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*St Mary Bourne Flower Show & Fête*  
*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July - 12.30pm*

Dear Friends,

This time of year, our beloved corner of Hampshire goes into beautiful full bloom. This is the season to enjoy our gardens and outdoor spaces, which for many of us is a boost to our wellbeing. Of course, July can be a busy time, it's the last month of school before children break up for summer holidays. In these last weeks, there are many school, sporting and social activities for families to attend together.

Our churches are also busy with baptisms and weddings, it is such a blessing to share in the joy of a marriage and the new life of becoming a Christian in baptism and belonging to the local church. At the heart of all these activities is a deep joy in creation, God's gifts of humanity, and how we can enjoy and care for the abundance of nature which surrounds us.

In his 1802 poem *Hymn before Sun-rise, in the Vale of Chamouni* Samuel Taylor Coleridge says:

*Awake, my soul! not only passive praise  
Thou owest! not alone these swelling tears,  
Mute thanks and secret ecstasy! Awake,  
Voice of sweet song! Awake, my heart, awake!  
Green vales and icy cliffs, all join my Hymn.*

Sadly, St Peter's Church in St Mary Bourne was victim of minor vandalism recently, this is because we keep our beautiful churches open seven days a week. Nothing will deter us in keeping on doing so, our oasis of ancient sacred space is open to all people in our community, of all faiths and none. So, if you are passing by, do drop in and enjoy the peace and quiet for a few moments and gather your thoughts in lovely surroundings.

I finish back where I started in considering how lucky we are to live in such a lovely part of the world, yet as I write this reflection, the media reports of the devastation of the Kakhovka dam collapse in Ukraine. The chaos of this event will take many years to put right, from threat to human life and drinking water and the ecology, from pesticides to floating landmines and cholera. If ever it was right to pray for peace in our time it is now. As we lift before God all those in severe hardship because of evils of man, I am reminded by the words of St Paul who urged the church in Rome, not to seek revenge but justice,

**'Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good'**. Lord have Mercy.

Grace and Peace

*David*

*The Revd David Roche  
Vicar*

## The Joy of the Bells

As I write this, I am sitting at my desk hearing the bells of St. Peter's striking the hour and I realised that, for most of my life, I have been able to hear church bells ringing.

At college, the city was full of college chapel and church bells ringing throughout the day; and I have lived being able to hear St. Peter's bells here in St Mary Bourne for over 20 years. Even in London I lived close enough to various churches to be able to hear bells ringing on a Sunday morning.

That's why I can never understand when you hear a news report that someone has complained about the noise of the bells in their local church. They must have expected it!

Our church bells have always played a hugely important part in the lives of our communities over hundreds of years.

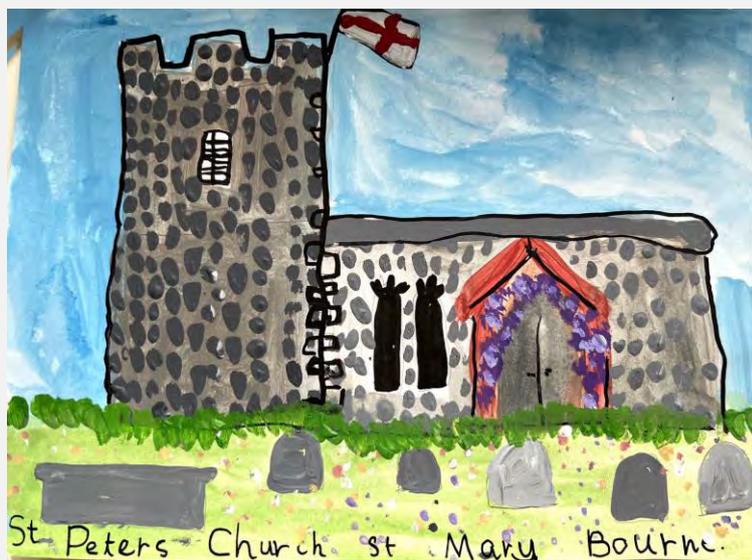
- *The bells marked the hours passing way before we had watches of our own (or smartphones!).*
- *The bells have called us to worship.*
- *The bells mark moments of celebration – both local events like village weddings; and times of national joy such as marking the New Year or in the event of the crowning of a monarch.*
- *The bells mark moments of sadness and remembrance – half muffled on Remembrance Day, and the unique sound of fully muffled bells marking the Queen's death last year.*

So, I could never be without the bells – that wonderful unique English sound of change ringing that we hear every week is as much the sound of a village as is the chink of glasses outside the pub on a sunny afternoon, or the sound of a lazy afternoon's cricket.

So, it seems most appropriate to include this wonderful picture of St Peter's by Scarlett (who also lives in earshot of the bells)!

Thanks Scarlett! Looking at your picture, I can almost hear those bells ringing!!

**RS**



## Services in the Parish Churches

### July & August 2023

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

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Trinity 4

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Holy Communion
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#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 5

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	Evensong Celebration for Revd Chris Theobald
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion
St James', Woodcott		No Service

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 6

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Trinity 7

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Morning Prayer
St James', Woodcott	6.00pm	Evensong

No service

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

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

All Hallow's, Whitchurch	9.30am	Holy Communion
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#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 8

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion
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#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	Benefice Songs of Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Family Praise
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Family Service
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Matins

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

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August

All Hallow's, Whitchurch	10.30am	Benefice Family Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong

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

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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](mailto:rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk)

### From the Church Registers

#### Baptisms

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

Muriel Margaret Hull - 14<sup>th</sup> June - St Nicholas

#### Weddings

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

Congratulations to

Amy Elizabeth Jones and Joseph Edward Jolley - 10<sup>th</sup> June - Longparish

Claire Coultas and Oliver Patrick Lindridge - 16<sup>th</sup> June - Hurstbourne Priors

#### Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Nicholas Glyn Fox

**LET US PRAY** - If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please email

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# Stoke Village Fund 80th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 8th July  
12.30pm - 4pm  
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- As we sadly had to cancel the planned coronation picnic, due to bad weather, we would like to get together to celebrate the anniversary of the Stoke Village Fund.
- Bring your own drinks, picnic and chairs.
- For more information visit the Stoke Village Fund Facebook page.



