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Dear Friends,

Those of you who know me will know that I am not the world's best gardener which goes some way to explaining why I found myself at the end of December planting some spring bulbs in the hope that it will not be too late to enjoy their flowers in a few months' time. As I planted each tiny brown crinkled bulb they reminded me of the words of the well-known twelfth century anchoress Julian of Norwich. In one of her famous visions Julian reflected on a hazelnut in the palm of her hand, so small, so insignificant, much like the bulbs I was planting.



She marvelled how anything so little could last or have value, but God answered her by saying

*"It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God."*

The smallest of things can be reminders of God's love and from the smallest hazelnuts great trees can grow which will outlast all that plant them.

As we continue to navigate the twists and turns of life in a pandemic one of my favourite parts of my ministry has been hearing what people are grateful for, what has brought them joy. I have been struck how the things we are sharing now are the things which we most likely took for granted two years ago.

Suddenly it is the small details of our lives which bring us the most encouragement and which inspire the most gratitude. We are no longer striving for the big experiences or latest possessions but are recognising the small everyday gifts we are blessed with.

In the gospels Jesus often celebrates the small things in life. He values children and when the disciples want to send them away because they are distracting and noisy Jesus rebukes his friends and invites the children to gather round because it is in their little lives we can see the kingdom most profoundly. He told stories about God's love using images such as a lost sheep or a lost coin, the small things that others might consider insignificant, matter to God. And he told his disciples of the power of having a 'little faith'.

*"Truly I tell you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*

From small beginnings great things can come. It can sometimes feel overwhelming to try to grapple with the larger picture of what is happening or to make long term decisions and commitments when everything still feels so uncertain.

So my encouragement today is to be like Julian of Norwich. Look out for the small signs of life that are emerging during these coming months, be encouraged by them and share them with others.

Whatever the coming weeks and months hold, may we all find the peace of knowing the joy and assurance of Jesus' love for each of us as we celebrate the beauty of the small gifts in our lives.

Rev'd Helen O'Sullivan

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Services in the Parish Churches

February 2022

All Zoom details are available from the Church wardens or Dodie Marsden.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	All Age Communion
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.00am	All Age Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Holy Communion

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Midweek Communion
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Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Lent

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	Evensong
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	All Age Communion
St James', Woodcott	No service	

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February - 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Lent

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	All Age Morning Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.00am	All Age Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.00am	All Age Morning Praise
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Matins

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Transfiguration Sunday

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	All Age Worship
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong

St James', Woodcott No service

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

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From the Church Registers

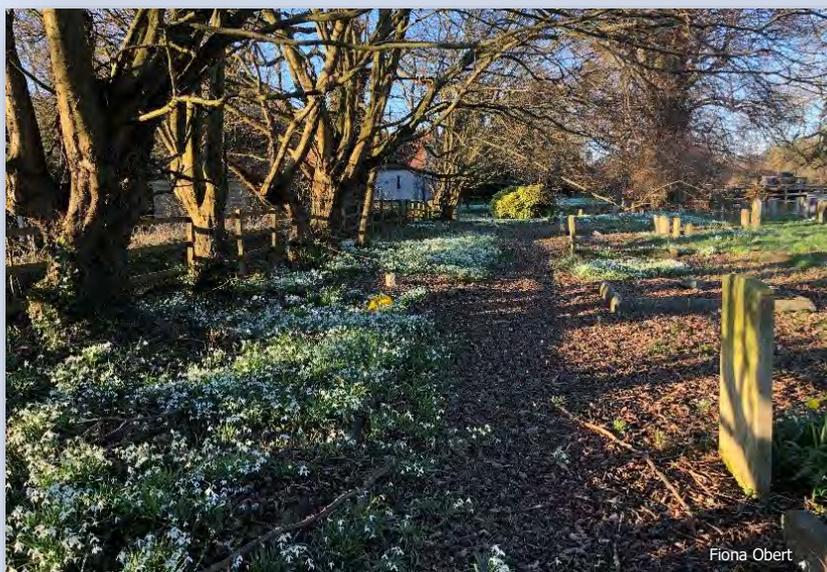
Funerals

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

St Nicholas, Longparish:  
21<sup>st</sup> December - Mike Priestly  
24<sup>th</sup> January - Veronica Daniell  
4<sup>th</sup> February - Reg Temple

St Mary Bourne:  
With deepest sympathy we record the death of - Daphne Miles

We remember them and their families in our prayers



Fiona Obert



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## An update on changes at St Peter's Church

The Winchester Diocese (along with many others nationally in response to falling church congregations and income) has needed to save costs. This has resulted in a reduction in the number of stipendiary (paid) clergy that it can support.

Incumbent vicars now need to be responsible for larger benefices consisting of more churches.

Our benefice therefore has been joined with that of Whitchurch (Litchfield and Tufton) and also includes the parish of All Saints' Barton Stacey and St Michael's, Bullington, comprising of nine churches in all, with the new benefice taking our old name of *Bright Waters*.

### So, what does this mean for St Peter's?

1. Importantly we are retaining our parish church status with our own PCC, looking after our own electoral roll membership, and maintaining responsibility for our funds.

2. We will be sharing administration across the wider benefice, as well as ideas, new ways of doing things and giving support where we can.

3. The PCC is committed to supporting the new benefice clergy team, led by Revd David Roche, Associate Vicar Revd Helen O'Sullivan, and includes Revd Nicky Smallwood, and Revd Mark Christian, our own two clergy Dodie and Richard as well as five Licensed Lay Ministers, who have already been conducting services in St Peter's and organising the church services.

4. Service patterns and times throughout the new benefice -

- We now have a mixture of **9.00am and 10.30am** service times.
- We are retaining one Evensong a month at 6pm
- Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services will move around our churches and will be benefice-wide.
- Our morning services will be a mix of Holy Communion and All Age morning services.
- We will have a midweek Holy Communion service fortnightly on a Wednesday 9.30am.
- There will be a 10.30am Zoom service each Sunday

Patrick Foote - Acting Chairman of the PCC



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



### Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning at **The George Inn** St Mary Bourne on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am**

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### BRIGHT WATERS BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

**Main Duties:** Administration of occasional offices (weddings, funerals, baptisms), supporting the Clergy and Parochial Church Councils within the Benefice. The role will also embrace the Benefice's Safeguarding responsibilities.

**Working Hours:** Two days a week, 4 hours each day based at the Church Office of All Hallows, Whitchurch. Some home working will be permissible.

**Salary:** £9.50 an hour. Other benefits are available.

We would look to commence employment from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Further details, including a job description and application form, can be obtained from the Church Warden, Allan Vaughan, on 07775 707068 or [avchurch124@gmail.com](mailto:avchurch124@gmail.com) who would be happy to have an informal discussion with interested parties. *Bright Waters Benefice is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

### Village Shop 100 Club

**A Big Thank You to All who support the 100 Club!**

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**£50** - Katie Dixon      **£20** - Tom & Clare Ledger

**£20** - Tom Boxer      **£10** - Mike Crofts

**Christmas Draw - 100 Club Draw:**

**£50** - Lara & Oli Madge

**January 2022 - 100 Club Draw:**

**£50** - Bob Harrell      **£20** - Peter Corbett

**£20** - Peter Blair      **£10** - Gordon Pearce

## The Lunch

*We are back!*

After the long break due to covid, January saw the successful restart of the village lunch, our regular monthly community low-cost light lunch. Over forty people attended, and it was great to see everyone, including some new faces as well as our regulars, and we look forward to the future. Our lunches will continue to be held in the Village Centre on the third Wednesday of each month, except for November and December which will be on the second Wednesday. Our next lunch will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**, serving at 12:30 pm. Still £3, no need to book and if a lift is needed phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by the day before. See you there!



