

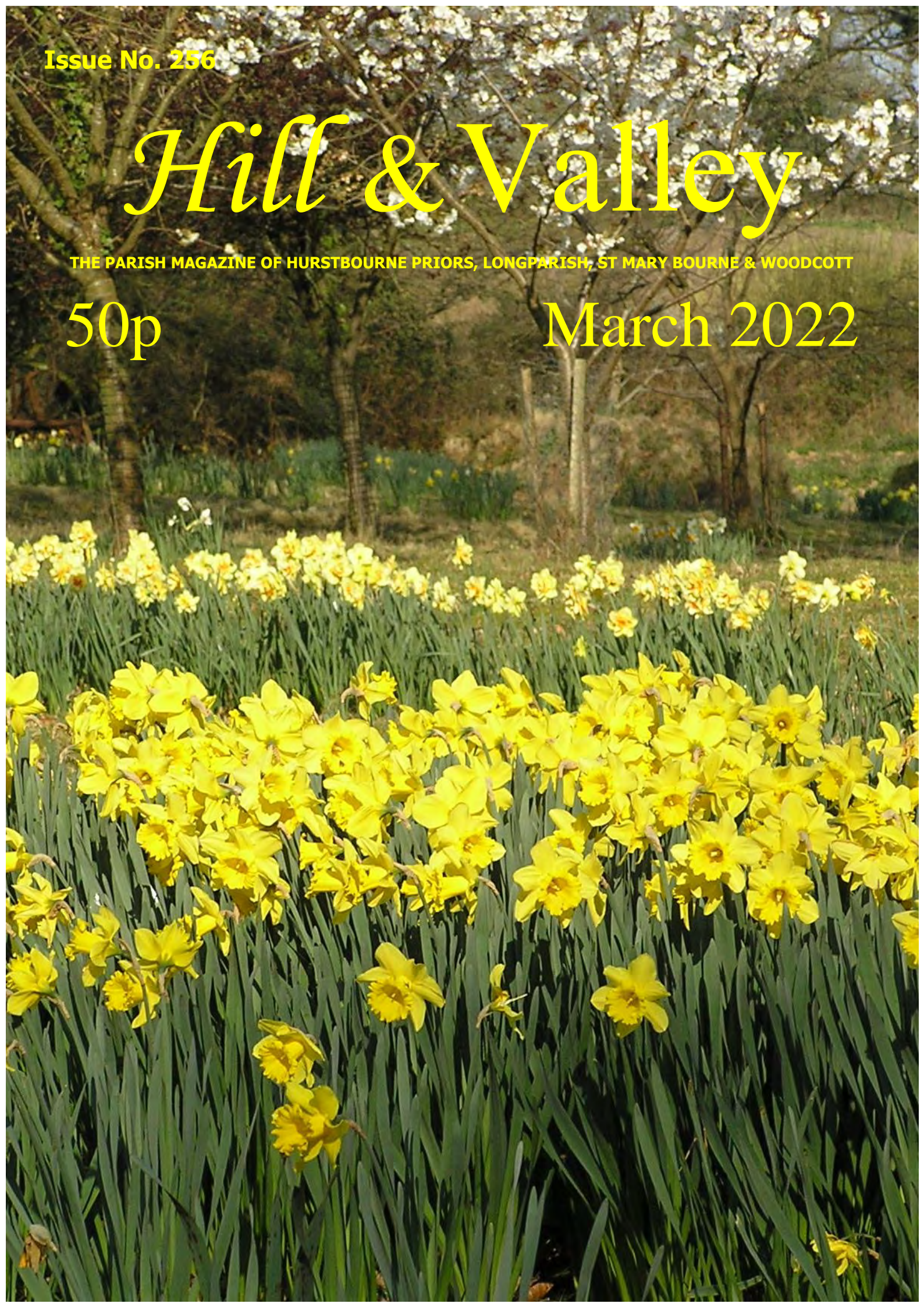
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Dear Friends,

As I write this piece for March, snow drops are proudly adorning our foliage with daffodils swiftly following behind, one can't but notice and the morning bird song calling for Spring, and evenings becoming ever lighter. As I reflect on the beauty of God's creation, it reminds me of the seasons in the church liturgical calendar. This year Lent begins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. I always encourage my congregations to ask why we bother to observe Lent, since it isn't in the bible, rather is something Christians have devised? The early church began to observe Lent from about 190 AD. It is modelled on Jesus' forty days fasting and prayer in the wilderness and was originally a time to prepare people for baptism on Easter Day.

In the wilderness Jesus was tested and rejected sin, all in preparation for his ministry. I don't believe Lent is supposed to be a gloomy time to punish ourselves by giving things up to please God. It is actually a time of spiritual renewal to put aside things that might keep us from loving and serving Christ. In the Lenten season we are invited to walk the way of the cross with Jesus, to consider the destructive reality of human sin and the cost of laying down our lives for others. So Lent is a season to understand afresh the generosity of God and reaffirm our commitment to Christ, in this way it mirrors Advent.

