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Dear Friends,

As I write this now, we are in the midst of the celebrations of the *Coronation Weekend*. The Coronation Service has happened, the King has appeared on the Buckingham Palace balcony and we wait in anticipation for *The Coronation Concert* and *The Coronation Big Lunches* across the country. It is a weekend full of celebration and drawing together of communities from across the world.

The *Coronation Service* itself was one full of great symbolism, imagery, music and ceremony. It was rich in history and tradition, while also embracing some modern elements too. What I was most struck by was the whole theme of the Coronation; the importance of service. "I come not to be served, but to serve," the King said in his first prayer after reaching the Abbey. These words were echoed by Archbishop Justin Welby in the first few words of his sermon; "We are here to crown a King, and we crown a King to serve."

In the Christian faith, we have the ultimate example of a servant King in Jesus Christ, who gave his all for us all. Jesus is a King who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. The Son of God was willing to wash his disciples' feet, provide food to the crowds, make breakfast for exhausted fishermen, and through all of this he demonstrated the nature of Godly Kingship. This is the model upon which King Charles stands.

Archbishop Justin Welby used the example of Christ in the words that he spoke during the Coronation Service. He said, "The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, was anointed not to be served, but to serve. He creates the unchangeable law of good authority that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve. Service is love in action. We see active love in our care for the most vulnerable, the way we nurture and encourage the young, in the conservation of the natural world. We have seen those priorities in the life of duty lived by our King."

King Charles has promised to do his best, with the help of God, following the example of Christ, just as his mother Queen Elizabeth II did so well. Jesus gave that example, not just to kings and those in authority though; we are all called to follow his example of a life of love and service, of sacrifice and generosity, so that we might be a blessing to him and others. We are all called by God to serve those around us, bringing the transforming love of God into our homes and our communities. May his example continue to encourage and inspire us now and always.

Russ

The Reverend Russell Smart
Associate Priest

The Coronation Regalia

For most of us, watching the coronation was the first time that we have seen the Crown Jewels used for their real purpose, and not just on display in the Tower of London. The majority of the original Crown Jewels were destroyed in 1649 after the execution of Charles I. They were later recreated in 1661 for the coronation of Charles II, when the monarchy was restored.

The oldest piece is the Coronation Spoon, used to anoint the sovereign with oil – the most sacred part of the service and done privately behind screens. The first recording of this spoon is in 1349 in the inventory of St Edward. Even at this time it was described as ancient and possibly supplied to Henry II or Richard I in the twelfth century. Remarkably, this spoon has been used to anoint the sovereign since the coronation of James I in 1603 and for every subsequent coronation.

There are many pieces of regalia that are used during the coronation, including spurs, a glove, the robes and a stole. All of them are important and signify part of the King's role – sacred, royal, military and parliamentary.

The pieces we are probably most familiar with are the Crown, the sceptre and rod, and the orb; and these were created in 1661:

The Crown – crowns have been used as a symbol of Kingship since the time of the Hebrew Bible. It is an outward sign of the anointing of the monarch with oil. St Edward's Crown is extremely heavy, weighing five pounds – representing the heavy burden of kingship.

The Sceptre and the Rod – these represent the sovereign's spiritual role with the Holy Spirit represented by the dove on the top of the Rod.

The Orb – this represents the sovereign's power. It symbolises the Christian world, with its cross mounted on a globe, and the bands of jewels dividing into three sections, representing the three continents known in medieval times.

RS



June 2023

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

Sunday 4th - Trinity Sunday

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Wednesday 7th

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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Sunday 11th - Trinity 1

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	5.00pm	<i>Confirmation with the Bishop of Basingstoke</i>
St James', Woodcott		<i>No Service</i>

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Sunday 18th - Trinity 2

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Father's Day Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Matins</i>

Winchester Cathedral Church of England Zoom Service Online

Wednesday 21st

All Hallow's, Whitchurch	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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Sunday 25th - Trinity 3

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	<i>Family Praise</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Matins</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St James', Woodcott		<i>No service</i>

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

St Mary Bourne community pages editor vacancy

After nearly six enjoyable years, the time has come for Pearl Pritchard to hand over the editorial pen for the St Mary Bourne community pages of Hill & Valley to a new volunteer.

If you would like to take this on, or would like to know more about what it entails, please contact Pearl on

☎ **07869 727 452** / pearlpritchard@outlook.com ,

or write to hillandvalley@btinternet.com .

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For all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals in any of the parish churches, please contact the Church Office Administrator: ☎ **01256 893573**
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Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:
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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."

Rocco Richards - 7th May - St Mary Bourne

Max and Phoebe Maber - 13th May - St Mary Bourne

Georgina Claridge - 14th May - St Mary Bourne

Weddings

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

Congratulations to

Shannon Langley and Richard Grunsell - 20th May - St Mary Bourne

Georgia May Claire Edney and Matthew Francis Hewitt - 27th May - Longparish

Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Mary Dyas

Michael David Manville

Max Hamber

Gina Yates

Anthony Waite

Malcolm Swatton

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ELECTION RESULTS

The following members were elected on 4th May:
 Christian Dryden Peter Hull
 Malcolm Edwards Kim Lampard
 Matt Etherington Emma Palmer
 Matt Hoare Natasha Rouse
 Becky Hopkinson Wayne Sykes

REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 15 MAY
Draft Minutes can be viewed on the Longparish website

Procedural & Financial

This was the statutory Annual Meeting of the Council, and Peter Hull was elected as Chairman and Natasha Rouse as Vice Chairman. The chairmanship of the Planning Committee and Working Parties was also agreed.

The PC reviewed and approved the Accounts & Notes and the Annual Governance & Accountability Return documentation for 2022/23, prior to it being submitted for external auditing. The Council also made its annual declaration of continuing eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence.

Planning

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** and agreed to **SUPPORT** to:

- Internal fabric repairs, renewal and reinstatement work following flood damage at **Smallwood Lodge, Longparish Road**

Period for public speaking

The Chairman of Longparish Cricket Club attended the meeting to request a financial contribution towards the cost of purchasing and erecting a ball-stop barrier net between the cricket pitch and the playground. TVBC has granted planning permission for the new barrier, and some funds have been raised by the Cricket Club already. The Cricket Club will submit a grant application to be considered by the PC.

Borough & County Councillor

Borough and County Councillor, David Drew, regularly attends the Longparish PC meetings to present his report about both the work of TVBC and Hampshire County Council. This month, Cllr Drew reported that another fly-tipper has been convicted and fined. He detailed how TVBC are participating in No Mow May by leaving verges and roundabouts unmown to encourage bees and other pollinators, and also advised of changes

to waste collection being introduced in 2024 to increase recycling and handle household food waste.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 12 June**.

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

Chairman: Mr Peter Hull - Tel 07747 328760, or email peter.hullpc@longparish.org.uk
 Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 738716, or email clerk@longparish.org.uk

Minutes of all previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish website
<http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes.html>

We are looking for Volunteers in your Community



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What will I be doing?

As a Volunteer Befriender your role will be to provide social companionship to patients who have a chronic or life limiting illness and who are isolated or lonely. Visiting patients in their own homes, you will help them to feel more supported and help to improve their emotional well-being and confidence.



How much time do I need to commit?

Just 2-hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

What support will I be given?

All relevant training will be given, as well as regular and on-going support and supervision.

Interested?

For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on 01264 835293
 Email: Caroline.Nash@hhft.nhs.uk

Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.



LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2023!!

