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Making a Connection

In her BBC documentary series ***The Mekong River with Sue Perkins***, Sue travelled through Vietnam,



A cashew tree in flower

Sue travelled through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and China. She told a story about her time in a cashew forest in Cambodia with a film crew. Here's some of what she said: *"Women were looking at me but I began to feel that despite the circumstances, we are all the same. At one stage I slipped and sat down in an enormous pile of pig poo, and these women were just looking at me. I could see that they thought I was a spectacular idiot. And then we all collapsed. Everyone fell about laughing for about 15 minutes. It was one of those moments..."*

I had to get through to them that (despite cultural differences) we were all the same... wherever we are and where we have come from. It turned out that this was the moment for us. One woman held out her hand and I felt such a great love for her.

How do I, (Sue Perkins asked herself), feel so strongly about a woman who I cannot communicate with because of the barrier of language?"

So, as they walked, Sue said to her in English: *"I feel I have known you all my life"*. The woman responded in her own language. When the film crew edited this bit in the series, they rang Sue, and as she watched with the translators, she saw and read what the woman had said: It was *"I feel I have known you all my life"*.

Sue continued *"That's why I do it. In and through hardship and madness and the filth, we are all the same and we have immense profound moments to remind ourselves we are all the same. If I am asked: Why do you put yourself through months of filming? The answer is... to get a connection with others"*.

In our own daily lives, we look for connections. These are important to us because they provide the foundation for relationships. Connections mean something. Sometimes we find that an obvious barrier blocks our way, such as race, language, gender or status. But when these are faced head on, they turn out to be something we can find our own way through. Through to the fundamental things that matter. Things we have in common, things that we can share.

If you attend a church service in another country, one of the beauties of the Church of England is that the rhythm of the liturgy is very familiar. A very long time ago now I was in an Anglican church in Southern India. It was a traditional morning service in Tamil. The women sat on the right-hand side of the church

and the men on the left. The women smiled and offered friendship. The warmth, bond and connection were very real. Real because of where we were, warm because they were genuinely interested in us and we wanted to know about them. And finally, real because the connection through our worship, our faith in God and our understanding about 'being together' was genuine.

Shared experiences, shared joys, happiness, shared sadness and loss, shared success and shared failure – these hold us together, they help us to be truly human.

Dodie

The Revd Canon Dodie Marsden



BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Saturday 10th October @ 4.00pm
All Hallows Church, Whitchurch RG28 7AS

A reflective service to support bereaved parents and families, and to honour the tiny lives lost too soon. For anyone who has been touched by pregnancy or baby loss, no matter how long ago. All are welcome.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - HURSTBOURNE PRIORS Forthcoming Events:

4th October - 11am

Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall

28th November

Christmas Crafts and Wreath Making - in aid of St Andrew's Church

23rd January

Burns Supper - in aid of St Andrew's Church

Services in the Parish Churches

October 2026

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

Sunday 4th October - Trinity 18

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Tufton	No service	
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.00am	Holy Communion
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Holy Communion/Harvest

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Wednesday 7th October

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 11th October - Trinity 19

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong
St Mary's, Tufton	9.00am	Holy Communion/Harvest
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion/Harvest
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion/Harvest
St James', Woodcott	No service	

Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online

Sunday 18th October - Trinity 20

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

Wednesday 21st October

All Hallows, Whitchurch	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 25th October - Trinity 21

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Tufton	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Morning Prayer
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion
	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:

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Rev Nicky Smallwood ☎ 07775 903321

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Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:

☎ 01264 738211

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● 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."

Jude Arthur Maslin

St Mary Bourne - 20/9/26

● Weddings

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

Caitlin Elizabeth Boydon-Jones and

Rupert William Joseph Hills

Hurstbourne Priors - 26/9/26





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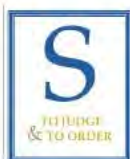
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www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council

Council Chair: Peter Hull

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

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Monday 12th October at 7pm in the Village Hall.

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

□ 26/01968/CLEN The River Test Distillery

Application for lawful development Certificate

PC Feedback: No comment

□ 26/01987/TREEN Keepers Cottage

Crown reduction; Salix fragilis and Acer platanoides

PC Feedback: Raise no objection

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/

DOGS IN THE PLAYPARK

The Parish Council would like to kindly remind everyone that dogs are not permitted inside the play park area. This helps us maintain a safe environment for little ones and ensures everyone can enjoy the facilities worry-free.

There are plenty of lovely open spaces nearby where your four-legged friends are welcome to run, play, and explore. Thank you for helping us keep our play park safe and enjoyable for all.

Longparish Village Fete**A Wonderful Community Day**

What a fantastic day we had at the Longparish Village Fete on **Saturday 5th September!**

With absolutely immaculate weather, a fantastic atmosphere and an impressive turnout from across the community and wider, it was a wonderful afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit. It was brilliant to see so many people come along to enjoy the stalls, games, refreshments and of course the egg throwing finale! The overall success of the fete is a real reflection of the amazing community we have here in Longparish.

An event like the village fete simply wouldn't happen without the incredible amount of work that takes place behind the scenes. **A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers**, both those who helped in the weeks and days leading up to the fete and everyone who gave their time on the day itself. From organising stalls and setting everything up, to running games, serving refreshments, selling tickets and keeping things moving, every contribution made a difference. And, of course, the work didn't stop when the last visitor went home! A big thank you to everyone who turned out on **Sunday morning to help take everything down and pack away**. Your help was very much appreciated!

We are delighted to report that the fete has raised **around £10,000** for the village. There may be a few small adjustments over the next few weeks as everything is finalised, but it is already clear that this year's fete has been a tremendous success. Last year, funds raised by the fete were used to support a number of community-led projects, including **Longparish School, the Little School, the Cricket Club and contributions towards the new goalposts on the football field**. We would love to continue that tradition this year and make sure the money raised goes towards projects that will benefit our village and its community.