*The Community Library - Club Room*  
*Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30*

## The Boundary Community Shop & Café - 100 Club

June 2023 draw:

£50 - Pauline Chance      £20 - Jez Ahl  
£20 - Katie Dixon      £10 - R & L Sutcliffe

The next 100 Club Draw: Saturday 8th July / 13th August



## Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning at

**The George Inn** St Mary Bourne on  
**Tuesday 11th July / 8th August at 10.30am**

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

## The Lunch

Our next village lunches will be held on **Wednesday 19th July** and **Wednesday 16th August** at St

Mary Bourne Village Centre, starting to serve at 12.30pm. As usual we will be holding our Summer Raffle at the July lunch. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris Smith on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.

## Go Star Gazing in July

**3 July - Supermoon** - known as Buck Moon.

**6 July - Earth's Aphelion** - this is point on Earth's orbit when it is farthest from Sun.

**17 July - New Moon** - best time to look at dark night sky.

**29-30 July - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.**

Average Meteor Shower producing up to 20 meteors per hour. Best viewed dark location after midnight. *RS*



**JAZZ on the REC**  
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We are raising funds to build a new Community Play Space at the rec. Come and enjoy live jazz on the green with your own picnic (or one of ours!)

£20 ticket | 10-16 £5 | Under 10s FREE  
Saturday 8th July | Pre-order picnic £25  
7-10pm @ the recreational ground, SMB  
Hendricks gin bar, silent auction, ice cream



St Mary Bourne CC have a lot of cricket matches upcoming and are actively seeking new players. We have midweek matches (more than are listed below - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings depending on the week), Saturday and Sunday afternoon matches.

All abilities are welcome. The shorter formats are perfect for those looking to pick up the game again or just get to know the cricket club more

We are seeing more and more parents and teens playing for SMBCC - so if interested - please do contact us on [info@smbcc.co.uk](mailto:info@smbcc.co.uk) or on various social media sites.



The Juniors are still going strong. We are playing 4/5 matches every weekend and all teams are progressing really well. Our last training is Friday 21st July. The Marsden Arms will shut that night until 2024.

Thank you to Tanya Mew and team who have helped feed us and poured a lot of drinks over the summer. That team managed to raise £335 (doubled to £670) for the SMB recreation ground play area funding recently. Well done all. *JO*

Here are the adult fixtures (1pm unless stated):

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul - Away - Old Basing	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Away - St Cross
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul - Away - Oakley	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Home - Longparish
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul - Home - Singh XI	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Away - Odiham
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul - 20/20 - Away - HBP - 6pm	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Home - Andover
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul - Home - Herriard	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Home - Bentworth
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul - Away - St Mary's	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Away - Collingbourne
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul - Home - Ramsdell	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Away - Liphook
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul - Home - Ramsdell	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Home - Presidents Match
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul - Home - Ashford Hill	

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There really is no place finer than England in the summertime. The field across the rec from The Boundary has wheat or some form of grain growing and it is such a height now that it ripples in the wind. Sometimes it can look like the sea as waves of light breeze wash over the crop... it's

just lovely.

Inside, the shop is busy with lots of you stopping by to sample some of our new products. We now stock **scotch eggs** from Hettie Hens and **pork pies** from Brays Cottage as well as the amazing **tomatoes and aubergines** from *Isle of Wight Tomatoes* (previously known as The Tomato Stall). We really do have all the ingredients for a cracking picnic and some great drinks to wash it down with, including our very popular **Vondeling Rosé** in a can (white and red also available but Rosé is by far the most popular).

Talking of popularity, the **ice creams** are flying out of our door at the moment! There really is nothing nicer than really good ice cream in a cone with a flake on top on a hot day! Our ice cream is another local product that comes from *New Forest Ice Cream*. It is great to know that we are surrounded by such fabulous small businesses and that we are doing our bit to support them.

**The café** is also bustling and our lovely Georgie makes beautiful **salads** that are available to eat in as well as take away. Larysa works with us on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the kitchen. She is amazing and works very hard! Please be patient with us during busy times as we only have a little kitchen and we are, therefore, limited as to how much food we can produce at any one time. We will let you know when you order if there is a waiting time.



So, that's it really. Thanks for being there and being part of our amazing journey. It seems incredulous to think that this time last year we hadn't even started building the café. We were still the old shop... it seems like a lifetime ago and very different!

Have a lovely time in the sun, peeps!

*The Boundary Team*



## St Mary Bourne Primary School Governor Vacancies

Are you interested in supporting your community? Then why not consider becoming a governor at St

Mary Bourne Primary School?

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor.

Our governors are a team of volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school. They come from a range of different backgrounds, bringing different skills and experience to the team.

Being a school governor is an enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to work with other governors and the Senior Leadership Team of the school to develop an understanding of school management issues, the well-being of the children and staff, as well as being involved in the life of the school.

Meetings of Governors include discussion and presentations in a range of school matters including curriculum, recruitment, finance and welfare and safeguarding of children and staff.

As a member of the Governing Body, you would be expected to attend 1 meeting a month in the evening.

If you are interested and would like further details, please contact the Clerk to the Governors by email at [h.palmer@st-marybourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:h.palmer@st-marybourne.hants.sch.uk).

To see our school website, go to:

<https://www.stmarybourneschool.co.uk/>



## St Mary Bourne Reception camp out

Oak class at St Mary Bourne organised a camping trip to Spring Hill Camp site. By popular demand Dodie made an appearance with her guitar for some songs by the campfire. Initiative of the Rimmers and team effort from all made this into a great experience.



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## News and Views

### Parish Council Activities

#### Responsibilities around the Parish

Annual allocation of those who have agreed to look after certain aspects of the Council's duties

around the parish will be posted on the Parish Council website - [www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk) .

Contact emails:

#### **Finance**

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More information will also be made available about each sub-group. If anyone feels they would like to contribute or has skills which could add value to the council, please get in touch. 'Many hands make light work'.

If there are issues around the parish, please do not hesitate to get in direct contact with the sub-group. Any enquiries passed to the Clerk will be forwarded to the group lead, as above.

### **New Clerk**

We are all very pleased to confirm that Maxine Owen is the new clerk for the parish. Max had been working behind the scenes through the end of 2022 and helping to get things back on track. She stepped into a temporary position for the first part of 2023 and became permanent at the start of June.

Max has lived in Stoke for many years, with husband Tom and daughter Josie. Max brings a wealth of contract management and customer support experience, having worked in the healthcare industry.

As Max says *'I'm looking forward to how my role as Parish Clerk will help look after this beautiful place we all live in'*.

If you have yet to meet Max, please get in touch to say Hi. Max will be flexible in her hours, but will be happy to meet up at either the Village Centre office or the Boundary Café (and tea without milk if you're thinking of offering!)

