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## St Peter

We celebrate the feast of St Peter on 29<sup>th</sup> June. I have to admit that I have a soft spot for St Peter – particularly because of his human frailty.

Jesus said to Simon Peter:

*"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church."* (Matthew 16:18)

With that change of name – a name close to the Greek word for rock – Jesus sets out a role for Peter. He describes the character that Peter will need to fulfil the vocation he has been called to – to grow and lead the church.

Jesus sets out a huge expectation for Peter to live up to – and we know that Peter did go on to live, and die, as a disciple of Jesus. But we also know Peter had great failings –

Peter could be impulsive and short tempered.

He was prone to opening his mouth before thinking and he was rebuked by Jesus a few times for this.

He could be cowardly and because of this he denied even knowing Jesus three times.

For me, the fact that such a human person as Peter could go on to be such a great disciple and be the foundation of the church gives me great hope that I can live up to whatever it is God calls me to do. Despite my human failings, he believes that I can live up to what he expects of me.

So what about us? God has a role for all of us – and the wonderful thing about the roles that God gives is that they stretch us, they do not confine us.

We are told that from before we were born He knew us and knew what it was He wanted us to do. We need to work out what that calling is for all of us.

As Christians we are all called – we are called to fulfil our role in the world – our role as the

body of Christ. And the fantastic thing is that different things are intended for all of us. The secret is to work out what it might be –

Maybe it's to be a nurse or a doctor;

A great parent;

A teacher, a librarian, a member of the church choir;

An accountant, a train driver, a lawyer;

A banker, a politician, a beautician, maybe even a priest.

Of course, the list is endless. But I do believe that we are happiest when we are able to fulfil our vocation.

But how can we work out what that vocation is for us? We need to find time to stop what we are actually doing and spend some time listening. You never know when you might just hear that still, small voice of God. But the more we take some time every day to pray and to listen, the more likely we are to hear him.

Take time when you can to sit quietly and just listen... and in time you might just hear from God what he wants from you.

*Richard*     *The Revd Richard Sutcliffe*



## Services in the Parish Churches

### June 2026

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

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne 9.30am *Holy Communion*

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 1

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors 10.30am *Morning Worship*

St Mary's, Tufton *No service*

St Nicholas', Longparish 10.30am *Holy Communion*

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne 10.30am *Holy Communion*

St James', Woodcott 9.00am *Holy Communion*

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 2

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors 6.00pm *Benefice Evensong*

St Mary's, Tufton 9.00am *Holy Communion*

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**

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

All Hallows, Whitchurch 9.30am *Holy Communion*

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Trinity 3 - (Father's Day)

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors 9.00am *Holy Communion*

St Mary's, Tufton *No service*

St Nicholas', Longparish 10.30am *Family Service*

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne 10.30am *Family Service*

St James', Woodcott 9.00am *Matins*

**Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online**

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 4

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors *No service*

St Mary's, Tufton *No service*

St Nicholas', Longparish 10.30am *Holy Communion*

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne 6.00pm *Benefice Evensong*  
*Choral Evensong*

St James', Woodcott *No service*

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### • NEW VICAR

We are delighted to announce that Revd Nicky Smallwood will become the new Vicar of The Bright Waters Benefice on **15<sup>th</sup> July**, 7.30pm at All Hallows, Whitchurch. The Bishop of Winchester will conduct the licensing service and everyone is welcome to attend.

#### • BISHOP KELLY VISIT

The new Bishop of Basingstoke, Bishop Kelly, will be visiting our deanery in June as part of her tour around the diocese. She is eager to meet as many people as she can and she will be visiting churches, schools, care homes, and other venues too. You are all invited to the following events coming up soon:

##### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

St Mary Bourne is hosting a finger buffet lunch for our Benefice from 1pm to 2.30pm in St Peter's church. If you are planning to attend, please bring some food with you to add to the buffet.

##### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

There will be 'An Evening with Bishop Kelly' at All Hallows, Whitchurch from 7pm to 9pm. 7pm for refreshments, 7.30pm start. All are welcome. Bishop Kelly will be prepared to answer any questions you may have. It would be appreciated if you could send questions in advance to the Area Dean, Revd James Russell at [revjames.overton@gmail.com](mailto:revjames.overton@gmail.com).

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

☎ 01256 893573

[brightwatersbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:brightwatersbenefice@gmail.com)

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:

☎ 01264 738211

[dodie.marsden@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk)

### From the Church Registers

#### • Baptisms

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

**Aydin Aneurin Turkglu-Waters**

St Mary Bourne - 3/5/26

**Lilly Jean Nelsey**

St Mary Bourne - 10/5/26

**Catherine Philippa Jane Wallis**

St Mary Bourne - 16/5/26

#### • Weddings

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

**Alicia Victoria Cain and**

**Thomas William Instone**

St Mary Bourne - 23/5/26

#### • Funerals

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

**Caroline Anne Taverner**

St Mary Bourne - 1/5/26

**LET US PRAY** - If you would like us to pray for

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Council Chair: Peter Hull

Parish Clerk: Hayley Thomas (clerk@longparish.org.uk or 01256 396868)

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Monday, the 8th of June at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- 26/00799/FULLN Malthouse Cottage  
Construction of an in-ground swimming pool, associated paving and screen wall.  
PC Comments: Requested further clarification on plans from the applicant.
- Bere Hill, Andover (Application not yet submitted. Developer holding a public consultation.) Proposal for 400 houses, 40% affordable housing.

Full details of planning applications still under consultation can be viewed on the Test Valley Borough Council website view-applications.testvalley.gov.uk/online-applications/



**Longparish Cricket Club**

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to support the fantastic quiz night at the end of April. You helped raise over £1000 for Club funds which is very

much appreciated. Our next fundraising event is the annual John Woodcock Cup cricket match between Longparish Village and Longparish CC being held on **28 June 2026**. Please join us for an enjoyable day out and to cheer on your team. A variety of food and drink will be available to purchase from various stalls including a BBQ and Pimm's tent. The Cup match starts at lunchtime but there will also be Junior games to watch in the morning. All monies raised will go to LCC funds.