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**The Countdown has Begun!!**

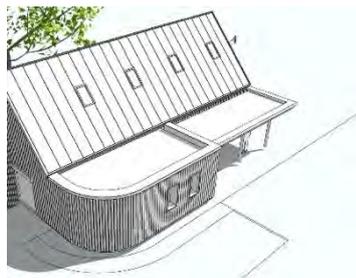
**Your new & improved Village Shop with a new Community Café!**

2022 will be a very exciting year for the village and here's why!

All our plans have been finalised to extend the existing shop to have a larger shop floor with a sustainable eco refilling station as well as a beautiful new cafe with an outdoor seating area overlooking the rec for the whole community to enjoy! The team behind making this a reality has grown with all the right expertise to bring the project to fruition.



The whole team is busy working through all the ins and outs of all the individual areas to piece the puzzle together, but the truth is we won't be able to do this without the backing of our wonderful friends in the village and surrounding areas. That is why we will be opening the exciting opportunity to purchase shares in the Shop & Cafe with one share costing as little as £25. You can, of course, buy as many as you wish. Keep your eyes peeled for this in the near future and we'll be doing our best to shout about it as much as possible, so no one misses out.



We've also got a Rugby Dinner scheduled for 6th May with great prizes up for auction and all the money raised will form part of the café pot! If you are interested to find out more speak to Mike Crofts out and about or drop him an email - [mike.crofts60@icloud.com](mailto:mike.crofts60@icloud.com)

To check out all the plans in full visit our Café Countdown website - <https://stmarybourne.org/village-shop/cafe-countdown/> and look out for our monthly updates in Hill and Valley.

We cannot wait to open up this warm and inviting space to the whole community. From morning coffee to tasty light lunches to afternoon teas, the community Café will be open seven days a week and makes the perfect spot to meet and catch up on village life. We are so excited about the challenge that lies



ahead and are looking forward to enhancing this amazing community even further with the addition of a really great café. We very much hope that you'll join us on our journey and become part of this momentous project. Whether it's buying some shares or volunteering to paint walls, we'd love for you to get involved. Contact us for more info at [shop@stmarybourne.org](mailto:shop@stmarybourne.org).

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**New Year.... New lots of things!**

I write this in January where, I have to say, I always feel a little inspired. It reminds me of starting a new academic year at school... not something you necessarily want to start but it still holds so much promise and you get to start with a clean slate. No detentions hanging over your head (not that I had many!), no outstanding homework; just the possibility of new connections and the adventures of the unknown. I very much feel that about 2022. I hope you'll read the article about the new Shop and Café... it really is a very exciting time and one that we want to maximise to the full.

To that end, I really need your input. The retail space of the new Shop and Café will be increased to allow for a greater range of produce as well as the inclusion of an Eco Shop where you can buy dry goods such as flour, sugar, pasta and detergents and cleaning products with zero packaging. This is where we have a fantastic opportunity to shape the shop into exactly what the community wants... this is where you come in. We'd love for you to fill in a brief questionnaire about what you would like your village shop to do for you. What would you like it to stock? When would you use it most? That kind of thing. We are going to be having a brand-new layout and have the opportunity to create anything, but it needs to be what YOU want. Forms to fill in will be available on our website [www.stmarybourne.org/shop](http://www.stmarybourne.org/shop) and in the shop. Please feel free to fill it in and drop it into the shop when you are next passing – or email the answers to [shop@stmarybourne.org](mailto:shop@stmarybourne.org). Thank you so much for your help.

Another thing I need your help on... Sorry, it's audience participation month this month! We would love to create a **2022 book of St Mary Bourne** that will include **recipes from the village**. If you have a tried and tested family recipe or a quick and easy knock together supper, we'd love to hear from you. Ideally, your recipe would detail how many it serves; the time it takes to make and a photo of the finished product (go as fancy as you like!) so that we can include it along with your name in the book. Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn recipes all welcome as the book will be designed to run a calendar year throughout 2022. Please submit any entries to [shop@stmarybourne.org](mailto:shop@stmarybourne.org) with the subject title *St Mary Bourne Book*.

You'll be pleased to know, that for now, I'm not going to ask you to do anymore, although I do think this is the year that St Mary Bourne will shine. There's lots going on and the opportunity for EVERYONE to get involved so although you already have some outstanding homework, I hope it's not too onerous and believe, it will benefit us all in the long term.

In the meantime, the Shop has lots of great local produce; a good range of essentials at competitive prices and a cheery hello to help you through the winter months. We look forward to seeing you in there soon.

Lara and the Team xx

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# Parish Council

Summary report from the **December & January** meetings of St Mary Bourne Parish Council

[www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk)

**Springhill, St Mary Bourne** - Problems caused by overhanging trees adjacent to the site and the steep camber entering the development were discussed. The developer is looking for a new contractor in order to resolve the camber issue on the access road.

**County Cllr Report** - Cllr Tom Thacker reported on available grants including energy-friendly grants for community buildings, assistance for management of community assets, training & investment for Parish employees, grants for repair/waste reduction workshops and a Christmas holiday grant (December).

**Borough Cllr Report** - Cllr Sam Carr reported on the Local Plan meeting to be held 13<sup>th</sup> February under consultation with the North Wessex Downs AONB with the recommendation for StMB parish to provide 15 affordable houses over the next 15 years.

**Parish Council Expenses** - The increase in insurance costs for buildings owned by the PC (pavilion and part of Bowls Club) was discussed and agreed. The Bowls Club would be asked for a contribution. The increase of the PC grant to Hill & Valley was agreed. The continuing hire of the Club Room as a Parish Office was undecided. A meeting would be held with the Village Centre committee to discuss an extension for 3 months to allow a new Parish Council to decide.

**Parish Council Elections** - These will be held in May. It was hoped that people would be interested in standing for election to fill gaps on the council. Further information will be published in Hill & Valley and Bourne Valley Signpost and anyone is welcome to attend meetings to see what is involved or telephone Jo Perry, PC Vice Chair, on ☎ 01264 738484.

**Recreational Ground and Lake** - Bank restoration work had been completed. Tree clearance had been completed before toad migration to area. Quotes for fencing the lake were being obtained. The contract for grounds maintenance contractor Scofell would be renewed for two years. HIOW Wildlife Trust had planned two lakeside events on 7<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> July. There would be a free photographic exhibition in the Club Room on 27 January - "Tales from the Riverbank". A temporary wooden cover would be made for the manhole by the Cricket Pavilion until a permanent one could be sourced.

**Highways** - The Jubilee Lamp was still not working. The electrical contractor would be asked to investigate the problem and also look at repairing the floodlights on the Recreation Ground.

**Summerhaugh/Square** - Problems caused by people parking in the Square outside the George Inn and obstructing junctions had been reported. The clerk would source "No Parking" signage and mention the difficulties to the proprietor.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 19.30**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 19.30**  
Village Centre Club Room - Public welcome

All minutes and reports can be viewed at [www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning) or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk ☎ 01264 738 039

## Newly registered Planning Applications February 2022

Erection of agricultural building for the storage of forestry and farm equipment - **Land at Black Garden, Egbury Road** - 22/00031/AGPD - 6 January 2022

Erection of first floor involving raising of the roof with dormer windows to the front, side and rear elevations and roof lights to the side elevations - **Hill View, Stoke Hill** - 21/03522/HSE - 17 November 2021

## Recent Local Planning Authority Decisions

Erection of detached building forming store and garden room - **Jasmine Cottage, Doiley Bottom** - 21/03157/HSE - 5 October 2021 - Granted

Erection of a single storey rear extension. Removal of existing mono pitched roof to larder and replacement with lead flat roof. - **Butlers Farm, Gangbridge Lane** - 21/03005/LBC - 20 September 2021 - Granted