In the wilderness Jesus was hungry for food, but he was hungrier for God! In this way the emphasis is not so much fasting from food, but feasting on the word of God. We declare it is God who sustains us, not chocolate, not the internet, my mobile phone, social media or TV! There is no hard fixed rule what we should fast, but we know Jesus set an example to his disciples because he says 'When you

fast...' Jesus' assumption is that his followers will fast as part of their devotion to God. John Wesley said 'Some have exalted religious fasting beyond all scripture and reason; and others have utterly disregarded it'. Fasting is centred on God so that when we deny ourselves food or activity, we can spend more time with God. So what will you give up or start doing this lent? Pope Francis famously said:

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*

*Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*

*Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*

*Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*

*Fast from worries and trust in God.*

*Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*

*Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*

*Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.*

*Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*

*Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*

*Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

With my best wishes

David

**Area Dean and Priest in Charge**

## Brightwaters Benefice Lent Course 2022

We are really pleased to be offering 4 different options for engaging with our Lent Course this year which will be based on a new book by Paula Gooder: **"The Women of Holy Week: an Easter journey in nine stories."** Using this book as a starting point we will explore the events of Holy Week through the eyes of those who witnessed them in order to discover how these events might impact our lives today.

We hope as many people as possible will feel able to join in with at least some of the sessions during the season of Lent, each session will stand alone so please don't worry if you need to miss one or two. In order to help those who are leading to be prepared, it would be helpful if you were able to be in touch with the leader of the group you would like to join so they can add you to their list.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Rev Helen: [revhelenosullivan18@gmail.com](mailto:revhelenosullivan18@gmail.com)

### LENT COURSE GROUPS

You are welcome to join in any group depending on what works best for you.

Monday Evening 7/3 - 4/4	Zoom	Rev Helen O'Sullivan	<a href="mailto:revhelenosullivan@gmail.com">revhelenosullivan@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday Evening 8/3 - 5/4	Hurstbourne Priors	John and Jane Lavers	<a href="mailto:john.lavers@bopenworld.com">john.lavers@bopenworld.com</a>
Wednesday Evening 9/3 - 6/4	All Hallows, Whitchurch	Rev Nicky Smallwood	<a href="mailto:rev.nicky@ahwhitchurch.org.uk">rev.nicky@ahwhitchurch.org.uk</a>
Thursday Morning 10/3 - 7/4	Barton Stacey	Alison Brown	<a href="mailto:alisonbrown571@gmail.com">alisonbrown571@gmail.com</a>

## Services in the Parish Churches

### March 2022

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

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Ash Wednesday

All Hallows, Whitchurch 7.30pm *Ashing Communion*

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 1

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

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

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

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 2

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.00am	<i>Morning Praise</i>
St James', Woodcott	No service	

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 3

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

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>All Age Worship</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Communion Praise</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St James', Woodcott	No service	

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**

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

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#### From the Church Registers

##### Baptisms

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

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors -  
**Theodore Quirk White**

##### Funerals

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

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne - **Daphne Miles**  
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne - **Philip Newman**  
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## WEATHER - JANUARY 2022

Total rainfall for month	29mm	1.14in
It rained on	5 days	
Rainfall same month last year	126mm	4.96in
Total for 2022	29mm	1.14in
Total for 2021	126mm	1.14in
Max temp (on 16 <sup>th</sup> )	11C	52F
Min temp (on 20 <sup>th</sup> )	-5C	23F
Frosts	11	

We had the warmest New Year's day since 1916 and it was the sunniest January with 80.7 hours.

It was also a very dry month with the average rainfall for the UK of 34mm – we had 29mm.

*John Smail*

## WORD OF THE MONTH



My word for March reflects Eunice's PROCELLOUS visit to our shores. It comes from the Latin *procella* for storm and means stormy and tempestuous. Hopefully Eunice's visit will just be a memory by

the time our readers get to view this rarely used word!

*Barbara Carrodus*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Our March coffee morning will be hosted by Fiona Obert at Bourne Cottage, 55/56 Hurstbourne Priors (Tel.896996) from 10.15 to noon on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is welcome!



*All ages enjoying the village Coffee Morning in February.*

## THE WONDERING FIDDLERS RETURN!

An International trio return to create a joyful evening of accessible Early Music including works by Bach and Boccherini

**St Andrew's Church, Hurstbourne Priors**  
**Saturday 5th March at 7.30 pm**



We are delighted to announce a re-run of last year's cancelled concert – please come and support these talented young musicians!

Alberto Sanna and Marino Capulli on violin and Elizabeth Elliott on Cello are a string ensemble who remove the barrier between the players and the listeners and engage in a dialogue on the meaning of the music they present. They formed with the goal of searching for an authentic way to perform early music, not just through historically informed interpretations but also through the choice of venue and interaction with the audience. Their aim is to take you back to the intimacy of 17th and 18th century with performances for the chamber, playing with replicas of historical bows. They have since performed in the UK, Italy, Kenya and Cuba, and taken part in such important festivals as Habana Clásica and Bach & l'Italia.

They are all tutors with the charity Early Music as Education (EMEA) based in Merseyside. Their shared love of early music and historical performance influences their choice of repertoire and use of copies of historical instruments. We are incredibly lucky to have them perform in Hurstbourne Priors. It is our good fortune that their cellist Elizabeth Elliott is related to one of our parishioners.

**TICKETS £15 to include our usual generous interval refreshments. (Children under 16 are free).** Proceeds are shared between Early Music as Education and St Andrew's Church.

**Apply to**

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## WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

**Winter Lights**

We couldn't be happier about the success of this event, as gloomy late January and early February were brightened at the Mill with a blaze of sumptuous and exciting colours and patterns created by light, on and in the Mill buildings and in the gardens. Accompanying music and an audio tale of the history of the Mill added to the experience, and visitors were really enthusiastic about all we had to offer: as well as the light and audio shows there were magical characters such as a stilt man to chat to, children's teatime events, a sensory day and quiet evening for those wanting a more peaceful experience, a cocktail stand, and hot drinks and food in the café to take away the chill of the winter evenings. Final results aren't in at the time of writing but we already know that we've matched the success of the 2020 event; more than we dreamed possible considering the challenges posed by winter months in a pandemic. Thank you to all who visited and volunteered and helped.

