

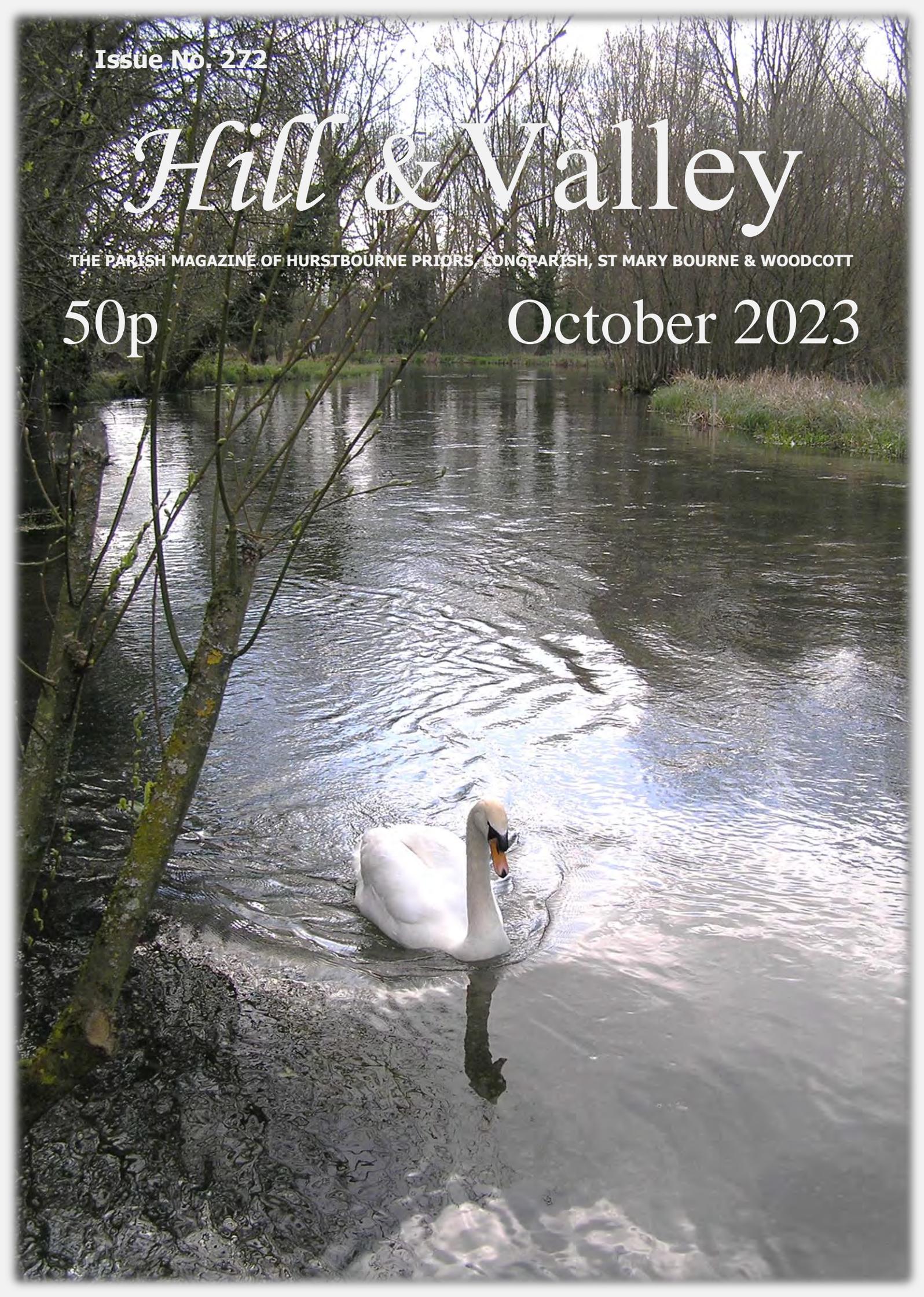
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# Hill & Valley

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## A message from Rev Canon Dodie Marsden about healing human relationships

Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931–2021) and his daughter Mpho Tutu offer these thoughts about forgiveness for people across the world.

They ask: From whom do we need forgiveness? To whom do we need to offer forgiveness? What have you or I done? Have we hurt someone we love? Is there pain and anguish?

It is not hard to see how these questions arose coming out of South Africa's peace and reconciliation forum.

The simple truth is we all make mistakes, and **we all need forgiveness**. There is no magic wand we can wave to go back in time and change what has happened or undo the harm that has been done. But we can do everything in our power to set right what has been made wrong. We can endeavour to make sure the harm never happens again.

There are times when each of us have been thoughtless or selfish or cruel. Yet, it is not easy to admit one's wrongdoing and ask for forgiveness.

**"I am sorry"** are perhaps the three hardest words to say.

When we are willing to let down our defences and look honestly at our actions, we find there is a great freedom in asking for forgiveness, and great strength in admitting the wrong. This is how we free ourselves from our past errors. It is how we are able to move forward into our future, unfettered by the mistakes we have made.

The introduction to *'The Book of Forgiving'* written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu says something very moving and so good I have highlighted it in bold: **The quality of human life on our planet is nothing more than the sum total of our daily interactions with one another.**

In August, Michael Parkinson died after a highly respected career hosting a TV talk show for thirty-six years. When he was asked which was his favourite interview, he said the one that stood out from all the others was the interview with Dr Jacob Bronowski, who wrote and presented a series for the BBC called *The Ascent of Man* in the 1970s.

Bronowski talked about questions relating to human value and, describing his harrowing experience filming at Auschwitz, he said:

**'The crime is about a breakdown in relationship between one human being and another'.**

There is so much truth in the wisdom of these writers. I will finish with a prayer from Desmond Tutu and a story from Bronowski.

### The Prayer

**I want to be willing to forgive  
but I dare not ask for the will to forgive  
in case you give it to me, and I am not yet ready.  
I am not yet ready for my heart to soften.  
I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again.  
Not yet ready to see  
that there is humanity in my tormentor's eyes.  
Or that the one who hurt me may also  
have cried.  
I am not yet ready for the journey.  
I am at the prayer before the prayer  
of forgiveness.  
Grant me the will to want to forgive.  
Grant it to me, not yet but soon.  
I can glimpse all the shattered pieces  
of that fragile thing:  
That soul trying to rise on the broken wings  
of hope,  
but only out of the corner of my eye.  
Is there a place where we can meet?  
You and me - the place in the middle  
The no man's land  
Where we straddle the lines.  
Where you are right and I am right too,  
And both of us are wrong and wronged.  
Can we meet there?  
And look for the place where the path begins  
The path that ends when we forgive.**

### The Story

Bronowski was visiting the Holy Land: He asked the taxi driver to take him up to Calvary Hill. The reply came; **"I can't drive you all the way. You have to walk some of it yourself"**.

So, the choice to forgive is up to each of us individually.

Although we can seek help from others on the way, we must walk that personal and perhaps difficult path on our own. But the rewards are enormous.

With love, Dodie



## Services in the Parish Churches

### October 2023

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

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Trinity 17

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 18

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	<i>Benefice Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Family Harvest Festival</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott		<i>No Service</i>

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 19

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>Family Harvest Festival</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Harvest Matins</i>

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

All Hallows', Whitchurch	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Trinity 20

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	<i>Family Harvest Festival</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Benefice Evensong</i>

St James', Woodcott *No service*

**Winchester Cathedral Church of England Zoom Service Online**

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - All Saints Day

St Andrew's, St Nicholas', St James'		<i>No Service</i>
All Hallows', Whitchurch	10.30am	<i>Benefice Café Service</i>
	9.45am	<i>Refreshments</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	6.00pm	<i>Benefice Evensong</i>
		<i>All Souls Remembering</i>

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

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

Rev David Roche: ☎ 01256 892535  
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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."