T1, Birch tree: Fell [has die back in crown and only 5% foliated]  
T2, Willow: Lift canopy to 4 meters high. T3, Ash: Cut back lower limbs from roof by 2 meters clearance. T4, Cherry: Remove 1 x lower limb over river [as causing a traffic view obstruction] - **Summerhaugh Cottage, Springhill Lane** - T/00486/21/TCA - 20 September 2021 - Raise No Objection

Erection of double car port - **Saint Augustines House, Upper Link** - 21/02542/HSE - 24 September 2021 - Granted

Erection of stable building, and use of surrounding land for private equestrian use - **Windmill Cottage, Egbury Road** - 21/01773/FUL - 24 May 2021 - Granted

Erection of single storey stable building and creation of parking and turning area - **Land Adjacent to Breach Farm House** - 21/01541/FUL - 4 May 2021 - Granted

Demolition of 3 no. existing buildings. Conversion of agricultural barns to 3 no. dwellings, erection of 2 no. dwellings, erection of cartshed, boundary treatments, landscaping and alterations to access and parking - **Egbury Farm Barns, Egbury Road** - 19/02029/FUL - 12 August 2019 - Granted



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### Postcard from Binley - February 2022

It must be said that some of the best walks take place in winter when the countryside lays itself bare, when the trees and rocks and fields stand in stark contrast, their scars fully on show as opposed to the modesty of a hazy, leafy summer's meander. While rain, snow and wind can be invigorating it's a still, sharp day that I love the most and to set off with my dogs at first light and take the path up and over the downs to Wadwick with the ground still cold enough to give off a crunch and icy air filling my lungs. Sheep stand huddled together amid a fug of hoary breath and the skeletal stalks of cow parsley, arguably at their most beautiful are frozen rigid and dusted with ice particles. From above me comes the chatter and clatter of rooks as the first patrol of the day takes to the air.

Heading uphill past the old chalk pit by the Harrison's my presence moves the kites off of their roost and I stand and count them as they take to the wing, gliding around under a steel grey half-lit sky, searching for the carrion the night has left behind. Thirty-one. That must be a bird for every tree in that little copse. The population of kites here in Binley has grown and grown and between here and the park at Binley House there must be over one hundred that roost of a night, and I spend hours out there at dusk counting them in. Their success has been to the buzzard's cost, and they have been displaced to a great extent. It was a common sight not that long ago to see five or six spiralling and calling high up over the Binley downs but no more. The rooks in the rookery took a particular dislike to them and it was a common sight to see a dogfight overhead as the poor old buzzard was mobbed and driven away. For some reason though they tolerate the kites and there exists a tentative truce between them.

Ahead of me lies a line of oaks, inky black in silhouette against the sky above Wadwick which is tinged with vermilion as a winter sun begins to rise, heralding another of the spectacular sunrises we have seen these last two months.

Following the track home from Wadwick House, a Scots Pine half upended in the 2018 storm still lies cradled in embrace by a neighbouring oak reluctant to let it go. I pass a fox at the end of his rounds heading back from what looks like a visit to the quail pens at Dene Farmhouse. It's not the first time I've seen him and, on this occasion, he's empty handed. We pause and stare at each other for a brief moment before he trots on. He knows the distance between him and my dogs is too great to cause any concern.

The village below me is awakening. Lights flicker on, a cockerel crows, a dog barks, I make out a figure in the Strong's paddock attending to the horses. Back on the lane into Binley the familiar and comforting sounds I hear every day. The giggling of Guinea Fowl, a tame cock pheasant cooing on the Corbett's lawn waiting for his corn, a woman's voice singing in her kitchen, the banging of feed buckets and the sound of a mule being fired up. A pick-up truck clatters down the lane dragging a trailer of straw which catches on the roadside hawthorn and hangs there like golden ribbons. Another day to give thanks for.

But talking of rooks a most peculiar thing happened the other day. I was in the garden pottering around and

happened to glance up at four rooks sat on a wire. They were shoulder to shoulder and all with their heads turned looking at another rook about two meters away. This rook looked unhappy. His head was down, his shoulders slumped, and he rocked gently from side to side. I couldn't stop watching and after a few minutes the unhappy rook let out a muffled squawk and toppled backwards off the wire. I knew before I got to him, he was dead. Now I've seen many unnatural bird deaths, be they by dog, cat, car or lead shot but I've never witnessed a natural one. Rooks exist in a complex society and the funereal formality of this was fascinating. Picking up his lifeless body I considered whether to lob him over the hedge or stick him in the dustbin but in the end, I buried him in the garden, planted a winter flowering pansy on him and stood back and said a few words for "Reg". Then I went indoors for the wake. Am I going stark raving bonkers?

But as I write we are at the far end of 2021 and the storm clouds of "Dry January" are gathering on the horizon. But I am not bothered as I simply refuse to take part in it. January is a challenging enough month as it is without being denied a sniff of the barmaid's apron. But one feels one should be doing *something*, so I'm racking my brains for an idea. When Freddie and Michael Wedge lived up Baptist Hill their large garden was turned over almost entirely to growing vegetables and fruit as historically many village homes were. Raspberry canes lined the path down to the front door, leeks grew to the right, an enviable asparagus bed was to the left and rows of brassicas, beans, peas, potatoes and fruit cages filled the entire plot. They lived, as dear old Freddie was fond of saying "off the land, season by season". What they shot and didn't eat went to the game dealer at Burghclere for hard cash and then Micky would drive off to the butchers at Devizes or Marlborough for some grass-fed beef, or down to Seaton in Devon for half a dozen brown crabs. To follow nature's course must make sense? A pigeon in November who has been gorging on beech mast and acorns develops a fat on his breast as rich as Guernsey butter. They are superb! Who wants to eat a Patagonian strawberry in December when in June we can enjoy our own PYO beauties? Or an anaemic farmed trout in February when our own rivers here in the valley produce such glorious mayfly fattened fish in June and July? I'm going to try it and see how I get on. I shall start with the classic "Partridge with cabbage" on New Year's Day!

Wish me the best of British... literally!

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#### The Silver Birch

It's gone  
For many years I've admired it  
Now there's just space  
It's gone

I would stand in my kitchen  
daydreaming  
Kettle on, or making the tea  
I'd watch the birds  
Chattering and swaying  
In that most magnificent tree  
Now it's gone

It was dying, unsafe and needed to go  
I understand that... I know,  
But each time I gaze out of my window  
There's a space, and I'm sad  
Because it's gone.

Win Coventry  
January 2022





### Top Tips Sustainable Bourne Valley

Too many post-Xmas batteries and tin foil containers? Recycle it all in bins by the Village Shop.

- Toad Patrol starts soon. SLOW DOWN and WATCH OUT at dusk for the yellow jacket volunteers between the Church and Derry Down Lane, and on the track up to the Surgery
- Reduce your water consumption, take fewer baths, shower more and use 'hippos' in your loo
- Put on your washing at 30 degrees
- Take part in the Cosy Homes Project. Borrow SBV's Thermal Imaging Camera: see website below [www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk](http://www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk)

### The Wool Exchange

We have been meeting since July last year. Elly and Yvonne missed the creative company of others since Covid lockdowns and really wanted to create a space to just get together or exchange ideas. We plan to meet up February - November on the first Sunday of the month. Closed for December and January but back on **Sunday 6th February**.

Bring what you have or start something new.

**Morning** - join us as we warp up the ridged heddle loom with 'Loomin Marvellous' - please let us know in advance if you are bringing your loom so we set up enough space. Demonstration of direct warping and space to try it yourself on your ridged heddle loom.

**Lunch time** - have a go at fill the gap braiding with Yvonne.

**Afternoon** - basic weaving, how to include shapes which can be done on any loom or even an old photo frame with the glass removed or a piece of cardboard.

If you aren't sure how to warp up, join us in the morning as we get you started. All are welcome! There is a kettle but please bring your own mug and ingredients. The Village Shop is open in the morning and there is always the village pub *The George Inn*.