The weather has disrupted the start to the League season for the adult teams but the 1sts and 2nds have managed to win their only games which have so far been completed. Junior matches have also started with a mixture of wins and losses across the age groups. We have nearly 100 children actively participating in cricket at the Club which is fantastic for both the club and Longparish village.

We look forward to welcoming you to the ground for the John Woodcock Cup on 28 June 2026!

**Alison Allen**

**Allotmenters Welcome in the Spring!**

Some unusual activity was reported on the LCA Facebook page recently from the allotments. We wanted to reassure the village that nothing untoward was happening, instead the 'veggie folk' were busy having a communal tidy-up and social to welcome in the



spring and look ahead to the main growing season.

The strimmers were dusted off and used with vigour (children under full supervision!), fences were removed to be replaced with more robust rabbit-proof versions, the IBC was filled up from the

well and plans were put in place to mend the communal shed and start a seed swap box.

We had a break at lunchtime to enjoy a BBQ in the sun (complete with allotment-grown rhubarb cake),



welcoming our new allotmenters and reconnecting with our neighbours after a soggy winter. We hope you all agree it looks much smarter and, deer notwithstanding, you should be able to spot new growth soon as those veggies start to appear!



**Gemma Doughty-Jones**

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

The forecast rain did not materialise and conditions were good for the May race apart from a strong headwind in the first kilometre.

Dave Henery is getting back to form after a spell of injury and finished two minutes ahead of the field to become our Most Improved Man. It was a mother and daughter double for the Benedettos for the other trophies with Elizabeth in second place and Most Improved Woman just ahead of 5th placed Susanna who was our Rising Star. Both recorded their best time ever as did Jack Dundas. Well done all!

We welcomed new runners Marco Ford and Toby Bishop and welcomed back David Roebuck after nine years and Chris Dewey after over ten years. Toby and Chris both predicted fast times but a misunderstanding of the sign at the bottom of Tracy's Dell led them to do a rather longer route than everyone else and they finished last. Better luck next time!



Afterwards we enjoyed a warm welcome, bacon rolls and coffee at The Plough.

Thank you very much to Maggie Barber, Clive Bugeja, María-Belén Rivas and Graham Capper for marshalling, to Andy Smith and Alice Evans for doing the signs and to David Gould for processing the results.

The next race is on **Sunday 14 June**, starting at **9am** at The Plough. New runners are always welcome and you don't have to be fast. It's a handicap race so everyone, whatever their pace, has a chance of winning.

Please give us a call or send an email if you'd like to join us. For more information, please see

<http://l2sotm.longparish.org.uk/index.php>

Jeremy Barber

01264 720459 [mrjeremybarber@gmail.com](mailto:mrjeremybarber@gmail.com)



**THE BOUNDARY IS IN SIGHT**

Fundraising for the John Woodcock memorial plaque has surged forward and we hope to soon reach the £8000 target. A sincere thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

The oval slab of Portland stone has been ordered from the quarry and hand carving will soon begin.

To help get over the line please go to JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/john-woodcock-memorial> or by BACS: PCC of St Nicholas Longparish. Sort Code: 40-52-40. A/C No. 00036700 reference JW/F.

Any surplus will be donated to local youth cricket.



**Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 12-2pm**

**Talk by Simon Hunt**

**"When family RAF history meets AI"**

£3 for hot soup and freshly baked cake.

A chance for warmth, conversation and meet up with Longparish folk. Open to anyone of any age but please book for catering purposes.

**Future Dates 31<sup>th</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**LONGPARISH. GARDENING. CLUB**

**Tuesday, 23rd June**

Early Evening Visit to Three Gardens in Tufton, RG28 7RJ

Any queries please to Rosie Lowry 01264720325  
Or Kate Gibbons 01264720536



**LITTER FREE LONGPARISH**

Longparish Friday Litter pick **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am.**

Why not join the band of regular litter pickers in Longparish by adopting a road or footpath. Litter picking sticks, hoops and bags can be provided.

Tel Christian Dryden 720 398

**LONGPARISH WILDLIFE**

We have a pair of Peregrines attempting to nest on our church roof. They were first seen by Mr King, who was replacing the tiles on the entrances to the church. Paul Knipe messaged me and I popped down for a look. Mr King is an RSPB member and knows a lot about Peregrines. He thought they were nesting, and said that, if he could get permission, he would put a nest box up later in the year for next year. He installed the one on Andover's St Mary's Church.

A wildlife photographer from Andover came out and took some photos. He managed to get a good one of the female, and she had a ring on her leg which told him she was born last year in Romsey, so she is only a year old. Peregrines do not usually nest until they are 2-3 years old, so this one is a first-time mother. Because of the persistence of the pair and their behaviour — chasing off birds such as a red kite flying overhead — it was thought they had eggs or young. My daughter, who works at the playschool, tells me that she hears them most days calling to one another. Sadly, however, it appears that the nest has been abandoned, as they have not been heard for quite a while now.

The reason for this failure may have been that she was too young to breed, or that the nest was disturbed. For those ignorant of the law, it is an offence to disturb a Schedule 1 bird, such as the Peregrine Falcon, with a penalty of an unlimited fine and up to six months in prison, unless a permit has been issued by Natural England.

With a bit of luck, the birds will be back next year.

I'm afraid this is my last article for Longparish Wildlife I may do a walk from time to time, but thank you to everyone who liked reading my articles.



**Chris Bowman**



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Results of the April 2026 Draw



**St Nicholas Church  
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Heritage Fund**

Prizes are allocated on a percentage basis. First prize is 25% of the total income for the month, second prize 15% and third prize 5%.

**April Results**

<b>First prize:</b>	<b>No. 59</b>	<b>£85.00</b>
<b>Second prize:</b>	<b>No. 66</b>	<b>£51.00</b>
<b>Third Prize:</b>	<b>No. 19</b>	<b>£17.00</b>

Our membership now stands at 68 numbers. The objective is to reach a membership of 100, so if you are not a member, please consider joining and supporting your church in this way. You can join at any time during the year. It works like this - Membership is set at £5.00 per number per month. There is no limit to the numbers you can purchase. If you would like to join, please let me know, and I will let you have the relevant forms. Or, if you have any other queries about church finances, or how the church is administered, for example, please feel free to contact me:

John Young, Churchwarden & PCC Stewardship Officer, St. Nicholas 100 Club  
 Tel: 01264 720233  
 Mob: 07860 630489 or  
 Email: [jayoung1322@gmail.com](mailto:jayoung1322@gmail.com)

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Remember, we rely solely on donations – no money comes from the Church of England to help run our church - your church.  
 Thank you!



