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*Hurstbourne Priors May Fair
Monday 1st May - 12 noon to 4pm*

Dear Friends,

This May edition of the parish magazine comes on the back of Easter joy and the hope of new life found in the risen Christ. As trees, plants, and flowers have been waking up in spring, now with warmer and longer days, we anticipate summer coming and enjoying the surrounding countryside and garden spaces that God has given us to nurture and enjoy. Moving from spring to summer, reminds me what had been lying dormant is now coming to life, to blossom and will bear fruit. From a resurrection perspective, despite all the troubles of the world, we can hold onto our Lord who has conquered death, confident that Jesus has the last word over the injustice and suffering we know of too well.

May is a busy time for Christians, remembering, celebrating, and being reminded of God's power and purposes in our world. In May we remember the moment Jesus ascended into heaven (the Ascension) traditionally 40 days after Easter, and just 10 days later that we remember the time when the Holy Spirit came with great gusto overcoming the crowds at Pentecost, 50 days after Easter. In the 10 day interim, known as a 'Novena', we pray with expectancy, reliving the wait of those early Christians that the Kingdom of God would come on earth as in Heaven. Jesus Christ was gone, but He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help us and be our guide, so Christians rededicate their dependency on God during this time.

Before Jesus ascended he commanded his followers to go and tell the good news to those who would listen, that same command remains for us today, with proclamation is the call to live and to 'be' the good news and demonstrate God's love. I leave you with a sonnet for Ascension Day by Malcom Guite.

*We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.*

David

The Reverend David Roche
Area Dean and Priest in charge

The May

With the may blossoming in the many hedges and spring hope in the air, May Day has a spark about it. First mentioned in 1240 by a bishop complaining his clergy were getting involved in (he assumed) risqué village games for the 'bringing-in of May', its energy has somewhat evaporated. Given our national undervaluing of manual labour (discuss!—letters to the editor must be accompanied by a large box of chocolates), the earnest International

Workers' Day took 100 years to make it into this country and has now fizzled out. So maybe all we now want on 1st May is a day off work.

May poles were still going in 1950s schools as a folk tradition, with their complicated interweaving of the colourful ribbons by both agile and blundering children. But you needed more of a celebration to bring out the whole community. This area was on the western edge of the 'garlanding' region of the country. Joseph Stevens, St Mary Bourne village doctor and antiquarian of the mid-19th century, wrote nostalgically of the colourful May Day celebration of the past. Even in his day it was a shadow of what it had been:

'Aged people remembered when the place was decorated with green boughs, and a maypole was erected at Whitsuntide, the blowing of horns, an old custom on May Day, had its survival at St Mary Bourne, fifty years ago, in boys making "May horns" of willow bark twisted in a spiral manner. But the May Day rejoicings at that time had dwindled down to a band of half washed chimney sweeps decorated with coloured papers and ribbons, who danced round a walking bower, which enclosed a female of their order, the representative probably of Maid Marian of the olden times. They extracted what music could be elicited from the contact of shovels and brushes. Later, the village festival survived as "Garland Day", when all that remained to tell of the rejoicing of the past were little children bearing miniature bowers from house to house, chanting "Please to see my garland".' Parochial History (1888), p.188.

Mrs Innes (local historian of St Mary Bourne, writing in 1944) adds a flavour of what took place in the 1820s:

'Tradition still tells of the parades of rather over a hundred years ago when the seven daughters of the Vicar, the Rev. W.E. Easton (six of whom are buried in the churchyard) led the procession through the village on May Day, dressed in white muslin and blue ribbons. The former elaborate cage of flowers, with its girl occupant, is no longer seen, but children come round with pretty bunches of spring flowers from the copses tied to a flat piece of wood, sing their rhymes and knock for their penny. The most usual rhyme runs:-

*First of May is garland day,
Second of May is step-toe day,
Knock at the knocker,
Ring at the bell,
Please for a penny for singing so well.'*

No-one seems to know what a step-toe day was, except possibly a painful prank when boys used to try to step on each other's toes.

In case anyone's thoughts are running along the bishop's line, those historians who research such things have confirmed there was no peak in birth statistics nine months after May Day, in the period post 1530s when numbers started to be recorded in church registers. The night of 30 April was typically too cold to spend in the woods or under hedgerows.

MC



'Garland Day'
Hurstbourne Priors

May 2023

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

Sunday 7th - Easter 5

Charles III Coronation Services

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

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Wednesday 10th

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 14th - Easter 6

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

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Sunday 21st - Ascension Sunday

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

Winchester Cathedral Church of England Zoom Service Online

Wednesday 24th

All Hallows', Whitchurch	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 28th - Pentecost Sunday

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Family Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong
St James', Woodcott		No service

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

For all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact the Church Office Administrator: ☎ 01256 893573 brightwatersbenefice@gmail.com

Rev David Roche: ☎ 01256 892535 revd.davidroche@hotmail.com

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden: ☎ 01264 738211 dodie.marsden@gmail.com

• For details of Roman Catholic Services in Whitchurch or Andover: ☎ 01264 352829

• Methodist Minister for our parishes: The Revd Rachel Borgars, 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, RG28 7SU ☎ 01256 895878 or rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

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

Isla and Sophia Frame - in St Peter's on 30th April

Weddings

"Marriage is a gift of God in creation ..."

Congratulations to

Nicky Oram and James Perkins
Giles Malyon and Lauren Flood

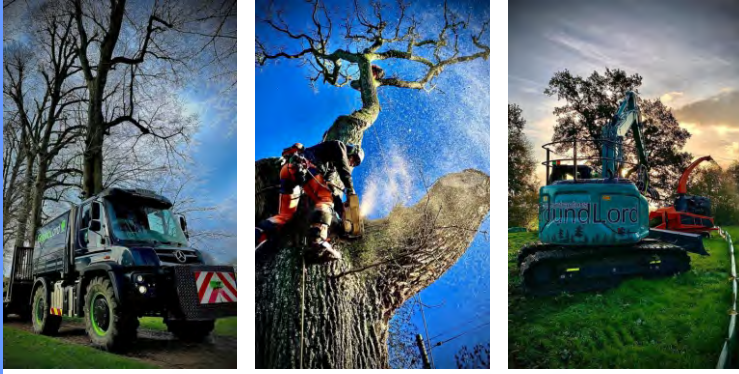
Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

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Jenny Skinner	Doreen Gascoine
Gordon Clifford Martin	Gina Yates
Marion Jeffery	Peter Denison
John Paice	





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WEATHER – MAY 2023

Total rainfall for month	146mm	5.74in
It rained on	17 days	
Total for 2023	289mm	11.37in
Total for 2022	205mm	8.07in
Max temp (on 21 st)	16C	60F
Max night temp (on 29 th)	10C	50F
Min temp (10 th)	-2C	28F

March gave us the rain we didn't have in February!
We had 17 wet days as opposed to last March's 6 days.

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Victoria Fitz-Gerald is hosting our May coffee morning. All are welcome from 10.15 am at Southrope (No 18) on Thursday, 25th May.

For more information or offers to hold a coffee morning, please contact Susie Sorby (tel 892665 or sbsorby@hotmail.com).