##### Bunny Florence Francis Beasley

9<sup>th</sup> September - St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors

##### Orlando Ezra-James Boother

10<sup>th</sup> September - St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors

##### Emilie Kathleen Milford

##### Ava Jennifer Milford

17<sup>th</sup> September - St Peter's, St Mary Bourne

##### Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

##### Mireille Kim Woodcock

15<sup>th</sup> September - Cremation at Basingstoke Crematorium followed by Memorial Service at St Nicholas', Longparish

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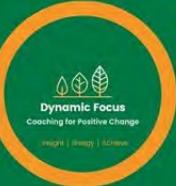
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## REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 21 AUGUST

The Parish Council had **STRONG OBJECTIONS** to:

- Variation of condition 4 of planning permission 16/01417/CMAN (hours of working) at **The A303 Recycling Facility, Barton Stacey**

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to tree work at:

- **St Nicholas Church, Longparish**
- **Longmead House, Longparish**

## REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 11 SEPTEMBER

### PERIOD FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

The head teacher from Longparish School presented a draft proposal to build an outdoor classroom and improve play equipment in the grounds of the school. Councillors offered advice about sources of grant funding, and recommended seeking planning advice from TVBC before commencing any build.

### PLANNING

The PC agreed that **NO PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED** for an extension to an agricultural machinery storage building at **Longparish Estate, Longparish**.

It was agreed that a member of the council would make representation at the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting in relation to the planning application for **River Test Distillery**.

### UPDATES FROM WORKING PARTY & COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

As there had been no full council meeting since July, the Working Party Chairmen and other council representatives were given the opportunity to provide a brief account of their current work to the PC. The **Village Design Statement working party** had produced and circulated a document analysing the recent survey results and will give a more detailed presentation at the October PC meeting. The chairman of the **Open Spaces & Footpaths working party** summarised the recent village inspection, reporting repairs at the playground that had taken place. The inspection also highlighted tree work that is needed in the village hall car park, and also the need to repair the war memorial in the cemetery. The **Communications working party** chairman reported that work to improve the new website continues, and training for page editors is being planned. The **North Acre working party** is yet to meet formally but plans to discuss the ongoing issues with parking in the estate as a priority.

### HIGHWAYS

#### Plea to Property owners – it is time to cut back hedges that border roads or footpaths

Under the Highways Act, roadside hedges are the responsibility of the landowner who has to: Prevent the

hedge from overhanging the highway. Prevent hedges from obscuring streetlights and road signs. Clear the road of debris after hedges have been cut.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Residents can report problem hedges on the Hampshire website, this may result in Highways cutting back the hedge, but the bill will be sent to the property owner, so property owners are well advised to keep hedges cut back from the road or right of way to avoid a hefty bill.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 9 October**.

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 - email

[peter.hullpc@longparish.org.uk](mailto:peter.hullpc@longparish.org.uk)

Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 01264 738716, or email [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)

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

### LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm  
Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB



Lou Jameson and Jez Stamp

On "From Roots to Fruits – Pruning Fruit Trees"

Members Free (Non-Members Welcome £5.00)

Any queries please to **Rosie Lowry 01264720325** or **Marion Bell 01264720205**



### LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2023!!

Next Litter pick is on **Friday 13th October 2023**. We've missed a few months and the litter is building up along the roads in Longparish. 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**

### Autumn Village Clean Up - Save the date! The next big clean is November 4th, 10 am



Activities to include stream clearing, clearing paths, litter picking, tidying bus shelters and other village open spaces and facilities.

Volunteers are welcome on the day, but if you are able let Jo Clare know beforehand, it would help to plan the day. [joanneclare@gmail.com](mailto:joanneclare@gmail.com)

## EXCITING NEW FUNDRAISING PROJECT FOR LONGPARISH C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL

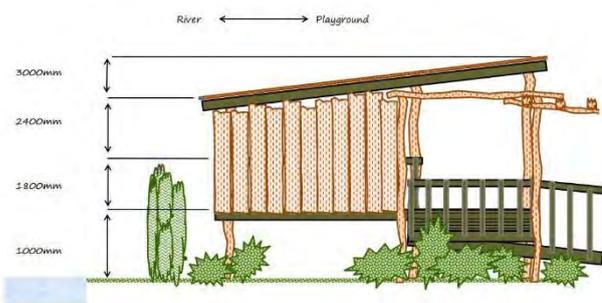
In previous editions of Hill and Valley, we have shared with you how the children at Longparish Church of England Primary School love being on the field and in the copse during play and lunchtimes; den building, collecting sticks and generally enjoying being out in nature with their friends. It is a very special and unique part of the Longparish life here in school. It is also a much recognised fact that outdoor learning and play improves children’s physical development, supports mental health and wellbeing, deepens nature connection, and promotes more inclusive and engaging learning.

Last year, thanks to the tremendous fundraising by the FoLS (PTA) we developed the Early Years space outside. This year we have even bigger fundraising ambitions and exciting plans to further develop our school grounds.

Beside the playground is our trim trail. A series of wooden structures that the children love to climb on. However, this is over 15 years old and already some of it is condemned and not usable for children. Sitting behind this is a strip of land beside the boundary to the river.

We want to replace our trim trail and at the same time build a raised ‘lookout’ classroom. Being raised off the ground this will become a ‘hide’ for children to spot wildlife on the River Test. We know that there is a Kingfisher, whose territory is along the stretch of the river by our field. We also have a strong suspicion that there is an otter in the area. Currently though, children are oblivious to the magic and wonder that sits the other side of the fence.

Longparish Primary School, Andover. "The Longparish Lookout" Classroom

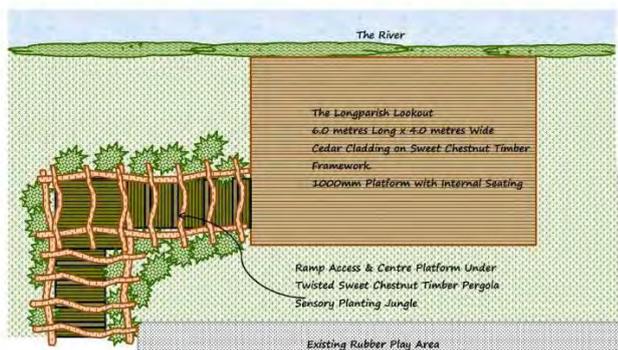


Our intention is to create a soft and very natural looking structure that will sit well in this beautiful countryside setting, using natural cedar and sweet chestnut timber materials. Around the structure we will then introduce low-maintenance wildflowers, sensory planting and shrubs that will, once established, attract birds, flying insects and mini-beasts – the planting will also have the effect of creating a magical surround to the structure that the children will pass through on the way to the lookout platform, blending it into the river landscape beyond. The trim trail will be similarly made. Austere fencing will be replaced by a variety of softer woven panels.

The lookout classroom will be a space that can be used all year round, for a range of different activities and learning opportunities, not just as a nature ‘hide’.

Longparish Primary School, Andover

"The Longparish Lookout Classroom"



This is an exciting project that we know the children will love and will be a fantastic addition to the school. It will enhance and enrich learning opportunities for all our children and will help to sustain the capacity of the village school in the years to come.