**Road Works**

As you know over the past few months we have had several days of road closures through the area. While the roads are much improved, there may still some work required.

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

from 10am - 11:45am

Drop in for a chat, everyone welcome.  
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**Thurs, June 4th**

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## Longparish Little School

Life at Longparish Little School has been full of fresh air, muddy boots, and wonderful local adventures this term. We feel incredibly

lucky to be part of such a vibrant and beautiful village, where learning can happen far beyond our walls.



One of the highlights of recent weeks was a truly memorable visit to Middleton Farm. The excitement began the moment the children climbed aboard the minibus,

and it only grew as we arrived. We were warmly welcomed and introduced to some very special residents — sheep and their three-day-old lambs, who completely stole the children’s hearts. The visit offered a fascinating glimpse into farm life. The children explored impressive machinery, including tractors and a huge combine harvester, and learned how wheat is grown, from planting in the fields to being harvested. A particular favourite was the tractor and trailer ride.

Back at Little School, we were delighted to welcome visitors from the Wessex River Trust for an engaging and hands-on learning session. Jen and Rose brought the river to us, creating an imaginative environment where the children explored river habitats, wildlife, and ecosystems. Using real river water, the children carefully collected and examined tiny creatures, matching them to pictures and learning about their roles in the environment. The session was brought together beautifully with a story, helping to deepen their understanding in a fun and memorable way.



Our connection with the local environment continued with a walk to the village Pocket Nature Reserve. The journey itself was full of small discoveries, from feeding ducks and a swan at the bridge to looking for trout in the water below. At the reserve, we were guided by Paul, who helped the children explore nature using all their senses — listening to birdsong, smelling water mint, and observing the rich variety of

wildflowers and plants. There was plenty to discover: bees and butterflies busily at work, intricate spiders’ webs, fungi, and even an old wasp’s nest. To finish, they helped scatter wildflower seeds, leaving their own small contribution to this special place.



We have also been busy in our garden, thanks to the continued support of volunteers from Poppy’s Community Garden. Together with Robin Class, the children planted tomatoes, courgettes, rhubarb, and beans. There is great excitement as we watch them grow.



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Kristy and the incredible Little School team for organising my surprise birthday celebration and commemorating my 25 years at Little School. I am also grateful to everyone who joined us, as well as for the lovely cakes, gifts and cards – I feel truly spoiled. Each of the 25 years I have spent at Longparish Playgroup/Little School has been a joy. The wonderful children and families I have encountered throughout the years have made it an extraordinary place to work.

–Claire Nash

### Frolicking Flamingos

Don’t forget the in every issue of Hill and Valley there is a little flamingo sneaking around. Sometimes it is bold and sometimes it is more hidden. Have you spotted the one delighting the pages this month?

**Did you know? That flamingos don’t start off pink; it takes 2 to 3 years for the luscious pink plumage to develop.**

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## Longparish C of E Primary School



This month has shown how lucky we are to have our community!

Our local PCSOs came to visit our Year 1/2 class, where they were able to explain their duties and help children relate to them when

they are seen out and about. They were very lucky to get the opportunity to sit in their patrol car and turn the lights on! Our Eco Warriors received a certificate from The Tree Council

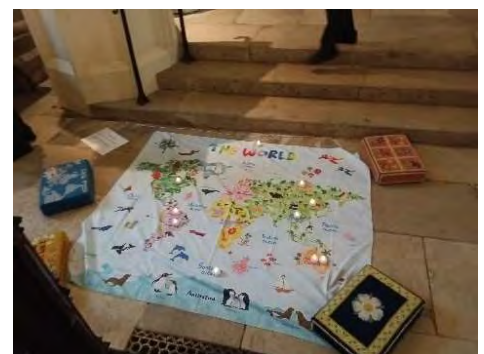


helping to plant our trees and hedgerows and we are enjoying watching them bloom and grow.

We are very grateful to Reverend Russ and the church who arranged 'Prayer Spaces' for each in class. There were a multitude of different creative reflection spaces, ranging from:

- A calming bubble tube where children could write and stick a prayer, watching it rise into heaven.
- A world map with candles- where children would send prayers for countries they knew needed help
- A shredder- where children could think about things they wanted to let go
- Thank you, Sorry, and Please prayers whilst hooking a duck
- Jumping from a boat- reflecting on finding the courage to jump even when you are worried.

The children absolutely loved this experience and we are looking forward to creating an opportunity in school to set up different areas for reflection as a Prayer Space occasion.



### Job vacancies:

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At Longparish C of E Primary School, we are looking for a dedicated and highly organised **Finance Officer** to join our small, friendly team. This is a wonderful opportunity to become part of a supportive village school community where your professional expertise directly contributes to the well-being and success of our pupils.

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More details can be found on <https://recruitmenthub.education-jobs.org.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=10953> please contact the school office, [adminoffice@longparish.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@longparish.hants.sch.uk).

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OUR VILLAGE MAY FAIR...

We're delighted to say that we put on another fantastic event this year! A huge thank you to everyone in the parish who gave up their time to help organise and run things over the weekend and on May Day itself — we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for supporting our May Fair!



It's been especially lovely to hear from stallholders, many of whom have been in touch to say how much they enjoyed the day and to congratulate the team on such a well-run event.

Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible support from our community. We're so grateful to all our volunteers, stall holders and sponsors for helping make it such a success.

As the May Fair is our main annual fundraiser for village amenities, the organisers would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along with your families and pets — and helped make it such a fun and memorable day for all!



Stallholder quotes: "We do a lot of fetes and fairs, and I have to let you know...yours is brilliant"

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself – not just because of the success I had but because it was so nice to see how well your community came together"

We were real stars at the May Fair!



Thank you for coming to our stall at the May Fair!

See you all next year!

Dogs the stars of the May Fair? .. you've goat to be kidding me!