Does your community project need some funding? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with us at

harriettlily@hotmail.co.uk with details of why you are looking for funding. We are hoping to divide the funds by the end of October, so please make sure your suggestions reach us before **Friday 9th October**.

It would be wonderful to come together as a community once again and see the money raised through the fete put back into the village in ways that benefit as many people as possible.

Could you help make next year's fete happen?

Finally, if you would like to get involved with next year's fete, please do reach out to us. This much-loved community event relies on volunteers, and with the small number of people currently involved in organising it, it simply won't be able to continue without some new faces stepping forward to help. You don't need to take on a huge role - every bit of help makes a difference, whether you can spare a little time, have an idea for the fete, or would simply like to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you!

A massive thank you once again to everyone who volunteered, donated, organised, attended and helped make the Longparish Village Fete such a success. It was a fantastic reflection of what makes Longparish such a special community!

Thank you Harriet

On behalf of the whole village, we owe Harriet an enormous debt of gratitude for organising the fete so well again this year.

With a demanding job and a young family, unless you are on the fete committee, you probably don't realise the amount of work that she puts in to making the whole thing such a success. She goes 'over and above' what any other human being would find it hard to do in the first place!

Next year we need to step up and make sure she gets more help.

C'mon Longparish. Let's prove what a great and special community we are!

Longparish Fete Committee

LONGPARISH WILDLIFE WESTERN CATTLE EGRET

I have a new bird for the village: a Cattle Egret. It was at the trout farm, along with five Little Egrets. Cattle Egrets are an African bird, where they walk amongst animals, catching any insects that are disturbed by them. They have shown one of the greatest range expansions in the bird world. At the beginning of the 20th century, the western form of the Cattle Egret was only established in southern Spain, Portugal and north of tropical Africa, and began to spread north across Europe. They even managed to cross the Atlantic to reach South America, and have dispersed throughout that continent and up into North America, with breeding as far north as Canada.



Only a few decades ago, Cattle Egrets were still rare visitors to the UK, until a large influx over the winter of 2007/2008 saw over 200 birds recorded here, mostly in south-west England. This led to the UK's first record of breeding Cattle Egrets, with at least two pairs nesting in Somerset in the summer of 2008. Since then, they have become an increasingly common sight in the UK, especially around wetlands, farmland, grazing animals and suitable feeding areas.

They are smaller than the Little Egret, but with a shorter neck, shorter legs and a much more compact body. During the breeding season, adults show bright orange-yellow feathers on the crown, lower back and chest, while the greyish-yellow legs take on a brighter yellow colour. The main difference from the Little Egret is that they don't have yellow feet or a black bill.

Like other Herons and Egrets, they nest in colonies. The nest is a big platform of sticks in trees or shrubs near water. An average clutch contains two to five eggs, with eggs being laid at 48-hour intervals. Both parents take turns to incubate the eggs, with incubation starting as soon as the first egg is laid. Incubation is 21–26 days, and the young fledge after about 30 days.

The couple of people who live in the old chapel had a Swallow nesting in their porch but sadly it fell down and three of the five babies died. So, they made up a nest and put the two babies in and the parents continued to feed them and they finally fledged. Now I think they deserve a big pat on the back for it.

Chris Bowman

St Nicholas Church, Longparish

Harvest Festival 11th October 2026

There is a Holy Communion Service at 10.30am
at which the Longparish choir are singing
All are welcome to this service.

The service will be followed by a lunch



In the Village Hall at 12noon

Adults (13+) £7.50, Children £3.00 (under 5's free)

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LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

TUESDAY, 27th OCTOBER

Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB

7 pm

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Friday Lunch Club Autumn Dates 2026

Longparish Village Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm

The Lunch Club is open to everyone in the community.

We do ask you to book so that we have an idea of numbers for catering

We serve a light lunch, all homemade, of soup and roll followed by cake, tea and coffee for just £3

Take a break from your desk and come just for lunch at 12.00

Friday 30th October

Friday 27th November

Friday 18th December Christmas Lunch

To book a place Tel Andrea 720 457 or Christian 720398

Transport can be arranged



Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October

The 2026 Valley Sustainable Event is taking place in

Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Hall

If you are interested in the future of our communities and local environment, please come along!

Friday 16th – there will be a free screening of **The Peoples Emergency Briefing Documentary**, Exploring climate change and the nature crisis and the effects on communities.



Free tickets can be booked via Eventbrite QR below or contact Mark Thomas via email

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Bring your own refreshments, recommended for over 16s

For more information of the Saturday programme see Events Diary



Longparish Village Hall are looking for volunteers to help run the hall. If you are interested, please

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There is always something exciting going on in Longparish,
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Lantern Walk – November 29th

Christmas Fayre – December 6th



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LCA - L2SOTM - The Longparish 2nd Sunday of the Month handicap race

It was hot and sticky for the September race but at least it had stopped raining. We welcomed back Tony Reid after 8 years and he brought along a new runner: Nigel Smith.

As often happens with new runners, Nigel underestimated his ability so he finished in first place over four minutes inside his estimated time. But you can't win a trophy off an estimated handicap so the prizes went to our Most Improved Woman, Emma Baker in second place, our Rising Star Megan Brunwin in third and our Most Improved Man, James Hillier in fourth. Well done all!



Afterwards we enjoyed coffee and bacon rolls in The Plough.