However, it is a big fundraising project for a school operating on very tight budget restraints. We have an active PTA who are very excited to play a large part in helping us raise this money and we are also going for grants and other avenues of funding.

Your support in any capacity will be much appreciated. In next month's edition we will share with you how our newly elected school council children are playing an active role in deciding what our trim trail activities are.

### How to help:

We welcome support from individuals and local businesses. If you would like to donate to our fundraising appeal, you can:

- Donate online at [gofund.me/59107b3d](https://gofund.me/59107b3d)
- Send a cheque (payable to Friends of Longparish School) to FoLS c/o Longparish Primary School, Longparish, SP11 6PB
- Or contact Jo Allam, Chair of Friends of Longparish School, at [chairfols@gmail.com](mailto:chairfols@gmail.com) or 07982 073674.

We will be running fundraising events over the next year to support the project. Details will appear on our website ([www.pta-events.co.uk/longparish](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/longparish)) and Facebook page ([fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool](https://fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool)).

**BINGO NIGHT**  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October  
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 Longparish Village Hall

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 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**

## LCA Longparish Apple Days

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October



It's been a good year for apples, so we are doing it again! This year the press will be available at the Barbers', Queen Anne Cottage, 2 Forton between 10am and 12.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and from 10.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

You bring the apples and plastic bottles to put the juice in. In round figures, five pounds of apples will make about one litre of juice. We provide a place to wash the apples and cut them up, a scrapper to mash up the apples and the press. You provide manpower!

Please contact **Jeremy on 720459** in advance if you are interested.

If you don't have apples, we may be able to help (but you'll have to pick them) or scrounge some from a neighbour with a surplus!

## LONGPARISH WILDLIFE - BADGERS

By Chris Bowman

Badgers are nocturnal and very rarely seen during the day. There is a small Badger sett not far from North Acre. You may be lucky enough to see one whilst driving down the Middleway at night. Badgers have a black and white-striped face, grey fur,



and a short furry tail. It's a stocky animal with powerful claws. They typically weigh 10-12kg with a body length of 90cms. This makes them the biggest land predator in the UK. Between 4-7 live in a network of tunnels called a sett. The main sett is where they spend most of their time with outlying setts used occasionally. Badgers are fussy; on a sunny day they will bring their bedding (grass and leaves) out for some fresh air. Badgers are omnivores which mean they eat a wide range of food. Mostly earth worms, they can eat hundreds in a single night. They will also eat slugs and snails, and small mammals including hedgehogs. Badgers start mating in February-May but after mating, a process known as delayed implantation occurs. This means the cubs will not be born until the following February regardless of when mating occurred. Youngsters will remain underground for two months before emerging. They reach maturity at just over a year. Some will stay with the family others will leave to find their own territory. Recently they have been culled due to being suspected tuberculosis carriers and potentially giving it to cattle.

It's been a funny year with the weather, some birds have had a good breeding season like the Tits. But I don't think Swallows and House Martins have done too well. Heavy rains making feeding more difficult.

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This year's categories are:

**Home Grown:** (must be grown by your own fair hands)

- Heaviest pumpkin (Child and adult categories)

**Decorated:**

- Best decorated (Child and adult categories)
- Best carving (Child and adult categories)
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There will be a £2 fee for each category entry, all proceeds go to Longparish Little School. There will also be Face painting, a tombola, raffle, and refreshments.



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## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Pat!



Pat and Ann Burke built their house and adjoining village shop at the entrance to the North Acre Estate in Longparish in 1964-5. The shop was extended to include the Post Office in 1989. Throughout this time, they have provided a vital service to the Longparish community. Pat's daily newspaper round, covering Longparish

and adjoining areas, is a legend amongst locals. For so many years in his car and on foot, Pat has recently progressed to delivery on his Londa electric bike, demonstrating his commitment to the environment. Now, about to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Pat must have broken all records for age and continuity of service in the sphere in which he works. Meanwhile, Ann remains in charge of the Post Office and management of The Acre Stores, with loyal helpers over many years. The Lottery has provided another popular dimension. With very best wishes to Pat Burke in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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

The September race was the day after the fete, and it was very warm. We welcomed Maddie Searle, a visitor from New Zealand, our furthest ever runner.

As often happens with first timers, Maddie underestimated her ability when predicting her finish time so she romped home in first place. But you can't win the trophies off an estimated handicap, so our winners were Caroline Sutton and Dave Henery. Dave, from Forton, is one of our most regular runners. This was his 119th run and the 22nd time he has been our Most Improved Man. Mark Curtis, in 4th place recorded his best time in about 5 years, and amazing result on such a hot morning. Well done all!



Thank you very much to everyone who helped and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on Sunday, 8 October, the morning after the beer festival,

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.

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



"There was another good turnout for the second Countryside Club event at Pat's Butterfly Field. There were 18 children accompanied by 11 adults, who enjoyed the fresh fruit and refreshments.

This event mainly involved identifying insects including some late summer butterflies, such as **Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue and Painted Lady**. We were lucky to get some good views of **common lizard** and two slow worms which were seen for the first time by most of the group.



Thanks to helpers, Gail Hunt, Liz Benedetto, and Georgina Knipe. We intend to have a full programme of approximately 4 events next

year. If you would like to receive information on these, send me your details at [paulgknipe@gmail.com](mailto:paulgknipe@gmail.com) and I will send out a programme in the new year. We will ask for a contribution of £5 per head to cover refreshments and help pay for some identification guides."

### Family Harvest Festival St Nicholas Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am

with Longparish Community Choir  
and  
Longparish Primary School Choir



Join us for refreshments in the church  
after the service too

followed by

**Harvest Lunch**  
12 noon in Longparish Village Hall

All are welcome

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After a challenging outdoor season, all 3 Saturday teams secured their places in the same Leagues for next season. Remarkably the 1sts, after being in the relegation places for most of the season,



Chairman James Hiller presenting Young Player of the Year award to Zac Allen

finished 7th out of 18 in County Division 2. The 2nds also finished 7th in their League and the 3rds were 11th in theirs. A successful Golf Day at Leckford Golf Club, followed by the Annual Presentation evening at The Cricketers Inn were held in early September to close the season. The top performances in batting and bowling in each team were recognised along with a number of other awards.

The Club would like to thank all its sponsors for their support in 2023 and add that new sponsors are being actively sought. A range of sponsorship options are available from the Club for any individual or company who may be interested. Please contact [longparishcc.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:longparishcc.fundraising@gmail.com) for further details.



Chairman James Hiller presenting Players Player award to Dan Bearpark, 1st team captain

The club is active during the winter planning and preparing for next season. The ball stop net between the cricket ground and the play park will be erected in time for the start of the outdoor 2024 season and there are also plans to start an U9s team at the club next summer so children can complete their cricket journey through junior cricket from All Stars to the

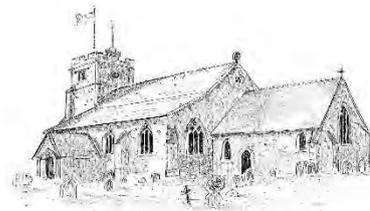
adult teams entirely at Longparish CC. On the social side, we are holding our annual Christmas quiz in the Longparish Village Hall in early December and hope to see you there! More details to follow.

### Christmas Fayre

Longparish Christmas Fayre will be held on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** in the village hall. Interested stall holders, raffle prize donors, or volunteers please contact Laura at [LPChristmasfayre@mail.com](mailto:LPChristmasfayre@mail.com)



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### St. Nicholas Church 100 Club Coming Soon!