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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Parish Council Meetings

The dates for the remaining Parish Council meetings in 2026 are as follows:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
 Thursday 30th July  
 Thursday 24th September  
 Thursday 26th November

Any resident of the Parish can attend and there is no need to alert the Council if you are coming. However, if there is a matter which you might feel the members might want to look into before you attend, please do let me know:

01264 772460 or email:

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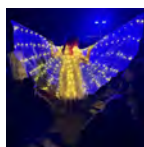
## JUNE – THE SUMMER SOLSTICE

June marks the **Summer Solstice**, our longest day and the start of astronomical summer. If you're thinking about going to Stonehenge for the event, having attended the event last year I can share with you my thoughts on what to expect.



The 2026 summer solstice sunrise at Stonehenge takes place on **Sunday, June 21, 2026, around 4:44 am BST**. English Heritage manages the event, offering free entry (excluding parking) from the evening of June 20th until sunrise on the 21st. Expect large crowds, drumming, and a festive atmosphere. Food and drinks are available, but alcohol is not permitted onsite. Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes, as early morning temperatures can be chilly.

For the best view, stand near the axis and face northeast toward the Heel Stone. Standing just off-centre often gives a clearer sunrise alignment.



I would recommend you also check the English Heritage Stonehenge website for the final arrangements. *Phil Luckett*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING



This month Annabel Nicholson will be holding the **Coffee Morning** on Thursday 25th June from 10.15 am to 12 noon at The Long House, No.49 Hurstbourne Priors. All ages welcome! Please let me know if you would like to host a coffee morning in one of the months to come. Susie Sorby Tel: 01256 892665

## COCKER SPANIEL WANDERINGS...

**Whitchurch to Freefolk.** My latest wandering, accompanied by a cocker spaniel who is technically with me but usually about 100 yards ahead pretending not to know me, takes us to the Test Valley town of Whitchurch and onwards to Freefolk just along the B3400.

First things first, you need somewhere to park. I am fortunate because I am both wildly popular and blessed with many friends, one of whom lives at Town Mills. For those of you less socially connected, I'd suggest parking near The Bell Inn, now sadly closed, or in the car park next to the surgery. Glamorous stuff.



From there, walk down to the roundabout and turn left up the B3400 towards Overton. I won't oversell this stretch. It is not exactly the Amalfi Coast. Still, the traffic provides some entertainment and, if your timing is right, the Basingstoke bus adds a certain jeopardy to proceedings.

Before long, turn into Town Mill Lane and meander alongside one of the many channels of the River Test flowing through the town. The Test does this sort of thing brilliantly. It cannot seem to commit to being one river.

Keep marching onwards and eventually you'll reach the

bridge and gaze enviously towards where I park at my friend James's mill house. You may even encounter James himself. He is a slightly haughty character with a magnificently dour sense of humour and a healthy disdain for humanity in general. Naturally, we get on extremely well.



Once over the bridge, and after pausing for the excellent view because even cynics need beauty occasionally, you face an important decision. You can turn left into the woodland or left and upwards across the meadows above the Test. Both are lovely and, if you are feeling particularly adventurous and mildly delusional, you can weave in and out of both like Sir Ranulph Fiennes tackling the Northwest Passage.

I once saw an **adder** on this footpath. I possess an ancient caveman-level instinct when it comes to snakes, so despite adders not being remotely interested in chasing humans, I immediately broke into a sprint. Emerging from the woodland seconds later, red-faced and panicked, I spotted two women walking their dogs, so naturally I pretended I was out jogging. In walking boots. Marley looked baffled. He had never previously witnessed me voluntarily moving quickly...

Whichever route you take, turn left onto a sweeping and genuinely stunning cow meadow lined with ancient trees. The first time you see it, it hits rather like teenage love: dramatic, irrational and unexpectedly overwhelming. This is Hampshire showing off.



Catch your breath and continue along the path towards Overton, glancing left down towards Bere Mill and onwards to Freefolk.

After about half a mile, follow the path between the cow fields and you'll arrive at tiny St Nicholas' Church and a bridge with superb views up and down the River Test.

Shortly after that you reach Freefolk itself and what is allegedly the longest terrace of thatched houses in the UK. These wonderfully eccentric cottages were, I believe, built for workers at the old Portal paper mill at nearby Laverstoke, now home to the Bombay Sapphire distillery. Until embarrassingly recently, I thought Bombay Sapphire was an Indian restaurant. It turns out it is instead a globally recognised gin brand. We all have blind spots.

The distillery tour is excellent, particularly if you enjoy architecture, history or slowly ruining your ability to walk in a straight line through the medium of gin.

At this point we begin the homeward stretch. Unfortunately, this does involve a section of the B3400, though there is a footpath and, as walks beside busy B-roads go, it is fairly civilised. You pass several enviably attractive riverside houses and eventually come to The Watership Down Inn should refreshments be required.

Those of you of a certain age may remember Watership Down, the traumatising rabbit film disguised as children's entertainment. The author, Richard Adams, lived in Whitchurch.

Eventually the path dips back down into the meadows and onto Bere Mill Lane. You can continue directly back into town from here, but I strongly recommend detouring to look at Bere Mill itself. It is one of those spots that somehow looks beautiful in any weather. Sunshine, rain, low cloud, impending apocalypse — it always delivers.

From here, follow the path and you will find yourself back at the foot of the cow meadow from earlier. You will recognise it immediately because your legs will suddenly remember it too.



The path then takes you back through the meadows and footpaths towards Town Mills. This is usually where I stop for tea with James, assuming he is feeling unusually charitable. For the rest of you, there is only the

consolation of returning to Whitchurch where you can reward yourself with tea at The Paper Mill or the excellent Kudos Coffee.

It is a fine walk, even if you are not friends with James, the jovial cricketer of Town Mills. *Bob Lethaby*

## WHITCHURCH SILK MILL - JUNE NEWS AND EVENTS

Whitchurch Silk Mill has an exciting programme of events this June and into early July, offering something for everyone, from creative workshops and fascinating talks to family friendly activities and community celebrations.