Don't craft but want to pop by and have a natter? Please do join us anytime between **9.00 - 17.00**.

Other crafts welcome but if you are going to need lots of space let me know beforehand so I can plan - knitting, crochet, felting, embroidery, watercolour, spinning, weaving, up-cycling, mending, dressmaking, charity makes all welcome.

**Club Room, St Mary Bourne Village Centre, St Mary Bourne, Hampshire.**

email Elly on [ellydrew@gmail.com](mailto:ellydrew@gmail.com) or ☎ 01264 738503 / Facebook group @woolxchange



### Light Touch

#### Give Back January 2022

It's no longer January, but it's never too late to join this initiative. Forty million electrical gadgets flew off

retailers' shelves between Black Friday and Christmas, while we hoarded or binned four million redundant or broken gadgets.

If we had given these back to be recycled or reused it would have been worth £136,000,000, according to the Material Change Fund. This not-for-profit organisation is sponsored by electrical appliance producers and started in 2020. 75% of materials in your electrical gear, plugs, cables, and batteries are recyclable. They can all be taken to the small electrical recycling bin at Andover tip, along with larger electricals such as fridges etc. Don't forget our village red battery recycling bin by the shop.



**If your electricals might be mendable why not bring them down to the Repair Café in the George, the first Saturday of each month from 10am.**

**The next session is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**



Curry's will take in all electrical equipment instore and recycle it for free and if you are having large items delivered they will take away the old appliance plus any other electricals you no longer want. Basingstoke and Deane will only collect broken fridges etc. for a charge.

Anything small in good working order except personal care items can be taken to either of two charity shops in Andover. The British Heart Foundation furniture and electrical shop (01264 252380) at 79-81 the High Street, which is open seven days a week, but only 10 to 4pm on a Sunday; or the Naomi House charity shop at 10, Bridge Street (01264 352339) which is open normal charity shop hours.

You can donate good condition large white goods to the Heart Foundation as well as the Community Furniture Project in Basingstoke (01256 320700). Both will collect free as well as collecting furniture.

**A good start to 2022!**



## New oral history project for the Bourne Valley

Within every community, there are countless tales waiting to be told. The thoughts, memories, and experiences of local people are part of a place's identity, but often go unrecorded. The Watercress and Winterbournes team are now capturing these narratives through the next phase of their 'Tales from the Riverbank' project: exploring the role of chalk streams in the lives of their communities.

This project will gather informal oral histories in audio form. They will be carefully catalogued in the county archives, where they will offer invaluable insight for residents and researchers alike. Highlights will be shared more widely, for everyone to learn from and enjoy. We hope to begin this exciting project in the Bourne Valley, but we need your help to make that happen.

There are two fun ways to take part: as an interviewer or as a subject. For the first role, we're seeking volunteers to meet with residents and record their contributions. This activity could focus on your immediate area or range further afield. Training and equipment will be provided (please note you will need to receive a DBS check).

We're also seeking community members who have stories to share. Do you spend weekends walking by the water or watching for wildlife? Perhaps you have a passion for heritage or a grandparent who worked in the watercress beds? Maybe issues like pollution, flooding or a lack of access have left you with mixed feelings? All experiences are welcome: if your life has been touched by the chalk streams, we'd love to hear from you.

To get involved, please email the team at [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk)

## Go Star Gazing in February

### Annual Star Count takes place 26 Feb - 6 March

Organised by CPRE-Countryside Charity. Become a citizen scientist.

There were 8000 of you last year. Help identify where light pollution is a problem. CPRE uses evidence to influence government for better controlled lighting & advise on local reduction of light pollution. It's easy to take part. Email [catr@cpre.org.uk](mailto:catr@cpre.org.uk) to register for a pack. Ideal family activity. No need for a telescope. Choose a clear night. Have fun!

To learn more about impact of light pollution look at dark sky resources-CPRE Night Blight website.

**1st - New Moon:** best time to observe faint objects - galaxies & star clusters.

**16<sup>th</sup> - Full moon:** moon located on opposite side of the Earth as the Sun & its face will be fully illuminated. Known as the Snow Moon by early Native American tribes, as heaviest snow falls occur at this time of year.

**16<sup>th</sup> - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation:** Best time to observe Mercury as it will be at its highest point above the horizon in morning sky. Look for planet low in the sky just before sunrise.

## Board member for The Holdway Almshouse Charity

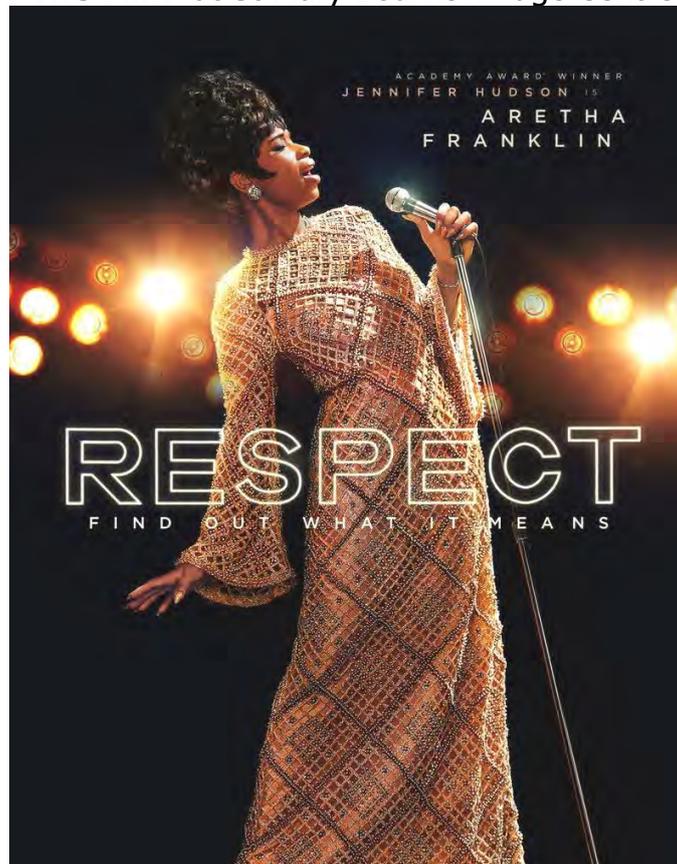
The Holdway Almshouse Charity is a small charity (charity number 204193) which owns and manages four almshouses in the parish of St Mary Bourne.

We are looking to appoint a new trustee to the board. The board meets at least twice a year and is responsible for all aspects of supporting the residents and managing the properties. The board is supported by a part-time clerk to the trustees.

Previous experience as a trustee is not required as training is available. Experience in property management or financial investments would be welcome but are not necessary. We are looking for an individual who has the time and enthusiasm to contribute to this well-established charity, whose charitable aims are focused on meeting the needs of local people.

For more information on this opportunity please contact Jo Exelby, the clerk to the trustees at [holdwayalmshouse@gmail.com](mailto:holdwayalmshouse@gmail.com)

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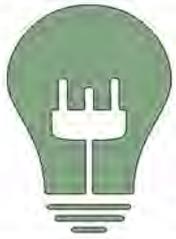
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### REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 10th JANUARY

Draft Minutes of this meeting are available on the website here: <http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes/parish-council-minutes/1817-draft-pc-minutes-10-january-2022.html>

#### Planning

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to:

- Renovations and alterations at **The Curacy**

#### Council Vacancy

A vacancy exists for anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. For further information, please contact the Clerk or the Chairman.

#### 2022/23 Budget & Precept

The Budget and Precept for the forthcoming financial year were approved at this meeting. The Precept has been reduced to £18,500.