Next Litter pick is on **Friday 9th June 2023**. Free coffee afterwards at the Cricketers. Meet behind the **Village Hall at 9.15 am**, the Parish Council will provide litter picking sticks, hoops, and bags. For more information **Tel Christian Dryden 720 398**

"Raising Gloves and Funds, An unforgettable evening of charity boxing!"

On April 22nd, 2023, Longparish resident David Strange-Hopwood jumped into the ring to raise money for Cancer Research UK. David chose to participate in this because of a close personal connection he has to the cause. The event which was hosted



by **Ultra White Collar Boxing Andover at The Wellington Academy raised £10,249** for the charity. Ultra White Collar Boxing is a national organization whose focus is on improving lives. Their current ongoing campaign in connection with Cancer Research UK has **raised more than 30 Million!!**

David stood among 44 fierce competitors on that unforgettable day. The event, a true test of physical prowess, stretched on for hours, transcending mere athletic feats. The anticipation leading up to David's own fight gripped him with nerve-wracking intensity. In a remarkable display of camaraderie, he uplifted both his own spirits and those of his fellow contenders by sharing snacks and spreading cheer, forging bonds of unity that would resonate long after the final bell rang.

At long last, the moment arrived: fight number 18, marked as David's turn to step into the ring. Accompanied by the electrifying rhythm of Foo Fighters' "No Way Back," he made his entrance. The crowd, consisting of over 10,000 spectators, bore witness to this clash between David and his considerably younger adversary. Drawing from his rugby background, David's aim was to swiftly overcome his opponent, but fate had a different plan. Despite his opponent's 20-year advantage in age, David tenaciously held on, enduring a brutal first round that nearly spelled the end of the bout. Displaying unwavering determination, he pushed through to the second round before succumbing. Although victory eluded him, his participation in this event served as a resounding testament to his ability to make a positive impact.

Angie Curtis



**Greening Longparish
Upcoming Events**

**Dawn walks along the River Test Longparish
Sat June 17th 6am start!**

Led by Paul Knipe, we will have the opportunity to observe wildlife, and the surroundings, and experience the dawn chorus.

We will finish at Lower Mill Gardens to enjoy a breakfast of bacon rolls.

To cover the event expenses, £5 per adult, £3 per child.

Numbers are limited, if you would like to join us, please email Green@longpparish.org.uk

Please indicate the number of adults and children attending the event, as well as any dietary restrictions or special requirements.

**Screening of Saving Our Wild Isles
Tues 20th June Longparish Village Hall
7.30pm**

This remarkable documentary narrated by Sir David Attenborough, takes us on a journey across our beautiful Isles, it follows on from the BBC Wild Isles series. We meet inspiring individuals dedicated to the protection of nature and wildlife. Through breathtaking landscapes and encounters with fascinating wildlife, "Save Our Wild Isles" will inspire and motivate us all to act and preserve the natural wonders that surround us.

Refreshments available from 7.15pm. Donations at the door will be welcome.



Friday Lunch Club in the Village Hall

23rd June 12-2pm

£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 28th July and 25th August

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

BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday 6th of June

7:30 pm

Longparish Village Hall



Doors open at 6:45pm for a prompt 7:30 start
Refreshments available

If you have anything suitable for a raffle prize, please bring it along.

All profits go to Andover Food Bank

For more information, please contact

Laura Harding on 01264 720298



This year's **New Villager's Welcome** meeting, hosted by the LCA, Longparish Parish Council and St Nicholas Church will be held on the **13th of June** in the **Village Hall** beginning at **7:30pm**, following the LCA AGM.

Longparish Little School



The children at Little School had a lovely tea party to celebrate the Coronation. We would like to thank the Parish Council and the LCA for the great

wooden medals, seeds and scroll and to Laura Harding for the special chocolate coins. We were joined by Jeremy and Maggie who gave the children these gifts and the children's families. The children made special cakes and we had some scones.



The children have really liked the story of the Gingerbread Man and wanted to make some real Gingerbread people. We invited some of Robins class from the school to make some too. We went on the school minibus to the local shop to buy the ingredients we needed.



If you would like to see some photos of all the exciting things we do at Little School you can go to our website www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup>

Friends of Longparish School



The Longparish Run: What an amazing morning for the inaugural Longparish Run! An incredible 179 runners – including lots of school families – joined us on 10km, 5km and 3km routes around the village. **In total they covered 1127km (700 miles)** – that's from Longparish to the south of France! Thank you to everyone that took part, and to our wonderful team of volunteers.



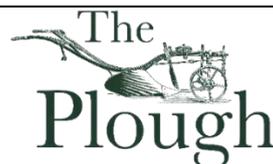
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week – the more people that play the bigger the jackpot. Plus, you will be entered into the national draw to win £25k. Sign up now at yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Longparish. Tickets cost just £1 per week.

Look out for next month's issue for a recap of the May Fayre!

For more information about FoLS visit www.pta-events.co.uk/longparish or follow us on Facebook at fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool Jo Allam, Chair (chairfols@gmail.com)



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Award Winning Pub!

It's springtime at the Plough and our garden is looking fantastic! Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers for their support in creating such a beautiful outdoor space. Our tables and chairs (and Fever-Tree Parasols!) are ready for sunnier days and warmer evenings ahead. Chilled beer, Rosé and great food beckons....

After our overwhelmingly successful Yorkshire Theme Night in April, we're looking forward to planning another Theme Night at The Plough for early Summer. We're also looking forward to BBQ nights, (always popular,) seasonal specials and great beers. Keep an eye on social media and in the pub for exciting announcements.

In the meantime, come and join us at The Plough! Steve, Lucy, and the team are ready to welcome you with a big smile, delicious food and a terrific selection of beers and wines.

From all the team at The Plough

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Coronation Discovery Trail



Around 60 villagers and friends, of all ages, joined in the Coronation Discovery Trail on Monday 8th May. The rain kindly held off while individuals, groups, and some four legged friends explored Middleton, looking for the answers to the picture clues. It was wonderful to see so many locals, finding plants, memorials, and architectural features, many had not noticed before.

Copious amounts of generously donated delicious cakes and treats fuelled the teams. Thank you to Jane and Georgi for manning the teas, and the Doughty-Jones family for marshalling, printing, and their endless general support. The final results are in, with an impressive full marks entry to Katie & Cara as well as the Beal Family!



The most appreciated response in an entry was:

Question: Where was Peter Ryves Hawker buried?

Answer: Over the radiator.



Do pop into St Nicholas to see if you can discover where Peter Hawker was buried. There are spare trail copies in the church and the (hopefully accurate!) answers can be found on the notice board inside as well.

Thank you so much to all those who joined in the madness. What a lovely day it was despite the weather!



The Longparish Coronation Party was an absolute sensation.

We transformed The Cricketers Inn into an electrifying hub of festivities, all thanks to the incredible generosity of Matt and his outstanding team, who graciously handed over their pub garden for our extravagant affair. We had some fun games and lots of lovely food. Thanks to local band The Rum Runners who, in the evening sang a great variety of songs which everyone danced and sang along to. We held a raffle with wonderful prizes, thank you to all of the local businesses who donated. We also had a couple of auction lots, a signed Portsmouth Football Club shirt, kindly donated by Alan Knight and also a VIP trip to a super bikes event, kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Palmer. We raised a **grand total of £520** which will be split between Naomi House & Andover Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who made it a very memorable and wonderful day.

To all the remarkable individuals who played a part in creating this monumental day, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. You made this event an indelible memory, an unforgettable chapter in Longparish's history. Together, we celebrated, we danced, we laughed, and we made a difference. Thank you for turning an ordinary day into an extraordinary experience.