**Flower Festival at the Mill – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June**

A highlight of the month is the Flower Festival (19–21 June 10.30am–5pm), celebrating creativity, nature and the local community. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of imaginative floral installations throughout the Mill and its grounds, including fresh, crafted, stitched and recycled designs. There will also be demonstrations and activities for families, plant and honey stalls, and a unique opportunity to explore soil health with the Soil Smiths, who will examine visitors' soil samples under a microscope. Pre-booking is essential, with tickets priced at £10 for adults while children under 16 go free.

**Regency Picnic – 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Earlier in the month, the Mill hosts a delightful Regency Picnic (6 June, 3–7pm) on the banks of the River Test. Following last year's success, this elegant outdoor event returns with refreshments, performances, craft activities and the chance to explore the Mill. Guests are encouraged to dress in Regency attire for a truly immersive experience.

**George Washington's Suit – Recreation – 11<sup>th</sup> June**

For those interested in history and textiles, an online talk on 11 June explores the recreation of a suit worn by George Washington in 1789, using silk woven at Whitchurch. This fascinating international collaboration highlights the Mill's continuing role in historic textile production.

**Levi Straus & Co – 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Looking ahead to July, visitors can also enjoy an engaging talk on 7 July about Levi Straus & Co., tracing the origins of blue jeans and the global influence of denim, presented by the company's historian.

**Heritage Craft Workshops - June**

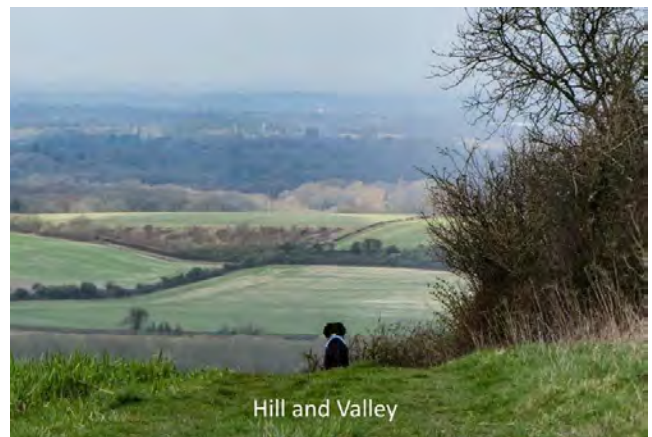
The Mill's popular heritage craft workshops continue throughout June, providing hands-on opportunities to learn new skills. These include a beginner's crochet

session creating classic "granny squares," a weaving workshop where participants make their own wall hanging, and a full-day willow workshop to craft a decorative chicken sculpture. These sessions are ideal for beginners and experienced makers alike, with all materials provided.

**Silk Production Tour - 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Visitors wanting a deeper insight into the Mill's workings can join the Silk Production Tour (23 June). This guided experience takes participants behind the scenes to see historic looms in action and hear the stories of the Mill's skilled weavers, bringing this unique piece of industrial heritage to life.

Most events require advance booking, and tickets can be purchased via the Mill shop or website. Whether you are looking for a relaxing day out, a creative workshop, or a chance to learn something new, Whitchurch Silk Mill offers a rich and varied programme this summer. Visitors are also encouraged to follow the Mill on social media or sign up for its newsletter to stay up to date with future events.



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## The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at St Mary Bourne

Village Centre, starting to serve at 12.30pm. All are  
welcome to come along and enjoy our monthly light social  
lunch. As usual we will be holding a raffle at our July Lunch  
and would be very grateful for any prize donations to be  
brought along on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

## What's in a name?

*Some names of the area*

Hook Farm is now a dilapidated pile of long-disused  
1950s agricultural buildings, in a wood at the bottom of  
the downhill track beside Hall Cottage, Woodcott. You  
can also find it along the Lower Woodcott to Crux Easton  
lane, now only a pleasant footpath.

There is a deed dated 1575 to what later was  
described as the 'reputed manor of Hook called Hook  
Farm, Woodcott'. It was part of the Kingmill of  
Sydmonton (aka Side-mountain) estate, as was Lower  
Woodcott. Perhaps this was the original 'Woodcott',  
which has certainly replaced it now. As for its name,  
Hook comes from Old English hoc, spit of land in a  
corner or bend in a hill, which describes its landscape.

M.C.



From an undated postcard (c.1940s?) believed to be of  
Hook Farm, Woodcott.



### Making Every Moment Count *A Note from Your GP*

In my surgery, I spend a lot of time looking at charts and  
cholesterol levels. But lately, I've been thinking less about  
numbers and more about my patient's happiness and overall  
health.

I've recently read a book called ***Die with Zero***. The  
philosophy isn't about being reckless with your bank  
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many, money is incredibly tight right now, but time remains  
our most precious commodity. We often work tirelessly,  
spending our health to gain wealth, only to reach our later  
years with plenty of the latter and not enough of the  
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*Dr Dan Lickman*



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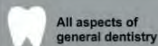


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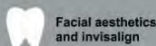
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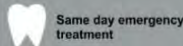
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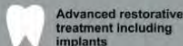
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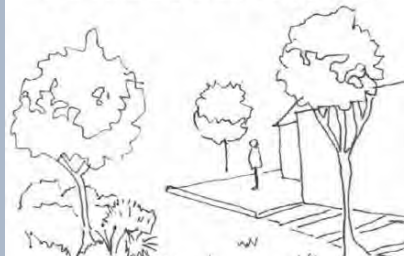


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The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at which **Patrick Foote** was re-elected as **Chairman** for the ensuing year, and **Dave Burlison** was elected as **Vice Chairman**.

As only 6 candidates stood for re-election on 7<sup>th</sup> May, they and **Ed Makgill**,

**Jeanette Davies**, **Robbie Henderson** and **Tanya Mew** were automatically returned but the Council will hope to co-opt further members to share responsibility for its duties. Details of how to apply can be found on the PC website under Public Notices, or contact Maxine Owen, our Parish Clerk, to register your interest before 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 - [Clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk) . Information on what is involved in being a Parish Councillor can be found by using this link: <https://hampshirealc.org.uk/news/get-informed-get-involved/>

**A minimum requirement as parish councillor** will be your availability to attend the monthly full council meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting at 7.30pm. Someone wishing to become involved in the decisions made on behalf of the community while protecting the public purse, as well as helping to move a pipeline of proposed projects forward for the benefit of the community is the type of person St Mary Bourne Parish Council are looking for. We have three vacant seats to fill, so there's a very good chance you will be successful.