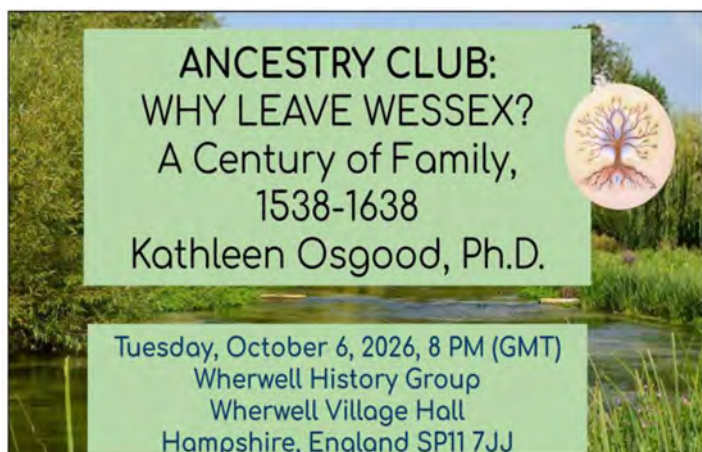
Thank you very much to Maggie Barber and Nicci Skerritt for marshalling, to The Barbers and Alice Evans for doing the signs and to David Gould for processing the results.

The next race is on **Sunday 11 October**, 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 do 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

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**St Nicholas
Church
100 Club**

Result of the August 2026 Draw

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%.

August Results

First prize:	No. 59	£85.00
Second prize:	No. 43	£51.00
Third Prize:	No. 65	£17.00

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 Church, Longparish

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Email: jayoung1322@gmail.com



The outdoor cricket season has finished; after a cool, damp start, the summer became the hottest and driest in recent memory. Across the club a total of 45 junior matches and 64 senior matches were played this summer and we had a record number of junior players at the club this summer. Longparish Midweek senior team contested the Plate Final and ended up as runners up. The U15s won their League and the U9s finished second in their League. The 1st team were relegated from a tough League and the 2nds and 3rds finished mid table in their Leagues. Individual performances were recognised at our annual presentation evening held in early September at The Cricketers Pub in Longparish. The indoor winter season starts soon at Dummer Cricket Centre with several teams entered into the leagues. We would like to thank the residents of Longparish for their support of the Club over the summer, at the Village Day and for the donation of funds from the John Woodcock commemorative plaque. Many thanks also go to the LCC Committee, Team captains and Paul Blackmore for his tireless work on the ground.

Alison Allen



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We are incredibly lucky!
A parent from Year 1, has created these beautiful benches and wooden seating. Our children LOVE these and we are in awe of your talent - what a gift!

We have welcomed our new Robins this week. They have settled incredibly well. Year 6 have loved getting to know their new buddies, a very special relationship!
Children have been using their resilience and our Christian vision when learning their new class routines and learning, well done!

'To do all things through Christ who strengthens is'
Phil 4:13

Sarah Jordan
Headteacher



Observations on the Effect of Recent Weather on Plants and Animals

The wild swings in recent weather patterns have significantly affected local vegetation and animal species in the Test Valley.

Trees and shrubs have suffered stress from both waterlogged soil and lengthy periods without rain. A good, if fatal, example is the Yew tree at the end of Upper Mill Lane. The adjacent evergreen, however, is thriving. This is a specimen Swamp Cypress, which has evolved pneumatophores—knee-like structures that protrude above floodwater, allowing the tree's roots to absorb oxygen.

Trees I have noted as unusually affected by drought include Goat Willow, Dogwood and even Sycamore, with increasing numbers of Beech also suffering. Cherries and Birch have shown their usual early leaf drop. These species generally spring back into life the following year, but may suffer long-term weakness and become more susceptible to disease.

Animals have taken advantage of warmer winters, with warblers such as **Blackcap** and **Chiffchaff** now overwintering. Other European species are extending their range and establishing viable populations. These include birds such as **Cetti's Warbler** and **Little Egret**, and insects such as the Hummingbird Hawk-moth, now seemingly *de rigueur*, and **Clouded Yellow**, seen everywhere this summer—even at the Village Fête. And the glorious **Violet Carpenter Bee** has been spotted at Longstock. Keep your eyes peeled!

Paul Knipe



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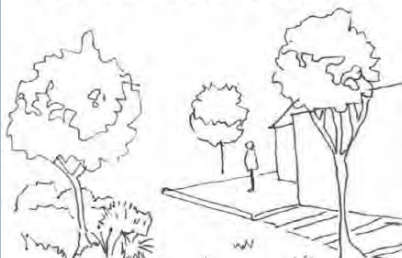
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Nepal Disaster Please help

Thousands have been killed or are missing after devastating flash floods on the Nepal-Tibet border. The floods have destroyed villages and have left more than 10,000 families homeless.

One of the chefs at The Plough is from Nepal so they have started an appeal to raise funds to help with relief work by the Red Cross.

I'm treasurer of The Plough so I decided it was time to help. Back in 2012 I was privileged to run the Everest Marathon which started on the Khumbu Glacier at Everest Base Camp.



Since then, global heating has been melting glaciers. When a huge chunk fell off a glacier into a lake, it caused the terrible flood and mudslide that has devastated the Trishuli River valley carrying away whole settlements. Global heating is not caused by Nepal but people there are suffering as a result of it and they need our help. So I'm running the Clarendon Marathon to give you an excuse to donate to the Red Cross. It will be hard work for me at the age of 74 but it is nothing compared with what the people in Nepal are going through.

Please help by sponsoring me. Please use this QR code or just drop off a donation at The Plough or at The Shop.

Thank you very much.

Jeremy Barber

Tel 01264 720459

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Oktoberfest comes to The Plough! From 28th September to 10th October

We'll be bringing a taste of Bavaria to the village! Alongside our regular menu, you can enjoy Oktoberfest inspired dishes including beer-braised pork knuckle with sauerkraut & potato dumplings, German bratwurst, and warm Bavarian pretzels. German Weissbier will be on tap throughout the celebration. Oktoberfest specials will be available Monday to Saturday. The Plough's regular Sunday menu will continue as usual.

Come on over and celebrate!