**A NEW EDITOR NEEDED!**

We are still looking for a new Editor for the Hurstbourne Priors pages of the Hill and Valley.

After five enjoyable years and with the imminent arrival of a second grandchild, the time has come for me to hand over the editorial pen for the Hurstbourne Priors pages of the Hill and Valley.

The Editor collects articles and contributions each month and puts everything together on our four pages of the magazine. We are a small village, but thanks to our wonderful contributors – some regular and some occasional – our village is well-represented in the magazine.

If you would like to take this on, or would like to know more about what it entails, please phone 01256 892081 or email fenella.williams@btopenworld.com

Fenella Williams

**Celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III****Coronation Service – St Andrews Church
Sunday 7th May at 10.30am**

We invite you to join us for a special Coronation Service at St Andrews Church with Revd Nicky Smallwood and there will be Sunday School with activities for the children.

**A 'Royal' Tea and Coronation Celebration
The Recreation Ground
Monday 8th May from 3pm**

You are invited to a special 'royal' tea on Monday 8th May from 3pm to celebrate the coronation of our new King. Since Hurstbourne Priors is famous (and rightly so) for its cakes, this seems a fitting way to celebrate. We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join in the fun.

There will be a 'best crown' competition for any aspiring Kings and Queen Consorts as well as a fun, all ages, rounders match and the Pavilion Bar will be open to help celebrate.

If you would like to help make sandwiches or cakes, pull pints or pour wine please get in touch with Clare Read at clareread@aol.com

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1st May**

*from 12noon to 4pm
Fun for all the Family*

Circus workshop – Live music with The Beatles Return – Maypole dancing – Bouncy Castle – Childrens Games – Pony Rides – Martial Arts display – Beekeepers – Model Railway

and all our usual Village Stalls, BBQ, Hog Roast, Pub in the Park, Ice cream and Teas!

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

**‘The Sophia’**

Our latest ‘Herstory’ collection limited edition silk scarf ‘The Sophia’ is available to buy in our shop or online in either a chevron or a textured pattern, in various colourways. Our weavers have taken inspiration from the Mill’s archive to create this silk and it has beautiful springtime pastel colours. It’s named after Sophia Whipp, née Hutchence. She and her two sisters were silk winders and employed as child workers in the early days of the Mill, and Sophia spent her entire working life here; a career of some 60 years. If you’re buying online and want to choose a particular colourway please call 01256 892065. The price of the scarf includes a Whitchurch Silk gift box.

Fundraising

Recent fundraising events have proved very popular, raising nearly £3000, and have introduced new people to the Mill. We’re very happy about this success, but there’s always more to be done to raise funds for keeping the Mill running smoothly. You can help us by patronising the shop and café, attending events and workshops or simply by giving us a donation, however large or small. Are you part of a group that would like to visit the Mill for afternoon tea or a tour? Do you have a talent that you would be happy to share with others through a talk or workshop? If so, please get in touch, as we need to take as many opportunities as we can to raise income. An application for a National Lottery Heritage Fund Resilience Grant has been submitted and if successful will help us continue to inspire a passion and preserve the skills for heritage silk weaving.

Kalush – Eurovision Fun Day at the Mill

Join us on 13 May for a family fun day packed full of things Eurovision, as we celebrate the UK hosting the contest on behalf of last year’s winners, Ukraine. See our website for more details.

Weave a Wall Hanging Workshops

Our popular wall hanging workshops are back and, responding to those of you who expressed a wish to attend with a friend, this time we’ll have two looms and room for two people at each session. We’re sure you’re not friendless, but if you’d like simply to book for yourself and meet a new friend, please feel free to do so! The workshops are suitable for adults only and must be booked. Mill Trustee Annette Poulton will be the new workshop leader. She has a vast amount of weaving experience in both design and higher education: she co-founded DesignZamis, exhibiting and selling worldwide; she taught at Winchester School of Art for 20 years and is now a visiting lecturer at Central Saint Martins; in 2021 she was awarded the Silver Medal from The Worshipful Company of Weavers for her contribution to woven textiles, design and education. The workshops will take

place on multiple days between 10 & 21 June. Please see our website for dates and full details and, if none of the dates offered suits you, please call 01256 892065 to discuss options with us.

Keeping Calm and Carrying On: Women’s Lives on the Homefront in World War 2

We’re really looking forward to this event: an evening with A J Pearce, author of Mrs Porter Calling. Thursday 29 June, 7.30pm. Tickets £20 including a welcome drink.

Current Exhibition – ‘In and around the Mill’

Visual Marks – Textile Artists will be in our exhibition space until 25 June, showing art inspired by the Mill and its surroundings. The group’s artists use many forms of media, including machine and hand stitching, painting, collage and appliqué, and the exhibition shows a diverse and interesting collection for visitors to enjoy. Free with admission to the Mill.

Pins and Needles Craft Group

Our friendly adult crafting group meets on the first Thursday of the month and is open to all. In May we’ll be teaching beginners to crochet, and please note that this meeting will be on the 4th, to avoid coinciding with Coronation celebrations. Tickets £10 including tuition, materials, and a hot drink. Booking is essential, as places go fast.

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

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 6.30pm the Village Hall and the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 31st May 2023.

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 (01264 772460) or
Clare Read, Chairman, clareread@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 24th JUNE**Party at the Pavilion**

Please save the afternoon and evening of Saturday 24th of June for the ‘Party at the Pavilion’. A fun and fabulous feast with live music, competitions, bar and raffle to raise money for the Pavilion and Recreation Ground.

Unfortunately the drains need to be replaced and the Pavilion requires a new thatch as well as updating the showers, changing rooms and some of the fittings.

Full details will be coming soon. If you would be interested in joining the organising team please contact Lulu Beasley on beasleylulu@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

The Parish Council would like to thank Tony Lubman for his hard work over the past few years as the member of the Parish Council representing Tufton. Grateful thanks especially for all his work in getting a suitable and fitting replacement bridge over the River Test.

We are delighted that Liz MacGregor has agreed to join the Parish Council as his successor.

The Parish Council are also pleased to report that Simon Mattinson has agreed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent Cressington, Chapmansford and St Mary's Hill. If any resident of New Barn Farm would like to join the Council then please do make contact with Richard Waterman the Parish Clerk.

We look forward to welcoming Liz and Simon at our next meeting in May.

*Clare Read, Chairman
Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council*

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS!

Now that we have a new website we would love to have some new pictures to illustrate our lovely village and the surrounding area. If you have any pictures which you would be happy to 'give' us then please send them to the Parish Clerk, Richard Waterman:
richard.waterman150@btinternet.com

WORD OF THE MONTH

I have been looking for a word that would be appropriate for the merry month of May and has some relevance to the Coronation and I have found INTHRONISTIC - its Meaning is relating to an ordination.



Barbara Carrodus

ANDOVER FOODBANK



The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has generously donated over the past few weeks. We are, as always, incredibly grateful.

This week we are in need of the following items:-

Long Life Fruit Juice - URGENT
Tinned Fruit - URGENT
Tinned rice pudding/custard - URGENT
Pot Noodles

Nappies – Size 5 and 6
Toilet rolls
Cleaning spray/wipes
Shampoo

Thank you so much.