Laura Harding



One of our own residents, Simon Hunt, Lt Col SC Hunt QVRM Royal Signals, received the honour of the Queen's Volunteer Reserves Medal in the Queen's Jubilee

Honours List for 2022. An award limited to 13 in a year. This medal is awarded for exemplary personal performance over an extended period of time in the Reserve Forces. Simon has served 27 years and still counting. He was one of the very last Queens Honours, now the KVRM.

The investiture was by Princess Royal at Windsor Castle on 21st February 2023.

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

Conditions were perfect for the May race. We welcomed new runners Felicity Long and Graham Capper and congratulated Sheila Evans on her 50th run. Sam Hunt broke his handicap by nearly three minutes to finish in first place and become our Rising Star in a new personal record time. Luke Pierce is making an excellent comeback from injury and was our Most Improved Man. Hot on his heels was Claire Collier who was Most Improved Woman.



Our May Most Improved Runners

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

The next race is on **Sunday, 11 June**, starting at **9am**. New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

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When young Fanny Price is sent to live with her wealthy cousins, she quickly grows from a timid child into a clever, witty young woman with a fine moral compass. At Mansfield Park, Fanny meets the frivolous Crawfords. They introduce her to a world of reckless flirtation, unrequited love, and decadence.

As their antics escalate, Fanny is led further astray until her uncle's departure to visit his plantation in Antigua. Forced to confront the source of her family's wealth and its true cost, Fanny must ask some difficult questions. Where does she belong? Will she ever find love? And what does it take to be the heroine of your own life?

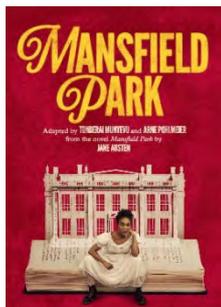
Tickets £10 in advance and £12 on the day (£5 and £6 for school age children) available from Acre Stores (aka The Shop!) or online at

http://www.watermill.org.uk/mansfield_tour (no booking fee)

Gates will open at **6pm**. Please park in the Village Hall car parks. Refreshments and toilet facilities available in the Plough.

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

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



As we go to press, the season has been hit adversely by the weather – we have had more games and training cancelled due to bad weather in the first week than the whole of last year! However, the Under 15s won their only match so far, against Sparsholt. The Seconds also won their only match – against Whitchurch 1st XI. The Thirds lost to Thruxton 1st XI. Our First team have yet to play due to waterlogged pitches. We are hoping for better weather for the rest of the season!

**LONGPARISH WILDLIFE
EARLY MAY WALK**

I know I did a walk recently, but I have to tell you about this one. Left home, well you know the next bit, down the back path and the **House Sparrows** are back to having a good old argument at Arthur's. Turn left at the shop not much about a few **Jackdaws** and a couple of **Rooks** in their new rookery at Longparish House. On we go nothing! Not a single bird until finally, there are a couple of **Swallows** on Mary Jo's aerial. Turn right into the Cleaves I can't believe how quiet it is, nothing. When we reach long bridge a **Cetti's Warbler** is singing in the brambles beside me, so I wait a while hoping to see it when it flies across the road, nice. At the bench seat a **Sedge Warbler** on a reed stem singing and a **Reed Bunting** a bit farther back. At the crossroads turn right and a **Blackcap** is in the hedge and a **Dunnock** on the side of the road. Just before the houses is a **Whitethroat** sat on top of the hedge singing. Carry on and a **Skylark** is hovering just above the corn and a **Buzzard** in the distance. Nothing much at Vale Farm only a couple of **Collared Doves** so on to the lake. The **Swan** is still sitting on her nest and a **Coot** feeding its three young, and a **Little Grebe**. Back to the road a **Chiffchaff** is calling high in an Ash tree and a **Magpie** flies over. In the field on my left, I can



see a **Pheasant** and a **Red-legged Partridge**. At the ford is a **Moorhen** and two **Mallards** and a lot of **House Martins** and **Swifts** high above me and in front of me are a **Blackbird** and a **Robin**. At the trout

farm are **Canada, Greylag and Egyptian Geese, Herring and Lesser Black-Backed gulls, Heron, Tufted Duck, Gadwall, Pochard, Mistle and Song Thrush, Pied Wagtail, and a Linnet**. Right on to Lower Mill bridge a **Cormorant** sat on its usual tree, **Woodpigeon, Wren, Carrion Crow, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Kestrel, Blue, and Great Tits**. On we go a **Long-Tailed Tit** flies across the road it has a nest in the Beech hedge. A little farther on a **Chaffinch** and a **Greenfinch** sat in the same tree. Turn right a pair of **Goldfinches** in the Pony paddock and a couple of **Starlings**. Only a few more birds about which we have already seen so home we go.

I hope you enjoyed our walk as much as I did, we saw **52 different birds**.

Chris Bowman

Longparish Cricket Club

Is your child keen to be the next Ben Stokes or Nat Sciver-Brunt? Longparish CC needs more children to come along and play cricket to keep the junior teams running. **Junior training is on Monday evenings at the ground from 6.30 - 8pm**. Contact Justin Jackman, Junior Coordinator at jackmanjustin@aol.com if you are interested in coming along to try cricket and join in the fun.

Now for the social side! The Club is organising two fundraising events over the summer. Firstly, there is a **Race Night** being held on **Saturday, June 17th, 2023** in the Longparish Village Hall. Entry is **£3** per person; details can be found on the LCC website. Secondly there is the return of the **Village Day** on **Sunday, July 2nd, 2023**, where a team of Longparish residents take on a Longparish CC team in a friendly match. A BBQ, Pimm's tent and cream teas will be available for all to enjoy whilst watching the game. Contact **James Hillier via longparishcc@gmail.com** if you would like to take part in the match.



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A Memorable Longparish Coronation Tea Party

Bringing generations of a community together is of utmost importance for several reasons. It fosters understanding, promotes social cohesion, facilitates knowledge sharing, and encourages mutual support.

And there is no better excuse for a get-together than a Coronation of a King! Over the Easter holidays we asked all our children in Years 1 to 6 to research an aspect of the Royal Family. It was up to them to choose something that they found of interest. They then had to take that newly found knowledge and put it into a poster as a home learning project. We gave all children a poster paper to work on. If families needed to borrow paints, pens, glue we provided it. If they didn't have a printer at home, then we printed whatever was sent to us. The result was that every single child had an amazing poster to put on display. A veritable A-Z of facts: from royal animals to Buckingham Palace, to corgis, crowns, cars and on through the alphabet! Our Reception children painted fabulous portraits of the King.



We then invited both grandparents and the local Longparish Lunch Group, to join us for Tea on the Friday of the Coronation Weekend. On the day, our Year 6 children made cucumber sandwiches. At 2pm we opened our doors to 85 guests. (Not bad when you consider we have 105 children in school!)

Those children with Grandparents met them at the entrance, and others were chosen to escort our other guests around. The remaining children were in classrooms cleared of tables, with their posters in front of them and ready to discuss all the facts within them to our wandering guests.



It was lovely to hear the conversations and to see how animated and proud our children were to be able to share their work. Intergenerational interactions contribute so much to building a strong sense of community. When different generations come together, they share experiences, stories, and interests, which strengthens social bonds, fostering a sense of belonging and unity within a community.

Having toured the classrooms, our guests had tea with the children who had shown them around. The rest of the

children had their own mini tea parties in their classrooms before we all squeezed into the hall together.