#### The Plough Inn – Report from Plough Inn Committee

The PC received a report from the Committee who had recently met to consider the possible financing of roof repairs. The Committee is recommending that the Parish Council resolves to finance the identified repairs to the roof of The Plough Inn by means of obtaining suitable grant funding, and upon receipt of three comparable estimates. This was agreed unanimously in principle and will be resolved formally at a future PC meeting when further quotes are available to consider.

#### Fireworks

A resident reported a great disturbance caused by fireworks let off to mark the New Year, in particular causing considerable distress to horses and pets. The PC would like to remind people of their obligations if they intend to set off fireworks at any time of the year. The most important thing is to be considerate, advise your neighbours of your plans well in advance, be aware of the laws, and particularly in Longparish, be aware of nearby thatched houses which are scattered throughout the village. Please see this article on the website for more information:

<http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/notices/1819-fireworks-guide.html>

#### North Acre Parking Survey

The deadline for completion and return of this survey for residents of North Acre is 31 January. The survey can be completed online, or returned to the collection point in the shop.

#### Highways

Please see separate article regarding proposed road markings near the playground.

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 14 February**.

Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcome to speak on specific agenda items by prior arrangement with the Chairman, or on any matter as part of the Period for Public Speaking.

Chairman: Mrs Christian Dryden - Tel 720398, or email [christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk](mailto:christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk)

Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 738716, or email [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)

*Minutes of all previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish website*

<http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes.html>

## LOGO COMPETITION

Design a logo for Longparish to be used on the new Longparish website

What represents Longparish to you?

The Parish Council has set up a Working Party to commission a fresh new website for the village.



As part of this project we would like to design a new logo - this may just be the word 'Longparish' in a suitable font.

Or maybe there's an image or symbol that shows what Longparish means to you?

Please send us your ideas! They don't have to be perfect, just an example which we can work on or adapt.

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## Longparish Playground

The Parish Council has been looking into new road markings for the stretch of road near to the playground, of the type shown in these pictures, and we would like to invite feedback from residents. If you would like to make a comment, please email or telephone the Clerk.

Email: [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)

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SLOW marking alongside existing Playground warning sign approaching playground from the south



SLOW marking alongside existing Playground warning sign approaching playground from the north



Carriageway edge lines between Playground warning signs, similar to above



Virtual narrowing next to pedestrian gateway, similar to above

### Are you or your organisation interested in helping to create a 'Greener' Longparish?

Many people want to do more to protect and improve the environment, but the prospect of making a difference to climate change can be overwhelming.

We are going to hold a Public Meeting in March where we will explore how we can work together to make a difference through **the Greening Campaign**. This has the support of our Parish Council, TVBC and Hampshire County Council and we are following in the footsteps of 200 other communities countrywide. Our aim is to take the hugely successful campaign started in Petersfield and to introduce it to Longparish.

For more information: <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

### What is the Greening Campaign?

Put simply, the campaign aims to encourage and support local people and businesses to take easy and straightforward steps to reduce energy consumption and waste – everyone is welcome to take part and we will have fun encouraging each other to make meaningful changes.

### Public meeting: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, 7.30pm in Longparish Village Hall

To kick off the campaign, we are holding a public meeting where **the Greening Campaign** will be explained in detail.

There will be a film by Terena Plowright, Founder of **The Greening Campaign**, describing what positive steps we can all take. People attending the meeting will then be invited to help choose a number of simple, relevant actions that will enable Longparish to make a positive difference to the environment. We aim for the meeting to last for no more than 1½ hours, including time for refreshments.

### Who is invited?

The meeting is open to everyone who lives or works in the village, and it would be great to see you there. There is no need to RSVP, but please let us know if you will definitely be attending, as this will help with event planning. Simply email [green@longparish.org.uk](mailto:green@longparish.org.uk)

Anyone interested in joining the Greening Longparish Steering Group, please also get in touch. We look forward to welcoming you to the start of **Greening Longparish!**

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**Friday Lunch Club  
Happy New Year!**

**Longparish Village Hall  
12.00 - 2.00pm**

The Lunch Club is open to anyone in the community. We do ask you to book so that we have an idea of numbers. We serve a light lunch, of soup and roll followed by cake and tea and coffee for just **£3**. Followed by a talk or quiz - ideas for speakers always welcome.

**25<sup>th</sup> February** - please book with Andrea  
**25<sup>th</sup> March** - A Danish perspective on living in Greenland TBC  
**To book a place and transport Andrea Harris 720457 or Christian Dryden 720398**

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**Longparish Friday Litter pick Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am and free coffee at the LCA Coffee Shop this month at The Cricketers.



The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags. For info Tel Christian Dryden 720398

**BARTON STACEY WOMENS INSTITUTE**

We have a super programme of speakers for the year ahead. We started with Neil Stace - the Sewing Soldier - who shared his story of his hobby of sewing at the age of 10 to his fame on the Great British Sewing Bee. On February 24, Sue Butcher will guide us through the process of making a quilt and offer top tips for those already immersed in a project. Please bring along any ongoing sewing projects, for show, tell and guidance. This will be an in person meeting.

In March we will be hearing about the Body Shop's loveliest products whilst learning about the history of the business.

The WI is for all women over 18, so please feel free to pop along and meet us. Meetings start at 7.30 on the last Thursday of the month and we are now back in the Village Hall, Barton Stacey having spent time using Zoom as our way of keeping in touch. All we ask is that you have a negative Covid test. We pride ourselves on the tea and cake and warmth of the welcome you will receive.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please see the Barton Stacey webpage on the Hampshire WI website at [www.hampshirewi.org.uk](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk) or phone 07817 483936

**LCA – L2SOTM – THE Longparish Second Sunday of the Month handicap race**

It was a bright, sunny, good-to-be-alive morning for the January race but icy roads meant that our runners had to prioritise personal safety over speed so most were well outside their target times.

We welcomed new runners Natalie Morley and Kathy Ellis. As often happens with new runners, both significantly underestimated their ability with Kathy finishing in first place over 11 minutes faster than her prediction. Mr Handicap will sort that out next time.

But you don't qualify for the trophies off an estimated handicap. Adam Priestley was our Most Improved Man in second place and Laura Reynolds was Most Improved Lady. Well done both!



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

Covid permitting, our next event is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

Jeremy Barber  
01264 720459 [mrieremybarber@gmail.com](mailto:mrieremybarber@gmail.com)



A new year and another outdoor cricket season on the horizon. Currently the club are competing well in Senior and Junior indoor cricket leagues, at both Dummer (Serious Cricket) and Winchester, as part of the all year round cricket opportunities.

Disappointed with the way The Ashes went? Maybe your child could become the solution to England's batting problems. Longparish Cricket Club takes great pride in its Junior Section, supporting children from beginners, all the way through to playing for our senior teams and perhaps beyond. The club offers supervised junior training at the ground, led by fully qualified coaches and plays matches against other Hampshire clubs at U11, U13 and U15 level during the summer season.

LCC is also specifically looking to strengthen their 1<sup>st</sup> Team, who successfully play in the Hampshire County Division 1 league. Please contact Justin Jackman for further details on adult and junior cricket via the 'Contact' tab on the club's website [longparishcc.hitscricket.com](http://longparishcc.hitscricket.com)

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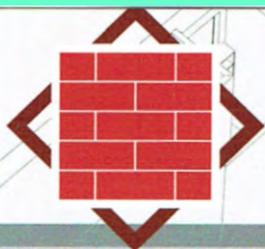
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## The Cricketers Inn

-Longparish-

Hello all, what a great start we have had to the new year, Matt and the team would like to thank you all for your continued support. We have a few things going on during February to keep you going until Spring arrives.

It may be cold outside but you will find a warm welcome and a warm fire in the cosy Cricketers Inn. By the time you read this we will have our new late winter menu running, to be followed by a new Spring menu sometime in March/April. The next Quiz night will be sometime in February, to be confirmed.