Christmas is nearly here



Our mouth-watering Christmas menu is now online for bookings from **20th Nov – 24th Dec 2026**

Join us for a truly magical Christmas at The Plough. Whether you're planning the office Christmas do, a festive get-together with friends, or the big family celebration, now's the time to get your table booked!

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3 courses at £42.95 per person

Gather friends and family together and we'll fill you with festive fun! See our website for menu details, or ask when you drop in to say hello at the pub.



Plough Quiz Night – always great fun! Sunday 11th October at 6pm

Teams of up to 6 people, £2 per person entry fee, all fees go to a charity chosen by the winning team.

We'd love to hear from you, call us on 01264 720069
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Hidden Flamingo

In every issue there is a sneaky hidden illustration of a flamingo. It might be in the spine or in a photo.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meeting Dates

The date for the final Parish Council meeting in 2026 is Thursday 26th November.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 18.30. Any resident of the Parish can attend and there is no need to alert the Council in advance. However, if you would like members to consider a matter before you attend, please contact Steven Marshall, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Email: clerk@hurstbournepriorsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Hurstbourne Priors Village Pavilion Refurbishment Project



The Hurstbourne Priors Village Pavilion refurbishment project has received support and funding from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council through their Councillor Community Grant schemes.

We are grateful for these contributions as well as other grants and funding recently received towards this project's costs, including:

Borough Councillors Community Grant Scheme (Cllr Sam Carr): £1,000

Hampshire County Councillors Grants Scheme (Cllr Tom Thacker): £500

Vitacress Charitable Trust: £1,000

Greenham Trust: £500

We have also received a generous donation of £660 as the result of a local cricket match.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Our **October Coffee Morning** will be held by Amanda Briant-Evans on Thursday, 15th from 10.15 am at No 1 Cressington (near the Viaduct). All ages welcome!



Please let me know if you would like to host a coffee morning in the future
sbsorby@hotmail.com

AUTUMN 2026 & WINTER 2027 - FASHION TRENDS

With autumn and winter approaching, we asked Kate Moss Jones of **House of Colour**, a local style consultant with more than 20 years' experience, to reveal the key fashion and style trends shaping the coming season.



With Autumn approaching we feel a chill in the air and it's time to start layering our clothes, something we haven't needed to do for what feels like a very long time. This Autumn / Winter season is very much about rich layering, tactile textures, and heritage-inspired styling, think equestrian influences, utility details, and earthy neutral colours. Brown is back for all skin tones apart from 'winters' bringing warmth, depth and quiet confidence to your wardrobe



Victorian-inspired dressing is another key trend. Think romantic silhouettes, soft feminine fabrics, and decorative details balanced with denim or tailored separates.

My favourite purple re-emerges as a seasonal dark that can be worn as a full statement colour or a confident accent through unexpected colour pairings.



Golden yellow shades are also here for your autumn and spring allowing you to look richly expressive, with deeper, moodier tones such as navy, purple, brown, and denim to create modern contrast and added depth.



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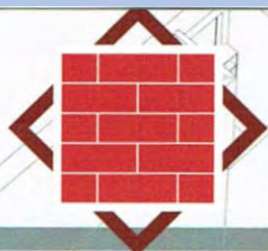
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For the gentlemen of the valley lets go back to heritage-led dressing, think lived-in detail, sepia-toned hues, knitwear, patchwork, and imperfect finishes bring warmth, nostalgia, and individuality to everyday dressing (remember Levi 501's). This season traditional suiting takes on a softer approach, with relaxed silhouettes and modern proportions creating a look that feels polished yet effortless; rich jewel tones to versatile neutrals, keep tailoring feeling contemporary and wearable.



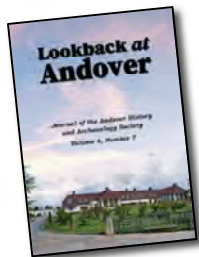
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LOOKBACK AT ANDOVER - HARRY PLUNKET GREENE in HURSTBOURNE PRIORS



This year's edition of local history journal, *Lookback at Andover*, includes a substantial article on *Harry Plunket Greene in Hurstbourne Priors*. From his arrival in 1902, the celebrity Irish singer, as well as pursuing his passion for fly-fishing, engaged very positively with village life. The new

church organ and much improved choir, his playing for the village and Park cricket teams, are only part of his impact—all this while still fulfilling his busy national and international concert schedule. The family moved away in 1913. But in a sense, he never fully left, as he describes in his autobiographical elegy, *Where the Bright Waters Meet* (1924). He has also inspired recent events, the organ centenary weekend of 2006, concerts, YouTube videos. And his is now probably the most visited grave in the churchyard.



Lookback 2026 is available for £6.50 from Waterstones or Andover Museum, or at meetings of Andover History and Archaeology Society at Picket Piece Village Hall:
andoverlocalhistoryarchaeology.uk/

*There is also an article celebrating the centenary story of Andover War Memorial Hospital 1926-2026...

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ST ANDREWS CHURCH – HARVEST FESTIVAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL St Andrew's Church 4th October at 11am



Family Communion Service with an activity for the children during the service.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Andover Foodbank <https://andover.foodbank.org.uk>. The Foodbank provides nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who cannot afford the essentials.

Suitable food items include tinned meat meals, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit/veg, pasta sauce, long life milk, rice (500g), breakfast cereal, chocolate and biscuits. Please bring your donations to the service or leave them beside the Font beforehand.

HARVEST LUNCH Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall 4th October at 12.15pm

Tickets for the lunch are £7 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 5s are free).

There will be a raffle and all proceeds will be donated to the Mityana Projects Trust which works to support educational projects and vocational centres throughout the Mityana region in Uganda.

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ST ANDREWS CHURCH – PETS SERVICE

We had a lovely sunny morning for our annual Pets Service on 6th September. Several dogs - five labradors and a spaniel joined us and for the first time we had a chicken. Marigold is a rescue hen and is enjoying a happy retirement with Rupert and Caitlin.