**New Trustees Sought**

This year we will be recruiting new Mill Trustees and also a new Chair of Whitchurch Silk Mill Trust. Christine Beresford MBE, our current Chair, is retiring after nine years (the maximum a Trustee can serve). If you're interested in becoming our new Chair please see the Mill's website for details. We're not recruiting for Trustees yet, but want your help in spreading the word to friends and family who you think would be interested. And, of course, please consider putting yourself forward. We'll be looking for people who are enthusiastic about our unique heritage and story, who have a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, and who have a passion for textiles, art, culture, heritage and the Mill itself.

**News from the Weaving Shed**

The 'Elizabeth' silk is being woven to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee and will be made into products for sale in our shop.

**Outreach**

- Tea & Talk sessions have restarted, and our volunteer guide Colin Adams recently visited Oakley Residential Home to talk about all we're doing at the Mill.
- Our project with the Winchester School of Art third year students will see them designing stripes inspired by the Mill's archive. The students also offered Testbourne students a weaving workshop in January.
- We are working with the organisers of Whitchurch Wildlife Project to produce an exhibition of local wildlife photography which it's planned should take place in the Mill's activity space in April this year, along with associated events and activities.

**The Hide Family Heritage**

More than 100 objects from Geoff Hide's collection have been donated to the Mill and are being recorded and taken into our archive and database. Some items are on display in a case on the middle floor and we're creating digital images of all the donated objects. Two interesting ones are James Hide's safe and his bowler hat!

**Edgelarks: Out of the Ordinary II, Friday 11 March**

Edgelarks (BBC Folk Award winners Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin) combine folk music with diverse influences such as blues, Indian classical and beatboxing, and they're coming to the Mill as part of their current tour. Their strong roots sound and stomping beatbox harmonica, soaring fiddle and vocal harmonies are sure to make for an entertaining evening. Tickets £15 (Friends of the Mill £13.50), doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Don't delay: this is selling out fast!

**Pins & Needles**

This year our popular Pins & Needles adult crafting sessions are on the first **Thursday** of each month. Tickets £10, including tuition, all materials and a hot drink. Participants enjoy the company of like-minded people learning new skills or honing existing ones. Past sessions have included silk painting, embroidery and silk bead-wrapping. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

**Current Exhibition, until 27 March 2022**

Our current exhibition showcases work by Basingstoke Creative Stitchers (formerly Basingstoke Embroiderers' Guild), showing their diverse skills including traditional embroidery techniques and contemporary textile and mixed media art pieces.

**Friends Membership**

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## TOAD PATROL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Each year frogs and toads make their annual migration back to the pond where they were born to produce their own young. They will follow the simplest trajectory possible and, often, this means that they end up crawling straight across a road and are crushed by traffic. St Mary Bourne have been very successful at setting up a 'toad patrol' of helpers who come out when the conditions are dark and wet (and therefore suitable for toad movement) and help the creatures on their journey.

### There are further sites which need urgent help from volunteers.

One is at Paper Mill Farm on the road between Tufton and Hurstbourne Priors. The other is along Nun's Walk and up to Southside Road in Longparish. On one night there was movement of around 400 frogs and toads across the two sites and, even though the volunteers we had were working very hard, around 60 were lost.

With some teamwork we can not only bring the number of deaths right down, but we can capture data for the wildlife conservation charity *Froglife*, which may allow some practical measures to be made on the sites to allow these creatures to cross safely without the need for so much human intervention. Frogs and Toads are an essential part of the ecosystem and their survival is unfortunately threatened by numerous factors, one of the main ones being death on the roads. If you can spare some time between now and the end of March to make a real difference then please email me on [urquhartinteriors@outlook.com](mailto:urquhartinteriors@outlook.com)

Susie Urquhart

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 6.30pm the Village Hall and the next meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend. You do not need to give any notice, but if there is a particular item which you would like to discuss, and which you feel it would be beneficial for Councillors to look into prior to the meeting, please contact:

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 Clare Read, Chairman  
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## WHITCHURCH NEIGHBOUR CARE

My name is Linda Stepney and I have been secretary for Whitchurch Neighbourcare for many years. Neighbourcare itself has been helping residents in our local area for over 30 years.

We provide transport to Covid vaccination centres, hospitals, GP surgeries, clinics, dentists and opticians. We pick up prescriptions from the pharmacy, collect library books or can drive clients to local shops and hairdressers.

Now comes the crunch! We really need more drivers and I am wondering whether anyone reading this would be interested in joining us. I have been driving for Neighbourcare for some years and have to say I love meeting new people and also catching up with those I haven't seen for a long time. Everyone is always so appreciative of what we do.

All our drivers are DBS checked. Mileage expenses are covered and times are flexible to fit in with your other commitments. Even if you can only manage an hour or two here and there, it is a huge help.

Please do call me on 01256 893219 or email me on [linda.stepney1@outlook.com](mailto:linda.stepney1@outlook.com) if you are interested in becoming a driver.

Linda Stepney  
 Secretary, Whitchurch Neighbourcare

## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PCC

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March we have two meetings in St Andrews' Church immediately following the 10.30am service of Morning Worship.

The Annual Vestry Meeting: this is a short meeting for the election of the two Churchwardens for the coming year. All parishioners may attend and vote at this meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place immediately after the Vestry Meeting. This is to present the annual report of Hurstbourne Priors PCC and for the election of members of the PCC. All members of St Andrews' Church Electoral Roll may attend and vote.