*Andover Foodbank
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HURSTBOURNE PRIORS CRICKET

“Let the cherubic host in tuneful choirs touch their immortal harps with golden wires..” so penned George Frederic Handel in celebration of the return of cricket to Hurstbourne Priors. And thus it was recorded in the annals of the club for posterity.

Cricket in the village stretches back to 1909, when Harry Plunket Greene, a famous baritone, asked Lord Portsmouth to allow the newly formed Hurstbourne Park Cricket Club to play on the recreational ground. He agreed, *alhamdulillah*, and the club remained active until 2017 when dwindling player numbers necessitated a pause. That all changes this summer with HPCC competing again in the Hampshire League with reinvigorated interest from the old guard, extra bodies recruited from the village (willingly donated by their wives, by all accounts...) and a new Club President (our very own sweet prince, Nick Read).

There has been plenty of off season work to prepare the wicket and the ground; on most fair evenings one of us can be seen rolling the pitch whilst on 'mole watch'. In addition, there was an appeal for funds to help finance the new cricket net, which is now available for everyone in the village to use. We are grateful to Clare Read, the parish council, Vitacress and our numerous sponsors who generously contributed to this wonderful asset.

Speaking of generosity, we would also like to thank local solicitors Phillips Law (www.phillips-law.co.uk) for kindly agreeing to sponsor our 2023 season.

HPCC is always on the lookout for local (cricketing) talent so, if you fancy digging your old bat out of the stick stand this summer, please email the Club Chairman, Steve Cady (cadysteve@hotmail.com). Alternatively, drop in on one of our weekly training sessions at the Hurstbourne Priors ground every Wednesday at 5.30pm.

Finally, I leave you with a list of our Hampshire League home fixtures in May and June, in case you feel like lending some support!

13th May - HPCC v Basingstoke & NH V

27th May - HPCC v Froxfield II

3rd June - HPCC v Compton & Chandlers Ford IV

17th June - HPCC v Ropley II

You can follow our progress this season on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - search 'Hurstbourne Priors Cricket'.



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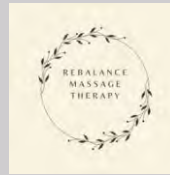
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THE BIG EASTER EGG HUNT

The wet weather didn't stop the children of Hurstbourne Priors enjoying a big Easter Egg hunt around the recreation ground on the Easter Weekend! Brunch, teas and coffees were enjoyed in the pavilion (Nutella may have been featured!) before the children got to work solving the rhyming clues and finding chocolate eggs all over the field! Not many children waited until they got home before beginning to devour their chocolate treasure!



Susie Urquhart

REVEREND RUSSELL SMART

We were delighted to welcome our new Benefice Assistant Priest, Revd Russell Smart to his first service at St Andrews on Palm Sunday accompanied by his family, Sarah, Judah and Elijah. The Sunday School had an enjoyable, sticky time making a banner with a collage of a donkey.



HURSTBOURNE PRIORS IN FASHION

The death of Dame Mary Quant on 13 April, aged 93, have produced many tributes to her career as a 'fashion revolutionary' designer in the 'Chelsea Set' in the 1950s-60s. In the justly deserved celebration of her abilities as designer and entrepreneur, it is unlikely that her connection to Hurstbourne Priors will be mentioned. In 1957 she married Alexander Plunket Greene (1932-1990), a name which should ring a local bell. Alexander was the only son of Richard George Hubert Plunket Greene (1901-1978), who is buried in St Andrew's churchyard, near his father, Harry, and brother, David. For Alexander was the grandson of the celebrated Anglo-Irish baritone solo singer, writer and fly-fisherman, Harry Plunket Greene, who lived in the village from 1902 to 1913, with his wife, Gwen, daughter of Sir Hubert Parry.



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The next 1☺☺ Club Draw: Saturday 13th May



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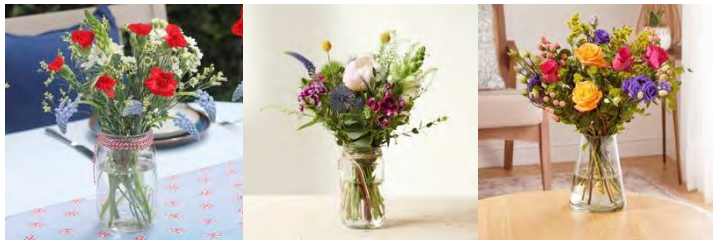
**The George Inn St Mary Bourne on
 Tuesday 9th May at 10.30am**

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

The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held on
Wednesday 17th May at St Mary
 Bourne Village Centre, as usual
 starting to serve at 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along
 and enjoy our monthly light social lunch with suggested
 donation still only **£3**. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris
 on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.

A Jar of Coronation Flowers



Bring your contribution to St Peter's by 10am on
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**Coronation
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Sunday 7th May 10.30am
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Holiest Pants competition!

How? On the Bank Holiday weekend 27/28/29 May bury some cotton underpants in
 the ground, four-six inches deep where the microbes and earthworms are most active.
 Good spots in the garden are flower beds and vegetable patches because they have good
 moisture content. Remember to mark the spot with a flag.

60 days later on 29th July dig up the pants and bring them along to the Sustainable
 Bourne Valley tent at the St Mary Bourne Flower Show on Saturday 29th July where
 they will be hung up on a washing line and judgement will be made!

Generally speaking, the more organisms that are in the soil the healthier your soil is and
 the faster the pants will disintegrate.

There will be a prize for the person
 with the holiest pants and
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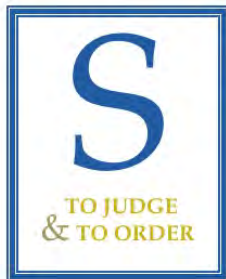
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Village Centre News

The Village Centre is looking for new members on the management committee which meets quarterly, and the trustees usually have a

couple of additional meetings, so there is not a large time commitment. **Joining the committee is a good opportunity to give something back to your community.** The current members have been on the committee for many years and some of us feel it is time to hand on responsibility for this community asset.

It really is vital now that the next generation step up and get involved so that we have new candidates to become trustees before any of us is next up for re-election in 2025. To express an interest and for further information please write to smbvillagecentre@btinternet.com or contact the chairman on ☎ 01264 738 025. KC



Spring seems like it's on an endless mission to tease us... one minute rushing out to mow lawns and relax in our gardens and the next we are running inside to take cover and light the fire as it's so blooming cold!

We feel a bit that way at the Café as our outside seating area is finally ready but we're just waiting for the weather to catch up. We get occasional glimpses of what an amazing space it will be, when the sun is out and the tables are full.

Life at the shop carries on at its normal romping pace. The gelato counter is starting to come into its own and we think, will grow in popularity over the summer. We still, of course, have our everyday ice cream and lollies available with all the usual favourites of Magnums, Feasts, Fabs, Cornetto's etc.

The asparagus season has begun and the amazing produce from the Pick Your Own makes our local produce REALLY local! And before we know it the delicious strawberries will be in abundance!

