of creating an attractive, inviting and functional interior is beginning.

The flat upstairs has been refurbished and fitted with a new kitchen ready for our new manager and his family to move in. (The search for a chef is now underway and menus are already being discussed with much enthusiasm). Downstairs the all-important pub bar is being polished and installed. The beautiful mahogany bar was rescued and transported from a pub in Kent that was closed and sold for development. It looks most at home in its new surroundings.

Once the building work is complete, the pub will be prepared for its beautiful interior design scheme: furniture is being bought, gathered, repaired and recovered in readiness.

Andy Jolliffe is the Plough committee chairman: *"We have come so far since that first meeting in the village hall, back in June 2018, where we dared to consider the possibility of buying our threatened village pub. It's been a long and often exhausting journey. But we are on track to open The Plough in August. We want to be ready to offer excellent pub food, craft beers, local spirits and a really warm welcome. But in the meantime, we still have so much to do – it's the final push - and we need as many volunteers as possible to help us reach the point where we can finally, after all this time, open our doors to welcome locals and those from farther afield again. I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that day."*



Many thanks to all the volunteers who have already come in to help with the building, the painting, the garden, the cleaning. And thanks too to all those people who have been helping to collect furniture and building materials from around the country. Your help is very much appreciated.

The next few weeks are going to be even busier and now, more than ever, we'll need lots of helping hands. Please do come and join us. You can find out more about what's going on and what tasks still need to be done by visiting ploughinn.org, email volunteer@lcpl.org.uk or call 720069 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

We really look forward to seeing you – either in July, with a broom in your hands or in August, holding a refreshing pint of beer (G&T or wine) and maybe a 'sing-song'...



Hurstbourne Priors

19 10.15am - Ladies' Coffee Morning - Bourne Cottage

St Mary Bourne

13 10.30am - **Coffee at The George Inn**
 20 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Centre
 24 12.30 to 3.30pm - **Flower Show & Fête**
 28 8pm - Priors Players AGM & Panto meeting
 Village Centre Club Room
 31 7pm - **Village Centre AGM** - Village Centre

10 Aug 10.30am - **Coffee at The George Inn**
 17 Aug 7pm - Watermill Theatre - **The Hound of the Baskervilles** - Recreation Ground - St Mary Bourne
 17 Aug 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Centre

Saturday mornings - 10.30am to 12.30pm
The Community Library - Village Centre Club Room



Longparish

4 Longparish Gardening Club, NGS at Lower Mill, Longparish
 11 L2SOTM handicap race, 10am, Cricket Ground
 12 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Longparish Village Hall
 16 Friday Lunch Club, Longparish Village Hall, 12pm
 23 Friday Litter Pick, 9.15am, Longparish Village Hall
 27 Longparish Gardening Club visit to The Masters Garden at the Hospital of St. Cross, Winchester

20 Aug Friday Lunch Club, Longparish Village Hall, 12pm
 26 Aug Watermill Theatre production of **The Hound of the Baskervilles**, Longparish Football Field

Andover Artisan Market
 Sunday 18th July & 15th August
 10am to 2pm - High Street

If you have a seasonal photograph that could be used for the front cover of Hill & Valley, please send it to one of the editors listed below. Please send any contributions in portrait and jpg format if possible.

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall: Mrs Helen Ford, ☎ 07789 691018, e: helenford62@hotmail.co.uk

Longparish Village Hall: Mrs Jacqui Healey, ☎ 07748 322533, e: villagehall@longparish.org.uk

Longparish Community Hall: During school open hours, Mrs Christine Leach ☎ 01264 720317

St Mary Bourne Village Centre: Miss Angela Cook, ☎ 01264 738158, e: smbvillagecentre@btinternet.com

Village and community halls will be able to gradually open up for many of the usual functions and activities.

Copy date for the September 2021 Hill & Valley edition: Wednesday 18th August 2021

Your contributions - letters, pictures, comments or articles are always welcome. Contact your parish editor by the copy date.

Printed by The Andover Printing Company Ltd ☎ 01264 334220 www.andoverprinting.co.uk © Hill & Valley Parish Magazine 2021

Parish Editors

Hurstb' Priors: Fenella Williams, Old Parsonage, H'b Pr, ☎ 01256 892081, e: fenella.williams@btopenworld.com

Longparish: Georgina Montague, Westbrook Cottage, ☎ 01264 720 493, e: hillandvalley@longparish.org.uk

St Mary Bourne & Woodcott: Pearl Pritchard, Downhams Cottage, Egbury, StMB, ☎ 07869 727 452, e: pearlritchard@outlook.com

Editorial: Tom Bremridge, Longparish ☎ 01264 720 540
 Michael Widén, St Mary Bourne ☎ 01264 738 250

Production/Distribution: Tom Bremridge, Bramblegate, Longparish, ☎ 01264 720 540, e: tbremridge@gmail.com
 Michael Widén, Batsford Hs, StMB, ☎ 01264 738 250, e: m.widen@btinternet.com

Advertising: Michael Widén, Batsford House, StMB, ☎ 01264 738 250, e: m.widen@btinternet.com

Websites

* Hill & Valley pages on-line

Hurstbourne Priors:

Parish Council: www.hurstbournepriors-pc.org.uk *

Longparish:

Parish Council: www.longparish.org.uk *

St Mary Bourne:

Parish Council: www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk *

Village Centre: www.stmarybourne.co.uk

Community Hub: www.stmarybourne.org

The Bright Waters Benefice: www.brightwatersbenefice.com

Front cover: *Michael Widén*