Fenella Williams  
 Churchwarden

## MOTHERING SUNDAY – 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH



You are invited to join us for a service for Mothering Sunday on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in St Andrews Church. There will be an activity for children during the service and there will be tea and cake too!



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MAY FAIR - 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022

We're delighted that the May Fair will be taking place again this year on Monday, 2nd May from 12 - 4pm. A small team of village volunteers has already started work, to ensure everything is ready for the big day. But, as we all know, the real May Fair Team is the entire village, who every year do their bit to make the day a great success.

We realise that after a 2 year gap, there will be lots of new villagers who have never attended, or helped out at the fair, so just to give you a flavour of what we have planned.....

We hold our traditional rural village fair on the lovely recreation ground, with villagers running a pub from the cricket pavilion and a tea room in the village hall. We have live music, children's entertainment and games, tombolas for young and old, barbeque, hog roast, ice cream and candy floss. We'll have stalls selling homemade cakes and preserves, home grown plants, pre-loved toys, books, clothes and bric a brac, alongside a small selection of local artisan traders selling their wares.

Attractions already booked include a circus workshop, stilt walker, juggling show, May pole, small animal petting experience and a fire engine, but hope more will be added soon! The fair usually punches well above its weight in terms of visitor numbers from surrounding towns and villages, whether it rains or shines, thanks to our prominent location, great reputation as a good family dog-friendly day out and a bit of ninja advertising! See our Facebook page for photos from previous events. Fair proceeds go to benefit our village amenities.

Even if you missed the Big Breakfast and Pancake Race, please do get in touch if you'd like to help with the Fair in some way. And watch the Hill & Valley over the next couple of months for more reminders.

Here are just a few ways you can help (there are plenty more and feel free to do as many as you are able!):

- Help with set up and dismantling of marquees on the days before and after the fair
- Help run a stall (if you have a bright idea for a new stall or attraction then please talk to us!)
- Join the car park marshalling rota
- Shadow our treasurer with a view to taking over the role next year
- Publicise the fair by delivering flyers, social media and word of mouth
- Donate! Do you work for a company who can donate an attractive tombola prize? Are you a home baker who can make cakes and biscuits for the fair? Perhaps you're decluttering your home - please donate your good quality unwanted toys, books, games, clothes,

gifts and bric a brac. And the bottle tombola will gratefully receive donations of bottles of wine etc.

If you'd like more information on how to get involved please contact anyone from the organising team or email [hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com](mailto:hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com). We really cannot run a fair without you!

*The May Fair organising team: Ed Beasley, Kim French, John Perry, Clare Read, Hannah Ross, Fenella Williams*  
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## CHURCH AND VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The Hurstbourne Priors Annual Village Clean Up will be held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please meet at the Church or Cricket Pavilion from 10am where we will be serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and homemade brownies to help you keep your strength up.



There is a range of tasks from polishing and cleaning in the church, clearing in the graveyard, recreation ground and play area with a bonfire to get rid of all the debris following this very windy weather and general litter picking along the lanes.

Please wear suitable clothing and gloves are recommended for outside tasks. We will have pick claws and rubbish bags available in the Pavilion. Cleaning products will be available in the church for those wishing to take part in 'inside' activities.



Everyone is welcome; no one is too small or too old for a useful task!

*Many thanks,  
 Your Parish and Parochial Church Councils*

## ANDOVER FOODBANK

Thank you so much for all your donations and continued support, which are greatly appreciated.

**Easter Eggs** - The Andover foodbank are once again collecting Easter Eggs to be distributed to the children and vulnerable young adults in our local community. Donations of medium-sized Easter eggs can be made either at the foodbank collection points in our local supermarkets or can be brought to our Andover office/warehouse. Our opening hours are Monday to Friday 09.30-12.30. The deadline for donations is the end of March.

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

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Supporting Dr Alex in the fourth pod (mini clinical team) are Rachel Sidwell (advanced nurse practitioner) and Dr Juliet May, a GP in training. We continue to use this innovative pod system as a tool to improve continuity for our patients.

Alex is leading on digital innovation and improving the interface for patients with the practice. We are currently recruiting two more experienced reception staff who will lead on clinical navigation and support the reception team to develop with this modern way of working. We know that there are currently delays answering the phones, particularly at high pressured times and hope you will bear with us during this transition.

Yours,

Dr Dan Lickman, GP Two Rivers

## The Lunch

Our next Village Lunch will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at St Mary Bourne Village Centre as usual, serving at **12.30pm**. All are welcome to come along and enjoy our monthly light social lunch, still only £3.00. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.



*The Community Library - Club Room*  
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### Coffee at The George Inn

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We really look forward to hearing from you!



## Jubilee Celebrations

We are hoping to have a flower festival in St Peter's for the Queen's Jubilee Weekend. And there will be a penny path around the Church, as well as a quiz trail.

We are asking families if they have photos of weddings or baptisms or the day itself in 1952 that we can put out on

display to please get in touch.

*Dodie*

## Mothering Sunday

We have a special service on March 27<sup>th</sup> for Mothering Sunday at 10.30 am ~ All are very welcome to join us.

## A CHINA PLEA!

Are you spring cleaning? Have you come across any unwanted china plates? Or maybe you have a crazed or cracked plate or two at the back of your cupboard? We are collecting again for another **Plate Smashing Stall** for this year's Flower Show and Fête on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Any sort of china will do, especially plates and saucers but also chipped mugs, cups, teapots without lids or spouts etc. - anything you no longer want!