Coronation weekend is almost among us. As usual, we will close at 1pm on the Bank Holiday Monday but will stick to our usual hours at other times. Bunting, paper plates, celebratory mugs, plates and other gifty things to mark the start of King Charles III reign will be available.

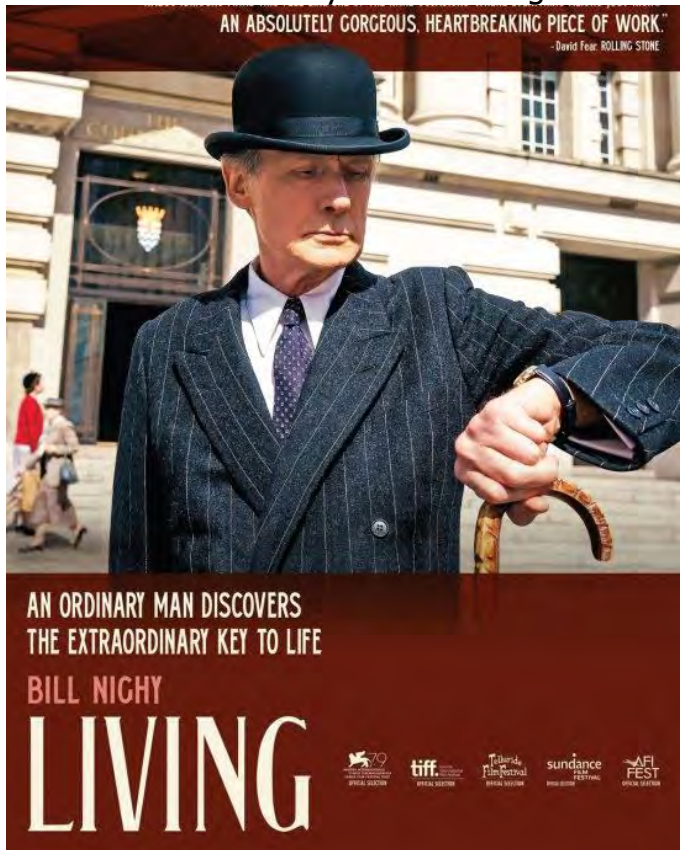
We continue to get our regular deliveries. Milk and cream arrives daily; fresh bread from Warburton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; our delicious Sourdough and various buns from Hoxtons every Friday; fresh fruit and vegetables every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Chalkstream Trout, Bere Mill Meat, Greenfields Pork and Beechwood Eggs every Thursday... all along with our big weekly delivery from Londis.

So, Happy Summer lovely people... it will get here eventually and when it does... we're ready!

Lara and the team

Please note that for all the multiple Bank Holiday Mondays in May the Shop and Café will open at 9am and close at 1pm

'The Film' at St Mary Bourne Village Centre



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News and Views

Parish Council Activities

King's Coronation

With the Coronation almost upon us, plans have been made and will be communicated throughout the parish social media.

The main event will be a **BYO picnic** on the Recreation Ground in St Mary Bourne on **Sunday 7th May** - all welcome to come along, starting from 1pm. Bring all you may need and we look forward to seeing you then.

Election 4th May

Four candidates have been confirmed and names are on the Parish Council notice board – Elections are taking place alongside Borough voting.

Please take the time and come along to make your vote count for the next member of St Mary Bourne Parish Council.

Annual Parish Assembly

Thanks to all who braved the elements and came to the meeting. Several papers from local events groups were available and it was a good opportunity for people to ask questions and find out a bit more.

The annual report from the Parish Council chair is available on the website www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

A new position

We are seeking a permanent position for a new **Clerk**. The position is part-time and mainly based from the parish council office in St Mary Bourne. No experience required, but strong administration and communication skills are needed.

The Clerk provides executive support for all Council activities and needs to advise the Council on legal, personnel, planning, and regulatory matters. Working hours will require attendance at periodic evening meetings, but flexible on remaining core hours.

The role will also combine the position of Responsible Financial Officer and so basic finance experience required.

If interested, please forward a CV and covering letter **by the 12th May 2023** stating skills and reason for applying to parishcouncil@stmarybourne.org.

Next parish council meeting:

9th May - 19.30 Village Centre Club Room
Public more than welcome.

www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

Copies of meeting minutes are available on the parish council website - and please email any questions or agenda points to Maxine on clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk.

Facebook: Search for www.facebook.com/SMB.PCpage - and like and follow to get updates, or pop along to the parish council office for a chat.

Will Taverner, (from Jamaica Farm) had his first serious go at the triple jump, aged 16 last summer 2022. Before that, he was focussed on rugby (winger) and cross country running. With no serious training he was entered into a local competition of schools in Salisbury and surprised himself (and the coach) when he jumped an amazing 12m 66cm! This massive jump, without preparation or expectation, meant that he then qualified for the County

Championships. This time he surprised himself, the coach and his parents by jumping an incredible 13 metres, and that then qualified him for the Regional Championships (SW England). This led to Will being entered for the English Schools National Championship in the Intermediate boys group, (aged 15 to 16) held in Manchester. He came in the top ten.

The result is that he has had to focus on the Triple Jump and withdraw his interest in middle-distance running and rugby. Additional summer holiday competitions led to Will being accepted onto the England Athletics Youth talent programme. This means he gets training from ex-professionals and advice from a multi-disciplinary team, including nutrition and sports psychology. He has travelled to Bath, Birmingham and Loughborough for training during the course of this term with some indoor competitions having taken place over the winter. England Athletics send invitations to the top twenty athletes for both the training programme and entry into competitions across the country. Will was one of those.

Summer 2023 will see him flying through the air! When it all comes together, the hop, skip, and the jump, Will says: *'It's exhilarating. It's better than the rugby and the running'*. He loves it. He'll be too young for the 2024 Olympics, but watch this space for the triple jump in 2028! Good luck Will and well dome.

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Go Star Gazing in May

5 May - Full Moon - Moon will be located on opposite side of the Earth as its face will be fully illuminated. Known as Flower Moon by early Native American tribes.

May 5 - Penumbral Lunar Eclipse - This occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra. During this type of eclipse, the Moon will darken slightly but not completely.

May 6-7 - Eta Aquarid Meteor Shower - Above average producing 60 meteors per hour. Most of activity seen in Southern Hemisphere. The nearly full moon will be a problem blocking out all but brightest meteors. Best viewing will be from dark locations after midnight.

May 19 - New Moon - Moon will be located on same side as the Earth & the Sun. Best time to observe galaxies & star clusters as there is no light to interfere.

May 29 - Mercury at its Greatest Western Elongation - This is best time to view Mercury as it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning. Look for Mercury low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.



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Adapted by Tonderai Munyevu and Arne Pohlmeier
From the novel by Jane Austen
**on the Recreation Ground in St Mary Bourne
Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 7pm**

This inventive and intelligent outdoor production reveals a fresh perspective on Jane Austen's classic romance.