Your Parish Church of St. Nicholas is over 900 years old and requires a lot of maintenance. As stewards of the church, we, the Parochial Church Council (PCC), want to keep it in good order and are charged with the responsibility of so doing. For the sake of the generations to come, we have therefore agreed to set up a Heritage Fund in the form of 'St. Nicholas 100 Club', for the specific purpose of maintaining the building.

We are led to believe that there are many in the village, who would want to support the church in this way, even if they do not attend church regularly, but would wish it to be kept up for community use for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, if nothing else.

We would be extremely grateful if you would consider becoming a member of the club and supporting us in this way. It works like this: -

Membership is set at £5.00 per number per month. There is no limit to the numbers you can purchase. The Club will be launched on St. Nicholas Day the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023.

Details of membership, together with a form to fill in will be distributed to each household in the village during the months of October and November, and forms should be returned by December 6<sup>th</sup>, in order to make the first draw at the end of that month. Draws will be made monthly.

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

If you have any queries at this stage, please contact:

John Young, Stewardship Officer, St. Nicholas 100 Club

Tel: 01264 720233

Mob: 07860 630489 or

Email: [jayoung1322@gmail.com](mailto:jayoung1322@gmail.com)

Just a reminder that the church is open each day from 9.30am to 5pm, and if you haven't been inside for a while, it has recently been decorated and is well worth a visit. It is beautiful and it belongs to you.



#### Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is **October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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**CHRISTMAS IS ON ITS WAY...**

Although Autumn is in the air, and it may seem a little early to mention Christmas, we wanted to let you know that Billy is already working on his special festive 'Christmas Fayre' menu which will be available to view in October.

Think about a special Yuletide lunch or dinner with friends, family, or your hard-working colleagues. For larger parties, the elegant River Room is available, (seats up to 24 people). Call us for more information and keep an eye on our website and social media for details.



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**Longparish Fete Recap**

Dear donors, stallholders, and volunteers.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year's Longparish Fete which was held in unprecedented circumstances. It is doubtful that the temperature in previous years ever reached the 96 degrees Fahrenheit that we all faced last Saturday!



The sheer effort by of those who were available to help in erecting the tentage on the Friday was very much appreciated. Without your goodwill the Fete would have never got off the ground, as it were.

On the day itself, we were disappointed that it was too hot for the falcons to fly and for the dog show to take place. The big bouncy slide did not arrive (probably too hot for this too). Yet despite these potential setbacks the show went on in true British fashion. Miller's Ark Farm was a delight. I hope you had a chance to see them. And, due to a cancellation, we were very lucky indeed to engage the services of an Inner Magic Circle Magician, Clive Hyams, to replace the falcons. His magic was extremely clever!

Even in the extreme temperature, Andover Town Band provided us with a delightful medley of popular tunes. The brass instruments must have been rather hot to handle!

The attendance was inevitably lower than in comparison to previous years and you probably noticed that people did not stay for as long as we would have expected due to the heat.

Of course, what is important is that those that came enjoyed it. And we can all say without any fear of contradiction that they did.

In conclusion, Peter Jones and I are so very grateful to everyone involved in carrying on regardless in spite of the difficulty of sheer heat.

With all best wishes  
Georgi & Peter



**Tuesday Talks**

Our first of the season is on

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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'Travels with my microbes – journeys to the UK overseas territories post covid'.

Since retiring from the NHS, Matthew Dryden's recent travels have been in his capacity as the infection doctor for the UK overseas territories.

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Total for 2022.	328mm. =. 12.91ins
Max temperature	29c =. 84f(22nd)
Max night temp.	14c. =. 58f (22nd)
Min temperature.	8c. =. 46f (8th)

### AUGUST

Nearly as much rain as July!

In spite of a poor July/August Met says we are on course for one of the top ten hottest summers ever.

### Ladies Coffee Morning

Our October coffee morning will be hosted by Fiona Obert on Thursday, 12th at Bourne Cottage, 55-56 Hurstbourne Priors.

All ages welcome

All welcome from 10.15 am until noon.

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

### The Hurstbourne Priors Gardening Club

Thank you to everyone who came to our first meeting – we now have a fantastic array of geraniums getting ready for next May's Fair. This month's meeting will be on Tuesday 10 th October and we will be sowing an assortment of bedding plant seeds. All equipment and compost will be provided, though do bring gloves if you wish.

Don't worry if you cannot make every meeting, this Club is very much meant to be relaxed and informal.

If anyone has greenhouse space and is happy to 'house' seedlings and cuttings then please let us know as we always welcome more nurturing areas over the winter.

We will meet at 7.30 at Hurstbourne Priors House – don't worry we will be inside! If you could let us know if you are able to join that would be helpful: [clarejread@icloud.com](mailto:clarejread@icloud.com) or 07711 917375.

Date for next month's meeting will be Wednesday 8th November. We look forward to seeing you,

Clare, Kat and Rosie

### Pets' Service – 10th September

Our annual Pets' Service when we celebrate and give thanks for our animal friends took place at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10 th September.

Revd Dodie. took the service and we were lucky enough with the weather to be outside. Revd Dodie was joined by a range many dogs and even a snail!

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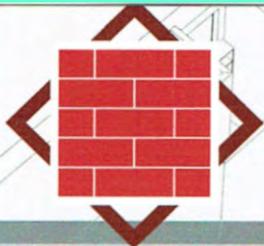
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## Caterpillar Spotted!

Spotted at the Hurstbourne Priors recreation ground in August.

This caterpillar is recognisable by the tufts of long yellow or orange hairs with a series of white, purple edged spots and a black head. Despite their bright colour, these caterpillars are not poisonous.

The caterpillars feed on various maple, horse chestnut and mulberry leaves and large leaved lime.

The adult Sycamore Moths (*Acronicta Aceris*) have a wingspan 35-45mm and are a more subtle white-grey colour. They fly at night and are attracted to light and sugar.

These moth can be found from central England as far south as Morocco.



## Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper is on Saturday, 14 October at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets are available from Fenella Williams (fenella.williams@btopenworle.com Tel 01256 892081)

£7.50 for Adults and £3 for Children, (under 5s free).

This is a family friendly evening and there will be a fun competition for all ages to have a try! There

will also be a raffle and all proceeds will be donated to the Mityana Projects Trust.

The Trust says a huge thank you to Hurstbourne Priors for their contributions over the last five years.

These have enabled the Trust to pay for a Night Watchman to protect the Kindergarten where 135

children are educated, and to pay the annual subscription to the Education Department.

## Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival and Sunday School is in St Andrews Church on Sunday, 22 October at 10.30am with Fenella and Ann.

As usual we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Andover Food Bank. The Food Bank provides boxes containing sufficient nutrition for at least three days' worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families.

Suitable items include cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, rice tinned foods (meat, fish, fruit, soup and vegetables) fruit juice and longlife milk. Please bring your donations to the service or leave them in the church beforehand.

All are welcome and we do hope you will join us!



## The St Andrew's Church Scottish Reels Event!

The St Andrew's Church Scottish Reels event, held on Saturday 16th September at Chapmansford Farm Barn, was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The evening started with Prosecco and canapés followed by a sit-down dinner. All the tables and chairs were then moved out of the Barn to create the extensive dance floor area.

Our fantastic Caller, John Carver, walked everyone through each dance to begin with and then launched us into full-on reels mode. The more experienced dancers helped the less experienced throughout the evening, which made it most enjoyable for all.



Dances such as the Dashing White Sargeant, Duke of Perth, The Reel of the 51st and Strip the Willow had us all literally in a spin.