**Next parish council meeting:**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July / 8<sup>th</sup> August - 19.30**  
Village Centre Club Room  
Public more than welcome.  
[www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk)

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

Facebook: Search for [www.facebook.com/SMB.PCpage](https://www.facebook.com/SMB.PCpage) - and like and follow to get updates, or arrange to pop along to the parish council office in the Village Centre Club Room for a chat.



Photo: Jeanette Davies

### Memorial Seat at the Recreation Ground for **Tony Grunsell**

A new bench was placed on the edge of the Recreation Ground on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June in memory of Tony Grunsell, a very good friend of the village who died on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The bench was donated by *Londis*, the firm for which Tony had worked for over 40 years. It was installed by his sons, Daniel and Richard and a team of the men who used to work for him who greatly loved and respected him. The location of the bench is on the very spot where Sandra first spotted Tony playing cricket for 'Bourne over 40 years ago.



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

Each week, the Andover foodbank is in need of a variety of food and non-food items, for example:

Tinned Meat - Pasta Sauce - Packets of crisps (multi packs)  
- Bottles of ketchup - Bottles of Mayonnaise - Peanut Butter - Chocolate biscuit bars  
- Shower Gel - Deodorant - Washing up liquid - Toothbrushes - Toothpaste

*Thank you so much.*

### **Andover foodbank**

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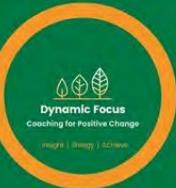
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## Postcard from Binley

As I write (June 12<sup>th</sup>) wet stuff is falling from the sky. Bemused, my dogs and I went out and stood in the garden gawping at the heavens. And then I remembered! Rain! It's been so long but here it is! Fifteen minutes later it stopped. And that has been that. The hedgerows in Binley are taking on an almost autumnal vibe, burnt at the edges and brittle. Water baths for birds dry up in a day and mowers sit sulking in sheds. Flaming June indeed. But men of a certain age up and down the valley who have barely as much as boiled an egg in the last nine months have been squeezing in to last summer's shorts and espadrilles and heading in their droves to Patel's Quickiemart to queue for a bag of charcoal briquettes, a packet of "Elf" firelighters (watch those elves burn!) and just to be sure, a gallon of super unleaded. Yes, the season of the carbonised sausage is in full swing. Let me be clear, I loathe BBQ's. I don't see why I should put my health in the hands of a culinary nincompoop lording it up in his testosterone fuelled, two metre exclusion zone as he doles out burnt raw chicken and burgers mechanically retrieved and assembled from the most obscene and unpalatable parts of the beast. Try giving advice or requests? Forget it mate! Forget it! These are the Johnnies to Cradock's Fanny and there is no reasoning with them. An intervention can result in a fork impaled in the back of your hand so don't say you haven't been warned! On reflection it's interesting that most countries which actually have a decent summer, complete with sunshine, have nothing to do with barbecues. Cook inside, eat outside – that's their summer motto and we should embrace it.

But a battle is being lost here in Binley and the adversary is bindweed. I am overrun with the stuff and no sooner is it ripped from the ground then it starts elsewhere. I've never known any plant whose roots run so deep so if anyone has some advice it would be gratefully received. And talking of unwanted vegetation, Sandra Hirst writes from Stoke concerned about the proliferation of Hemlock growing along the banks of the Bourne and what should she do about it? Hmm. Chop it up and put it in the old man's salad? (Just kidding, Bryan!) But she is correct and it is very easy to mistake for cow parsley. Eating even a small amount of any part of this plant can kill you so I thought it worth a mention here as children do so enjoy messing around on the banks of our beloved stream. This warning of course comes some 2,422 years too late for poor old Socrates who died by being forced to drink a Hemlock home-brew back in 399 BC. Another reason to beware of Greeks bearing gifts!

I have just spent some time up in Suffolk where my mother is recovering from a broken hip and I had a very pleasant two days pushing her around Southwold, the most ferociously genteel of towns.

The residents are pure of vowel and pink of corduroy and if the local Conservative party were to put up a baboon's bottom as their candidate it would surely be returned on account of it being blue. The Suffolk coast is impressive in so much it retains its character and remains pretty much unspoilt. At Aldeburgh the small fishing boats are winched up on to the shingle beach and shrimp are boiled in rusted oil drums to be consumed warm, shells and all from greaseproof bags, sat in a bus shelter staring out at the grey expanse of ocean and all under the hulking shadow of Sizewell B Nuclear Power Station.

"Duffers Fortnight" is just about over now. If you don't know, this is the (roughly) two week window when the Mayfly hatches on our chalk streams are at their peak and it was considered easy even for "Duffers" to catch a fish. Experience tells me this isn't always so black and white. The trout, fat and gorged on the things become lazy and picky as one would if one lived permanently in Harrod's Food Hall. But my point here is I want to encourage children to fish. Fishing has taken me to some wonderful places. It all started as a child on the canals and rat brown rivers of East London and Essex and finished in the glory of Speyside in May and the achingly beautiful wilderness of Sutherland, and I consider myself to be extremely fortunate. To sit beside a small pond with a worm on a hook and watch a float bobbing is mesmerising and should not be underestimated. I taught my own children to fish on the ponds at Vale Farm in Longparish, a perfect place to start as children demand instant action and with a little rod, line and float and a tub of worms or maggots they'll get exactly that. Pop into Challis's Tackle in Andover for all the help and advice you could ever want. It's inexpensive and one of the best investments in your children you could ever make.

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## Water: A Precious But Limited Resource

In England, we're lucky enough that access to clean drinking water requires only a turn of the tap. This incredible natural resource is so readily available in fact that we can easily forget about its limitations. But recent summers have painted a worrying picture: increasing demand coupled with insufficient supply.

The UK's population is set to increase by around four million people by 2045. Climate change is shifting our weather towards longer dry spells interspersed with flash flooding. Even in today's conditions, a period of extreme drought would result in a water supply deficit of 500 million litres per day - enough to supply three million people.

This is a problem because our primary water sources - lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and aquifers - have a limited supply. What's more, if too much water is taken then waterbodies can grow overly warm and shallow. Oxygen is lost and pollutants become concentrated. Amazing animals like the mayfly and brown trout can overheat and suffocate.



Marsh Marigold on the River Itchen from underwater

To address this pressing problem, England's water companies are required to create Water Resources Management Plans. These documents detail how they intend to balance water supply and demand for at least the next 25 years. New plans for 2024 are currently in development, and they will have huge implications for nature.

If you would like to explore your water company's draft Water Resources Management Plan, it will be available somewhere on their website. Southern Water's, for example, can be read at [www.southernwater.co.uk/water-resources](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/water-resources). Unfortunately, the plans themselves can be lengthy, technical, and difficult to decipher.