Connie, one of our students, played the violin to our guests before the most wonderful part of the afternoon, when some of our guests shared memories and memorabilia from the Coronation of the Queen - which happened whilst they were in Primary school. A preserving of cultural heritage took place. Older generations possess a wealth of knowledge, traditions, and cultural heritage that can be lost over time if not passed on to the younger generation. By fostering these intergenerational connections, we ensure the preservation and continuity of cultural practices, customs, and values. Such exchanges, as the one that then took place in our hall, enriches the younger generation's understanding of their roots and heritage. It was a fabulous, memorable moment to witness - in an afternoon full of memorable moments.

Our children then sang a Coronation song before we all



rose and sang the National Anthem together. The wonderful afternoon wouldn't have happened without the children's effort, the support from

parents and caregivers, and the dedicated school team.

Creating memorable experiences in school enhances learning, motivates children, and promotes social and emotional development. It contributes to a holistic education that goes beyond academic achievement and helps our children to become well-rounded individuals. It is, I believe, an essential step towards building a more inclusive and intergenerational society.

Mark Ward
Headteacher



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Hello all! It's been lovely to finally have some sunshine – and our beer garden is taking on its summer colours.

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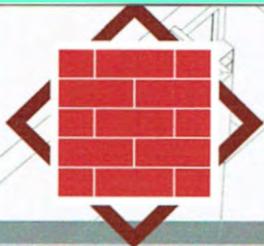
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WEATHER – JUNE 2023

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Total for 2022	230mm	9.05in
Max temp (on 28 th)	22C	72F
Max night temp (on 27 th)	10C	50F
Min temp (21 st)	-1C	30F

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning this month will be on Thursday, 22nd June with Clare Read at Hurstbourne Priors House from 10.15 am. All are welcome!

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



WORD OF THE MONTH

FLORESCENCE is my word for June as we come into the season of blooming abundance of flowers all around following on from the season of FRONDESANCE (putting forth leaf and foliage) where we began our WORD OF THE MONTH back in 2019. So not fifty shades of green, but all colours under the rainbow.



Barbara Carrodus

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EDITOR!

I am delighted to welcome Felicity Long who has kindly come forward to take on the editing of our Hurstbourne Priors pages for the Hill and Valley.

Welcome to the editorial team Fliss, and happy editing!

Fenella Williams



PARTY AT THE PAVILION – SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

Book your tickets now for the fabulous Party at the Pavilion on Saturday 24th June

We'll be serving pulled pork, BBQ and a buffet and the infamous Pub in the Pavilion will be up and running once more. Our fabulous local band the 'Rum Runners' will be performing as the sun goes down. There will be novelty games for the young, and the young at heart, like egg and spoon racing, welly wanging as well as French Cricket for those with a slightly more competitive mind set!

As this is a fundraising event towards the refurbishment of our beautiful Pavilion there will also be a raffle.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children – this covers all food and games, the Pub will be a cash bar.

The fun will start at 4pm with food from 5pm for those that need an early tea!

To book your ticket please email: beasleylulu@gmail.com or clareread@aol.com



ST ANDREWS REELS – 16th SEPTEMBER

Hurstbourne Priors PCC invite you to the St Andrew's Reels in aid of the maintenance of St Andrew's Church on Saturday 16th September at 7pm in the Barn at Chapmansford Farm House.

Everyone is welcome to join in the Reels including beginners. We have a brilliant "caller" who will walk everyone through each dance beforehand. Dances will include the Dashing White Sergeant, Strip the Willow, Eightsome Reel, Duke of Perth, Hamilton House and the Reel of the 51st.

Tickets are £40 each to include a 2-course dinner, glass of fizz and dancing. There will be a pay bar. Dress code is Tartan, Black Tie or Smart. Carriages at midnight.

Please email St.AndrewsReels@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Numbers are limited.

We plan to organise an informal practice/introduction beforehand for anyone who is interested on Sunday 10 September at 5pm in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.

We do hope you will join us.

*Fenella Williams, Ann Orr, Ian and Denise Bradley, Julia Mattison, Charles and Joanna Ekins
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Weftival – Our First Weaving Festival

On 3rd and 4th June we'll be celebrating weaving at the Mill in two days packed with guest speakers, workshops, guided tours, demonstrations and plenty of entertainment for weaving fans of all ages. You'll be able to learn about our weaving heritage, have a go at different types of weaving, and experience the Mill like never before! Joining us will be The Grange at Bookham, exhibiting embroidered works of art using some of our silk. Tickets available from the website.

'Weave a Wall Hanging' Workshops

Our popular wall hanging workshops are back and will take place on multiple days between 10th and 21st June. Adults only. Ticket price £60. Please see our website for dates and full details and, if none of the dates offered suits you, please call 01256 892065 to discuss options with us.

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

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

Whitchurch Open Gardens Event

This new event, in aid of the Mill, will take place on 2 July and will feature delightful gardens in a circular walk starting and finishing at the Mill and taking in the Test riverbank and the Mill Trail on the way. Cream teas will be available on the Mill's lawn, kindly supported by Rodda's and Tiptree as part of their National Cream Tea Day celebration, and Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants will have a plant stall to tempt you. Cost £10 per person; accompanied under 16s free.

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SONGS OF PRAISE



Everyone was in good voice for a joyful Songs of Praise service at St Andrews Church on 23rd April. Thank you to our wonderful band led by Susie Urquhart, our lead singer Sarah Milne and soloist Joseph Urquhart and to Ann Orr who prepared and led the service. Afterwards we all enjoyed tea with home made cakes.

Look out for our next Songs of Praise in August and if you would like to join our band, please contact Ann (annjorr@btinternet.com)

CELEBRATION TEA FOR KING CHARLES III AND QUEEN CAMILLA

Once again the famous cake makers of Hurstbourne Priors outdid themselves at our tea to celebrate the Coronation. Despite slightly gloomy weather, there was a very good turnout and a fantastic, and ever so slightly competitive, game of rounders. Congratulations on a super array of crowns from our resident Kings and Queens.

Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes, made sandwiches, manned the bbq and poured drinks. A special thank you to Barbara Carrodus for the splendid Coronation Ale which slipped down a treat.

God Save The King!

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



THE CORONATION PROCESSION

On 6th May, I alongside some 4000 fellow servicemen across the Navy, Army, RAF and Commonwealth had the honour of marching in the Coronation Procession escorting the newly crowned King and Queen back to Buckingham Palace.

The Army element of the parade included marching detachments from every Cap badge in the British Army; however, in true military fashion, everything was rehearsed, rehearsed again and then again. In our case, marching preparations began on the Regimental parade square some three weeks before the Coronation. We were put through our paces by a Regimental Drill Instructor and had to quickly relearn the basics of sword and rifle drill. The Royal Tank Regiment is not known for its ceremonial prowess; however, keen not to let down the Regiment, the detachment spent countless hours marching around camp to the beat of a bass drum.

The Army congregated at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) for 10 days of intensive preparation. Every cap badge was in attendance: the Royal Lancers with their Lances, the Gurkhas with their Kukris and of course the Chaplaincy Corps bringing up the rear to ensure no one was left behind.

Each day we were drilled and 'politely' shouted at by Household Division Sgt Majors to keep in step, keep our dressings, don't move your head, whip your arm away. All familiar instructions but ones not really heard since commissioning some 13 years ago. The now rather familiar three cheers serial in Buckingham Palace required endless drilling in the correct way to sheath one's sword without accidentally stabbing the man next to you (a few too many close calls) and how to take your head dress off in an orderly manner. At least the shouting was pretty easy to master!