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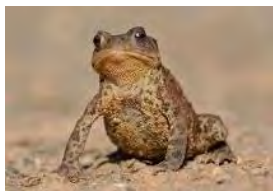
In collaboration with Two Gents Productions, The Watermill brings this rousing take on Jane Austen's well-known romance on tour, revealing a different perspective on a classic story.

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Gates will open at 6pm. 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.

The Valley Toads

631 toads were rescued this season by 16 of our patrollers during 61 very wet patrolling hours. 39 toads didn't make it found mainly along the new stretch we are patrolling from the BVI, a long walk for a very small animal. Such a shame they insist on using the roads! Our long dark evenings in March and April were made well worth it as the babies were seen leaving the lake for the first-time last August. They were roughly the size of a raisin and about to walk off to find their own patch of the valley. Two hung about on the surgery steps for a while, living dangerously!



Top tips for May

1. Plant your cotton pants on the last May Bank Holiday to take part in the Holiest Pants competition at the Flower Show (see SMB page 1 above).
2. Watering the garden? Use rainwater or 'grey water' (left over washing up water, bath water etc).
3. Planting, moving or splitting plants? Dig in lots of compost to feed them and help soil retention.
4. In hot weather, water in the evenings to reduce evaporation.
5. When the soil is damp, mulch plants to retain moisture.
6. Sow seeds or buy small plug plants, rather than buying large expensive plants.
7. Buy peat free compost to preserve the world's remaining peat bogs.

Coronation Plant Swop

The Sustainable Bourne Valley is organising a Plant Swop which takes place on Coronation Sunday, **7th May**, next to the Shop at **12 Noon** until the plants run out. Planned to start just before the Coronation Picnic on the Recreation Ground.

There is no **Repair Café** in May, but we will resume on **Saturday 3rd June**.



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Postcard from Binley

In response to last month's "Postcard" three emails have come flooding in. One from a lady who mistook the word "forager" for "foreigner" and suggested I'd gone all "Farage". Another from a chap who has actually eaten badger ham and pronounced it revolting and thirdly, from someone who sympathised with me over the loss of toilet roll innards and reminded me how important these things were to him as a child as they were an intrinsic part of making things, alongside plastic detergent bottles. And of course, he's absolutely right. Children were allowed to be creative; you could build Notre Dame from toilet roll innards and Fairy Liquid bottles. You just needed glue, gallons of it. Something I would imagine is now kept in the school safe under lock and key. And of course, once you had built Notre Dame you then decorated it, your desk, chair and yourself with poster paints in every garish hue imaginable. I can still smell that sour odour. But I suppose kids now just sit there glumly staring at a screen. I rather hope not but I'm a natural pessimist.

Here in Binley, we have experienced one of the coldest Springs in recent times. The Phormiums that I have had here for 30 years are no more, crippled by that late snow and wicked frost. As are so many other plants. It's heart breaking but we go on. To appreciate nature, one really needs to get out there amongst it and I have been busier than tits on a fat ball, pruning, clipping, clearing, and burning. All around me new life was beginning and as I write just a few yards from me wrens have fledged and are bombing around like drunken bees. Glorious! And never mind the first cuckoo of Spring (which I've yet to hear), as I walked the banks of the Bourne yesterday on a rare warm afternoon, I witnessed a hatch of Hawthorn and heard the first "plop" of a trout as a fish rose and took one. And I see on social media that George Stephenson in St Mary Bourne has his first fish of the season; a plump, fin perfect heavily spotted Brownie. I have been fortunate to fish with George, and what a pleasure it was to do so with such a genuinely skilled fly caster and countryman. But I have an addiction to running water and would happily sit by a trickling ditch for hours. There is so much to see that goes on above and below the surface, and the beauty of our chalk streams is the extraordinary clarity. They run like Tanqueray.

My wife presented me with a book the other day, "The last English Poachers". It chronicles the life and times of Bob and Brian Tovey and their battles and exploits with the landed gentry, gamekeepers, and the police of South Gloucestershire. I knew Bob reasonably well when he would knock around these parts as an acquaintance of Joe Hirst and the Alresford and Oxford coursing clubs. He certainly was an interesting character; neither he nor his son had ever had much formal education but his knowledge on nature and the countryside was encyclopedic. I once asked him if it were true, you could soak raisins in brandy, scatter them on the woodland floor then come back a few hours later and just pick the inebriated, sleeping pheasants up off the ground and put them in a sack? He laughed at that but I'm willing to bet

he tried it, when he wasn't shooting trout, lamping salmon, coursing hares or roasting hedgehogs. *"I leaves the feet on 'im as I likes it that way but you can snip 'em off if you prefers... And they say the meat's very good for baldness."*

The book is not for the squeamish, it shows nature's tooth and claw at its reddest. However, it does document a time when "taking one for the pot" was pretty much a countryman's birth right and was done almost more for the thrill than the satisfaction of a full stomach. Having one up on the gentry was certainly Bob's motivation and he doesn't hold back on naming those he transgresses.

Let he who is without sin cast the first stone because I once found myself crawling through undergrowth with an Irish ghillie who was so determined I should catch a fish he was prepared to break the law to achieve it which we did on the Duke of Devonshire's water at Careysville. Fun times!

But the book has some lyrical gems in the form of old country words that the Tovey's use as common language. "Shadowtackle", meaning the shifting patterns of light and shade on woodland floors. A "Hedgemumper" is a nosey parker and a "Grunty" is a tough guy. The toffs are generally known as "Ya-Ya's" or "Yoikes".

And mindful I'm becoming a little "Chopsy" I'll end it there!
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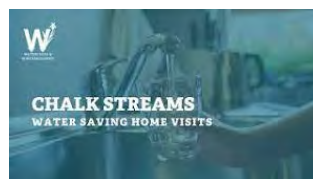
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Remembering...

Jonathan Baxter

30th June 1975 – 20th February 2023

Jon was born in June 1975 to Fred and Andrea Baxter at Rinteln, Germany where Jon's father was stationed in the army. When he was 3 years old, the family relocated back to the UK and settled in Grantham, Lincolnshire. After his education at Kings Grammar School, Grantham and unsure which direction his life would take, Jon found himself in an Army Recruitment Centre.

This was the beginning of a very successful army career that started in the REME. Jon was soon selected for officer training at Sandhurst and from there he joined the Royal Engineers. Tours of Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Iraq and Afghanistan followed. Just before a 2 year posting to Northern Ireland, Jon met his wife-to-be, Sam.



After getting married and having their first daughter, Alice, a few more house moves followed and their 2nd daughter Emilia was born. In 2012 the family was posted to Hameln, Germany. This was a great two years for all of them, but during that time, Jon and Sam decided to put down roots for the sake of the girls and their education. They were familiar with the Andover area from a previous army posting and thought it would be a good place to settle. Sam became a teacher at St Mary Bourne Primary School where Alice and Emilia were offered places and after some soul searching, Jon left the army and began working in Risk Management.

The family moved to 3 Springhill, St Mary Bourne in 2020.

Jon loved living in St Mary Bourne. He embraced village life and his walks with the family dog, Banjo. He had a lifelong love of football, a passion he passed on to his daughters, as well as a love of music. At the age of 8, his youngest daughter, Emilia started playing for Andover New Street and Jon soon became involved with coaching the team. He was immensely proud of his daughters and liked nothing more than laughing and having fun with 'his girls'.