To unravel this important but complex topic, we're holding two free online talks this August. Our speakers will explore the context and contents of the 2024 plans, including their potential impact on our rare and precious chalk streams:

### **The Murky World of Water Resources**

Guest speaker: WildFish - 10<sup>th</sup> August, 7-8pm

### **Southern Water's 2024 Water Resources Management Plan**

Guest speaker: Southern Water - 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 7-8pm

To book your tickets for these talks, visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/events](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/events). To learn more about our local chalk streams, visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).

*The Watercress and Winterbournes Landscape Partnership Scheme is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.*



## Top Tips about Water Conservation

- **Serving water** – place a jug of water in the fridge so you have chilled water ready to drink, rather than running your tap until the water runs cold.

- **Rinsing vegetables** – instead of running vegetables under a tap (which can waste up to nine litres

a minute), wash them in a bowl. You can save up to £51 a year, plus soaking makes them easier to peel. After, you can use what's in the bowl to water your plants too.

- **Check for leaking toilets** – a leaky loo can waste up to 400 litres a day.

- **Boiling the kettle** – only boil the amount of water you need. This can cut the energy cost of boiling your kettle by a third. In fact, if everyone did it, the UK could save more than £1 million a week.

- **Only push one button on a dual flush loo** – push small for pee, large for poo – never both. You could save 10 litres a day.

- **Cleaning clothes and dishes** – wait until you have a full load before running your washing machine or dishwasher. Cutting just one cycle a week will save over 5,000 litres of water and £7 a year.

- **Work smarter, not harder** – If you're wearing something smart for online meetings, you don't need to wash it after every wear. Just hang it up so you can wear it again.

- **Washing yourself** – on average, a bath uses 80 litres of water, while a shower uses just 35. Swapping a daily bath for a shower uses less than half as much water, saving you around £50 a year. Use a water-efficient showerhead for even bigger savings.

- **Taking a shower** – in the shower, you can save water in so many ways:

- 1) Try swapping to a water efficient showerhead.

- 2) Turn off the water between shampooing, conditioning and washing your body.

- 3) One minute less in the shower saves up to 15 litres each time - for a four-person household this could mean up to £75 off your energy bill over a year.

- 4) Planning to exercise? Save the shower till after your workout.

- 5) Use a container to collect water while you shower, then use it to flush the toilet – you could save 12 litres a day and £15 a year.

- **Brushing your teeth** – by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth, you can stop 8,000 litres of water going to waste and save approximately £15 a year.

- **Flushing the loo** – only flush the toilet when you really need to (remember: if it's yellow, let it mellow).

- **Caring for your home** – keep an eye out for [leaks at your home](#), for example, a damp patch in your garden on a dry day. As well as wasting water, leaks can cost you money and – if ignored – cause damage to your home.

- **Doing DIY** – a dripping tap can waste 15 litres a day or 5,500 litres a year, which is the equivalent of a bathtub of water a week. You can learn [how to fix a dripping tap](#) – in most cases, you simply need to change the washer which could save you £7 a year.

- **Watering plants** – Use a container to collect water when running taps to get cool or hot and use that water to water plants or flush the loo.

## Use yer loaf!

'Loaf of bread' = 'head' in Cockney rhyming slang, for this rather pointed advice. Bread was a staple in the village diet, such that there were eight bakers in these parishes 150 years ago, and much home breadmaking. The Lord's Prayer bids us recognise our dependency on the cereal harvest and to pray, *Give us this day our daily bread*. So, while we can easily see the point of Harvest Thanksgiving, when 'all be safely gathered in', there are also faint traces of a celebration of the first fruits of the harvest, catching the moment of hope and anticipation. The festival was called Lammas, 'loaf-mass', and was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> August (the 13<sup>th</sup> in old money, after the 1752 calendar change). A loaf was baked from the first cut of the wheat and presented in church for the Mass, which places it in the medieval Catholic church of this country. But there does not seem to be any local memory of it as a church festival.



It certainly registered with the compilers of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, who list it as one of the minor feast days of the Church of England. But it seems to have completely



lost its energy since then, despite times when bread was the staple of country folk and not an optional choice. In some areas, Lammas was a day when tithes were paid. There are also Lammas Lands, fields where there was a common right of pasture after the harvest. It was a marker for the end of haymaking and the beginning of the cereal harvest, though of course that varied in each season. Richard Jefferies, the rural writer born in Coate near Swindon, writing in 1880 talked about Latter Lammas men, a jibe for farmers who had not finished their haymaking by 13<sup>th</sup> August. But, he noted, in 1879 the hay harvest had not been finished by September: in some years it was completed by St Swithun's day, 15 July. Lammas was a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest, but also a prayer for the very hard communal work which was now to come, and for suitable conditions for it to go well. Their welfare depended on it.

Perhaps if we buy or bake bread on 1st August, we might offer our own Lammas prayer of thanks: *O God, whose Son blessed the loaves that were brought to him: bless this bread made from your gift in creation that those who live near and those who live far may share in your bounty and find health for body, mind and spirit. Bless our farmers!*

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Like many people in the village, we enjoy watching the garden birds who visit our feeders. Recently we've had several cases of finches with trichomonosis (canker), a highly infectious bird disease which is harmless to humans and animals but fatal in small birds. It typically affects finches, doves and pigeons, but can also occur in cage birds and chickens. The disease is easily spread where birds are concentrated in one place, so we stopped putting food out for a few weeks as advised on the RSPB website. We've always tried to minimize the risk of infections by cleaning our feeders at least once a week and we sterilized them before we put them back out, but the following day we were visited by a greenfinch with canker, so we've had to stop feeding again. It's been hard to watch birds turn up looking for food that isn't there, but we have to be cruel to be kind! Please be vigilant, it's heartbreaking to see birds suffering in this way. Visit the RSPB website for more information.

Laura Sturt

### Hill & Valley parish magazine 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 Michael on ☎ **07880 808111** / [hillandvalley@btinternet.com](mailto:hillandvalley@btinternet.com)



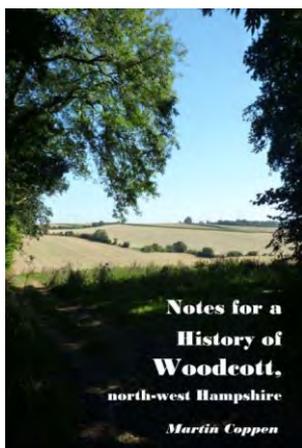
Many thanks to Pearl Pritchard who has just retired after six years as StMB editor of Hill & Valley. When she took on the role, she had no children. Now she has three lovely daughters, a full time job and is actively involved with family, school and community events.