The Parish Council also have a list of Working Groups and Committees which will often **co-opt experts** from the community **for specific projects** - if you believe you have skills to offer but don't wish to be a councillor, please also get in touch.

**The new playground was officially opened on April 26<sup>th</sup>** with a Village picnic which was well attended on a warm Sunday, and it continues to be in constant use: many thanks to all our sponsors and those who worked long and hard to achieve such a popular and welcome result.

**Planning Applications:**

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**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm**

Copies of meeting minutes are available on the parish council website - and please email any questions or agenda points to Maxine Owen on [clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk)  
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**Youth Cricket**

**Big day for SMB Youth Cricket** (17 May): take a bow, Arthur Wilson—**104 not out** in the U13 match v Whitchurch.

**Scorecard highlights:** 62 balls • 14 fours • 5 sixes • strike rate 167. That's the club's first-ever youth century in a 20-over match. Congratulations to Arthur and his coaches.

**Senior Cricket**

Cricket is well and truly back at St Mary Bourne Cricket Club, with every side now out in the middle after an entertaining and encouraging start to the season.

**1st XI:** The step up to Division 4 has brought a tough opening set of fixtures against strong opposition. Results haven't always gone SMB's way, but the squad remains positive and united, with a real belief that improvements in the fundamentals will

make the side a competitive force at this level.

**2nd XI:** A particularly promising start, with several early wins and clear progress on last season. A few Under 18s have stepped up and are developing impressively in senior cricket. Very encouraging signs for the future of the club.

**Sunday XI:** The true spirit of village cricket, competitive but relaxed. These fixtures are a chance to visit local clubs, renew long-standing rivalries, and enjoy the social side of the game with familiar faces from across the Bourne Valley.

**Midweek T20:** Plenty of excitement once again, with the shorter format delivering some thrilling contests. At the time of writing, the team remains unbeaten under the lights.

*With cricket now a regular fixture in the village again, the club looks forward to welcoming supporters across a busy June schedule.*

**June Home Fixtures**

- 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Winterbourne 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.
- 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Linkenholt
- 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Hurstbourne Priors
- 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Odiham & Greywell 3<sup>rd</sup> XI.
- 17<sup>th</sup> June** – East Anton
- 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Broughton
- 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Appleshaw
- 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Alton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI



*June in the Valley*

June is one of the busiest months for nature in the Bourne Valley. Wildflowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, and many gardens are alive with colour and wildlife.

After **No-Mow May**, leaving even a small patch of longer grass can continue to provide food and shelter for pollinators throughout the summer. The **"Let it Bloom June"** message encourages us to keep some areas wild a little longer, allowing flowers such as clover, daisies, buttercups to bloom and support bees and butterflies through the early summer months.

As the weather warms up, June is also a good time to think about **saving water in the garden**. Watering in the evening, mulching around plants, and collecting rainwater in water butts can all make a big difference.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent plant swap and pot recycling. It was wonderful to see so many seedlings, cuttings, houseplants and gardening conversations being shared by the community.

Our **Repair Café** continues to grow too, helping keep useful items out of landfill and saving money along the way. From clothing repairs to electrical items, umbrellas to bicycles — you never know what might be fixed next!

Small local actions really do add up. Whether it's planting for pollinators, repairing instead of replacing, or simply noticing more of the wildlife around us, every little step helps make the valley greener and more resilient.

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How can it nearly be the end of May? One of our customers gleefully told me that in about 40 days the nights will start to draw in; that was very sobering and reminded us of how fast time flies!

We ended last month's article with a "thank-you" and we would like to start this month with a couple more. So, to Jez Ahl a *thank-you* for jet washing the deck at the back of the Café, and another one to Mark Pearce who donated cleaning cloths, toilet rolls and Maple Syrup. Watch this space re: Maple Syrup! It is these small kindnesses that help to bind the community.

The Shop is still supplying local produce including Isle of Wight tomatoes, Greenfields pork & meat products, Summerdown fragrance & chocs, Beckybeez honey, Albion tea, PYO asparagus, River Test distillery gin, Goodworth Clatford Vineyard sparkling wine, Otties yogurts & Kefir, Ethels pies, Highclere venison, Lyburn cheese and the ever-popular Chalk Stream trout and their trout & watercress fishcakes which are a new product. They are flying out of the door (not literally of course!). Hoxton Sourdough is now available Tuesdays & Fridays and if you ever want to reserve a loaf (or any of our fresh products), we are more than happy to do that for you.

If any of you have children's or adult's jigsaws that you no longer need, we would love them for the Café - we are thinking of doing a lending library.

We are looking for someone to mend the lock on the toilet door - it's beyond the remit of Vicky or myself. But before someone gets permanently locked in, a helping hand would be much appreciated!

Finally, for the month of June, we will be having a 30% **SUMMER SALE** on lots of our products, so do come in and see what bargains you can find!!!

As always, we are so thankful for your continued support of our lovely Shop & Cafe, we really appreciate it and love seeing you all.  
*Vicky & Sandra*

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**£20** - Michael Malyon      **£10** - Maggie Bristow

**The next 1☺☺ Club Draw: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**AMM**

**St Mary Bourne Shop and Café Limited will be holding its Annual Members' Meeting at 7pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at St Mary Bourne Village Centre.**

The management committee will present the annual accounts and report on the performance of the business and plans.

This is an opportunity to hear what has been going on, to appoint management committee members and to make suggestions and raise any matters of interest or concern.

**The meeting will be followed by drinks for members in The Boundary.**



**Special Family Occasions**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> April a quarter peal was rung in St Peter's tower for Freddie and James Waller.

The occasion was their baptism, and the bell ringers included their grandparents, Ken and

Carol Waller, their parents Ben and Jo and their aunt and uncle, Jo and Jonathan Waller.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> of May was a memorable day for the Barton Family with four generations present at the baptism of Aydin.

Tom and Ayca chose St Peter's to honour Aydin's great

grandparents, Gordon and Viv Barton, and his grandmother, Trish.