We have a delicious Valentines menu available as below, for all of you romantics out there, please call to book a table.

### Valentine Menu

Served the evenings of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and St Valentines Day Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Booking advised – please call 01264 720424 or email [thecricketerslongparish@gmail.com](mailto:thecricketerslongparish@gmail.com)

#### STARTERS:

- (V) Baked Mini Organic Cotswold Brie, with homemade chutney and dipping breads £8
  - Smoked salmon, prawn and avocado salad £9
  - ½ dozen Jersey Oysters with shallot vinegar £12
- Pan fried wood pigeon breast with toasted hazelnuts, spinach and carrot puree £9

#### MAIN COURSES TO SHARE (price per couple)

- Boned and rolled Dorset lamb leg, served with dauphinoise potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, heritage carrots and minted gravy £38
- 16oz Dorset Chateaubriand, cooked to your liking and served with roasted vine on tomatoes, grilled portobello mushroom and chips £48
- Grilled buttered Lobster, served with a hollandaise, French fries and samphire £45

#### INDIVIDUAL MAIN COURSES:

- (V) Homemade Mushroom, Epoisse and spinach tart, served with dauphinoise potatoes and heritage carrots £14
- Coquilles St Jaques- scallops in the shell cooked in a delightful cheese sauce and edged with buttery piped potato served with vegetables £16
- Moules Marinere – Mussels in a rich white wine and cream sauce, served with fries £14

#### DESSERTS

- English cheeseboard to share – Yorkshire Pecorino, Cotswold blue brie and Stinking Bishop £12
  - Homemade Tiramisu £6
  - Raspberry and prosecco cheesecake £6



## THE PLOUGH

The Plough has now been trading for almost six months and things are going very well. Our reputation for good food, beer and wine - and great hospitality and service - is spreading. Visitors have been arriving from Longparish, from Andover, from surrounding villages and from further afield.

We have just launched our new menu and you can find details of this - and our opening hours - on our website: [www.ploughinn.org](http://www.ploughinn.org). You can also follow us on Facebook.

Dean the chef has created a delicious, carefully chosen menu for St Valentine's Day. (Booking essential). Please see the website, Facebook or call 01264 720069 to book a romantic table for two in our delightful, cosy pub.

Over the last few weeks, we've had some great feedback, which we're very proud of, so we thought we'd share a small sample of it:

*"Excellent service, ambience and food. Delicious. Best crumble ever. Perfect evening. Thank you."*

*"Very good service, fantastic food. We will spread the news and come again"*

And from one of our younger customers:

*"You are very friendly and helpful. You also make yummy food!"*

Work inside and out, with the help of our team of volunteers and experts, is still underway.

In the garden, work is going well on the boundary between the pub garden and the football field. A hedge has been planted and the fence (made from wood milled from the trees that were felled to clear the area) is now up. Thanks to Paul Knipe and his team for that.



Inside, a highly efficient team of volunteers, led by Andy Jolliffe, managed to work their way through a long snagging list when the pub closed for a week in mid-January. While Steve, Lucy and Dean took a well-earned break, The Plough was a hive of activity with volunteers busying about with screwdrivers, paintbrushes, drills and trowels. Many thanks to everyone who helped to tick all the items off the list.

Just to add, we are still looking for a cleaner and sous-chef. Please do contact us if you, or anyone you know, might be interested. Please email [careers@lcpl.org.uk](mailto:careers@lcpl.org.uk)



## Longparish School

### Letter from the Chair of Governors

I hope that you are all keeping well. Our children are enjoying being back at school for the start of Spring Term 2022. I am so pleased that we have been able to be fully open since everyone returned and thankfully Covid cases in school have thus far been relatively low. I also need to acknowledge and share our appreciation for the amazing efforts of our teaching staff who have provided remote teaching materials for children isolating and covered staff absence in addition to teaching their own classes!!

Due to a short illness, our head teacher Mrs White has not been in school since before Christmas and so we have had the interim support of Mrs Palmer who I also wish to thank publicly. Mrs Palmer has brought with her significant experience and shared this wisdom with all of our team, highlighting some really beneficial ideas and practices which we have started adopting and others which we will keep building on going forward.

Looking forward, I am pleased to advise that Mrs White is doing well and she will be starting back at the end of this month. Initially this will not be in a full time capacity, so we will continue to have interim support throughout February which will give lots of time for a comprehensive handover.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school.

God Bless,

**Graeme Johnson**  
Chair of Governors



### GARDENING



#### LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 7pm  
Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB

Andrew McIndoe speaking on "The Creative Shrub Garden".

Any enquiries please to:

Rosie Lowry

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Or Marion Bell 01264720205



- **Save the Date!**

After a two year absence, our **May Fayre** will return on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. If you can help distribute leaflets in Longparish and the surrounding villages, please get in touch.

- At the end of last year we held annual Christmas party, with a disco, crafts and games. The FOLS elves helped Santa deliver 101 presents to the children. Thank you for your donations, which make this possible each year.
- We're looking for people to take on a challenge and raise sponsorship for FOLS. We can cheer you on and help with sponsorship materials and promotion. We suggest one of these organised events:  
Join a Relay Team for the Clarendon Marathon on Sunday 2 October. Both experienced runners and newbies are welcome to join. The route takes you from Salisbury to Winchester.  
Walk the Test Way on Sunday 25 September. Follow the river from St Mary Bourne to Romsey – an epic 25.5 walk (or start at points further along the route for shorter options).
- The winners of our recent 100+ Club draws are:  
December Superdraw winners 1st C. Kidd, 2nd C. Surridge, 3rd H. Tilbury.  
January winners 1st B. Glanville, 2nd .P Billingham, 3rd J. & R. West
- To keep up to date with FOLS news, follow us on Facebook at [fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool](https://fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool)

**Jo Allam, Chair**

contact : [chairfols@gmail.com](mailto:chairfols@gmail.com)

### Thank you!

You may remember that December's issue of Hill & Valley contained an appeal from St. Nicholas Church to replace an antiquated heating boiler which could not be repaired.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of villagers, £7,500 was raised within two months! Donations flooded in via cheque, online and from collection boxes in the Acre Stores, the Cricketers and the Plough. We heard a lovely story of two little boys who gave their pocket money for sweets to the appeal.

The new boiler is a great improvement and makes the church warmer than the old system. It even has an APP so the heating can be turned on remotely! On behalf of everyone at St Nicholas, thank you for your kind generosity.

**Georgi Leask & Peter Jones**  
Churchwardens

*Everyone always very welcome to our regular services.*

 **LONGPARISH FETE** 

**Fete 2021 Proceeds** : The proceeds of the fete has for many years been split 50/50 between the church and village hall (VH), mainly for building maintenance. The VH have not required any funds for the past two years, so it was agreed that last year (2021) their 50% share should be spent on other village organisations. A committee was formed after the final profit had been determined, to decide how the 'village' 50% should be distributed. This committee was made up from representatives of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the Parish Council, The Village Hall and the LCA, those organisations being best placed to know where the money was most required.

The following split was decided around mid-December, so that each organisation had their cheque before Christmas:-  
 St. Nicholas Church (£1,800.00 for new boiler); The Plough Community Pub (£1,000.00 for chairs for the River room); Longparish (Cof E) Primary School (£1,000.00); Little School (£500.00); Longparish Choir (£200.00 towards the cost of a piano); Whitchurch Scouts (£250.00 for running the car park); Longparish Cricket Club (£750.00 for use of ground etc., and running the BBQ) **TOTAL (being 50% of fete profit) £5,500.00**

Many thanks again to all who helped with the fete in 2021 and for getting such a good result. Your efforts are truly appreciated by everyone concerned. **John Young**

**Fete 2022:** Peter Jones has very kindly agreed to take on the chair for this year's fete. Peter has run the fete for two consecutive years in the past, so he comes to the task with a lot of experience, so please give him your best support this year. If you would like to be involved in any way, contact him via email on [peter@mothball.me.uk](mailto:peter@mothball.me.uk). I'm sure he would appreciate an early call from you. The date for this year's fete is:-

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**LONGPARISH WILDLIFE By CHRIS BOWMAN**

**A WINTERS WALK**

I started off from home as usual with the dog. We travelled down the back path, saw a couple of **goldfinches** on the feeders and two **jackdaws** sitting on an aerial. At the bottom house **sparrows** and a **blue tit** were on Arthur's feeders.