Well done Pearl, you have done a great job.

### Notes for a History of Woodcott

Notes for a History of Woodcott is available for £10 for the benefit of St James' Church, Woodcott.

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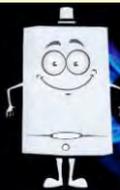
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## REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 12 JUNE

### PLANNING

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to:

- Change of use of a parcel of land (Retrospective) at Matbro Industrial Estate (part of Harewood Industrial Estate) with a request for strict conditions to be imposed
- Two-storey rear extension at Carpenters Cottage, Basingstoke Road

An **OBJECTION** was raised against the proposal for a new distillery and visitor centre at **River Test Distillery** on the basis that it was felt that the application lacked important detail

### VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Working Party's questionnaire has been publicised (details contained within this edition of Hill & Valley) inviting parishioners to have their say on the content of this important village planning document.

### FINANCE & PROCEDURAL

Recommendations made by the Finance Working Party were approved, including a grant in favour of Longparish Cricket Club towards the purchase and erection of a ball-stop barrier between the cricket pitch and the playground. The Parish Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and Risk Assessment were reviewed and approved.

### WEBSITE

A new-look website is almost ready to be launched, and the PC is hopeful that this will be available from 26 June. The existing website remains accessible, with a wealth of information including previous meeting Minutes available to the public.

### HIGHWAYS

The PC has been in contact with the Safer Roads team at Hampshire County Council to explore safety measures for the Southside Road/B3048 junction. This is ongoing.

### OPEN SPACES

The inspection of the playground by ROSPA Playsafety took place in May, and a report shows that the equipment is generally in good order. The zip line seat has dropped since it was installed, so this will require some attention. The swing bolts have recently been tightened, and the PC would be very grateful if users of the park could report loosening swing bolts or any other potential hazards to the Clerk asap. The contact number is on the playground gates (and at the top of this summary).

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 10 July**.

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)

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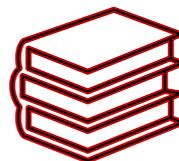
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## The joys of summer playtime on the school field

As soon as the first whiff of summer comes, the children are desperately keen that break and lunchtime play moves off the playground and onto the field.



Whilst there is the space on our playground for all our children to run around safely and get some fresh air through the winter months, the freedom of the field brings with it adventure, imaginative play, and a sense of freedom.



We allow children to gather sticks and make dens. Occasionally, disagreements occur and raids on dens create upset, but this is part of the learning opportunities, and we have plenty of staff on duty to support and engage positive play.



The children love it. More space in the middle to play football. Just lying on the grass watching is enough for some. But for many, it is the small world play

and make-believe adventures that occur on the periphery of the field that is such a joy to watch.



Mark Ward  
Headteacher



## Longparish Little School

Firstly, we have an update on birds and tadpoles. The bluetits in our bird camera box were very good parents and brought lots of food for their chicks. All the seven chicks successfully fledged. The tadpoles have now all grown their legs and become froglets and have hopped off to find a new home.

We celebrated World Bee Day, in May by cooking some toast on our campfire in Forest School. For our snack we spread honey on the



toast to eat. We also learned about how bees are very important. How honeybees pollinate plants and how they make spare honey so we can have some. We saw some solitary bees going into our bug hotel to lay their eggs. When we had our cooking afternoon with some of Robins class the children made honey biscuits.

If you would like to see some photos of all the exciting this we do at Little School you can go to our website [www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk](http://www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup](https://www.facebook.com/longparishplaygroup)

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We are celebrating another fantastic May Fayre and are delighted to say we raised an incredible £9,590! Thank you to everyone that came along, donated items or volunteered their time.



We have some exciting plans for the money raised this year. We are funding £5,000 towards Chromebooks and purchasing a bookshelf for the school library, to display picture books. Another £5,000 will be held in reserve for a larger fundraising project next year. Watch this space for details!

In Spring 2022, we received funding from Hampshire County Council’s Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund, allowing us to expand our second-hand school uniform sales. One year on, we are impressed with how many items have been re-homed. Over 200 items of school uniform have been re-used, diverting 60kg of clothing from household waste. Our second-hand uniform sales have raised over £500 for FoLS. Thank you to Hampshire County Council for their support.

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

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

It was hot for the June race. We welcomed new runner Ben Pitman and welcomed back Jon Woods after a seven-year break. Ben is fast, very fast and he nearly claimed the course record. But the handicap system worked, and he finished 4th just behind our two slowest (but most improved) runners!



**Sam's flying finish**

It was so hot that the usual patter of running feet was enhanced by the noise of shoes unsticking from the tarmac in some places. First home in his fastest time since breaking his ankle was Jeremy Barber who became our Most Improved Man. Sam Hunt in 3rd place was our Rising Star with another new personal record. Well done! Most Improved Woman was Christina Searle.

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

The next race is on **Sunday, 9 July**, 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)

**Longparish Cricket Club**

After a dismal start to May, summer finally arrived, and cricket is now fully up and running after a slow start. At the youngest end of the Club, we are delighted to have welcomed a record number of children to a very enjoyable 8 weeks of All Stars sessions this summer. Numbers have steadily improved in the other junior age groups and some entertaining matches have been contested. The men's teams have had mixed fortunes in the League fixtures with the 2nds currently being the most successful of the 3 teams.

We are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Village Cricket Day on **July 2nd** including the annual Longparish Village Club cricket match – Pimms, hot dogs, teas and loads of fun! Our annual Golf Day and Presentation Evening is planned for early September at the end of the season. We hope to see as many as possible at these events.  
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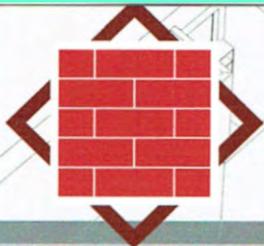
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## LONGPARISH WILDLIFE SWALLOWS, HOUSE MARTINS & SWIFTS

A lot of people have been asking me about the difference between the three species of common birds. They all have a similar forked tail, but they have some distinct features to look for when trying to identify them.

### SWALLOW



Swallows are the first to arrive late March-early April. They have a black back underparts are buff white

and if you can get close enough, they have a red-chestnut face. They have a forked tail with streamers 2-7cms long.

### HOUSE MARTIN



House Martins are the second one to arrive mid-April. They are 10% smaller than the

Swallow and have no streamers. Upperparts are blue-black with a white rump; underparts are white.