ST ANDREWS CHURCH – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND WREATH MAKING



Come and get ready for Christmas with crafts and wreath making in
Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall
Saturday, 28th November 2026

BURNS SUPPER

Something to look forward to in January.
A traditional Burns Supper in Hurstbourne
Priors Village Hall
Saturday, 23rd January 2027

Both are in aid of St Andrews Church.
More details in the next issue of Hill and Valley
or from Fenella Williams 07810 210388



THE SKIES ABOVE US...

There's no need to say anything this month—we'll simply let these pictures speak for themselves...



**Basingstoke
and Deane**

A reminder to all our readers that from **12th October** Basingstoke and Deane will be changing their bin collections, and your main rubbish bin will be collected every two weeks. Cut out and keep calendars are being sent to homes by post and the new collection dates are available on their web site.

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL – OCTOBER NEWS AND EVENTS

Support Local in the Mill Shop

Many visitors are surprised by the range of items available in our Mill Shop, from books, toys and local honey to beautiful products made from our own Whitchurch silk. Every purchase, whether a small keepsake, Christmas gift, Membership or gift voucher, helps support the preservation of this unique working museum and the traditional skills that continue here today. As Christmas approaches, why not find something a little different while helping to secure the future of silk weaving in Whitchurch?



UK Trademark Success!



We are delighted to announce that our UK trademark application for the WS branding used on Mill-made gifts has been granted. This important milestone will help protect our products and strengthen the Mill's identity for years to come.

October Events

We have a rich and varied programme of talks, tours and workshops this month:

Talk: Spinning and Weaving in Myth and Fairy Tales, 14 October, 7–8.30pm

Dr Carey Fleiner of the University of Winchester will discuss how spinning and weaving have been embedded in the folklore, myth and fairy tales of western Europe from Roman times through to the Middle Ages. Think weavers as storytellers, spinners as good wives and mothers, flax spun into gold(!), by clever women whose wool and flax spinning and weaving gave them voices and agency in an otherwise man's world. Tickets £15 per person must be booked in advance. Doors open at 6.30pm and tea and coffee will be available for a donation.

Harvest and Heritage Festival

23rd to 25th October, 10.30am to 5pm

Celebrate autumn with us at our Harvest and Heritage Festival. The Mill will be decorated with seasonal displays, while traditional craftspeople demonstrate heritage skills and share the stories behind their work. Visitors can meet artisans, learn about endangered crafts and enjoy a unique living heritage experience. Annual passes are also valid. Tickets are £10 per adult and are

valid throughout the Festival.

Whitchurch Silk Production Tour

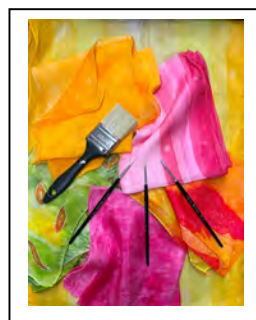
Our popular Whitchurch Silk Production Tour on 13 October offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at silk weaving in an authentic Victorian setting, led by members of our weaving team. Advance booking is essential.

Creative Workshops

Creative workshop opportunities include weaving, Viking weave jewellery, silver ring making, crochet and silk painting. These hands-on sessions are suitable for a range of experience levels and provide a chance to learn traditional craft skills from expert tutors.

Silk Painting Workshop, 24 October, 10.30am–3.30pm

Guided by Deborah Wheeler, an experienced tutor, you'll learn simple techniques to create designs on silk fabric. No previous experience required, but also suitable for those with experience. All materials provided. Advance booking essential. Tickets £60 per person, also includes admission to the Harvest and Heritage Festival.



Morning session (10.30–12.30): silk greetings cards – you'll create two silk card-sized artworks and mount them in aperture cards to take home.

Afternoon session (1.15–3.15): paint a silk scarf – you'll create and design a unique piece that reflects your personal style.

Halloween Trick, Treat and Create



Families can also enjoy our Halloween Trick, Treat and Create Trail on 27 and 29 October, featuring activities, treats and seasonal fun around the Mill grounds. Pre-booking is recommended.

Find Out More

Tickets for most events are available from the Mill Shop or via the Events page on our website. Keep up to date with the latest news by following us on social media or subscribing to our email newsletter.



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The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held on
Wednesday 21st October 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. If a lift is needed, please phone
 Chris Smith on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.

STOKE COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 7th October

10 to 11.30am

Jasmine Cottage - SP11 ONP

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St Peter's Church



Harvest Festival

Sunday 11th October

It's a Communion service at
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**The next
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 Sunday 18th October
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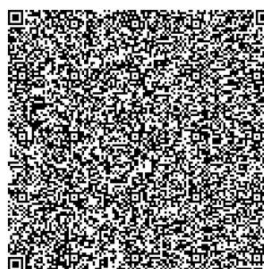
There's a time at the end to sing along to nursery rhymes.
 Come along and meet other carers and parents.

It's a lovely way to spend a Thursday morning. *DM*

Marvellous Mates

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly sponsored
 us to do the 26-mile Macmillan Mighty Hike in
 Northumberland on 5th September in memory of friends
 and family we have lost to cancer, including our great
 mates **Mike Crofts** and **Oli Madge**. We had a lovely
 day in the sunshine walking the beautiful
 Northumberland coast between Alnwick castle and
 Bamburgh castle and so far, have raised **£2,737** for
 Macmillan Cancer Support – the total keeps creeping up!
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We really appreciate your support of this most worthy
 cause.

*Marvellous Mates
 (Jo, Neil, Karen, Milla, Andrew and Lara)*



We would welcome anyone
 who helped at this year's
 Flower Show, or who would
 like to support us in 2027,
 to drinks at **7pm on Friday
 16th October** in the Village
 Centre. *AS*

What's in a name?