We turned right by the shop and a **chaffinch** flew over followed by two **collard doves**. We could hear more noisy sparrows as we carried on down the road. At the Pony paddock only a couple of **rooks** and six **starlings**, so on we go turned left into Mill Lane, where it was quiet until just before we reached the bridge where a small flock of **siskins** were in an Alder tree.



At the bridge were a couple of **mallards** a **gadwall** and a **little grebe**. Turning left towards the ford at the trout farm there were a lot of **seagulls**, **great black-backed gulls**, **lesser black-backed gulls**, **herring gulls** and **black-headed gulls**. A small flock of **meadow pipits** and a **pie'd wagtail** were looking around the grass for food. Also on the lake were **tufted ducks**, **coots**, **moorhens** and **grey heron** sitting on the bank, plus thirteen **swans**: the most I have ever seen here. On to the ford a **dunnock** was front of me and two **blackbirds** were raking around in the leaf litter. Turning right into Nuns walk lots of **wood pigeons** were flying around and a pair of **carrion crows**. Up the drive to Owls Lodge was a covey of **red-legged partridges**. In the big yew tree a **goldcrest** and three **redwings** looking for food. On we went to a small flock of **great, blue and long-tailed tits** flitting through the trees. Turning right and back into Mill Lane was quiet with only a few more **tits** and **robins**. Back at the bridge a **red kite** flew over. Turning right I could see a **buzzard** in the distance.

I hope you have enjoyed our walk we saw 35 different birds.

**Kit Fleming**

**3rd March 1935 - 7th November 2021**



It has been a privilege to discover more about Kit ; he was such a private person, a true gentleman that liked his own company but also who had so many diverse interests.

Kit was born in Southsea but quickly moved to Australia where his father had been seconded to the Australian Navy. At the outbreak of war, four year old Kit, his baby brother, Alastair and their mother made the hazardous journey back home to Britain by steamer via Colombo, Freemantle, Bombay, Suez, Egypt, Malta and Calais to eventually arriving into Folkstone on the same day that the German army overran Copenhagen. They spent the rest of the war years on the family estate at Kinloch Rannoch; the bothy had no electricity, and water came from the burn. Quite a shock for the little family used to sunny Sydney!

Kit studied mechanical engineering but before really starting his career, he had to complete his national service. He was told that only REME was available which was not to Kit's liking! But nothing daunted him; he took a day off work, presented himself to the Admiralty and asked to see the director of Naval recruitment - after a successful interview was instructed to report to HMS Raleigh. Later as a junior engineering officer on HMS Ocean, life was hectic: one task was to organise a specially painted Land Rover to be winched onto the flight deck for the Queen's visit He recalled parties onboard were memorable and the hangovers severe! On completion of his national service Kit became a development engineer, then Deputy Chief engineer for Mirrlees, developing a new type of marine engine. In 1967 Kit joined Preece Cardew & Rider as development diesel engineer setting up power stations all over the world; from Brunei to Sierra Leone his passports are littered with exotic visa stamps. When Kit's company moved out of London he decided not to follow, so began work as a civil servant providing emergency generating for government departments, especially vital during the Miner's Strike .

Kit retired to Longparish after the death of his mother. He spent his time maintaining the water meadow at his family home in Sutton Scotney . He loved to plant up the ground and had comprehensive knowledge of the trees and how to improve the water flow; he really appreciated the solitude and problem solving .Kit was a regular guest at Harewood Forest Shoot syndicate and at the family shoot where he shot with his father's John Dickson guns, often putting the younger guests to shame. Sailing was Kit's real love he had a series of yachts that he shared with friends. On occasions he would invite the family to join him at events such as the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fleet review at Spithead and the Round the Island Yacht Race. He was a very experienced yachtsman who completed no less than seven Fastnet races, including the terrible one in 1979. When he gave up his own yacht he was in great demand as crew travelling around the globe.Kit came late to another sport , he inherited his brother's horse racing interests and had some real successes with trainer Kim Bailey; he would travel to all the race courses and was so proud of his horses' achievements. Kit loved his life in Longparish where he was a great regular at the shop and pub and it seems fitting that we were able celebrate his life at The Cricketers, where he was made so welcome.



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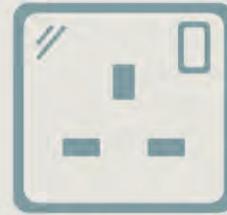
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**WEATHER - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021**

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It rained on	3 days	10 days
Rainfall same month last year	131mm (5.15in)	153mm (6.06in)
Total for 2021	917Mm (36.10in)	1011mm (39.80in)
Total for 2020	1078mm (42.44in)	1131mm (44.52in)
Max temp	14C (58F) on 7 <sup>th</sup>	15C (59F) on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Min temp	-1C (30F) on 27 <sup>th</sup>	-1C (30F) on 11 <sup>th</sup>

**2021 Round up**

The 10 year average rainfall is 39.3in (this year 39.8in)  
 We had the warmest New Year ever: 15C  
 2021 was the coldest January for 10 years  
 It was the frostiest April for 60 years (17frosts)  
 The wettest May since 1967  
 The hottest July day: 36C  
 The dullest August ever.  
 And the second warmest September ever.

*John Smail*

**WORD OF THE MONTH**



The word for this month is CERULEAN to remind us that even though we look up to the sky and see grey, we must remember that there is still always a blue sky above us. With my apologies to any artists out

there who will know the word from their paint palette. Cerulean is derived from the Latin *caeruleus*, "dark blue, blue, or blue-green", which in turn probably comes from *caerulum*, diminutive of *caelum*, "heaven, sky". Its definition is therefore "resembling the blue of the sky".

*Barbara Carrodus*

**LADIES COFFEE MORNING**

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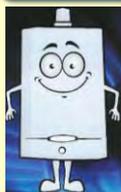
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**Hurstbourne Priors  
Safari Supper - 12th March  
Invitation**

All villagers are invited to join the next Hurstbourne Priors Safari Supper. We would like to welcome anyone who has not been before or is new to the village.

Each couple hosts one course, going to other houses for other courses meeting different people at each location.

The programme for the evening will be:-

6.45 pm	Drinks/nibbles
7.30 pm	Starter
8.15pm	Mains
9.15pm	Pudding/cheese
10.00pm	Coffee in the Village Hall

Those who do not have a partner can join with someone else to form a 'couple' for the evening.

If you would like to participate, please email by the 14th February to:

[SafariSupperHBP@gmail.com](mailto:SafariSupperHBP@gmail.com)  
to register and for full details.

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Safari Supper Team

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022**

The Parish Council meetings for this year will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 30th March
- Wednesday 25th May
- Wednesday 27th July
- Wednesday 28th September
- Wenesday 30th November

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 1830. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. You do not need to give any notice, but if there is a particular item which you would like to discuss, and which you feel it would be beneficial for Councillors to look into prior to the meeting, please contact:

Richard Waterman, Parish Clerk  
[Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com](mailto:Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com)  
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All minutes from previous meetings are available to view on the Parish Website.

**MAY FAIR - 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022**



After an absence of two years the Hurstbourne Priors May Fair is back, so please put the date in your diaries:

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022  
12noon to 4pm**

Preparations are underway for our major fundraising event for our Village amenities: St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground.