### SWIFT



Swifts are the last to arrive late April they are also the first to leave early in August. They have

black, brown back and underparts and a white chin. Their wings are longer and thinner and fly a lot faster than the others. When the young have left the nest, they gather in large groups and fly low over the roof tops screaming.

Chris Bowman

### Longparish Gardening Club



**Tuesday 25th July 6 pm**  
Evening visit to gardens in Barton Stacey.  
Any queries please to **Rosie Lowry**  
**01264720325** or **Marion Bell**  
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### Summer Countryside Club for families

Over the summer holidays, Greening Longparish are holding two countryside events to encourage children to be confident in the countryside and to learn how to identify the rich variety of plants and animals in the village.

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Pond Dipping

Meet at the village green, at Long bridge at the Cleeves. Grid Ref SU 443 449



### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Looking at Chalk plants and insects



Meet near the top of Southside Hill, at the Radio Mast entrance on the left. There will be signs out. You can park in the field. Nearest Postcode SO21 3QS Grid ref SU 436 433

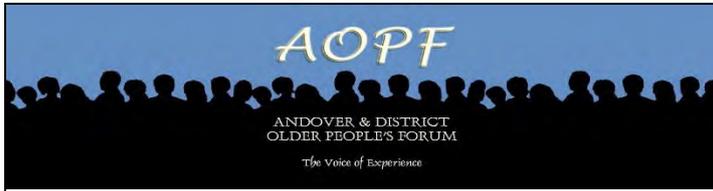
All children must be accompanied by their adults.

Refreshments will be provided but it would be helpful to bring own water and snacks. Please wear appropriate clothing and sun cream.



For more information or to book for either date please phone:

**Paul Knipe 01264 720 713 Mobile 07941 756 259** or **Liz Benedetto 07909 553126**  
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At the end of April, the Andover & District Older People's Forum held their AGM. Open to everyone, there were many new faces as well as old friends and Jenny, our Chairperson was able to tell us about all the visiting Speakers, we had over the year. We also heard how the Forum had been involved in local affairs and the decisions on issues taken on our behalf. We had made our voices heard on other fronts that affect older people such as Health, Care Provision and transport and supported the call for a Commissioner for Older People and Ageing. Our special "Full of Life" event of the year for 2022 centred on Intergenerational togetherness and since then we have been involved in many initiatives bringing the generations together.

After celebrating the meeting with refreshments, which as it was the AGM, included Jenny's fantastic cakes and with AGM business concluded we were joined by Alison Wood of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers in Hampshire. Alison told us all about the Trust and it is amazing the amount they do to support some of the very many Carers in our community.

Our next meeting will be at our usual venue the **Baptist Church, Charlton Road Andover**. The date is **Thursday 27 July starting at 2.15pm**. On this occasion we are really looking forward to having Ann Orr join us. Ann's subject is entitled, "**Are you legally prepared?**" We will hear all about Wills, Lasting Power of Attorney and other legal matters particularly affecting older people and Ann is happy to answer questions too.

The Agenda is looking exciting so why not come along. There will be refreshments and a Raffle and lots to talk about.



**LUNCH CUB**



**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**12.00 - 2.00pm**

**Booking essential Andrea Harris 720 457 or Christian Dryden 720 398**

**Mansfield Park**

On 15 June, Mansfield Park was created on Longparish football field. But this was more than a Regency drama; this inventive and intelligent outdoor production revealed a fresh perspective on Jane Austen's classic romance. The story was told by an all-black cast of five who each adopted many roles, sometimes hilarious, sometimes thought provoking and always well-acted.



**The stage is created on the football field**

Young Fanny Price was sent to Mansfield Park to stay with her rich cousins in the hope that she would be able to better herself by finding a rich husband. As a poor outsider she began to question the source of her cousins' wealth: a plantation in Antigua.

Antigua is where Mary Prince, former slave and author of The History of Mary Prince lived before she came to England. Her book made a huge contribution to the debate about abolition of slavery. Could she have been a servant at Mansfield Park? Probably not but this is theatre, so the stories of Fanny Price and Mary Prince were woven together.



**Mary Prince tells her story**

At the end Jane Austen took to the stage and explained the allusions to the abolition debate hidden in her book. That bit is true as an Internet search will show.

Thank you to the Village Hall committee who promoted the show. To sum it up ... It was fun, it was not what I was expecting, and it made me think. JB

**BINGO NIGHT**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
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**Scottish and Southern Electricity  
Networks Priority Services Register**

A representative from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) attended the May Lunch Club and explained how SSEN can help communities become more resilient in the event of a prolonged power cut.

They talked through their Priority Services Register that residents who may need extra support during a power cut can sign up to. Those eligible to join the Priority services are:

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Hello all! What beautiful weather we are having, and you certainly love our secluded summer garden! Sunday evenings we have our splendid real woodfired pizza oven every Sunday until the summers end.

A few things for your diaries –  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** from **6pm** we have the amazing Longparish Choir, singing summer tunes into the evening.  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** we are host to the Andover Music festival, music from talented local artists, Barbeque, and pizzas.

**August bank holiday weekend, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**, we have the incredible Beatles band again – if you missed them last time make sure you don't miss them again!!

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



**Muriel Margaret Hull  
Feb. 22, 1929 – May 25, 2023**

Our wonderful mother was born Muriel Margaret Watton on 22 February 1929 on her grandfather's farm near Hambledon. Sadly, her father was killed in a motor accident when she was five. She, her brother, and mother lived with her grandparents there until 1938.

In 1943 they moved to Manor Farm in Goodworth Clatford where, tragically, her mother was killed by a doodlebug leaving Mum and her brother alone. She won a scholarship to Portsmouth Commercial College where she studied finance and book-keeping. She settled back in Andover and worked in the Accounts Department at Watson & Haig, Taskers and eventually spent many happy years working in Lloyds Bank in Andover. She met our father, Frank, at a darts match in The Plough and they were married in March 1954 and moved to Longparish to live with her in-laws in Baptist Cottage (now known as Little Beck).

In 1956 they got a house on North Acre, and this remained her home for the rest of her life. Here she had her family, Peter, and Jackie. Muriel purchased the news agency for Longparish. She ran her news agency for a number of years picking up the papers every morning at 4.30 on the A303 and was very successful. Eventually, she sold it to a young Pat Burke who of course continues to this day. She then worked for a Mr Berry who owned the Amateur Winemaker and Standard Press and after our father's death at the age of 45, she finished her working life at the Independent Broadcasting Authority at Crawley Court.