Some names of the area

I suppose that the glass recycling collections (not yet
 in Longparish) might give some idea of the amounts of
 wines, beers and spirits consumed in the various
 communities through the year. Which is the most
 convivial neighbourhood? We might speculate, but, of
 course, it is not an inter-village competition.

What is certainly the case is that St Mary Bourne had
 two adjacent fields (1840) under different ownership
 called *Port Wine Meadow*. Now joined, they lie opposite
 houses in Lower Link, between the B3048 and the river.
 Across the Bourne lies Derrydown Farm.

There is no obvious reason for its unusual name, amid
 neighbouring pastures with pedestrian names like *Long*,
Middle and *Lower Meadow*. So, probably it's a bit of
 landowner fun celebrating the upper- and middle-class
 staple of the time. But perhaps, just possibly, there is a
 hidden cache of a now priceless vintage buried
 somewhere in its five acres, chilled by the constant
 temperature of the groundwater, waiting there to be
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The Parish Council met on Tuesday 8th September with a full agenda after a break in August. Two months of Financial Information to approve and many planning applications including two for new housing developments in the Wykes made up part of the meeting.

Central Government have advised that the Local Government Reorganisation plan for Hampshire has been withdrawn, alongside many other counties going through the same process. We believe that this means our next parish election which would have been scheduled for May 2027, now isn't likely to be until May 2030.

On November 3rd there will be a **Community Consultation Evening** where residents will be able to have a look at proposed plans for a replacement **Sports Pavilion** in the Recreation Ground in St Mary Bourne. The Parish Council and project team will be sharing potential plans, ideas, and looking for the community's support for the project. The Parish Council will be asking for as many people as possible to complete a questionnaire which will be available in the next few weeks up to and shortly after the consultation evening. An online link to the questionnaire will be made available through Facebook or via email (if you are happy to let the Clerk know your email address), and paper copies will be available if needed. We would love everyone to come along if you're free.

It was a very busy summer for **Planning Applications** in the Parish - see below.

26/00472/HSE	Bramley Cottage, Gangbridge Lane	Amendments
26/01337/RET	Betton House, SMB	Retrospective Gate in Wall
26/01443/OUT	Land Adj to Wyke Down Farm	68 New Dwellings
26/01526/FUL	Bourne Farm, Gangbridge Lane	Replacement Dwelling
26/01474/HSE	4 Egbury Road, SMB	Porch
26/01491/FUL	Wyke Down Golfing Range	9 New Dwellings
26/01687/GPDSP	Wadwick Farm, Wadwick Bottom	Solar Panels & Power Wall
26/01255/HSE	Summerhaugh Cottage, SMB	EV Point
26/01256/LBC	Summerhaugh Cottage, SMB	EV Point
26/00434/HSE 26/00032/REF 6013026	11 Stevens Green, SMB	Appeal for Loft Conversion & Balcony
26/01753/AGPD	Land at Jone's Farm & Valley Farm, Stoke	Agricultural Building
26/01630/HSE	Summerbee Meadow, Stoke	Single Extension, and Door and Window modifications
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The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm**. Any resident of the parish can attend and there is no need to alert the council in advance. However, if you would like members to consider a matter before you attend, please contact **Maxine Owen** on clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk. Decisions made by the parish council must be an agenda item before a resolution can be made, so may be deferred to the following meeting.



St Mary Bourne Primary School

We are now into a new academic year at St Mary Bourne School. We have welcomed some new children and everyone has settled in well.



The school building undertook a number of updates over the summer holidays, and it is lovely to have a fresh new look.

The building's exterior has been freshly painted and given a bit of TLC. The kitchen and a class cloakroom have also been upgraded. We are continuing to work on outdoor areas to help improve outdoor learning and play times.



Year 6 have started off the new term with Bikeability sessions, to practice cycling skills and learn how to remain safe on the roads. Year 4 and 5 have been taking part in swimming lessons, learning different swimming techniques and also more about water safety.

Coming up we will be taking part in European Day of Language celebrations, which is part of our International Schools Award accreditation. We will be learning about other cultures and how to say simple phrases in different languages.



Job Vacancy: Breakfast Club Supervisor

- Weekdays, term time only. We are looking for a reliable and friendly **Breakfast Club Supervisor** to join our team on weekday mornings during term

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Autumn Recipe Autumn chutney

450g cooking apples peeled cored and chopped
500g green tomatoes chopped
225g onions finely chopped 15g ginger grated
3 garlic cloves minced
225g soft brown sugar
150ml malt vinegar
150 ml cider vinegar
2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp salt.

Method

Put all ingredients into a heavy based pan on a medium heat stirring to dissolve the sugar. Bring to the boil then simmer uncovered for about 1 to 2 hours stirring occasionally.

It's ready when it has a thick jammy consistency.

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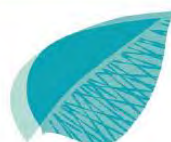


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The Boundary has had a busy and successful summer thanks to all our customers! This wouldn't have been possible without the support of the staff and of course the wonderful volunteers. As the weather changes please continue to support *The Boundary* so we can keep providing a

great village community resource, somewhere to meet, connect and relax.

Volunteers continue to be the heartbeat of *The Boundary* but as ever we would really benefit from growing the team. Even if you can only spare an hour a week, or be on call to help with the delivery, it is a really rewarding experience. Pop in to *The Boundary* any time and talk to Vicky or Sandra, or even one of the volunteers, to see if this is something for you.

In other news there are several changes behind the scenes, with new members joining the Management Committee: Ann Hollstein joins providing operational efficiency and health and safety support. Morag Joss joins, and Fiona Foote returns, to champion the Shop & Café Subcommittee. James Redfern has stepped down from the Chair role with Neil Boxer stepping into the role. And finally, Clive Bugeja is taking on the role of Volunteer Champion.