Do please leave any donations on my doorstep at Bourne House, St Mary Bourne or I will happily pick them up from you if it's easier - just call me on ☎ 01264 738551. With many thanks, *Bat Redfern*

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**Next Film: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

## Village Centre News

AGM 2022 - The Annual General Meeting will be held at **8pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** in the Club Room and all are welcome to attend. As well as a review of 2020/21, this is a chance for you to give the management committee your feedback and ideas.

With only a few months to go until the Jubilee, we will be holding a **meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** in the Village Centre to make progress with the plans for our celebrations outlined in Hill & Valley in November last year. Everyone welcome. If you can't come but have ideas you would like to share please let us know by emailing [karencrofts@hotmail.com](mailto:karencrofts@hotmail.com).



## New Notice Board

The Village Centre has invested in a new notice board available for the community to use. The old notice board by the rivulet had blown over in a storm, was past its sell-by date and had to be removed. The new notice board is fitted on the outside of the Village Centre Club Room on the access road to the recreation ground for all to see.



## SMB ST MARY BOURNE VILLAGE SHOP & post office

I try not to listen to the news too much... I find it depressing. I prefer to live in my little St Mary Bourne bubble of idyllicness (I know that's not a real word but bear with). What with Climate Change, Russia and the Ukraine, Prince Andrew... I mean, I even heard today that two medium sized glasses of wine take up my whole daily sugar allowance! Is there no end to the gloom!? The news that affects us the most is the continuing massive increase in the cost of living. Everything is going up... apart from wages. This is very real and very scary for a lot of us... if not all of us.

However, it's that last point that we, at the Village Shop, can do something about. We can all live in our little St Mary Bourne bubble. Which is why the shop is absorbing as much of the increase in prices as we can. February and March have seen us take each individual product and assess its current price within the larger context of its increase from the supplier. In some cases, we've actually been able to reduce the price of products whilst with others we are just keeping them the same while every supermarket and shop hikes theirs up.

For example: The cost of our delicious Austwicks quiches have increased from the producer to us by 30p... however, we've decided to keep our prices the same and absorb the cost. Why? Two main reasons. Firstly, we know how much you love them and we don't want you to fall out of love with them. Secondly, this will ensure that our sales of the quiches won't suffer as a result of the increase, thereby supporting the local producer making them, who, in turn buys his raw materials locally and so the local love continues to grow and spread.

There is a catch, however. **We can only afford to do this if more people use the shop.** If the footfall and average spend stay the same, then we've only succeeded to reduce our margins to an unsustainable level. I don't mean to scare ... the shop is far from unsustainable, but the point is that to keep our prices low we need the village to support it and by keeping our prices low we become a much more attractive place to shop. We know that Supermarkets rule supreme and that you won't stop going there... I'm not going to either, but I am using the shop more for the things I run out of, forgot or just have a hankering after and for the lovely local produce that I can't get anywhere else. It would be great if you did too. **That way, we can keep prices low while everything around us rises.**

On another initiative, St Mary Bourne Village Shop has joined **Too Good To Go**. This is an App that combats the huge amount of food waste that goes on. Did you know that approximately one third of food production is wasted? How terrible is that?! How the app works is that you purchase a Magic Bag of products that are coming to the end of their shelf life for one third of the cost from stores that are part of the scheme. You won't know what's in the bag... nor will we until the end of the day but its contents will amount to £10 worth of products that you will get for around £3.33. The app will let you know when we have Magic Bags available, and you pay via the app. You just come and collect the bag at a set time and it's yours. Our bags are likely to contain bread that has been baked that day, fruit and veg and other groceries that are coming to the end of their shelf life or have passed their 'Best Before' date but are still perfectly good. We will, of course, continue to have the **Food Bank box** too. You can search for the app by putting **Too Good To Go** into your app store search.

And finally, I leave you with this. It is now March. Officially Spring. The warmth is on its way!

Lara and the Team x

## Village Shop 100 Club

**A Big Thank You to All who support the 100 Club!**

**February 2022 - 1☺☺ Club Draw:**

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## Parish Council Elections

**Your Parish needs you!**

**Parish Council elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

When the last parish council elections took place in 2018, unfortunately there were not enough candidates to force an election, therefore all of the present councilors have been co-opted rather than elected to the parish council (pc). I believe it is very important that the pc has a mandate from the electorate of the parish to act on their behalf. This means that there needs to be a **minimum of ten candidates** to stand for the election of nine councilors. I therefore appeal to all of those who care about what is happening within our parish and what we should be looking to do in the future to improve it for all, **to please put themselves forward for election.**

There will be information available from Basingstoke & Deane Electoral Services during March regarding candidate registration. To access this, you can make direct contact with them on the B&D website or use the link which will be on the pc website. You can also contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk).

David Peart  
Chairman of St Mary Bourne Parish Council

Summary report from the **February** meeting of  
St Mary Bourne Parish Council  
[www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk)

Six councillors and the clerk attended the meeting. Borough Cllr Sam Carr was present for part of the meeting and three members of the public also attended part of the meeting.

### Time for Public Speaking:

- Two local residents expressed concerns about the steep camber of the access road and the brick structure at the foot of the Spring Hill development which caused difficulties with visibility and traffic access. Cllr Carr would contact the developers to find a satisfactory solution to the problems.
- It was reported that the parish council landline 01264 738039 was no longer functioning.