Muriel always loved Longparish with a passion. Walking her many dogs in the woods, belonging to local groups like the Wives Club, W.I. where she was president for a year, and she served on the Village Hall Committee for many years as treasurer.

Muriel was very proud when my sister had her son Jason, and she had her first grandchild. Jason used to spend much time with his Nan, and they always had a very close relationship, and she was very proud when he had a son, Connor.

Mum suffered from Alzheimer's Disease latterly and it was sad to watch her decline. She always wanted to die in her own home. We are so glad she achieved that, and we are grateful to all those who helped us care for her.

Peter & Jackie



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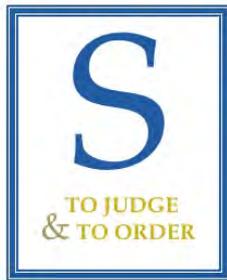
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## WEATHER – MAY 2023

Total rainfall for month	45mm	1.77ins
It rained on	6 days	
Total for 2023	431mm	16.97ins
Total for 2022	283mm	11.14ins
Max temp (28 <sup>th</sup> )	27C	80F
Max night temp (27 <sup>th</sup> )	10C	50F
Min temp (16 <sup>th</sup> )	5C	41F

We had a dry period from 19<sup>th</sup> May and continuing into June, but total rainfall is still well up on last year.

*John Smail*

### St. Andrew's Reels Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the Barn at Chapmansford Farm House

Hurstbourne Priors PCC invite you to the St. Andrew's reels in aid of the maintenance of St Andrew's Church on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, Duke of Perth, Hamilton House and the Reel of the 51<sup>st</sup>.

Tickets are £40 each to include a two-course dinner, glass of fizz with canapés 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](mailto: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 Tuesday, 12 September at Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall from 7pm.

We do hope you will join us.

*Fenella Williams, Ann Orr, Ian and Denise Bradley,  
Julia Mattison, Charles and Joanna Ekins  
Your St. Andrew's Reels Committee*

## Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every other month, and anyone is welcome to attend in order to raise any concerns or to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council. There is no need to notify the Parish Council that you wish to attend. However, if it is a subject that requires some research, then please do let me, the Parish Clerk, know prior to the meeting so that I can make sure Councillors have an opportunity to look into the matter.

The dates for the remaining meetings in 2023 are as follows:

- July 26<sup>th</sup>
- September 27<sup>th</sup>
- November 29<sup>th</sup>

All meetings start at 6.30pm and are held in the Village Hall.

*Richard Waterman  
Clerk to Hurstbourne Priors PC*

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## Ladies Coffee Morning

Our July coffee morning will be hosted by Helen Mehaffey on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> from 10.15am at the Limes (opposite the equestrian centre). Everyone welcome!

There will not be a coffee morning in August but we will meet again in September.

Happy holidays!

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))



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### **Please Help Us with Vital Fundraising**

We're in need of energetic people to join our Fundraising Working Group; a small team which helps the Mill with its fundraising and events programmes by coming up with ideas and helping to facilitate their success. If you'd like to join, please contact us.

### **Open Air Theatre – *The Tempest***

On 8<sup>th</sup> July theatre company SISATA is presenting Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in the grounds of the Mill. The play's themes of human lust for power and control, and lives endangered by devastating storms, are modern-day themes too, and SISATA's production is set on the Isle of Portland in Dorset, drawing from experiences of climate change and the power of nature and its potentially devastating effects on coastal communities. Can the potential for a tempest crisis unite the locals to live and love and work together with nature to battle the inevitable tide of climate change? Will love win the day? Find out, by joining us for an entertaining

evening of words and music starting at 6.45. Doors open at 5.30 to allow you to choose your spot and get your picnic organised. Tickets are available via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/sisata/t-moeydpv](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sisata/t-moeydpv) #thepowerofnature #PortlandTempest

### **The Parish Fete**

The Mill and the Gill Nethercott Centre are jointly hosting the Parish Fete on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. You can expect a great family afternoon with all the usual fete stalls and activities. In the evening there will be 'An Evening of Music at the Mill' – tickets £5. See posters on social media and around the town.

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## Garden tasks for July and August

July and August are fantastic months to nurture your garden. To make the most of this time, here are the four tasks that will keep you busy and your garden thriving throughout the summer:

1. Pruning and deadheading – July and August are prime months for pruning and deadheading spent blooms. Trim back overgrown branches, remove faded flowers and watch plants burst with new growth. This not only promotes healthy growth but also encourages a second wave of blooms.
2. Regular watering – ensure your plants stay hydrated by watering consistently. Early mornings or evenings are best. Don't forget to feed your plants with a balanced fertiliser to replenish essential nutrients.
3. Tackling weed infestations – spend some time each week pulling out weeds from your flower beds, veg patches and pathways.
4. Autumn planting preparation – start planning your autumn garden by preparing the soil and considering which plants to grow. Research and make a list of autumn blooming flowers, cold tolerant vegetables and even plant bulbs for next spring.

## Barbara's Word of the Month!

Firstly, we have CALEFACTION followed by CALIDITY. Finally, I have to include DOG DAYS. All these words have a connection to the weather we are currently experiencing, which is where I began my searching. So basically, they are the lesser-known vocabulary for our current hot spell.

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## Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club – “Up, the Priors, and at ‘em”

### **Basingstoke & North Hants V (98 / all out) | HPCC (100 / 1)**

#### **HPCC won by 9 wickets**

A Nautiyal 47*	S Ralph 6-17
K Brown 35	N Tiwari 2-23

### **Ashford Hill II (120/ 9) | HPCC (171 / 9)**

#### **HPCC won by 51 runs**

M Johnson 41	N Tiwari 3-21
S Ralph (c) 31*	S Ralph 2-0

### **Froxfield II (138 / all out) | HPCC (215 / 6)**

#### **HPCC won by 77 runs**

R Kumar (c) 67	R Kumar 3-20
C Urquhart 65	K Patel 2-3

### **Compton & Chandlers Ford IV (141 / 8) | HPCC (199 / all out)**

#### **HPCC won by 58 runs**

S Ralph (c) 62*	S Naik 3-29
A Nautiyal 30	M Clay 2-7

### **Aldershot CC V (168 / 9) | HPCC (172 / 9)**

#### **HPCC won by 1 wicket**

W Shahinian 40	N Tiwari 3-34
R Kumar 33*	S Naik 2-26
M Johnson 27	

Once again, the percussive and familiar crack of leather on willow and roar of sporting contest echo evocatively through our little corner of England, as Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club embarks on its summer campaign in the Hampshire Leagues.