So, watch this space for some of the ideas and improvements happening in *The Boundary* to make it an even more thriving centre of our amazing community! NB

The Boundary Shop & Café - 1☺☺ Club

September 2026 draw:

£50 - Simon Johnson £20 - Eric Ahl

£20 - Patricia Antelme £10 - Louise Wilson

The next 1☺☺ Club Draw: Saturday 10th October



Andover Astronomical Society
Thursday 15th October - 7.30pm
 Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre
The Astronomy of Stonehenge
 Simon Banton B.Sc. A.R.C.S.

Our next talk will investigate the astronomical alignments at Stonehenge - both those that are academically accepted and some others not generally known about. Do they all exist? Are they accurate? Was there really an eclipse prediction mechanism?

The Altar Stone has recently been found to have been sourced from somewhere in NE Scotland and this has profound implications for our appreciation of Stonehenge. Could it have been the monument's



ne? If so, where was it placed and how does position impact our analysis and ig?

All are welcome and there's no charge for the first meeting. We'll be serving tea and coffee and at the meeting and showing off pictures that our members have taken in the past few months. If the skies are clear there will be chance to observe the stars. For more information about **Andover Astronomical Society** go to www.andoverastronomy.org.uk or email andoverastrosoc@gmail.com

SUSTAINABLE WEEKEND
 Saturday 17th October 2026 1.30pm - 4.30pm
 Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre

Meet Local Nature Organisations
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 Repair Cafe - Fix it, Don't Bin it
 Recycling Roadshow
 Refreshments and Cake
 Plant Swap
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 Foraging Adventure @ 4.30pm
 Bat Walk @ 6pm (from The George SMB)

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Also on Friday 16th October 7pm
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The Sustainable Weekend 16th and 17th October at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre is for all in the Bourne Valley Parishes of St Mary Bourne, Longparish, Hurstbourne Priors and Hurstbourne Tarrant.

Friday 16th October - People's Emergency Briefing on Climate Change - Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm - **Community showing** of the

<https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>

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Saturday 17th - October

- **11.30am to 1.30pm - Litter Pick** - meet at the Community Centre
- **1.30pm to 4.30pm - Sustainable Day in the Hall** - Repair Café, Plant Swap, Local Swift Group, Recycling information, and lots of activities and information on sustainable issues.
- **4.30pm - Foraging** - Meet at the Community Hall
- **6pm - Bat Walk** - meet at St Peter's church in St Mary Bourne



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SMBCC Youth Cricket 2026 Review

When we started our youth cricket club six years ago, we never imagined just how supportive the community would be. We now have 70 people volunteering at least six nights a year, with many volunteering for even more and plenty of others helping out whenever they can.

Thank you, Bourne Valley!

I hope everyone is proud of what we have achieved together. The most important thing is, of course, the enjoyment the children get from playing cricket, but there are also plenty of benefits for the adults who come along and enjoy the social side on a Friday night.

There are even some hidden benefits to the wider community - our local businesses including The George Inn, the Boundary Village Shop & Café, local butcher and others, all benefit enormously from SMBCC Youth Cricket.

2026 by Numbers:

- 200 children, aged 4-17
- 112 matches
- 9 teams, including 3 girls' teams
- A *lot* of burgers and sausages were cooked!
- 20+ SMBCC teenagers played for our adult team
- 6 years of vital sponsorship from Vitacress and Ninnys
- Many thanks also to The Andover Patio Centre and SMB PYO for their continued support
- FYI SMBCC Adult Cricket has its own sponsors, including The George Inn



- Pictured is Patrick Maitland, winner of this year's *Biggest Six of the Year* trophy at our recent Youth Cricket Awards Night.

If anyone would like to get involved with SMBCC Youth Cricket in 2027, whether as a coach, volunteer or in any other capacity, please get in

touch: youth@smbcc.co.uk.

Thank you again to everyone who has helped make 2026 such a fantastic year - bring on Season 7!



Community Evenings at the Village Centre

**Tuesday 20th October 2026,
7.30pm**

Sourdough demonstration



Following up on his sourdough starter masterclass in June, local chef Nathan Craddock will be giving a further demonstration which will include how to use, shape and bake sourdough with examples and tasters.

This event is free to the local community, and everyone is welcome. There will be a licensed bar for refreshments.

You can just turn up on the day but numbers will be limited, so to avoid disappointment please book a place by emailing villagecentre@stmarybourne.org



October 2026 Update

One year on from breaking ground on the new St Mary Bourne Community Play Space, and needless to say, the new space is coming into its own.

Earlier this spring, we hosted an opening ceremony attended by members of the Parish

Council, the wider community and lots of families. *A BIG thank you to everyone who came along.*

Our MUGA surface has now been repainted in a vibrant green. It has already seen a lot of tennis over the summer and has hosted a fair few St Mary Bourne Netball team matches. You may have also noticed new nets to protect our play area from 'flying sixes' - a welcome addition, courtesy of the Parish Council. Last but not least, the parking lot layout makes coming and going a lot easier for everyone.

Before we sign off, a gentle plea to help keep our shared spaces clean and safe for everyone who wishes to use them. We hope you all enjoy our new Community Play Area for many more years to come.



Thank you for all your support these last few years!

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Postcard from Binley

I cannot begin to describe the unbridled thrill of stepping into a pair of wellies at last. Out on the Binley downs, now green and dew drenched and dotted with happily grazing sheep, the village below is wrapped in early autumn mist. The lanes today are wet from a gentle rain, what they would call a "soft" day in Ireland and strewn about with straw as lorries and trailers groan their way through heavily laden with bales. Gaggles of young pheasant, now released from their pens are huddled by the side of the road, unsure where to go or what to do as keepers, re-enthused after a challenging summer, charge around on quads laden with bags of feed and dogs at their side, clinging precariously on and determined to see everything that is happening.