**Borough Councillor's Report** - Cllr Carr announced he would be standing again at the B&DBC elections in May. There was discussion about a "hide" structure by the lake which Cllr Carr would support with planning and funding advice if required. **The recycling facilities/bottle bank behind the shop would be removed** as a B&DBC cost-cutting measure to prioritize larger sites such as Whitchurch.

**Insurance** - A contribution towards the increased cost would be discussed with representatives of the Cricket Club and Bowling Club.

### Lake:

- Mole problems in the lake surrounds would be investigated and quotes obtained.
- The clerk had obtained one quote for fencing repair and new fencing. Suggestions for contractors were made and the clerk would obtain further quotes.

**Parish Council Elections** - The B&DBC electoral team would contact the parish council to discuss procedures and provide documentation. Elections would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Village Shop** - The lease for the Shop would need to be redrafted after its proposed change of status from a *Community Interest Company (CIC)* to a *Community Benefit Society (CBS)*.

Other matters discussed included the trimming of hedges growing over pavements, charging of electric vehicles and grip clearance problems in Stoke.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 19.30**  
Village Centre Club Room - Public welcome

All minutes and reports can be viewed at

[www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk)

Details of all Planning Applications for the Parish can be accessed on the B&DBC website:

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### Newly registered Planning Applications March 2022

Erection of enlarged front porch, single storey side extension and rear veranda - **Burry Hill Farm, Stoke Lane** - 22/00460/HSE - 15 February 2022

Erection of single storey garden store and studio outbuilding following demolition of existing store (former garage) and garden room - **Knapp Cottage** - 22/00459/LBC - 14 February 2022

Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural barn to 1 bedroom dwelling - **Gaston Wood Barn, Hilliers Farm, Upper Wyke Lane** - 22/00253/FUL - 1 February 2022

Construction of a domestic in-ground swimming pool - **Middle Wyke Farmhouse** - 22/00239/HSE - 1 February 2022

Change of use of agricultural land to residential, to provide off street parking and additional external amenity space to The Chapel, Stoke Road - **Horse Paddock, Gangbridge Lane** - 22/00175/FUL - 24 January 2022

Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling; with associated garaging, parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access - **Land to the North West of Bourne Court, Upper Link** - 22/00173/FUL - 24 January 2022

### Recent Local Planning Authority Decisions

Erection of agricultural building for the storage of forestry and farm equipment - **Land at Black Garden, Egbury Road** - 22/00031/AGPD - 6 January 2022 - Raise no objection

Erection of first floor involving raising of the roof with dormer windows to the front, side and rear elevations and roof lights to the side elevations - **Hill View, Stoke Hill** - 21/03522/HSE - 17 November 2021 - Granted

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear/side extension - **1 Belle Vue Cottages, Baptist Hill** - 21/03218/HSE - 12 October 2021 - Application Withdrawn

Replacement rear windows, insertion of windows, and construction of gas bottle store - **Wessex, Egbury Road** - 21/03073/HSE - 25 October 2021 - Granted



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## Postcard from Binley - March 2022

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*To stand upon any of the hills and look around you, you almost think you see the ups and downs of sea in a heavy swell (as the sailors call it) after what they call a gale of wind. The undulations are endless, and the great variety in the height, breadth, length and form of the little hills, has a very delightful effect."*

**WILLIAM COBBETT - Rural Rides, 1821**

What a wonderful description of our valley! And to walk the downs and hills as I often do, you get precisely what Cobbett was talking about. To top it all we have the Bourne rivulet, a silver ribbon running the length of the valley, chattering and babbling away and when in full flow it really does set the old place off. Sadly though, I don't think she'll muster to much this year. As I write, Gangbridge pond is just about half full with a couple of depressed looking ducks paddling around. There are puddles in the riverbed around Stoke but normally by now she would be away flowing up beyond Hurstbourne Tarrant where she is known as the river Swift. I'm calling her a "she" because it just seems apt for a little chalk stream. And talking of chalk streams, there was a lovely exhibition in the Club Room at SMB Village Centre which I hope you saw celebrating these ecological marvels, the Bourne, Arle, Meon, Anton, Dunn, Test and Itchen to name but a few. All the photographs were taken by enthusiastic amateurs and highlighted how very precious these waterways are and in truth they are part of the reason I originally came to live here.

Doing some repairs to some brickwork at home I noticed one of the bricks was imprinted "Pike & Co Hollington". I knew there was a brick kiln up there and would guess they accounted for most of the bricks used in the construction of our period houses. Certainly, from Highclere all the way down the valley there are many old houses built in a Flemish Bond style from soft red hand cut bricks with blue headers that were glazed at one end. Sadly, this glazing over the years has fallen victim to frost and weather damage and on my house alone there are only a handful with the glaze intact. When newly built they must have looked spectacular, with pointing in a lime mortar and light reflecting from the glaze. I've always had a soft spot for old buildings, the ghosts of the past and the stories they could tell. Just to touch the stone and oak in the construction makes me feel good.

Talking to a friend from St Mary Bourne in The George the other day, he was amusing me with tales about his neighbour who has a car parking fetish. I know it must be tricky down there as there's more cars than space now, but this bloke marks his unofficial parking area like an old tom cat, using stolen cones and police tape. Put so much as 12 inches of Vauxhall Corsa into his zone and he'll be in your face. It made me realise how lucky we are in Binley where you can go months without seeing a neighbour. But going back to SMB neighbours, I bet there's a chap in Applegate who puts a high viz jacket on to put his bins out at 5am and then inspects everyone else's? Tell me there is! There's certainly a curtain twitcher in Denham Terrace because she's twitched at me a couple of times and I happily twitched back! And I do love a note writer. Generally written in capitals in blue biro on a scrappy bit of lined paper and stuck under the windscreen wiper of your car "I DO NOT APPRECIATE YOUR CAT TAKING A \*\*\*\* IN MY DAHLIAS!" And then again there are the perfect neighbours. The house and garden are perfect. The blonde children are perfect. There is always an organic food producer's van unloading in the drive, or a Cath Kidston sofa being delivered. They are happy, helpful, gorgeous to look at and you despise them!