Having rehearsed the entire parade twice on RAF Odiham's lengthy runway, we took part in perhaps the most surreal serial of the whole operation - the night-time full-dress rehearsal. Suitably kitted out in our finest ceremonial kit and desperate not to lose a spur or two on the bridge getting to our platform at Farnborough, we all boarded special trains and headed up to Waterloo. Crossing Westminster bridge at dusk to a full band, certainly set the stage for an extraordinary evening. The entire parade was rehearsed, the march out, the inspection and then the rather long wait on (at that stage) an eerily quiet Whitehall at 3am. Marching down the Mall in the dark was an experience I will certainly never forget.

The Coronation day itself began with a 4am reveille, some last-minute checks of kit, brushing each other down and then a customary glass of Port (to settle one's nerves) with a bacon sandwich at 5am. Our move into London ran like clockwork, the South-West trains arrived on time, and we all got a seat (I'm reliably informed this is not the usual case). The weather was overcast and very humid, the march from Waterloo across the bridge at Parliament Square was a little warm so it was a relief when we finally emerged from our holding area at Wellington Barracks into rain which was much easier to manage.

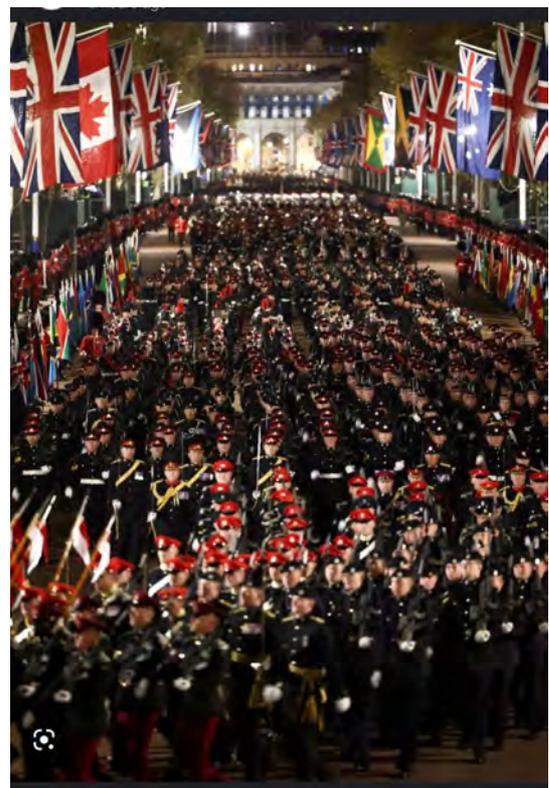
The Coronation parade was unique in that all marching troops stepped off at once. We were told throughout our training that the Golden State Coach horses have only one pull in them and they can't slow down or stop. This was mission failure and was more than once reaffirmed to us!

I cannot properly explain or convey the feeling when you could hear quick march from the Drum Major and then all 4000 of us stepped off at once. The crowds resplendent in Ponchos cheered and waved flags and then as the music played and we settled into marching through Admiralty Arch and down the Mall, we even got into a swagger.

This really was hairs on the back of the neck stuff, and we even afforded ourselves the odd opportunity to enjoy it before quickly remembering that we had to complete one final complicated drill manoeuvre reducing our frontage from 12 to 6 to get into the North Gate at Buckingham Palace. We had practised this many times but only got it really right once. In essence, all troops turn and march into the centre and then we all mark time stepping off together on the 9th step. Critically you can't stop, slow down or be out of step. The Navy have taken all the plaudits, but I was enormously relieved to see that our section of the Royal Armoured Corps equally nailed it.

We moved into the Garden and took part in one of the defining moments of the day when the King and Queen came into the Garden, and we gave a Royal Salute followed by three cheers. The noise echoing back off the Palace was extraordinary. A mixture of relief and one upmanship seemed to make our voices reach stratospheric new levels! Reflecting on the train back after the parade, still in kit but now at least armed with an issued sausage roll and cup of tea, I really can say that it was the most extraordinary moment of my career to date, and I couldn't have been prouder of my detachment. To be honest though, I think it is best summed up by my daughter Harriet the following day, 'Well, what a day....'

Rory McCullough



THE MAY FAIR 2023

With great support from our stallholders and helpers and kind weather bringing visitors from a wide area, the Hurstbourne Priors May Fair 2023 was hugely successful. It was a wonderful community event which will enable us to support the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and St Andrews Church on whose behalf the May Fair is organised.

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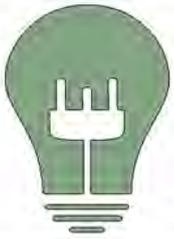
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- anything you no longer want!

Do please leave any donations on our doorstep at Bourne
House, St Mary Bourne or we will happily pick them up from
you if it's easier - just call us on ☎ 01264 738 551.

With many thanks, *The Redfern Family*

The Village Centre

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

It really is vital now that the next generation step up and
get involved so that we have new candidates to become
trustees before any of us is next up for re-election in 2025.
To express an interest and for further information please
write to smbvillagecentre@btinternet.com or contact
the Village Centre on ☎ 01264 738 250.



St Mary Bourne Cricket Club

St Mary Bourne cricket club had our
brand new cricket nets opened by our
very own celebrity, our lovely vicar
Dodie! It was here we also opened
'The Marsden Arms' in memory of Alan
Marsden, Dodie's late husband. This
will be open every Friday from 16.30
to 20.15 whilst the junior coaching is
on. It's a real family-friendly

atmosphere and all profits will go back to the club. We hope to
see you there.

On 16th May SMBCC hosted a cricket tournament with 8 local
primary schools. Each team played 4 matches. Congratulations
goes to Hurstbourne Tarrant for winning... with SMB a close
second!

Special thanks to Sue White and Jonny Orange for
coordinating. Well done all who were involved!

SMBCC are holding various midweek T20 matches for teens
and adults alike with all abilities welcome! Please contact the
club on **Facebook @smbcricket** or email us at
info@smbcc.co.uk for more details.

Our weekend adult matches this month are below. Please
come and support us! Saturdays are our league matches and
Sunday our friendlies.

- 27th May: Donnington CC 14:00 (Away)
- 28th May: Falkland CC 14:00 (Home)
- 3rd June: Old Basing CC 3rd XI (Home)
- 4th June: Ashford Hill CC (Home)
- 10th June: Sherfield-on-London CC 1st XI (Home)
- 11th June: Linkenholt CC (Away)
- 17th June: Herriard 1st XI (Away)
- 18th June: Hursley Park CC (Home)

If you would like to join our adult team please reach out - we
would love some new players!

Our website is now up to date - www.smbcc.co.uk - and
all weekend fixtures adult and junior will be posted on our
Facebook (@smbcricket) and instagram (@smb_cricket_club)
during the week so please give us a follow to keep up to date!



Volunteers Wanted

The Boundary is looking for volunteers. If you
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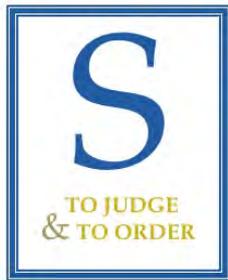
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Tuesday 13th June - 7.15pm

Hall and Licensed Bar open from 6.45pm

Tickets **£5** in advance or **£6** at the door

Please reserve tickets in advance by email

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Next Film: Tuesday 19th September

THE WATERMILL THEATRE

After the success of outdoor touring with 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' in 2022 and 'Camp Albion' last summer, The Watermill Theatre is now going on tour again and St Mary Bourne Village Centre is proud to announce an open-air performance of

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ALL TICKETS £8.00 in advance and £10.00 at the door. Book your tickets
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Gates will open at 6pm. This performance takes place outside and will go ahead whatever the weather. No seating or bar will be provided so bring your own picnic, chairs, blankets and refreshments.