After the heat of the summer, I am determined to enjoy this autumn as much as I can, and what a season it is in the countryside. The first partridge will be over the guns, and I doubt there is a finer month to cast a fly on an English chalk stream. In years previously I would now be up in the Highlands on the North Esk for the autumn run of salmon. The Greybacks: But sadly, that run has petered out like so many on other rivers. This fish is in serious decline, and I am for the first time starting to question whether we should fish for them at all. But to fish for anything in September is a delight, you are amongst the colours of the English countryside at their finest and to simply sit by a pond and watch a float is pleasure enough.

Rummaging around in my barn looking at something, the other day I came across a little stool given to me by a friend sadly no longer with us. It was made by his father, Maxie Lane, and is made from a singular piece of pear wood. Now pear is quite uncommon in furniture making so this is quite rare and rather beautiful. There is little or no grain as such and the colour is a fleshy pink. Maxie carved everything from a solid piece of timber using a chain saw and this is no exception but rare for him to have done such a small piece and from pear. Most of Max's pieces were large and made from elm and I can well remember a small altercation in the George between Maxie and Wyndham Culley over a whole fallen elm that Wyndham had given him in a bargain deal that Maxie hadn't honoured. From memory a handshake prevailed but Maxie, an almost lovable rogue, had to be watched! I think at one point every pub in Hampshire had pieces of his furniture in the bar, traded for beer and the like and I seem to remember the Pineapple at Tadley absolutely crammed with the stuff. In later years well into his 80's he was still doing his rounds and had taken to wearing a Jester's hat. But in his younger days he was a real handful and many a time in the George, I saw him perform his party piece of crushing four metal bottle caps between his fingers. He lived to a claimed age of 104 but I'm not certain he was being completely honest on that one either!

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Mounted Rural Patrol Volunteer:

Supporting Country Watch Rural Crime Taskforce team in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary



My name is Anna White, and I am a Mounted Rural Patrol Volunteer for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, covering the northern areas of Test Valley.

I was drawn to this role because I care deeply about our countryside and want to play an active part in helping the police tackle rural crime across Hampshire.

I live on a local Farm, where we run a livery yard. As a lifelong rider with my own horse, I spend many hours out in the countryside. This gives me a

unique opportunity to observe what's happening in the rural landscape - ensuring it remains safe and well looked after. When something doesn't look right, I'm able to report it quickly and directly to the police.

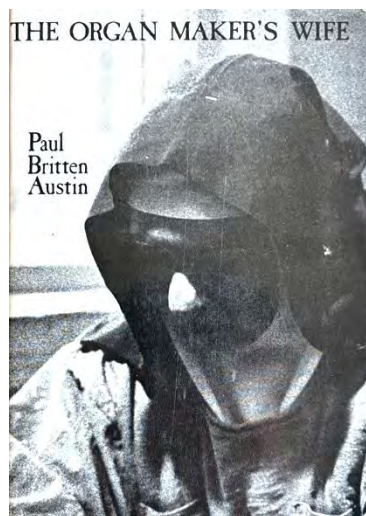
As part of my role, I carry out regular mounted patrols, feeding back anything suspicious to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary. Both my horse and I are friendly, approachable, and well-known in the local area, which helps build trust with the community while we're out on patrol.

I wear an identifiable uniform, and so does my horse. This visibility is an important part of the role - it reassures residents and acts as a deterrent to anyone considering criminal activity. The purpose of these patrols is simple but vital:

- to be highly visible within rural communities
- to reach places police vehicles cannot access
- to look out for suspicious activity, vehicles, or individuals
- to spot stashed or abandoned stolen property
- to hand out Rural Crime Prevention cards

Also to support the police in building intelligence that could help tackle organised crime. Mounted volunteers play an important part in strengthening the connection between the police and the countryside. I'm proud to contribute to keeping Hampshire's rural areas safe, supported, and well-protected.

An interesting find!



While clearing out some of my large book collection, I came across this tucked away in a dark corner!

I can't remember where I picked up this book but it seems to have a connection with St Mary Bourne.

I will continue with my research and see what I can find out! ND

Below is part of the foreword to the book which the author based on a medieval text that he found while staying in St Mary Bourne:

The narrative of which the following is a transcription first came to light when I was staying with my aunt at St. Mary Bourne, in Hampshire. Such a discovery must be very unusual.



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 - followed by **Harvest Lunch** at 12 noon - Village Hall
 12 7pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
 27 7pm - Gardening Club - *What to Sow in Autumn*
for Winter Harvest - Village Hall
 30 12 noon - LCA Friday Lunch Club - Village Hall
 31 9.30am to 12.30pm - Autumn Tidy Up - Playground

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 31 Halloween 

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- 3 10am to 12 Noon - Repair Café - The George Inn
 7 10 to 11.30am - Stoke Coffee Morning - Jasmine Cottage
 11 10.30am - **Harvest Festival** - St Peter's Church
 13 10.30am - Coffee at *The George Inn*
 13 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre
 15 7.30 - Andover Astronomical Society '*Stonehenge*'
 16 6.30 for 7pm - '**Sustainable Weekend**' - Community Showing
 - Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre
 16 7pm - '*Flower Show Drinks*' - Village Centre
 17 1.30 to 4.30pm - '**Sustainable Weekend**' - HBT Community Centre
 18 10.30am - Family Service - St Peter's Church
 20 7.30pm - Sourdough demonstration - Village Centre
 21 12.30pm - '**The Lunch**' - Village Centre
 31 10am to 6pm - **The Artful Duck exhibition** - Village Centre
 1Nov 10am to 2pm - **The Artful Duck exhibition** - Village Centre
 Saturday mornings - 10.30am to 12.30pm -
The Community Library - Village Centre Club Room

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