Tragically, Jon died suddenly and unexpectedly during an operation in hospital in February. Our sympathies go out to his family and to everyone who knew him.

Sam, Alice and Emilia would like to thank everyone for the amazing support and kindness they have received since the sad loss of Jon.

Gordon Clifford Martin

27th October 1938 – 21st February 2023

Gordon Clifford Martin was born on 27th October 1938 in Balderton, Newark, Nottinghamshire. He was the seventh and youngest child of William and Florence Martin.

In early life Gordon missed a lot of schooling due to ill health, but he was a good student and became head boy of his secondary school. He enjoyed woodwork, athletics, and especially football where he ended up playing for various local teams. He left school at 15 and started an apprenticeship where he learned the skill of technical drawing which would later inform his career path. Aged 16, Gordon met the "love of his life", Anne Smith, in the grounds of Newark Castle. They married in April 1961 at Newark Christ Church and had their honeymoon in London.

They were married for 61 years and Gordon considered himself very fortunate.

Gordon and Anne bought their first house, in Woodbine Terrace, Newark, for just over a thousand pounds. Their first son Gary was born there in 1963, with Nigel coming along 3 years later.

By the age of 33 Gordon was a chief designer and he became a Company Director at Rothwell Engineering. This brought the opportunity to move down south and so the family settled in St Mary Bourne where Gordon continued to love being involved with football, a passion he shared with Nigel and eventually with his third grandchild, Luke.



In March 1992 Nigel and Berni produced Anne and Gordon's first grandchild, Hannah. Their second grandchild Andrew, born to Gary and Julie, came along 18 months later.

Gordon was enormously proud of his two sons and adored all three of his grandchildren. The grandchildren all had such fun with him, with fond memories of non-stop laughter, jokes and singing. In 2021 he was delighted by the birth of his first great-grandchild, Fiadh Kelleher.

Last Christmas morning he commented that he and Anne were truly blessed: "*2 smashing sons, 3 lovely grandchildren, and now a beautiful great-grand daughter - it doesn't get much better than that, does it?*"

Gordon was a lifelong fan of Nottingham Forest and continued to play football himself until the mid-1960s. He was manager of the St Mary Bourne Football Club for a few years and also helped out with Hurstbourne Tarrant Sunday team. He retired in 2013 and continued to thoroughly enjoy his time in St Mary Bourne with a great group of friends who met regularly in the George Inn.

Gordon passed away peacefully on 21st February, with Nigel and Berni at his bedside.

Our sympathies go to Anne and all the family at this sad time.

John Paice of 8 Stoke Gate, Stoke who passed away on 12th March 2023 aged 92.

John was born in Micheldever, the youngest child of Frank and Florence. He had a brother Les and sister Cath. He left school at 14 and began his working life doing arable work at Ranks in Sutton Scotney. He worked on farms all his life and was particularly fond of the horses he worked with there. He met June at a youth club evening in the Village Hall in Sutton Scotney and they married on 4th April 1953. After working at Ranks, the family moved to Woodmancote, and then came on to work on the Strauss's farm at Stoke. They had one son, Keith who married Kathy. They gave John and June two much-loved grandsons: Matthew and Daniel.

John and June had a long and happy married life together which lasted nearly 70 years.

John is remembered as a cheerful and good-humoured man who was always fair. There was no pretence about him. When he was recently in hospital, the doctors suggested a brain scan but John joked "*save the money. There's nothing left in there to find*" and when they suggested an overnight stay, he refused "*I've had my turn. One of the younger ones needs a bed more than me*".

John Paice was a good man who is remembered and honoured by those who knew him. RIP

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 17 April 2023

The **Annual Parish Meeting** took place on 17th of April. The Chair of the PC presented his report. Reports from the Finance Working Party, and the Open Spaces & Footpaths Working Party were also presented. Other contributors included representatives from the Village Hall Committee, Longparish Cricket Club, Longparish School, and the Longparish Greening Campaign. Longparish Community Association, Longparish Community Pub Limited, and Longparish Little School, all of whom were unable to attend in person, sent in reports which were presented by various members of the parish council team on their behalf. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for the contributions made by organisers and volunteers, many of whom were given a personal mention, allowing the community of Longparish to continue to thrive. All reports will be available to read as part of the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes (draft available on the website). Villagers are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity of attending the APM to discuss community issues in a broader forum.

REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 17 APRIL

Village Design Statement

TVBC has now approved the public questionnaire, put together by the Working Party. This will be publicised shortly and will be available to complete online. Paper copies will be available to pick up in Acre Stores. Further details will be published in the June edition of Hill & Valley magazine.

The Plough Inn

The Working Party has arranged an Open Morning on **Friday 12th May**, to coincide with the coffee morning, for visitors to view the newly renovated outbuilding that will form the Community Hub. The Working Party is looking for suggestions and ideas for how this room can be utilised.

GOOD NEWS! Longparish to Andover bus service to continue to allow for further consultation

The Highways & Transport Rep for the PC has been in contact with HCC regarding their decision to cancel the bus service in the village (as reported in previous editions of H & V). There has also been a separate campaign running to overturn this decision, and the PC has been advised that until further consultation has taken place, the bus service will continue to run for the foreseeable future. A period of notice will be given for any changes to the service once a decision has been reached.

Village Website

The Communications Working Party in conjunction with the website designer have been constructing a new

website for the village to replace the existing website. The Working Party is very grateful to everyone who has reviewed the current material. The new website is scheduled to be launched in the week beginning 15th May, following which it will be tweaked where necessary.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 15th May**. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – the first meeting to be held after the PC election. A Chairman and other officers will be elected at this meeting.

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.

Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 738716, or email 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>

Longparish Community Hub
 pop in & comment



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**LONGPARISH WILDLIFE
THE WATER RAIL**

Water Rails are usually a secretive bird only seen occasionally in and out of the reeds. The one in the little stream seems quite tame and poses for photos.



They are smaller than the Moorhen. It is a long billed, little marsh bird, with a rather weak flight but very nimble. It is dark brown above and slate-blue below, with white-barred black flanks and a red bill. The nest is just above the water level in thick vegetation. It is made of leaves and plant stems. Vegetation around the nest is often pulled over to make a canopy. The eggs are laid early, usually in the last week of March and a second clutch is not unusual. The eggs are oval in shape, off-white spotted, and blotched by red brown at one end. Each clutch consists of 6 to 11 eggs and are incubated for 19-22 days. The young will leave the nest a few days after hatching. Their food is mostly insects and a small amount of plant material.

I saw my first Swallow on the 27th of March, 2 days earlier than last year and House Martin on the 9th of April, 10 days earlier than last year.

For those of you who did the big garden bird count this year. This year Birdwatch 2023 had 540,000 participants.