It feels as if summer is almost here...

the endless days of rain are finally being punctuated with the odd glorious sunny ones. **The outside deck** at the café is being used whenever we have such days, and it really is a lovely spot to sit in.

Watching the comings and goings on the rec; dog walkers; rambles; kids; cricket; adults cricket come to think of it, even the occasional game of croquet! It really is an ever-changing view.

To kick start our summer we have wonderful asparagus from Dan at the **Pick Your Own**. It is so lovely to have such local produce right on our doorstep and its timing is one that really heralds the start of longer summer days. Once the asparagus has had it's time to shine, you know that the strawberries are just around the corner.

We have also sourced another local produce from our friends at **The Tomato Stall** on the Isle of Wight. They grow delicious tomatoes of all different varieties along with aubergines and peppers. The smell of proper tomatoes rather than the plastic supermarket version is amazing and actually works out at about the same price. We get them weekly and you can make some amazing easy dishes and salads that taste out of this world. Keeping local we have also changed our ice cream and gelato supplier to another local producer. **New Forest Ice Creams** now frequent the ice cream counter and are proving very popular. As well as all the well-known flavours they also do some delicious ones like Rhubarb and Ginger which, I have on good authority, is absolutely delicious. We rotate our flavours around a bit so that we can try lots of different ones and also make sure we have a dairy free, vegan range as well.

On a slightly sour note, we have to report that the shop was broken into a little while ago (10th May). By all accounts, it was a gang who raided a group of places overnight. They knew exactly what they were doing and where everything was, and it was definitely a targeted attack. Luckily for us, we have amazing CCTV and a really good alarm system. We also have strict procedures about our cash management that we all adhere to very closely. As a result, the thieves only got away with our cigarette and tobacco stock and not much else. This can still add up to quite a lot, but it could have been a lot worse. Thanks to the amazing team at the shop, as soon as the forensics team had given us the all clear, we set about putting the place back together and were open again by lunchtime.

So, summer is on its way... check. Ice cream counter filled... check. Amazing local produce... check. Fab outdoor seating area... check. Great little café... check. All we need now, is you.

Lara and the team xx

New Date for the St Mary Bourne Shop and Café Limited **Annual Members' Meeting**. The meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 21st June** at 7.30pm in St Mary Bourne Village Centre.

The Management Committee will present the Annual Accounts and report on the performance of the business and plans for the future, and on the state of the membership. The current Management Committee was elected to serve for 3 years at the Special Members' Meeting held in January, so there is no need for an election at this meeting.

This meeting is for members holding shares in the Society only and if you are interested in becoming a member you can find further information at The Boundary or on the website - <https://stmarybourne.org/village-shop/the-boundary>.

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News and Views

Parish Council Activities

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Chairman: Oliver Madge
Vice-Chair: Patrick Foote

Dave Peart withdrew his proposal and stepped down from the vice-chair vote and the councillors thanked him for his contribution over the years. Dave remains on the council, and we look forward to continued contributions as we progress.

Following the recent election, St Mary Bourne Parish Council are also pleased to welcome Jeanette Davies onto the council, following a close result with Dave Burlison.



Jeanette was born in St Mary Bourne and has always been a resident. Training as a teacher, initially spending four years at Basingstoke and then 37 years at Testbourne, ending up as head of the Art department.

Jeanette manages the parish scrap book and cares about the environment and balancing this with the needs of the residents. Housing, transport and

managing parish facilities are also areas of importance.

King Coronation Weekend

A great turn out took place on the rec and the weather even played ball as well.

Thanks to all who took the time to communicate and arrange the event. If anyone has photos from the day that they are prepared to share, please email these over, so we can add them to the albums.

New Clerk

The date has now passed for applications. More information will be made available over the next few weeks.

Next parish council meeting:

Tuesday 13th June - 19.30

Village Centre Club Room - Public more than welcome

www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

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

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

Share your Coronation memories with Hampshire Archives

Would you like to help future generations look back to see how we celebrated royal historic occasions? Did you attend a street party or other special events to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla? Hampshire Archives and Local Studies are hoping to collect photographs, video footage, posters, organising committee minutes, etc. to add to the archive collections at Hampshire Record Office, in order to record how Hampshire people have marked the 2023 Coronation. If you can offer any material relating to this event, or to Hampshire commemorations of previous Coronations, we should love to hear from you; you can contact us via the special form at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/coronation> .

SUMMER AT THE GEORGE INN

A village pub set in the heart of the community

In 2021, Chris Phillips and Simon Lawrence restored *The George Inn* to its rightful place at the heart of the community in St Mary Bourne. It continues to dazzle and is a popular draw, not only for locals but also with visitors from far and wide, seeking a warm, friendly and hospitable traditional English pub.

With the bar open all day from noon 'till last orders and lunch and dinner served seven days a week, *The George* buzzes with activity. Continuing to delight is the very high-quality Victorian style design with beautiful wallpaper and heritage colour paint work coupled with custom oak floors with roaring open fires and fragrant log burners.

Outside, locals and visitors alike can enjoy drinking and dining on the Summerhaugh Square, watching the coming and goings of the village, or in the attractive courtyard to the rear of the inn under large parasols.

The cuisine, led by Simon focuses on local daily sourcing and offers traditional and affordable fare across a choice of about seven starters including, back after numerous requests, the very popular Black Pudding Scotch Egg, and nine main courses together with six dishes from the grill.

And of course, there are the mouth-watering roasts on Sundays! Why not give the cook and the washer-up in your family the Sunday off and enjoy Dry Aged Sirloin of Beef, Roast Leg of Lamb, Half a Roast Chicken or a Vegan Roast with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Cauliflower Cheese, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy?

Every week on Mondays there is a Curry Night, and on Wednesdays a Steak Night with Rump, Salad and Fries discounted to only £15. There is also a monthly supper club with culinary themes such as '*Land and Sea*'.

As well as dining outside or in the bar areas there are tasteful dining spaces such as The Rifle Room, River Room and an enclosed Private Dining Room. These rooms are also available for meetings.

Bed & Breakfast is also offered with two double bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms.

And to illustrate that *The George* is at the very heart of the community, one per cent of the nett profit of *The George* will be donated to village-based groups and organisations.

Simon, Chris, and their team can't wait to welcome you all to a great summer at The George.

Go Star Gazing in June

4 June - Full Moon - known as Strawberry Moon by Native American tribes.

4 June - Venus at Greatest Western Elongation - Best time to view Mercury, it will be at highest point above horizon in evening sky. Look for bright planet in western sky after sunset.

18 June - New Moon - Best time of the month to observe galaxies and star clusters.

21 June - June Solstice - This is the first day of summer (summer solstice) in the Northern Hemisphere... North Pole will be tilted towards the Sun, having reached its northernmost position over Tropic of Cancer.

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People in the UK are worried. We're worried about our own health, our spending and the health of the planet we live on. How can we as individuals help prevent climate catastrophe? How can we help stop the Amazon rainforest disappearing and its wildlife being lost forever? How can we make changes in our daily lives that matter? One easy thing we can do is start by making small easy changes to our diet. **The World Wildlife Fund** is encouraging a movement called *Eat4Change* focusing on the UK, Europe and South America at the moment. Globally, food production (especially intensive factory farmed meat and dairy production) accounts for 25% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions and takes up 40% of the planet's habitable surface. It is the number one contributor to **deforestation**, greenhouse gas emissions, and



loss of nature. You can save money on your food bill, improve your health, and even do your bit to lessen greenhouse gas emissions by choosing to swap vegetables for some of the meat you eat. If more and more people start to change their eating

habits and talk about it the effect snowballs and there are an awful lot of meat eaters in the world.