**St Peter's Church Tour**  
**2.30pm - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Martin Coppen** is going to come and talk about St Peter's. If you would like to come and hear some of the history of our church, please let us know.

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### Postcard from Binley

An acquaintance of mine, Foxy Bob, has sent me a short video he took the other evening, not a million miles from Binley. It was at last light in open country, and he was chancing his luck trying to call in a fox when the whitest, purest fox came into view and headed towards him. I have certainly never seen one before and nor has Foxy Bob. What struck me was the colour, it was Persil white and not dingy white say like a white hart. I wish I'd been there. Of course, I've seen a black fox. There was a time when I knocked about Suffolk when you couldn't walk through Ickworth Park, home of the Marquis of Bristol without bumping into one. The local pub at Thurston was named after them but this white one was special, that's for sure.

I know I rabbit on about hares a great deal, but it has been a wonderful spring for our native brown hares. Everywhere I go locally shows a good head of population and I have spent a great deal of time observing them. The top meadow above the house has been left for hay making and is a riot of grasses and wildflowers and it was one evening while leaning on a fence just watching the sun sinking behind the beech trees at Binley House that I saw a mother hare moving one of its leverets to a new form. I'd never witnessed this before, so it was a special moment. She will never leave her litter altogether but spreads them around constantly moving them and only briefly visiting once or twice a day, usually at dusk to nurse them. One can only wonder how many fall prey to the extraordinary number of raptures we have here now, but we can only wish them well, they are a wonderful creature.

Yesterday was Dave Dawe's memorial service held not as you might think in St Peter's, but in The George. All the great and the good were there with a nice sprinkling of the not so great and the not so good! Divine representation was provided by the Rev. Dodie Marsden, and your first pint was paid for posthumously by *Dawsie* himself. The first drink he's bought me in 40 years! I savoured every mouthful. But it was nice to see a few faces, some I hadn't seen for years, though I was disappointed the Forty Pounder didn't turn up. It was good to chew the fat with old friends and talk b\*\*\*\*\*s for a few hours and it reminded me I need to get out more.

But bless you *Dawsie*, now reunited with your beloved Keira, taken from us too soon. X

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### Hill & Valley says thank you

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April *Hill & Valley* invited all volunteers involved in editorial, advertising, management, parish council support and distribution to 'Drinks and Nibbles' at Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall. We thanked them for their contribution to the continuing success of our parish magazine. Without them Hill & Valley cannot exist.

Particular thanks went to Emma Palmer (Longparish) for her sterling work in managing the advertising over the last three years. She is now leaving us and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Michael Widén.

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	10am Football tournament	
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If you'd like to have a go, please do. Entries need to be with us by **4pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Even if you don't enter, do come and have a look.

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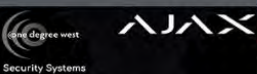
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Born on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1941, Nick lived a full life defined by his faith, his love for the natural world and his passion for sport. A man of profound religious conviction, he was a regular worshipper at St Peter's in St Mary Bourne and served as its PCC

representative on the Deanery Synod for many years.

Nick's formative years laid a strong foundation. He attended Chafyn Grove Prep School in Salisbury where he sang as a chorister in many Cathedral services, before moving on to Hurstpierpoint

College in Sussex where his lifelong passion for sport truly flourished. He was in the first team for rugby, hockey and cricket. He was a stalwart of Havant Hockey Club and continued to play competitive hockey for many years. Incredibly he represented England in their Over-70s team. Nick loved cricket and followed Hampshire CC throughout his life. He established strong friendships with members and the Club's top players over the years, sharing many happy holidays together. One of Nick's greatest satisfactions was when, as President of Basingstoke Cricket Club, he managed to persuade Hampshire CC to return to play a week of professional cricket on Mays Bounty, Basingstoke CC's home ground. He was disappointed when after a few seasons, HCC reverted to playing all their home fixtures in Southampton. Nick was very accomplished at many other sports including squash and racquets.

In his professional life he was a solicitor in Basingstoke with Lamb Brooks and then Wills Chandler where he supported his clients until his retirement in 2024.

Beyond the office and the sports field, Nick was a man of simple, profound pleasures. He possessed an enduring love for the great outdoors, never happier than walking his dogs through the countryside or tending to his beautiful garden. His hands-on, muddy devotion to his plants and soil earned him the affectionate and enduring nickname "Mr Mud" to his many grandchildren.

Nick was married twice: first to Maureen with whom he shared four children, Simon, Sarah, Emma and Joanna. He then married Gillie and welcomed Jane and Clare as his own. Nick and Gillie moved to St Mary Bourne in the 1990s; first living in Coldharbour House and then moving to Oak Beams in Church Street where they created a warm welcoming family home and a beautiful garden. As grandfather to eleven wonderful grandchildren, Nick took



immense pride in watching his family grow, leaving them with endless memories of walks, muddy hands, sport and laughter.

Nick Twine was a kind and gentle man with a keen sense of humour. If you were on the receiving end of one of his many jokes that meant he really liked and trusted you! He was a very social man and loved nothing more than a party. He attended a Friday lunch club with his friends right up to the last Friday of his life.

Nick is loved and remembered by Gillie; his children, Simon, Sarah, Emma, and Joanna; his stepchildren, Jane and Clare; his eleven grandchildren; and many friends, colleagues and teammates whose lives he touched so deeply.

*"He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith."* R.I.P.



### St Mary Bourne Primary School

The summer term is here at St Mary Bourne School and there are lots of things in the pipe line like Sports Day, Key Stage Two performances and Bikability.

We had our annual **'Walk to School' week** in May where we encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Walking to school is great for mental health and wellbeing as well as being good for the environment.

#### Why should we walk to school?

- Makes us more active
- Practice using the green cross code
- We chat to people walking with us
- Good for our mental health
- Reduces traffic outside school
- Reduces air pollution outside school

As part of our Personal development work in school, we are holding a **'World of Work' day** and are inviting our parents and members of our community to come into school to talk to the children about their careers. If you would like to come into school to talk about your profession, contact the school office, you would be more than welcome

There are lots of flowers blooming around school and everything is growing at

pace. We are holding a **'Ground Force' morning** on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, if you have green fingers and would like to help us tidy the school grounds please come and join us, for however long you can. Jobs usually include pruning the bushes,



weeding, and clearing the pond area.