Many years ago, when I was between wives and licking my financial wounds, it was necessary for me to rent a furnished top floor room for a while in a four-storey house in Streatham, South London. It comprised a big squeaky Edwardian bed, tired old furniture and a window that overlooked the toilets of a snooker hall. The only lavatory was on the ground floor so the landlady obligingly left a chamber pot under the bed with a note attached that said, "If you use the "Po" please do NOT put it back under the bed as the steam rusts the springs!". That always amused me.

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& post office

There has been lots going on, on the Café front this month. As well as continuing to dot the 'i's and cross the 't's' on our business plan and share offer we've been thinking more about how the Café will look and what its identity will be. Initially, in order to communicate about the Café we simply took the current shop logo and rolled a banner over the top with the words 'and Community Café!' as you can see above. This is all very well, but let's face it, it lacks a bit of imagination and doesn't convey our passion for community or give the new project the identity it deserves.

Luckily for us we have not one, but three branding and marketing guru's on the Café Committee who have been brainstorming names and logo for the new project. We started with a list of names that we thought would be good for the new Shop and Café. These included Bourne Valley Café, The Lakeside Coffee House and Rendezvous on the Rec but after much deliberation and putting it to the vote we decided on **The Boundary**. This, of course, hints at the Shop and Café's position at the edge of the cricket ground. Once we had a name, the logo was next. We were sure that we needed to convey the importance of community in the logo and to symbolise being part of something. The circle in our new branding does two things. Firstly, it represents the cricket pitch and the fact that the new Shop and Café will sit on the edge of that and secondly it denotes a coming together and an inclusivity that is so important to this project.

Finally, we needed to give the project some colour. In choosing the layout for the Shop and Café, we have sourced some beautiful tiles that will go behind the coffee counter that are an amazing sea green colour. This seems to have become our colour and nicely reflects the colour of the lake next to the building. We really hope you'll be able to come to our **OPEN EVENING** which will be all about the new Shop and Café on **6<sup>th</sup> April** at the **Village Centre**. Here you will be able to peruse the plans, meet the Café committee and discuss and share ideas for this great new project. We will have details of our Share Offer as well as lots of information about every aspect of the project... and of course, ways that you can get involved! Keep an eye out for posters and posts for more details.

So, there it is! We are very pleased to introduce you to the newest member of our village... **The Boundary**. Shop, Café, Deli, Eco Shop and Post Office... all under one roof. Warm and

welcoming and a fabulous asset to this already amazing parish.



**Join us for an Open Evening of The Boundary!**

Come and see the plans, meet the team and find out how to become part of this exciting community project!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 6 to 8pm**

**St Mary Bourne Village Centre**

Drinks and nibbles will be served





## Light Touch Recycling Bins

There is not yet much progress in Basingstoke & Deane



for extended recycling opportunities in our green bins. But there is new detail on the website and no harm in having a recap. **It's important to get recycling right.** Collecting the wrong items can lead to good material being sent for incineration or alternatively you might spoil a whole batch by including the wrong sort of glass for instance.

**Important to note:** Any sorted recycling put in a large plastic bag is automatically treated as rubbish and gets burnt so a complete waste of your efforts. **Everything must be clean and loose in the bin!** So here we go. Thumbs up to **plastic bottles** of all sorts (washed, **well squashed** and the lid replaced, so they don't go bang in the machine; even pump action lids are okay), **aerosols** (unless they have a black cross or skull and crossbones on. Do they blow up too?), **drinks and food cans** (squash loose lids and metal jar or bottle tops inside the tins so they reach the machine), **paper** includes brochures, telephone directories, newspapers, battered old paperbacks etc. but not paper with glitter, grease or paint on, so leave the fish and chip boxes and kids art to fuel the furnace in the grey bin. Nor shredded paper which I think must just fly about and be a nuisance (very good for the compost heap or guinea pig bedding), and no jiffy bags because of the liners. Most wrapping paper is unsuitable if it has metallic patterns, plastic layers or is very light such as tissue paper, (open your presents carefully and reuse it). **Cardboard** can all go in if you flatten it or cut it up (preferably take off the plastic tape) or leave it beside the bins as long as no wind or rain is due. It won't be taken if wet. **Glass** won't be taken if it doesn't fit **flat in the green boxes** as the lifting mechanism may drop a bottle in your drive if overloaded. Remove metal lids (see above for how to recycle them) and don't put in Pyrex, light bulbs, broken glasses or windowpanes (there are different types of glass too). Well done if you have survived this far.

There is a pictorial version online at **Basingstoke & Deane guide to recycling** pdf.

If it has not been mentioned yet, the answer is **not for your green bin**, but there is another chance for plant pots, carrier bags and all soft plastic, sandwich wrappers, paper drinks cups, jiffy bags, drinks cartons (tetra Pak), tin foil, crisp packets, batteries, paint pots and many other random items. Look on the Sustainable Bourne Valley website for ideas, but bear in mind it is undergoing an update too. CH



## Go Star Gazing in March

**Annual Star Count takes place 26<sup>th</sup> February -6<sup>th</sup> March**

Organised by CPRE-Countryside Charity. Become a citizen scientist. There were 8,000 of you last year. Help identify where light pollution is a problem. CPRE use evidence to influence government for better controlled lighting & advise on local reduction of light pollution. It is easy to take part. Email [catr@cpre.org.uk](mailto:catr@cpre.org.uk) to register for a pack.