The evening came to a close when everyone linked arms for Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King before heading home, tired but happy.

We wish to thank all who supported the evening, without whom it wouldn't have happened. Thanks also to the wonderful cooks and to all those who helped to organise the event.

All the money raised will go towards the essential and expensive task of maintaining the fabric of the church.

Joanna, Charles, Fenella, Ann, Julia, Denise and Ian



## The Andover Food Bank

The Andover foodbank would like to thank anyone who has donated to us in the recent weeks. Demand is still incredibly high, and we are therefore most grateful for your generosity.

This week the Andover foodbank is in need of the following food and non-food items:-

- Baked Beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Cleaning Spray
- Deodorant
- Scourers
- Tinned Meat
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## Local Author Publishes First Book!

Steph Tranter a locally based author has published her first book LEAP: How to be more you and find a career you love.

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## Whitchurch Silk Mill News

### Food Festival

Our popular Food Festival will take place in the Mill's grounds on 17 September, 10.30–16.00. As before, local food and drink suppliers such as Crepe Britain, Mummy Makes, Thai Bites, Hot Oven and Longdog Brewery will be selling their wares. And new attractions this year are:

- Award-winning visual artist, environmentalist and workshop leader Junk Jodie, who will be with us on the
- Sunday from 10.30–14.00 with a selection of food-themed children's crafts
- Ashley Archer face painting
- Children's activities led by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Watercress & Winterbournes team
- A human fruit machine game.

There will be live music throughout the day. Entry is free, but donations however large or small will be welcomed. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for event updates.

### What's Been Happening at the Mill?

We've been very busy with various events and with the summer holiday children's 'Play Town' in the Mill building and grounds. Families have said the Mill is an incredible place to make summer memories and enjoy imaginative play with family and friends. Elsewhere in the Mill, business has continued as normal.

The café has been filled with visitors and locals, shop sales have been good, and our weavers have been occupied producing cotton throws for sale in the shop and weaving a monochrome version of our 'Sophia' silk, called 'Hutchence', which was 19th-century Mill worker Sophia Whipp's maiden name. Sophia started working at the Mill as a child and continued to do so for roughly 60 years!

### What We Are Weaving

We are currently working on the 'The Hide', the next scarf in our previous owner's collection. The Hide family have played a vital part in the survival of the Mill to date. On 6 November 1886, the Mill was sold by auction at The White Hart Hotel in Whitchurch. It was bought by local shopkeeper and draper John Hide for his son James. In 1911 John Hide died, leaving James sole owner of the Mill.

Throughout this period, the Mill wove silk for Burberry, producing 22 different colours of lining for their famous raincoats. James Hide remained the owner of the Mill until 1956 when Stephen Walters & Sons purchased it and continued the production of silk.

To this day the Hide family remain connected with the Mill. Liz Hide, a relative of James, is one of the Trustees.

### Would YOU Like to Learn to Weave?

On 23 and 28 September we're hosting a weaving taster workshop which will allow you to get to know three different loom set-ups on a Louet Jane table loom, producing different pattern results. You'll be able to spend time on each loom with the help of one of our Weaver Tacklers.

There are two sessions on each of the days: 10.30–12.00 and 14.00–15.30. Tickets £40, raising funds for preserving living weaving heritage at Whitchurch Silk Mill.

### Suffering Suffragettes

Actor and historian Jane Glennie from Pedlars and Petticoats will entertain us with 'Suffering Suffragettes', a theatrical and interactive presentation set in 1913 about the Votes for Women activities locally. As part of the audience you'll get to travel back in time and discover how far you would have gone to achieve the right to vote.

Date and time: 22 September, 19.00–21.00. This event is a fundraiser for the Mill – tickets £20 including a welcome drink of sparkling wine.

### An Arctic Sailing Expedition – An Illustrated Talk by Richard Darley

This summer Richard Darley co-skipped a 43ft steel ketch Danu of Galway carrying the Irish Scoresby Sound Expedition, a two-month adventure to one of the more remote places in the Arctic. On board were six climbers and sailors attempting to scale unclimbed cliff faces and mountain walls in the world's largest fjord in combination with taking numerous water samples for microplastic analysis.

Richard will share stills, video and drone footage of some of the most stunning scenery in Europe and describe the many challenges the team had to face.

Tea and coffee will be available for a donation. Date and time: 12 October, 19.00–20.30.

Tickets £15, raising funds for the Mill.

Pins and Needles Craft Group

There won't be a Pins and Needles session in September, but we'll return with enthusiasm in October.

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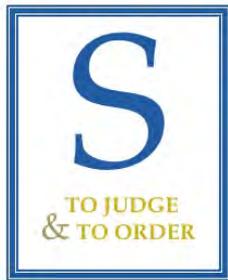
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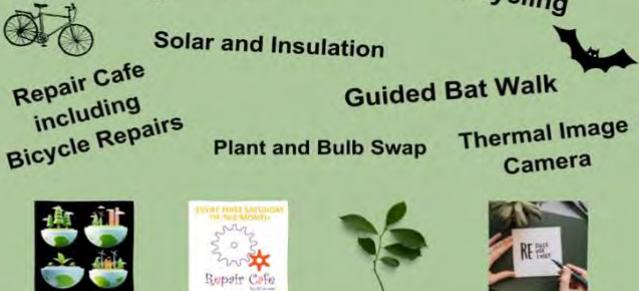
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**Lookback at Andover 2023**

This year's edition of the annual journal of the **Andover History and Archaeology Society (AHAS)** published on 22 September contains a very informative article on Kathleen Innes, née Royds, 1883-1967, St Mary Bourne's foremost 20<sup>th</sup> century historian. But she was so much more, in her rich, varied, and international life. In her article, Erica Tinsley, chair of AHAS, describes her as 'Writer, educator and campaigner for peace.' Kathleen's is a very remarkable story and with her husband, George, their contribution to village life was considerable, including building the old village centre (1953-1992).

There is also a contribution by Phyllis Rich, the much-loved wife of Frank, farmer of Bourne Farm, Gangbridge Lane. She lived there from their marriage in 1952 until her death last December. With the help of her daughter, Catherine, Phyllis recalled her childhood in Picket Twenty and enjoyment of the Andover Down Sunday School, run by the farmer's wife there. The article on the history of the hamlet of Andover Down is also a tribute to Phyllis' memory.

Copies can be purchased for £4.50 from **Waterstones**, Andover, at **AHAS meetings** ([andoverlocalhistoryarchaeology.uk/programme/](http://andoverlocalhistoryarchaeology.uk/programme/)) or ordered from [ahaspublications.andover@gmail.com](mailto:ahaspublications.andover@gmail.com) or by post from Andover History & Archaeology Society, c/o 53 Borkum Close, Andover, Hants, SP10 4LE. Please add £1.75 for postage and packing. *MC*.

**Animal Service at St Peter's**



**September's Animal Service** featured over 50 well behaved and enthusiastic two-legged creatures, a tortoise that is over 150 years old, a pony and lots of dogs. There were biscuits to decorate, fish to paint, tropical fish magnets and fish mobiles as well as painting and colouring.

**Harvest is on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am. DM.**

**Thinking of Christmas**

If there are any men in St Mary Bourne who can sing and would like the opportunity to take part in St Peter's carol service this year, please contact Nigel or Harriet on 01264 738206.