**If you would like to join us for either of the above, please do contact the school office [adminoffice@st-marybourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-marybourne.hants.sch.uk) .**

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## Remembering...

Caroline Taverner

21<sup>st</sup> September 1974 – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

A funeral service was held in the packed St. Peter's Church, St. Mary Bourne, on May 1<sup>st</sup> for village resident Caroline Taverner (née Montgomerie) who died on April 2<sup>nd</sup> following a most courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Family and friends were in attendance from so many walks of her life to remember a beautiful friend who 'brought so much love, joy, laughter, warmth and positivity to every occasion'.

Caroline grew up in Athens, Greece and spent her idyllic early childhood summers on the beaches near the family holiday home on the island of Evia. She attended Cheltenham Ladies College as a boarder, where, as a keen athlete from an early age she was 'Victrix Ludorum', before going on to study Archaeology at Southampton University.

Having then lived in Portugal in her later teenage years where her Mother and (step) Father were 'wine enthusiasts' who started a local wine society, she moved to London and worked in the Harrods wine department, before stints at the famous 'Mark Reynier Wine Library' in Pimlico and then with prestigious wine shipper 'Paragon Vintners' – where she met her husband, Charles.

Caroline then spent over 7 years as a 'wine specialist' with the Christie's wine department. She worked with many world renown 'Masters of Wine' over the years and during her time there she also had numerous dealings with the 'infamous collector' and now known 'wine fraudster' Rudi Kurniawan!

Caroline and Charles married on the Isle of Wight in 2004 (from where her mother's family originated). Their first son William was born on her 31<sup>st</sup> birthday in St Thomas's Hospital - where she had also been born. They moved from Battersea, London to St. Mary Bourne in early 2008 shortly after the birth of their second son Toby, where they enjoyed their family life together for the past 18+ years.

With a lifelong interest in good health, fitness and wellbeing and having previously trained as a Sports Massage Therapist and latterly a 'PT', Caroline spent several years working for the Hobbs Rehabilitation team across Hampshire as well as for a period at 'Oaksey House' in Lambourn. Most recently she had been working as a Specialist Rehab Assistant with the NHS team at the Andover Memorial Hospital and was a community worker during Covid.

She was an enthusiastic member of the Andover Athletics Club and loved sharing her joy of physical fitness and well-being with others. For many years she ran personalised exercise classes from the village hall, often repeatedly running her group of exhausted young Mums (and occasionally Dads!) up the hill footpath on the far side of the St. Mary Bourne rec. She was well known locally by many of the 'senior community' for running regular 'older adult exercise' and 'Tai Chi' classes in recent years. She really enjoyed being a part of the village community, and her parents (as well as in-laws) had moved to the village over the years to be closer to Caroline and their grandchildren.



Following her dreadful diagnosis in September 2024, she remained positive, brave and vibrant throughout her torturous ordeal and intrusive treatment, forever maintaining her sunny outlook and embodying the phrase 'carpe diem'. Her last days were spent in the care of the amazing team at the Countess of Brecknock Hospice, next door to where she worked. She will be so greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched and loved her so dearly, and is survived by her husband Charles, sons William and Toby, her mother Jane and brother James. A remembrance page, where messages and charitable donations to the Hospice, Macmillan nurses and 'Ovacom' can be made in her loving memory is online at

<https://carolinetaverner.muchloved.com>

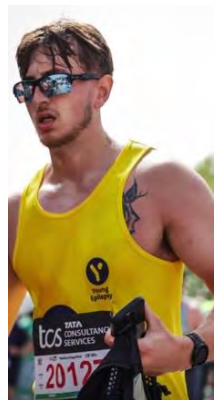
## In Memoriam - Rosie Carter

Tom Carter-Desai

was just 11 years old in September 2013 when he lost his 19-year-old sister, Rosie Carter, to SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy). As a family, they have since organised many events and raised thousands of pounds for charity. Tom felt the time was right to take on a challenge of his own, and he began training for the 2026 London Marathon.

He secured a place courtesy of Young Epilepsy and was seen training hard throughout the village during the winter months. Although the London heat and humidity meant he did not achieve his target time of under four hours, he still completed the marathon in an impressive 4 hours and 24 minutes, before proudly vowing, "Never again!"


As part of his efforts, Tom raised **£3,135** for Young Epilepsy and would like to say a huge Thank You to friends, colleagues, and village residents for their ongoing generosity and support in memory of Rosie.



## LONGPARISH

- 4 7pm - Bingo – The Cricketers
- 8 7pm - Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall
- 12 9.15am - Friday Litter Pick - Village Hall
- 12 10 to 11.45am - LCA Coffee Morning - The Cricketers
- 14 9 am - L2SOTM handicap race - The Plough
- 20 7am - LCA Midsummer Walk and Breakfast - details inside
- 23 Longparish Gardening Club - Gardens of Tuffon - details inside
- 26 12 noon to 2pm - LCA Friday Lunch Club -  
Talk by Simon Hunt - Village Hall
- 28 Longparish Cricket Club - Woodcock Cup

## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

- 4 6.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 21 Summer Solstice - the longest day   
HRH William Prince of Wales Birthday
- 25 10.15am to 12 noon - Ladies' Coffee Morning  
hosted by Annabel Nicholson at the Long House,  
No 49, Hurstbourne Priors

## ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT

- 3 2 to 3.30pm - Stoke Coffee Afternoon - Half Way Up, Stoke Hill
- 3 2.30pm - St Peter's Church guided tour
- 6 10am to 12 Noon - Repair Café - The George Inn
- 9 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 9 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre
- 13-14 **Bourne fest** - see programme inside
- 16 7.30pm - Sourdough Demonstration - Village Centre
- 17 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre
- 25 7pm - The Boundary **Annual Members' Meeting** - Village Centre
- 28 6pm - St Peter's Day **Choral Evensong** - St Peter's
- Saturday mornings** - 10.30am to 12.30pm -  
**The Community Library** - Village Centre Club Room



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