The May Fair Team would be most grateful for offers of help both before and on the day and for contributions for the following stalls.

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Many thanks for your continuing support.

The May Fair Team  
 (Ed Beasley, Kim French, John Perry, Clare Read, Hannah Ross, Fenella Williams)  
[hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com](mailto:hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com)

**BIG BREAKFAST AND PANCAKE RACE**



**The May Fair Team invite you to  
a Big Breakfast and Pancake Race**

**Hurstbourne Priors Recreation Ground**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 12noon.**

Bring your frying pan and come and enjoy a delicious hot breakfast, have fun pancake racing and find out how you can help with the May Fair this year.

If it is raining, we will be in the Village Hall.

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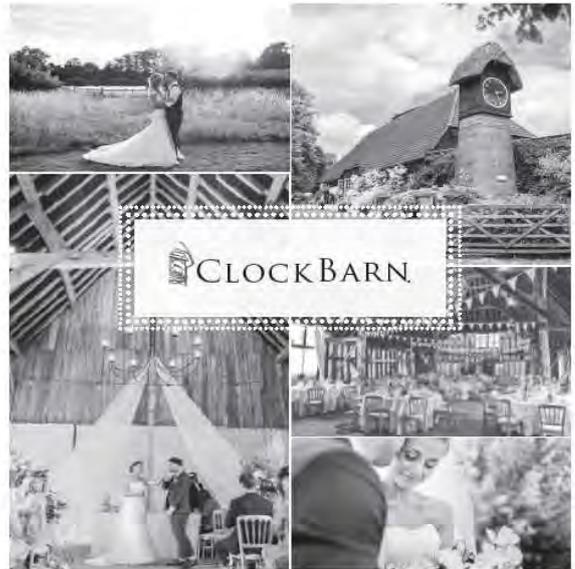
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**Have You Ever Thought about Volunteering?**

Volunteers are essential to the running and sustainability of the Mill, and our volunteer team includes people of all ages involved in a variety of roles. Some were already experts in their field when they joined us, others have enjoyed learning new skills or just meeting new people, and it's not all about work: we meet as a team monthly for tea, coffee and cake and hold two thank you events per year. If you can spare just an odd hour here and there, or can commit to a regular day per week, or just want to find out a little more, our Volunteer Co-ordinator Laney Thorpe would love to hear from you at [laney.thorpe@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](mailto:laney.thorpe@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)

**February 2022 Half Term Activities for Families**

On Tuesday 22 February, the BRICK People will be leading LEGO sessions at the Mill. These need to be booked, so please check our website for times and to make a booking. There will be a Make and Take session on Thursday, 24 February, 10.30am to 12.30pm, free with admission or family membership.

**Current Exhibition, until 27 March 2022**

Our gallery is currently hosting an exhibition by Basingstoke Creative Stitchers (formerly Basingstoke Embroiderers' Guild), showing their diverse skills including traditional embroidery techniques alongside contemporary textile and mixed media art pieces.



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Participants will need to source their own tree and install it during the planting season October 2021 to March 2022. Trees can also be obtained from the retail arm of the Woodland Trust, which is also supplying 50,000 trees free of charge to UK schools ([queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/communities-and-groups/](https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/communities-and-groups/)).

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If you don't have a suitable home for a tree you might think about donating a tree that will go towards creating green spaces in deprived urban areas and schools across the country ([shop.queensgreencanopy.org/](https://shop.queensgreencanopy.org/))

For more information on the Queen's Green Canopy:

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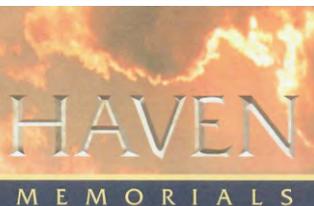
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Unfortunately, despite Hampshire County Council initially agreeing to consider a speed reduction, they have now decided against it - either to 30mph or 40mph.

Part of the rationale for the decision of HCC is that, having consulted with the casualty collision history for the junction, HCC only have four collisions recorded at the site within the past five years. Only one was deemed to be 'serious', whilst the other three were categorised as being of 'slight severity'. As all of these collisions were recorded as involving a failure to give way in a north-east to south-west direction (Whitchurch to Andover) they will look at reviewing the signs and road markings.

The Parish Council believe that there have been a much higher number of incidents at the crossroads which, for whatever reason, is not known about by the Safer Roads Team. If you, or anyone you know who may not read Hill & Valley, was involved in any sort of incident at the crossroads and surrounding area the Parish Council would very much like to know. The details needed are:

- Date
- Number of vehicles involved
- Type of vehicles ie: car, van, bike, truck
- Whether there were any injuries
- If possible, a photograph

All evidence will be collated and passed onto the Team in the hope that we can improve the safety at this junction within our Parish; particularly given that we are now beginning to welcome new residents to St Mary's Hill and so the number of vehicles using the junction is only going to increase.

Please send details to the Chairman of the Parish Council [clareread@aol.com](mailto:clareread@aol.com) These details will only be shared with the Safer Roads Team at HCC.

We will shortly be installing vehicle and speed monitoring devices throughout the Parish in order to collect further evidence to submit as part of our road safety strategy.

*Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council*



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- 5 10am onwards - **'Repair Café'** - The George Inn
- 6 9am to 5pm - **'Wool Exchange'** - Club Room
- 8 10.30am - Coffee at the George Inn
- 8 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Club Room
- 15 7.30pm - The Film - **'Respect'** - Main Hall
- 16 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Main Hall
- Saturday mornings** - 10.30am to 12.30pm  
The Community Library - Club Room

## Longparish

- 11 9.15am - Friday Litter Pick - Village Hall
- 11 10am to 12 Noon - LCA Coffee Shop -  
The Cricketers
- 12 Evenings - **Valentine's Special Menu**
- 13 at The Cricketers and
- 14 at The Plough (on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 13 10am - L2SOTM Run - Cricket Ground
- 14 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 22 7pm - Gardening Club Talk -  
*The Creative Shrub Garden* - Village Hall
- 25 12.00 – 2.00 Longparish Lunch Club -  
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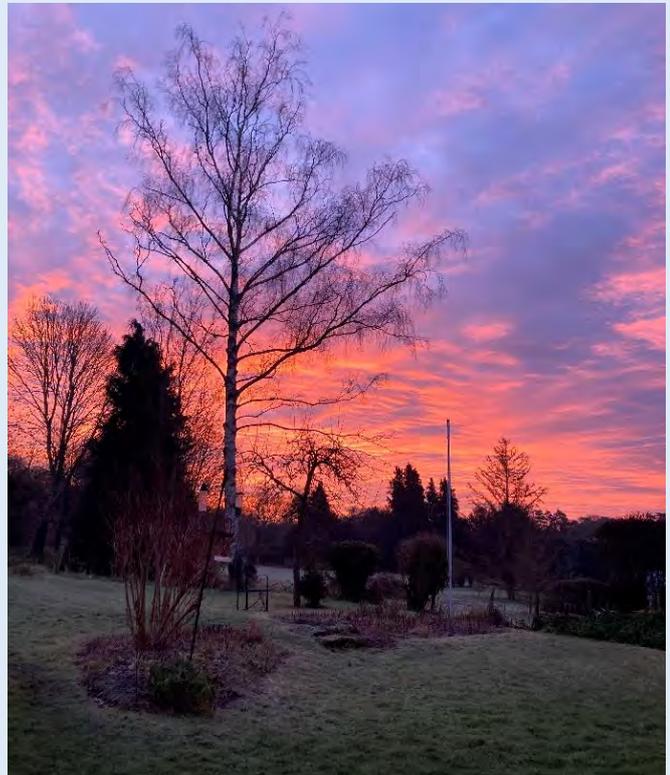
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