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I'm assuming that by now the Indian Summer that I predicted in last month's Hill and Valley and in which I now sit and write this, is well and truly over. I assume this, rightly or wrongly, for two reasons – firstly; this is England, and we are surely not so lucky to have an Indian Summer that lasts the whole of September and secondly; I've just had a sneak peek at BBC

weather app and the lovely blue background turns to grey raindrops next week. It seems summer came and went and then popped back again briefly to pick up the present she left behind, which we thought was for us but turns out to be for another bigger, better party she's going on to...

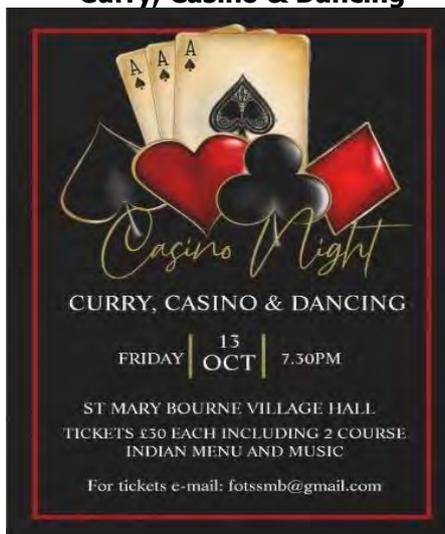
With solely my Shop and Café Manager head on, I have to say, that if this is the case and the heat in which I now sit is brief, I won't be too sad. The chillers and freezers in the shop have been working overtime and we live in a permanent state of anxiety knowing that if just one gives up the ghost we are scuppered. The likelihood of this is relatively small with most of the machines being less than a year old and the older ones being regularly serviced, however, I have come to realise in my six years of managing the shop that the likelihood of something happening does not necessarily correlate with whether it happens or not. It's one of the joys of the job... if John Lewis's motto is 'never knowingly undersold', St Mary Bourne Shop and Café Ltd, Trading as The Boundary's is 'never knowing'.

You would think living in this constant state of alert would be exhausting but it's not, for one very important reason. There is an absolute amazing bunch of people who work at The Boundary, 17 of us in total, ranging in ages from 15 to 60 odd, and together we make the most fabulous, dedicated, hardworking bunch of misfits you will ever have the honour to meet. During our 10 months of working together we have become family; helping and supporting each other outside the workplace, as well as in. As with any family, it's not always totally harmonious but whatever discord there is, is brief. I am very proud of us all. We are a community within a community and as our logo would suggest – it all comes full circle.

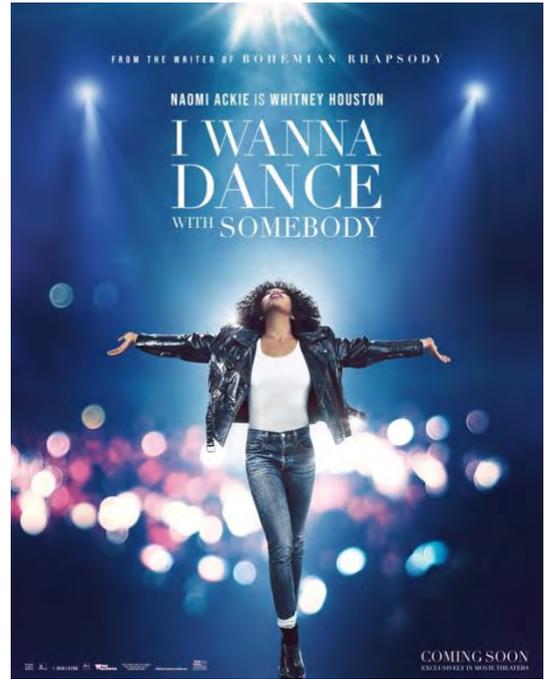
And so, to October! We eagerly await our first pumpkin delivery from Dan at the Pick Your Own. Soup will be back on the menu in the café, if it's not already, and half term is just around the corner. (Already?? - They only just went back!). We will have lots of fiendish, goolie things to entice you and your little ones to the dark side so do drop in and see what we've got. We look forward to welcoming you.

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## News and Views

### Parish Council Activities

#### Planning

##### Solar Farm:

The council have returned a list of additional questions to the planners before a decision is made. Aspects such

as national grid infrastructure and disruption to the Harroway for residents are key points which need more information. Not to mention the AONB in which the solar panels will reside. This is a landmark application of this type within the local area and one in which considerate and careful decisions need to be made.

##### SMB Pavilion:

The use of this building by both cricket teams (Snr and Jnr) as well as Ninnys (during the week) over this summer has been to see if all parties can be accommodated. Initially this was a short-term option, but looking forwards, this is a trial process for the combined usage of a building.

All parties have been in communication over summer and if it is successful, this could be the start of a financial model for the redevelopment of the pavilion itself and the play area and MUGA.

A meeting will be planned for all interested parties over the next few weeks, along with all users of this space. Please keep an eye on notice boards and the PC-FB page for more information.

##### Planning Portal:

It has come to light that the website providers are not keeping the planning portal up to date. As such it has been decided to link the PC website directly to Basingstoke and Deane planning site. More information will be made available on the PC website about how to search for applications and be kept informed.

We would be interested/grateful to be made aware of anyone who would like to be kept informed of planning applications, but who cannot access the PC website. Please write to the Chairman of SMB-PC and inform that no internet access is possible, and we will see about printed updates.

##### We need you!

The Parish Council have a growing list of jobs that need doing around the parish, so this is a shout-out to anyone out there with practical skills and some spare time.

Ideally someone who is qualified to use a chainsaw, happy with a strimmer or hedge cutter, a dab hand with a paint brush, could manage some repair/renovation of equipment or buildings, etc.

The list is endless, but the work will be on an ad hoc basis. If you are interested and think you could help with anything or all things on the list please get in touch with Maxine Owen, Parish Clerk by emailing [clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk) Unless you particularly want to volunteer, time contributed will be paid!

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

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**Next parish council meeting**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 19.30**  
 Village Centre Club Room  
 Public more than welcome.  
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### SMBCC



The SMBCC adult teams had a great summer of cricket in 2023, despite the terrible weather throughout the season. We enjoyed the new double practice net facilities installed just before the season started, which are open to anyone in the community who wishes to improve their cricketing skills. SMBCC has 3 adult teams:

**Saturday League XI:** We enjoyed our season in Division 5 of the Hampshire Cricket League. We finished mid-table (played 13 matches). Notable performances were Marc von Guionneau's 155 not out vs Liphook (breaking a long-standing club record), Jonny Orange's 144 no and George Bulpitt's 102 no. George Bulpitt also took the most wickets with his top performance of 4/13 off 8 overs. Jamie King was a close 2nd in terms of wickets taken - his best figures were 2/10 off 5 overs. The youth section is starting to bring on young talent with both Bertie Golding and Holly Kitson taking wickets in their first league games. Well done them.

**Sunday XI:** We managed 16 fixtures this year, despite the weather and we achieved 7 wins. The SMB Sunday side attracted many new faces to the club. Notable performances were newcomer off spin bowler Dan Hammond taking his first 5-for for the club with 5-20 Vs Thruxton CC, first wicket also for Holly Kitson from the youth side, John Howe from the Occasionals and Chris Golding playing alongside his son, 5-for for resident pace bowler George "the mullet" Bulpitt. The Sunday side saw some impressive batting, run chases and big hitting with the Willow, our Resident Kiwi scoring over 500 runs at an average of over 100, half centuries from Thomas Orange, Jonny Orange, Jerry Covell, Joe Prodger, Ben White & Tristram saw the Bourne put on some hefty totals. SMBCC had a very successful tour of Devon in September - See photo.