The Top 10 Birds spotted this year were:

- 1 House Sparrow
- 2 Blue Tit
- 3 Starling
- 4 Woodpigeon
- 5 Blackbird
- 6 Robin
- 7 Goldfinch
- 8 Great Tit
- 9 Magpie
- 10 Long-tailed Tit

Chris Bowman

**Friday Lunch Club in the Village
Hall 26th May 12-2pm**



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Scottish and Southern Electric will be giving a short talk and information about registering for the Priority List

Future Dates 23rd June (note not the last Friday) and 28th July

To book lunch and or transport for any date ring Andrea 720 457 or Christian 720 398



Phase 2 of the Greening Campaign focuses on three pillars: making space for nature, making homes warmer and more energy efficient and health and wellbeing.

To see what Greening Longparish has been doing over the last year see the report online from the Annual Parish Meeting.

NEXT EVENTS

Join in the **No MOW MAY** campaign - Give your lawnmower a rest for a month and see what appears. For more information <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay>

The Great Big Green Week **10th - 18th June**. Look out in the June edition. We hope to plan some events including amongst other things a showing of the final episode of the Wild Isles Series which addresses the things we all can do to get back some of the spaces for Nature we have lost.

We are a small steering group who are passionate about doing our little bit to tackle climate change, but we are quite stretched with time and welcome anyone interested in helping out with events, coming up with ideas following the principles of the Greening Campaign.

Alongside the Greening Campaign, we are interested in how to support the electric vehicle transition and how to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle – all ideas welcome, get involved! The next Pillars of the Campaign will be looking at Waste I am told!

For more information on the Greening Campaign please see: <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

To get involved in Longparish please Contact green@longparish.org.uk or Tel **01264 720 398**



Longparish Little School

Little School and Robins class from the school had a lovely, sponsored walk in the village to find some hidden Easter eggs with letters on that spelt a

special Easter word. Our families and some of our pet dogs joined us.



We are now looking forward to the summer term and hopefully some sunny weather so we can start to do some gardening in our nature area. We have already planted some potatoes and will be growing more vegetables. We were very excited to see that our apple tree has blossom on so we are hoping we will get some apples in the autumn for our snack.

If anyone has any spare plants that they have run out of room for the children would love to grow them in our planters. You can drop them at Little School or email claire@longparishlittleschool.org.uk Thank you.

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>



Friends of Longparish School

May Fayre: Not long to go until the big day! Join us on **Saturday 20th**

May from 12pm-4pm. We are excited to announce it will feature a RAF flypast by a WW2 Lancaster! You can also look forward to: BBQ and cake stall, beer tent run by The Cricketers Inn, giant inflatable and bouncy castle, traditional fayre games, free kids crafts, and lots more! We also have some fantastic raffle prizes on offer including a Kindle Fire, kindly donated by Phillips Solicitors, and Eurostar tickets!

Thank you to everyone that donated to the bottle tombola last month. We are also looking for donations of second-hand children's clothes, toys, and books (children's and adults) to sell at the Fayre. Or could you bake a cake for our refreshments stall? **Donations** can be **brought to school after 3pm on Friday 19th May, or on the day.**

If you are able to lend a hand on the day, please sign up at volunteersignup.org/FRHKY (we will also need lots of help setting up and taking down gazebos over the weekend).

The Longparish Run: Look out for the runners at the Longparish Run on the morning of **Sunday 7th May** (starting from the football field). Bookings close on 5th May, so if you would like to take part please register at www.pta-events.co.uk/longparish We will need volunteers for the event. Can you help with refreshments or course marshalling? Fill in our volunteer form at tinyurl.com/5xhuejx2 Or sponsor the runners from Longparish Primary School at tinyurl.com/3p9nbht5

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Gates will open at 6pm. Refreshments and toilet facilities available in the Plough.

Bring your own seating (and your own picnic if you like) plus clothing appropriate for the weather and don't forget your torch.

For more information contact **Maggie Barber** on **01264 720459** or email villagehall@longparish.org.uk

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

The April race was on Easter Sunday, so everyone was awarded a chocolate egg.

We paused in silence before the start to remember Steve Davis, runner number 194. Steve's ambition was to run a half marathon in every country in Europe. He very nearly succeeded. RIP Steve.

It was dry, calm, and cool; ideal conditions and 11 of our 18 runners broke their handicaps. First home and with a personal record by over 4 minutes was Sam Hunt who became our Rising Star. Next was Sandra Doney. Her recovery from injury is going well and she improved by 92 seconds to become our Most Improved Woman. Darrell Waite also recorded a personal best to become our Most Improved Man. He narrowly missed 20 minutes and will surely succeed soon. Freddie Brown and Andy Mountain also had personal records. Well done all.



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

The next race is on **Sunday 14 May**, starting at **9am**. 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 would like to join us.

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Longparish Cricket Club

The upgrade of the pavilion frontage is now complete and has created a welcome indoor space. This work has been undertaken to comply with Hampshire Cricket League requirements. Members are working hard to finish the interior ready for the start of League fixtures at the beginning of May.



We will be running a Race Night on **17th June 2023** in the Longparish village hall to raise funds for the playpark ball stop net.

Details are available on the LCC website, and all are welcome to attend. Outdoor cricket starts in early May and the Club will be buzzing with activity. LCC offers cricket for all ages from All Stars (children aged 5-8 years) to adults. Below is a summary of what is on offer -

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Monday	All Stars 5-6pm; Junior Cricket up to Under 13s 6.30-8.00pm
Tuesday	T20 Competition
Wednesday	Junior Cricket Under 15s 6.30-8.00pm
Thursday	Senior Cricket Nets
Friday	Under 15s matches 6.00-8.30pm
Saturday	1st XI; 2nd XI; 3 XI League matches. 3rd XI home matches at Leckford
Sunday	AM: Under 11s; Under 13s matches PM: Sunday Friendly matches - mix of senior and under 18s

If you or your children are interested in playing cricket this summer, please contact us at longparishcc@gmail.com



Discovery Trail



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Tickets are £15 and need to be prebooked please. If you would like a place, please email hello@positivehappyme.co.uk or text or WhatsApp Sarah Blocksidge on 07752 827098.

Positive Happy Me

We are excited to announce we are organising a second **Fundraising Evening for Little School on Thurs 18th May 7-9.30pm**. Our **Nurtured Soul Event** will take place in the school community hall. We have a variety of mini treatments available to pamper the body and nurture the soul. There will also be some local business and craft stalls as well as a short talk from Sarah Blocksidge - **Leading Women in Mindfulness, 3 Simple Ways To Manage Stress & Anxiety**.

Tickets are £10 and include a glass of Fizz, a Cupcake, and a Raffle Ticket. Please email info@positivehappyme.co.uk or text 07752827098 to book your ticket or for more details. **Pre-Booking is recommended** as treatment slots go quickly!



The Longparish Parish Council and Longparish Community Association are giving a memento for the Coronation of King Charles III to the primary aged children of Longparish.

We will be giving them out to all the Longparish School Children, the children at Little School and the Toddler Group. If your primary aged children do not attend these schools and would like to receive the Coronation memento, contact Tel 720 398 or email sally.lawmanpc@longparish.org.uk

We have probably over ordered so while stocks last, there may be some extras for older children who would like them. Perhaps one per household. We can also order more at cost for anyone else who would like one if we have enough interest.

LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2023!!