You can start small, one swap at a time. Add beans to a cottage pie, nuts to a stir fry, chickpeas to a curry while starting to lessen the meat content. Make a roast a much more occasional real treat by getting locally sourced, high welfare or organic meat; as opposed to cheaper often imported factory forced meat containing antibiotics and stress hormones. Could you try asking where your meat comes from? Next try alternative milks to dairy. How did we begin drinking milk as adults? No other mammal does. Why not try an almond or oat milk latte or hot chocolate for a start? You will not only start to feel healthier, but the world will be just that little bit healthier too.

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Warm regards, *Rebekah Fastnedge*



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Saturday 29th July 2023 ~ 12.30pm

**The entry process for this year will be much easier.
Entry is free and you will no longer have to pre-register for classes, just bring along your entry before 9.45am on the day**

SECTION A - Flowers

- A1 - Roses - Vase of 3 stems
- A2 - Sweet Peas, mixed vase, max 7 stems
- A3 - Perennials (excluding Roses and Dahlias), 9 stems, mixed kinds
- A4 - Dahlias - Vase of 5 blooms
- A5 - Posy in a jam jar
- A6 - Hardy's Plugs (donated by Hardy's Nursery, grown and shown by you)

SECTION B - Vegetables and Fruit

- B1 - Runner Beans - 6 pods
- B2 - Courgettes, 3, approx 15cm long.
- B3 - Tomatoes - 6 Large/Standard
- B4 - Tomatoes - Cherry - a bunch of 4 or more Cherry Tomatoes, as grown.
- B5 - Rhubarb, 3 sticks, with 7.5cm of leaf

Section C - Domestic

- C1 - Victoria Sponge with Raspberry Jam
- C2 - Lemon Drizzle Cake
- C3 - Flapjacks - 6 pieces
- C4 - Loaf of home-made bread - Any type
- C5 - Jam, or Marmalade - Any type
- C6 - Chutney, Any type
- C7 - Home Made Beer or Wine
- C8 - Sloe Gin

Section D - Photography

- D1 - Print - Landscape scene
- D2 - Print - Bird, Insect, Animal or Flower
- D3 - Print - Amusing/comic photograph

Section E - Children

- E1 - Under 5s - Miniature Garden
- E2 - Under 7s - Make a mini beast using recycled materials
- E3 - 7-9yrs - Floral Crowns
- E4 - 10-12yrs - use vegetables to create art inspired by Arcimboldo
- E5 - Open Class (under 16yrs) - Flapjacks 6 pieces

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Postcard from Binley

As one gets older one's sleep patterns change. You can find yourself bright eyed and bushy tailed at the weirdest hours of the night. Laying there watching the clock go round I can observe the changes in light through the window, hear the rustles in the undergrowth, listen as the night wind gently pushes through the trees in the park. The distant barking of muntjac, the random honking of cock pheasants. The hoots of many owls. At 5am a couple of mornings back I witnessed a procession of seven fallow deer walking steadily up the lane past the house, four bucks, all still in antler and three does. They were as silent as the grave.

And living as I do beneath a rookery, I am subject to their own waking rituals. It starts before first light with a croaky "he-he!" which I assume is a clearing of the throat. This is followed by wheezy chuckles and then a gentle cooing. It's rather lovely. And then they all get going and chat amongst themselves. But yesterday, out of the blue and as clear as day, one said "Morning, Alan!" I couldn't believe my ears and you could have knocked me down with a feather, literally! But almost in response another said "Norm! Norm!"

Was he simply correcting the other rook who had got his name wrong or was he addressing a different bird altogether? We shall never know but it was a quite extraordinary moment. And what unsuitable names for Rooks? Alan and Norman? But then on reflection... Perhaps I should lay off the Jamaican Woodbines for a few days.

But talking of hallucinogenics, I was walking through Wadwick the other day and came across a huge clump of fungi growing in a pile of discarded bark chippings. I think it was "Chicken o' the woods" but then I am the last person you want to identify fungi. The one and only time I ever went mushroom picking (after a long liquid lunch) I collected enough of "*Amanita phalloides*" to wipe out the entire village of Stoke. Fortunately, my then neighbour here in Binley, Otto Gruss put me right and multiple fatalities were avoided. Otto was a professional fungi picker as are all Eastern Europeans and even had his own drying room at the house where he would lay out his ceps and chanterelles. But what an interesting character he was. One of millions of refugees washing around Europe after the war he ended up in Paris where, to survive he worked in "the oldest profession". I was never sure if this was in a hands-on capacity or administrative as he was rather vague about the detail, but eventually he managed to get on a ship to New Zealand where he married, raised a family and lived most of his life before coming to Binley of all places in his 70's. With a heavy east European accent and a wicked sense of humour he would occasionally encourage me at drinks parties to introduce him as a retired Nazi dentist. The old dame in front of us, clutching her fifth gin and orange would respond "Really? How wonderful! Welcome to Binley!" Which just underlines the British propensity for forgiveness!

I have just returned from a day trip to London which made me thoroughly depressed because all my old haunts are gone or going and now, I hear Denmark Street is to be developed, that really is the final straw. The relief with which I sank into my seat on the return train from Waterloo was palpable. Why is there this headlong rush to change everything nowadays? I don't like change, I like continuity. I want to come over the top of Cold Harbour Farm and know there will be black sheep in the bottom field, I want to travel through Egbury knowing I will see fallow deer and woodcock. I want to see the Bourne rise and fall each year and cowslips on the downs. What would Binley be without sheep and daffodils? Continuity.

Where Peter Corbett would once drive through the village to inspect his sheep in a Land Rover wearing a tweed suit, a cheese cutter cap, stout brogues and smoking a pipe, it is

reassuring to see we now have his son Dick at the controls of something called a "Mule", sartorially elegant in a bobble hat, Southampton replica shirt and baggy shorts. A nourishing fag is clenched in his jaws and a steadying can of something energising is in his mitts. Continuity. We need more of it!

Lastly, what a fantastic turnout for Colin Ponting's memorial service in HBT a few weeks back. The old church was rammed, standing room only and tears of laughter flowed. The vicar was absolute aces, a real sport. And she brought the house down with one exquisitely timed gag. I said a few words and Alasdair Murdoch gave an emotional yet humorous eulogy, tinged with pathos that hit all the right notes. What a wonderful send off for the old boy!
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Sheep may safely bathe...

Sheep, once seen in very large numbers in this area, also trot around the bible more than any other animal. The Good Shepherd is a model of care, to which those in authority should aspire. But there is nothing sentimental about a sheep's life: sometimes they stray and get lost; lambs are sacrificed.

In years past, busy agricultural tasks during June were dipping and shearing the many sheep of the area. Thomas Tusser, 16th century farmer-poet, advised

*Wash sheepe (for the better) wheare water doth runne,
and lette him goe cleanly and drie in the sunne.*

It must have been a very noisy, disruptive, and chaotic event, fully deserving a good supper and a mug of ale after a hard day's washing. Until the 19th century, farmers worked mutually by bringing their own workers to help neighbours. The work was later commercialised, with bands of itinerant thatchers, hurdle-makers and hedgers hiring out their labour. The waterflow of a stream was penned back to make a pool through which the sheep could be driven. Marking them with a red-ochre as they emerged from the wash was the 'ruddler', who painted the sheep with a 'reddle'—a red mark. Their wool now clean, they were ready to be sheared and the wool sold to the market.