**The Occasionals:** This team was created to get more community folk playing cricket by creating a mid-week fun based match for those new to cricket, those a bit rusty and also a steppingstone for the youth into adult cricket. It ended up being a huge success: We played 14 matches, 46 different players over the season and has already seen some Occasionals play for the Saturday / Sunday teams. Thank you, Tanya, and co for running the v popular BBQ. Thank you to Luke Mew and Mark Drury for organising this team. We look forward to more of this next season.

The club's long-term plans are to 'modernise' the pavilion - so we look forward to our fund-raising quiz on Saturday 18th November. See flyer for details. (See page 6).

The club is always keen to talk to new players, please come and talk to us during games or net sessions, we'll also be running winter indoor nets in January, please get in touch if you want to join us, contact us on [info@smbcc.co.uk](mailto:info@smbcc.co.uk) or find us on Facebook.

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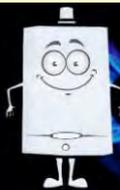
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## Small Beer

The 19<sup>th</sup> century writer, Richard Jefferies, of the hamlet of Coate, now an outlier of Swindon, was an acute observer of the countryside and rural life, and often lyrical about the natural world. But he knew not everything in the garden was rosy. In his essay, *One of the New Voters*,\* he introduces 'Roger, the reaper', who had slept all night in the cowhouse.



*'He had no difficulty in sleeping, first because his muscles had been tried to the utmost, and next because his skin was full to the brim, not of jolly "good ale and old" but of the very smallest and poorest of wish-washy beer. In his own words, it "blowed him up till he very nigh bust." ... Roger had swallowed at least a gallon of a liquid chemically designed, one might say, on purpose to utterly upset the internal economy. Harvest beer is probably the vilest drink in the world. The men say it is made by pouring muddy water into empty casks returned sour from use, and then brushing them round and round inside with a besom. This liquid leaves a stickiness on the tongue and a harsh feeling at the back of the mouth which soon turns to thirst, so that having once drunk a pint the drinker must go on drinking...'*

Jefferies continues in rather too much detail about the effect of this ale on Roger's digestion and constitution. But the point is clearly made, that, to cope with the unrelenting physical demands of the harvest, the reaper had to resort to a drink, both addictive and barely nourishing. He dismisses the alternatives which well-intentioned 'Just Stop Ale' campaigners made for Roger's improvement: weak tea, oatmeal-infusion, vinegar and water...

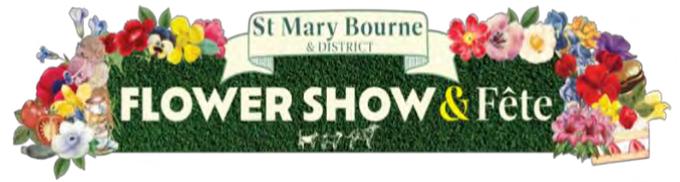
*'The truth is the English farmer's man was and is, and will be, a drinker of beer... Those who wish really well to the labourer cannot do better than see that he really has beer to drink—real beer, genuine brew of malt and hops, a moderate quantity of which will supply force to his thews and sinews and will not intoxicate or injure.'*

The sensible employer, supplying the labourers with genuine beer, Jefferies argues, would gain their goodwill as well. 'Roger the reaper' was paying a high price for cost-cutting.

The harvest of yesteryear depended mainly on manual work, skill and muscle-power in field and garden. Roger's harvest toil and pain are long past, mercifully: the clever combine has made him redundant. Where would he be working now? Very probably not in farming, with its much reduced, but more technological, workforce.

The varied and abundant produce in today's supermarket is possible because of mechanisation. But we might be surprised at how much human labour and certainly skill is still needed to give us the food choices we sometimes take for granted. Are we thankful enough?

\*Published in Jefferies' essay collection, *The Open Air* (1885).  
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## Save the Date!

We are delighted to announce that the 2024 flower show will be held on Saturday 27th July 2024. If you would like to get involved or give us some feedback for next year's show, please join us for **drinks and nibbles on Friday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Village Centre**. The committee are a friendly bunch and welcome your support and interest. This year we will be distributing circa £7000 to village and local charities from the proceeds of the 2023 show.

Many congratulations to Bebe Corbette who won this year's chutney class with a delicious creation inspired by Delia Smith. 'Tis the season to be harvesting fruit and pickling so we've posted the prize-winning recipe on our Facebook page (St Mary Bourne Flower Show and Fete) for those that might want to win next year's show!

## Postcard from Binley

*"You're like a one-eyed cat, peeping in a seafood store..."*

So sang Bill Haley and his Comets, back in simpler, happier times. I've always admired those lyrics. Right up there with anything Shakespeare did. Or Chaucer. And I mention them because the one-eyed Binley cat is back! I spotted her coming through the rusty gate at the top of Red Lane. My God, that creature has had more lives than a .... well, you know. But my heart was glad. She has had at least three litters, some of them spectacularly marked, white tiger stripe being my favourite.

She always chose the rose garden in Binley House to birth them but then I have found so many laid at the side of the road lifeless over the years. Ah well. I'm not a natural cat lover but I do have a soft spot in my creaky heart for her. She's a survivor and that must be admired.

And so, the vagaries of life in Binley go on. Who is up and who is down? Down most definitely are Kites. There are nothing like the numbers of previous years. Where have they gone? Surely there just wasn't the carrion for the numbers we had. Buzzards are up, creeping in as the opportunists they are. Hares have had a spectacular year and I couldn't be happier. Double figure numbers have been seen tearing around the Downs and young leverets are lolloping around the lanes and should be given time and space to make their escape. God only knows what has happened to our rabbits? I see more hares than rabbits these days. Twenty years has seen an almost total wipe out. The deer I have documented here enough. And I continue to see healthy numbers.

The last few days has seen monsoon rainfall. Driving home this evening I came across two partridges standing in the middle of the lane and soaked to the skin. You couldn't have seen two more miserable creatures. I got out of the car, and they were so inanimate that I was able to collect them up and pop them in a Waitrose hessian shopping bag. Using the car's heater and fluffing them up I was able to revive them to such a state of irritation with me that I had to sling them out the window where they took off like arrows. Sometimes I don't half feel good about myself! It's rare but it happens! **NA**



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### Save our Chalk Streams



Here in Hampshire, we have some of nature's greatest gems in the form of our local chalk streams. If you love exploring the outdoors, you've probably been treated to the idyllic scene they offer lush green plants drifting in

crystal clear water, the serenity broken only by the resident wildlife. Iconic species like the mayfly, kingfisher, and water vole all call these places home.

Chalk streams appear commonplace due to their prevalence in our region, but we're very lucky – only 210 exist worldwide, and 85% of those are in England. The reason for their rarity is also the source of their special qualities: fed by an underground chalk aquifer, their water is unusually cool, clear, and oxygenated. This makes them wonderful havens for nature.

Sadly, all is not well with these remarkable habitats. Many are failing their ecological health tests, and every single one is in the worst category for chemical standards. The causes are numerous, with over-abstraction and sewage pollution among them. What's more, the government's target for returning the streams to good health is now decades away, in 2063. When it comes to tackling these issues, legal designations like **Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** or **Special Area of Conservation (SAC)** can be somewhat helpful. Yet only a small number of England's chalk streams have such protections, and the existing framework is too narrow to fully address the impact of pressures like housebuilding and agriculture.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has now launched a campaign to raise awareness about this pressing problem. 'Save our Chalk Streams' proposes bespoke legal protections for all chalk streams and greater investment into restoration projects, reduced abstraction, upgraded sewage treatment works, and an expanded system of monitoring and enforcement.