Next Litter pick is on **Friday 12th May 2023**. Free coffee afterwards at the Plough. Meet behind the Village Hall at 9.15 am, the Parish Council will provide litter picking sticks, hoops, and bags. For more information Tel **Christian Dryden 720 398**



Spring is well underway and the countryside filling with animal life is such fun for children! Why not bring the outdoors into the kitchen and make these sweet dairy-free muffins? They're packed with veg that bunnies would love – and your little ones will too. Tasting of lime not courgette, you're sneaking in the green stuff, and they won't even care!

Why not make some fun rabbit crafts too, whilst they bake?

Rabbit's Muffins

Ingredients:

- 125g Courgette
- 1 medium Egg
- 60ml Vegetable oil
- 75g Caster sugar
- 115g Self-raising flour
- 1 tsp Baking powder
- Juice and zest of 1 lime

How do I make that?

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C.
2. Grate the courgette onto a clean j-cloth and squeeze out as much juice as you can.
3. In a mixing bowl, beat the egg with the vegetable oil and sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Stir in the flour and baking powder, then mix in the grated courgette, lime zest and juice.
5. Divide the mixture between 6 muffin cases in a tin.
6. Bake for 20 – 25 minutes until risen and golden, then cool on a wire rack.

If you like, you could decorate them with icing made by mixing 100g icing sugar with a little extra fresh lime juice – however, we find you just don't need it! These muffins (un-iced) freeze beautifully for a last-minute lunchbox addition too.

Cookery Doodle Doo is your local children's cookery school, based just down the road in Laverstoke. In their relaxed and friendly home kitchen pre-schoolers make the recipe, craft whilst it's baking, have a story whilst it cools, and then a little taste before home time. Adults sit around the kitchen table, chat, and watch with a hot drink whilst they do the messy stuff! They also hold a popular Sunday Morning Pudding Club and afterschool classes for primary school children, teach older children through their DofE and school-leaver sessions, run delightfully creative parties, and take their cookery fun into childminders, nurseries etc too.

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Tabasco – Avery Island

So, at the end of March our Longparish Editor, Angie bundled me into a suitcase and threw me in an aeroplane to visit her family in New Orleans. I married her, so I guess I signed up for this. Depending on how often you spend staring at the labels on your sauce bottles at dinner time, you may or may not be aware that Louisiana is home to Tabasco Hot Sauce and all its derivatives.

Tabasco is still made on Avery Island, LA. I admit that I was expecting to find it out in the Gulf of Mexico and not in the swamps. The 'Island' is actually a salt mine, surrounded by lower lying land which floods in the wet season. They continue to mine the salt and use it in the sauce making process. The mash that is made before the sauce is aged in salt capped oak barrels for up to three years. It smells awful and incredible at the same time. A school group visiting at the same time as us were running away holding their noses.



Tabasco is made by the McIlhenny Company, founded by Edmund McIlhenny in 1868 and still family owned. McIlhenny disliked the bland food available during the reconstruction of the South, so he made his own sauce to spice things up a bit.

The island is set up great for visiting tourists. The store gives you the chance to try all the flavours on pretzel sticks, and there are several flavours you will not find in England, so it is worth stocking up if you like an unusual one. The restaurant sold great food, especially the seafood, which is always great in Louisiana. The museum is interesting and full of family artifacts and most days you can watch the factory generating thousands of bottles of sauce.



In addition to Tabasco, Avery Island is a nature reserve set up by one of the descendants to preserve the wildlife in the area. It is designed to be driven around, although you can get out wherever you wish and explore on foot. The garden is full of blooming flowers, 400-year-old trees, and a variety of wildlife. It's up to you to avoid the gators.

- Archie Curtis

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A big thank you to all our supporters, customers, and shareholders for a record-breaking Spring so far. Your support means everything to us, and we hope we'll continue to see you here at The Plough into the Summer.

Wishing you a very happy Coronation holiday weekend!
From all the team at The Plough



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Hello! I hope you have all enjoyed April and Easter as much as we have here at the Cricketers – It has been another fantastic month, and as the weather (hopefully!) warms up, you can enjoy sitting in our beautiful, secluded beer garden too.

Come and join us for the many bank holidays this May, as well as the Kings Coronation, which will be shown on the big screen,
Sunday 7th May.

May will bring us a new summer menu; seasonal specials and you can expect proper woodfired pizzas from our oven on the bank holidays! – look out for posts on Facebook and in the pub.

We have some exciting new things that will appear during May too – keep an eye out.

Once again, I would like to thank all our lovely customers for your continued support, from Matt and the team. See you all soon!

Hurstbourne Priors

- 1 12noon to 4pm - **May Fair**
 7 10.30am - **Coronation Service**, St Andrew's
 8 from 3pm - **Coronation Tea Party**,
 Recreation Ground
 25 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee Morning,
 Southrope (no 18)
 31 6.30pm - Parish Council AGM, Village Hall

St Mary Bourne

- 4 7am to 10pm - Local Elections
 6 until 10am - Coronation Flowers, St Peter's
 7 12 Noon - SBV Plant Swop, Recreation Ground
 7 1pm - Coronation Picnic, Recreation Ground
 8 12.30 to 4pm - Stoke Coronation Celebrations,
 Garston
 9 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
 9 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting, Village Centre
 Club Room
 16 7.15pm - **'The Film'** - **'Living'** - Village Centre
 19 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre
 27 28 & 29 to 29 July - Holiest Pants Competition
Saturday mornings - 10.30am to 12.30pm -
The Community Library - Village Centre

Longparish

- 2 7.30pm - Bingo, Village Hall
 7 10am - Longparish Coronation Run - Football Field
 7 3pm - **Coronation Party** - Football Field
 8 11am - Discovery Trail, St Nicholas Church
 9 7.30 to 9pm - Mindful Menopause, Village Hall
 12 9.15am - **Litter Pick** - Village Hall
 12 10am to 12 Noon - Coffee Morning, The Plough
 14 9am - L2S0TM Race - Cricket Ground
 15 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
 18 7 to 9.30pm - Nurtured Soul - School Fundraiser,
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 20 12 Noon to 4pm - **May Fayre** -
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 26 12 Noon to 2pm - **Lunch Club** - Village Hall

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- If you value your parish magazine and enjoy living in these communities and you have the relevant skills and knowledge, please contact us to find out more about these vacancies.
 Please write to hillandvalley@btinternet.com .

Hurstbourne Priors community pages editor vacancy

After nearly five enjoyable years and with the arrival of a second grandchild, the time had come for Fenella Williams to hand over the editorial pen for the Hurstbourne Priors community pages of Hill & Valley.

If you would like to take this on, or would like to know more about what it entails, please contact Fenella on ☎ **01256 892081** / fenella.williams@btopenworld.com , or write to hillandvalley@btinternet.com .

Hill & Valley parish magazine treasurer vacancy

After many years of volunteering, our treasurer has retired at the end of the last financial year on 31st March.

We are now looking for a volunteer with basic knowledge of accountancy who would like to join our team and take on this role.

The work is not onerous and you would be required to attend just two management group meetings per year.

For further information please write to
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