And at the risk of putting the mockers on us, what a successful campaign it has been thus far, with 5 wins from 5 matches played. We have enjoyed superb leadership from our captain, Si Ralph, whose late father, Derek, played for the village for 20-odd years up to the 90s. As is often the case in life, experience has triumphed over youth, with HPCC and its potent mix of grizzled sergeants and raw conscripts emerging victorious against teams packed with fresh complexions, fulsome manes, and lissom bodies.

Pre-season concerns about player numbers have not manifested themselves and we are welcoming new volunteers regularly, bounty hunters drawn to the colours by tales of glory on the field of play. The crucible of faith is later in the summer when holidays pose that annual conundrum to all village cricketers: taking rooms in a Victorian guesthouse in Bognor with the family versus the clarion call of the drums and trumpets of war.

There have been too many superb individual performances to allow a roll of honour here, but we

must mention our very own Charlie Urquhart, who graced us with his presence shod in fluorescent orange tennis shoes and sporting a figure-hugging Sergio Tacchini number. For those of you old enough to remember, and by this, I mean 99.9% of the village, it was of little surprise the opposition nicknamed him Greg, after the renowned British Canadian tennis player of the last century. Fortunately, our ‘Greg’ dismissed such childish barbs with a masterful 65 on debut that included some beautiful stroke play – all the more impressive for the fact that he has enjoyed a full international tennis career, started a rock band, and ascended the greasy pole of the legal profession in the 30 years since he last donned white flannels.

The revival of cricket in the village has been due to the efforts of many, driven a zealous few, and as a result we are incredibly lucky to be able to play in such beautiful surroundings on such an outstanding wicket. Please feel able to come and spectate at our home fixtures, details of which are pinned to the lych gate and pavilion noticeboards.

As always, new players are welcome – please contact Steve Cady, the club secretary: [cadysteve@hotmail.com](mailto:cadysteve@hotmail.com). We ‘train’ every Wednesday evening from 5.30 – 6pm onwards at Hurstbourne Priors.

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Fee includes a morning snack and a 3-course buffet lunch.

Please contact us soon for further information as places are limited.

<https://www.andover-rda.org.uk/golf-day>

## Seasonal Recipe of the Month

It's watermelon time in the UK and here's a recipe to make the most of the season.

Ingredients

- 400g watermelon
- 1 cucumber
- 1 red onion
- Handfull of fresh mint leaves
- 100g feta cheese
- 2 table spoons of extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of one lemon
- Salt and pepper

Cut up all ingredients except the mint, oil and lemon and pop in a bowl.

Combine lemon juice, oil and seasoning.

Pour over the bowl, add torn up mint leaves.

Eat and enjoy!



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- The George Inn
- 8 12.30to 4pm - Stoke Village Fund 80<sup>th</sup>
- 8 7 to 10pm - **Jazz on the Rec**
- 11 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 11 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting  
- Village Centre Club Room
- 19 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre
- 29 12.30pm - **Flowershow & Fête**

### August

- 6 10am to 12 Noon - 'The Repair Café'  
- The George Inn
- 8 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 11 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting  
- Village Centre Club Room
- 16 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre
- Saturday mornings** - 10.30am to 12.30pm  
- **The Community Library** - Village Centre

## LONGPARISH

- 1 6pm - Longparish Choir - The Cricketers
- 2 **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Village Cricket Day** - Cricket Ground
- 4 7.30pm - Bingo - Village Hall
- 9 9am - L2S0TM Race - Cricket Ground
- 10 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 14 9.15am - Litter Pick - Village Hall
- 14 10am to 12pm - Coffee Morning - The Plough
- 24 **Greening** - Pond Dipping - Longbridge, Cleeves
- 25 6pm - Gardening Club - Barton Stacey Gardens
- 28 12 to 2pm - **Lunch Club** - Village Hall

### August

- 1 7.30pm - Bingo - Village Hall
- 2 **Greening** - Chalk plants and Insects  
- Radio Mast Entrance
- 25 12 to 2pm - Lunch Club - Village Hall

## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

- 18 10.15am - Ladies Coffee Morning - The Limes
- 26 6.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- Every Wednesday** - Cricket training - Cricket Ground

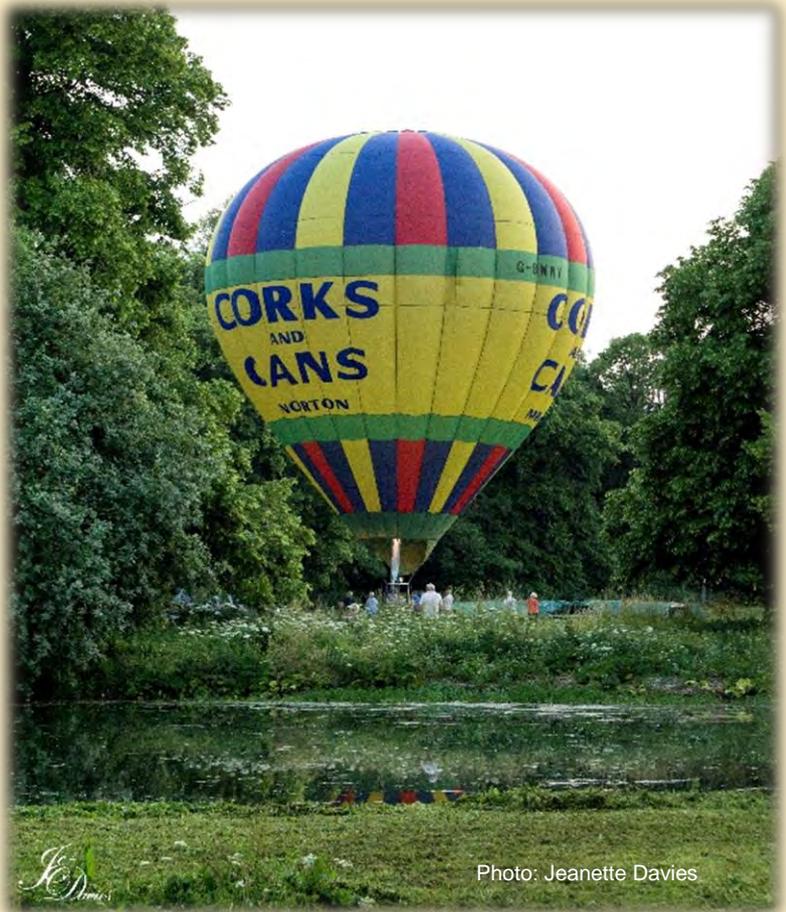


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