You can play a crucial role in the campaign by completing an e-action that asks your MP to push for change. Our chalk streams can't wait 40 years to be healthy, and we need your help – visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/rivers](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/rivers). You can also support chalk stream conservation through the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme – visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

**Free Online Talk** – 'Habitat Management in Chalk Stream Fisheries' 10<sup>th</sup> October 7-8pm

As our chalk streams come under mounting pressure, sensitive management is needed to protect the health of these precious habitats. Join us to learn how fisheries can be both a place for people to enjoy and a space for wildlife to thrive. Book at [www.hiwwt.org.uk/events](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/events). Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



### Andover Astronomical Society at Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre

Andover Astronomical Society's new regular meeting venue is Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre. October's meeting, **"From Smart Phone to Smart Dome"** is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm. Gavin James will tell us how to take stunning pictures of the night sky.

Everyone is welcome to come along and find out about the society – there's no charge for your first meeting. If you decide to join it's only £15 a year or £25 for joint membership. Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and run from September through to April.

After each meeting talk, if the sky is clear, we will set up telescopes on the field outside the Community Centre. If you've got a telescope, bring it along and one of our members will be on hand to help you use it.

As well as the monthly meetings there will be occasional "Star Gazing and Telescope Clinic" events – the evenings will be chosen for good viewing – final dates will be confirmed a few days before. Children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome at all our meetings and events.

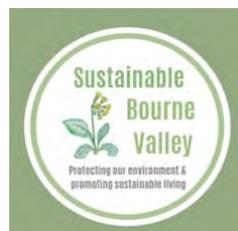
#### What's happening in our skies?

The best place to visit to find out what's in the heavens is a website like the BBC's "Sky at Night" – you can find it by searching for Sky at Night at [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk). The Milky Way should be easily visible as skies darken going into winter – if there's not too much light pollution! Images like the one above are easy to take if you have a digital camera and a tripod. If you come along to our meetings, you can also find out more about all things astronomical from our members who include both amateur and professional astronomers.

#### Want to find out more?

The web site [www.andoverastronomy.org.uk](http://www.andoverastronomy.org.uk) has lots more information: a calendar listing all our meetings, some beautiful pictures taken by our members and links to more information. If you'd like to get in touch, you can use the contact page on the web site or email us at [andoverastrosoc@gmail.com](mailto:andoverastrosoc@gmail.com)

*Terry Tucker, Chairman AAS*



### Unblocktober - Tips

- **Use** your rubbish bin for rubbish to keep your drains clear.
- **Resist** putting any more fats, oils, grease, butter, left over sauces and even food crumbs into the kitchen sink drain.

• **Install** a kitchen sink plug with strainer. Only poo, wee and loo paper down the toilet (definitely not those wet wipes)

Save the expense/inconvenience of unblocking your drains whilst helping to keep the main drains running. SBV is also holding a **Sustainable Day on 7th October** in the Village Centre. (See page 1).

As a follow on to the day, which is from 10 – 4, there will also be a Bat Walk starting at 6.30pm (time to be confirmed depending on the weather and light) from outside The George.

**Diary Date: The Repair Café this month it is going to be part of the Sustainable Day, not in the George as usual but in the Village Centre.**

<http://www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk/community/sustainable-bourne-valley-15360/home/> .

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## Remembering.



### Christopher Taverner, St. Mary Bourne

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Christopher died peacefully aged 86 in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester after bravely battling a short illness. He and his wife Jennifer moved to the village in 2016, having previously been living in Grateley since 2011. He was a familiar face on 'the rec' and

around the lake, walking their dog, Ollie.

Christopher spent some of his childhood growing up in Hampshire in fact living in Weyhill House, Weyhill (now demolished) whilst his father Brigadier Roger Taverner was stationed in Tidworth, having previously been captured during the second world war and spending three years as a prisoner in the Stalag 2 war camp.

After leaving Bedford School as an accomplished rower and rugby player - over the years he captained both Blackheath and the New York City rugby clubs for brief spells - he maintained a great passion for these sports annually hosting friends at the Varsity match at Twickenham for many years and at the Henley Royal Regatta as a Leander Club member.

In his youth he served as a cadet and officer in the merchant navy travelling the world, spending time in India, Africa and Australia with the British Indian Steam Navigation Company, before a short spell as an officer within the British Navy.

He then started what would become a sixty year career in the world of drinks in 1962, firstly as regional sales manager for the North East of England with Guinness & Co, before re-locating with the business to New York City where he met his wife Jennifer, and amongst other 'celebrity' encounters as their key East Coast USA brand representative, he even managed to enjoy a memorable night in a bar drinking Guinness with Frank Sinatra and his entourage!

Returning to the UK, he spent four years as Sales Director at 'Rawlings of London' helping quickly build Mateus Rose to a half a million-case brand. He then moved with his wife and young family to Tokyo with 'Inchcape' as Director of their Wine & Spirits division distributing brands that included Pommery (& Greno) Champagne, Remy Martin Cognac, Gordon's Gin, Campari, and Black & White Whisky.

After a spell as MD of 'Goldwell UK & USA' and then as the USA and South America Director for Glenlivet whisky, in 1979 he joined 'Jenks Brothers' in the UK as Director of Beers, Wines & Spirits, where he supplied many of the major UK retailers, working closely with Weston's cider, Theakston's brewery and other own label beer brands. During his time there the Jenks Brothers notoriously turned down the opportunity to work with Jacobs Creek - citing there was never going to be any major interest in Australian wine!

Much of his working life was spent moving the family around the UK living in Berkshire but mainly Gloucestershire, regularly renovating and then moving house around the Cirencester area, although they also lived in North Berwick, Scotland for a short period - only a decent 5 iron across the fairway and onto the beach!

In 1996 he set up his own consultancy business and with a great passion for an industry he truly loved, he continued to work closely with numerous global contacts in the Beer, Wines & Spirits sectors until only recently, regularly travelling to the USA where for a few years he enjoyed a holiday home on the island of Sanibel in Florida. He often visited Burgundy over the years and enjoyed a brief period living in the Lot region of France whilst keeping a home in Battersea, London.

Many of his greatest friendships were made within his six decades working in the drinks industry and his friends and family will always remember his great passion and professional courtesy towards the industry, his zest for life, his positive and friendly demeanour, an appreciation of a fine whisky and above all his dedication to the family he loved. He will be missed. He is survived by his loving wife Jennifer, their two sons Ben and Charles and four grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service for Christopher at St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne at 2pm on Thursday November 23rd.

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 12 7.30pm - 90s Quiz & FoLS AGM - Longparish Primary School  
 13 9.15am - Litter Pick- Village Hall  
 13 10am to 12noon - Coffee Morning - Cricketers Inn  
 14 10.30am - Longparish Little School Pumpkin Contest - Community Hall  
 27 12noon to 2pm - Lunch Club - Village Hall  
 4 Nov 10am - Village Clean Up

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS**

- 10 7.30pm - Gardening Club - Hurstbourne Priors House

**ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT**

- 7 10am to 4pm - Sustainability Day & Repair Café - Village Centre Main Hall  
 10 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
 10 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre Club Room  
 15 10.30am - Family Harvest Festival - St Peter's Church  
 17 7.15pm - 'The Film' - *Whitney Houston - I Wanna Dance with Somebody* - Village Centre Main Hall  
 18 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre Main Hall  
 19 7.30pm - Andover Astronomical Society - Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre



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