The sheep dipping and shearing has left hardly any local memory, but there is a little still to see. There's *Sheepwash Bridge* in Hurstbourne Tarrant (near the former Church Hall on Ibtorpe Road), for instance, the wash only usable in very wet years when the River Swift was still flowing there in June. The main venue in St Mary Bourne was the pool now by the lake at Derry Down bridge: this was where the Portway Roman road forded the Bourne, and so was accessible in earlier times. Dr Stevens in his *Parochial History* (1888) says the village was 'famous for its sheep-wash, a pool having been used in the parish for over 300 years.' There was another wash known in Hurstbourne Priors, at Chapmansford, where the ancient Harrow Way crossed the Bourne. Perhaps there were other places where sheep were washed, now forgotten: in Stoke, at Gangbridge (once a plank bridge), for instance; nearer the church in Hurstbourne Priors; along the rivers and streams in Longparish?
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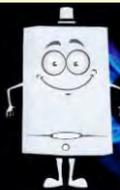
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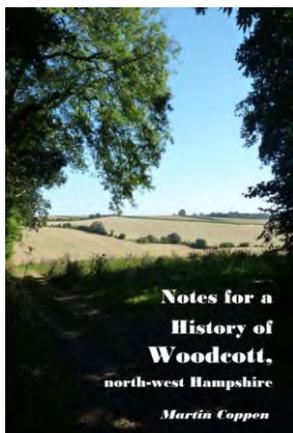


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Notes for a History of Woodcott

With its church, farm houses and buildings, the gracious Woodcott House and the two hamlets of Upper and Lower Woodcott, all set in Hampshire's beautiful chalk downlands,

Woodcott might seem unlikely to be of much historical interest. In fact, its history stretches back over the last 5,000 years, through Iron-Age, Roman and Anglo-Saxon times, emerging in more detail in the last 1,000 years. It was farmed by the Knights Hospitaller (of St John of Jerusalem) and then held at different times by the great landowners of the area, the Carnarvons of Highclere Castle and Kingsmills of Sydmonton (Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber's manor house). Occasionally a few things



happened there too, like the radical politician and journalist, William Cobbett, riding through on one of his rural rides in 1825. There is a story worth telling.

In this very well-illustrated book, Martin Coppen looks in detail at the history of the parish, its church, farms and hamlets into the second half of the 20th century.

Notes for a History of Woodcott is sold at £10 for the benefit of St James' Church, Woodcott. If you would like to buy a copy, please contact Mariana Pease on mariana@upperwoodcott.co.uk.

Notes for a History of Woodcott, ISBN: 978-0-9933216-7-2, published June 2023: 74 pages with 32 b&w illustrations, and 20 colour plates with 35 illustrations.

Remembering...

Marion Jeffery

23rd January 1923 - 6th March 2023

Marion died a few weeks after celebrating her 100th birthday. Her passing was the end of a well-lived life of adventure in the air, on land, and at sea.



She was born in Cheshire, the youngest daughter of Louis and Sarah Philips. In her early childhood the family moved to Old Colwyn, North Wales. Marion joined the Women's Voluntary Air Cadets after leaving school, rising to become a Squadron Leader, and she then left North

Wales to work for the Air Ministry meteorological office in England in 1945. She met her husband Jeff who was serving in the RAF and married him in 1955. They lived in various RAF postings, finally ending up in Hurstbourne Tarrant. Their sons Stephen and Philip were born in 1956 & 1958 and their family holidays became exciting expeditions of long road trips throughout Europe, punctured by occasional short flights to famous destinations such as Venice.

Sadly, Jeff died in 1970 and then the sailing began. First with a cruiser in the Solent with her sons and later, after she had moved to Hayling Island, she met John Ackerman.

They spent summers at sea in the Mediterranean and around Italy and the Greek Islands for the next 30 years.

Every October Marion would return to Hayling Island to catch up on family news and arrivals, sing in the choir, help out at the blind club, and watch snooker on TV. She was a practical person and was always repairing things. She managed her life completely independently until last year when she moved to 4, Stoke Gate bungalow to be closer to family support from her son Philip in St Mary Bourne and grand-daughters Emma and Sophie with their families.

Marion had five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The whole family celebrated her 100th birthday together shortly before she passed peacefully away in Winchester.

Marion will be greatly missed, but her independent spirit and love of adventure have created cherished memories for everyone who knew her.

Jenny Skinner

24th June 1951 - 14th March 2023

Jenny was the eldest child of Mary and Thomas Mills of Stoke. She had one younger sister Lynn.

Jenny went to St Mary Bourne village school and then on to Whitchurch. She started her working life at Portals in Overton. In 1975, she married Jeff Skinner, a local St Mary Bourne lad who she had known throughout her schooldays and they started married life together in Denham Terrace which remained their family home.

Their first daughter Hannah was born in 1981, followed by Victoria two years later.

Jenny devoted herself to family life. During the girls' childhood she took on various odd jobs, such as being the school "lollipop lady" standing outside in all weathers, and also being a school dinner lady. She was very involved with the Brownies and was always helping out with arts & crafts projects and doing baking with the children at the school. At weekends, Jenny could often be found on the touchlines, supporting Jeff when he was playing in rugby matches, and in summer she would watch him play cricket all afternoon from a picnic rug on the grass.

When the girls became older, Jenny got a job at Safeway (later Sainsburys) in Andover where she was greatly respected and her work ethic appreciated. She continued to work there until she retired. Jenny liked company and she liked to keep busy. In her free time she could usually be seen with her knitting needles, making blankets or knitted toys to give to the Salvation Army and she also really enjoyed days out to the seaside with Jeff and going out to lunch together.

Jenny was a hard working much-loved villager with homemaking skills which she used to benefit others throughout her life. She died at Ashbourne Court in Andover leaving her family and many friends sadly missing her but also remembering with gratitude everything that she had brought into their lives.



We send our deep sympathy to Jeff, Hannah and Richard and Vicky at this sad time.

Longparish

- 6 7.30pm - Bingo - Village Hall
- 9 9.15am - Litter Pick - Village Hall
- 9 10am to 12 Noon - Coffee Morning - Cricketers
- 11 9am - L2S0TM Race - Cricket Ground
- 12 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 13 7.30pm - LCA AGM - Village Hall - followed by New Villager's **Welcome Meeting** - Village Hall
- 15 7pm - **Watermill Theatre** Presents Mansfield Park - Football Field
- 17 7.30pm - Cricket Club - Race Night - Village Hall
- 17 6am - Greening - Dawn Walks along the River Test - TBA
- 20 7.30pm - Greening - Screening of Saving our Wild Isles - Village Hall
- 23 12 Noon to 2pm - Lunch Club - Village Hall
- TBA Coronation Funday (Rescheduled)

Message from the Palace just before the Coronation



Both my wife and I are enormously grateful to all the communities, families, neighbours and friends who are coming together across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth to mark our Coronation.

We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts to organise such celebrations, and very much hope that they will be enjoyable and happy occasions.

As we look towards the future, we feel deeply touched and sustained by the heartfelt good wishes and support of so many kind people around the country.

CHARLES R.

CAMILLA R.

Hurstbourne Priors

- 5 7.30pm - May Fair Village meeting - Village Hall
- 22 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee - Hurstbourne Priors House
- 24 4pm - **Party at the Pavilion** - Recreation Ground

St Mary Bourne

- 3 10am to 12 Noon - **'The Repair Café'** - The George Inn
- 13 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 13 7.30pm - **'The Film'** - *'What's Love got to do with it?'* - Village Centre
- 13 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre Club Room
- 20 7pm - **The Watermill Theatre** - *Mansfield Park* - Recreation Ground
- 21 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre
- 21 7.30pm - The Boundary Annual Members' Meeting - Village Centre

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

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