**Ideal family activity.** No need for a telescope. Choose a clear night. Have fun!



To learn more about impact of light pollution. Look at dark sky resources- CPRE Night Blight website.

**2 March - New Moon.** The Moon will be located on same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in night sky. Best time of month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters as no moonlight to interfere.

**18 March - Full Moon.** Moon will be located on opposite of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. Known as Worm Moon by early Native American tribes.

**20 March - March Equinox.** The Sun will be directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is also known as first day of spring, (vernal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and first day of fall, (autumnal equinox) in Southern Hemisphere.



## Top Tips for March

• Take part in the Cosy Homes Project, borrow SBV's Thermal Imaging Camera: visit

[www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk](http://www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk)



- Make a bug hotel <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/build-a-bug-hotel/>
- Put-up bird boxes <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/build-a-birdbox/>
- Plant trees and sow wildflowers
- Volunteer with [www.hiwwt.org.uk/watercress-and-winterbournes/chalk-stream-champions](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/watercress-and-winterbournes/chalk-stream-champions)
- Support Earth Hour [www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour](http://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour) on 26 March at 8.30pm for an hour in the dark



**The St Mary Bourne & District Flower Show & Fete Committee would like to invite you to our**

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## Plea to all Drivers...



After dark on wet nights could you please slow down and watch the road between

the Bourne Valley Inn and the George for the next four weeks.

The tiny toads are easy to spot and will freeze in headlights so you can avoid squashing them flat and look out for us as well! Thank you.





## Volunteers sought for chalk stream projects

If you're interested in nature, you might have come across the *Watercress and Winterbournes Landscape Partnership Scheme*. This initiative focuses on seven chalk streams - including the Bourne Rivulet - which are home to many amazing species. These precious habitats are under increasing pressure, and need our help to thrive.

The scheme gives us a chance to make a real difference, but we can't do it without support from local residents. Volunteers are crucial to the delivery of our projects, and right now we'd especially love to hear from anyone interested in the roles below. Training and equipment will be provided; please note some may require a DBS check.

### • Events

We run in-person events ranging from walks and talks to wildlife watching and craft sessions. You could welcome attendees, set up equipment, lend a hand with activities, or talk with visitors about the streams. Events vary in length, busyness, and activity level, so may suit those with limited mobility or availability.

### • Youth education

We deliver sessions that let young people connect with the streams. You could assist with river dipping, identifying invertebrates, water conservation exercises, and other fun activities. Sessions usually take place during term time (daytime for schools, evenings for uniformed groups) and may be indoors or outdoors.

### • Community action

We engage local people in collective action to tackle key issues. You could support our projects Save Every Drop (focuses on saving water) or Septic Smart (focuses on responsible use of private drainage like septic tanks). Tasks can range from delivering leaflets to becoming a community ambassador for your chosen topic.

### • Oral histories

We collect personal stories from local people to learn how the streams have touched their lives. You could record thoughts, memories, and experiences from individuals in audio form. You could also help with preparing the stories for submission to the county archives or be interviewed yourself!

• Learn more about these opportunities at

[www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/volunteering](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/volunteering)

• To get involved in another way email the team on [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk)



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Please visit [www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service](http://www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service) to find out more.

## Obituary

Daphne Margaret Ann Miles

18<sup>th</sup> July 1934 – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Daphne was the second daughter of Rose and Bill Morris. She had an older sister Ruby and she was joined by 13 younger siblings over the next 21 years. The family lived in rural Kent and this gave Daphne a moral grounding for the rest of her life. She learned to look after her younger brothers and sisters, to have respect for others, to have a smart appearance, and above everything else to keep a house spotlessly clean and tidy.

Daphne's earliest memories were of the war years. After a short unhappy evacuation to Wales, she returned home to spend the rest of the war on the Kent marshes right in the line of enemy fire, playing amongst bomb craters in the fields and dodging doodlebugs on her way to school.

After schooling, Daphne joined her family on the farm, working in the milking parlour and in the fields. She met and married her husband Ron and they started married life living next door to her parents. Their much-loved daughter Linda arrived five years later.



In 1960 the family moved to Hampshire to work on the Highclere Estate and live in Keepers Cottage at Crux Easton. Daphne quickly made friends and got involved in village life. She willingly gave service to Crux Easton church where she helped with fund raising events and was a member of the PCC for over 40 years. She also worked at Three Legged Cross and Field House for many years.

For Daphne family was always important; so when her daughter Linda married Clive, he was instantly welcomed to the family. She was even more excited by the arrival of her Granddaughter Clair who would spend lovely country holidays at Keepers Cottage with her Nanny Daph and Grandad Ron. Daphne was always very proud of Clair and her achievements and no one was prouder when Clair married Gavin. Typically, Daphne took Gavin to her heart and the final happy piece of the family jigsaw was the arrival of her Great Granddaughter April.

When Ron passed away, St Mary Bourne became Daphne's home for the last 20 years of her life. She joined in village events and developed a large network of friends. She especially enjoyed the walking group. Daphne was always grateful for everyone's friendship and support. At Gangbridge Lane she had wonderful neighbours who kept an eye out for her and looked after her, especially during the pandemic and when she became ill.

*The family would like to thank family and friends for their love and support during this sad time. Especially the village of St Mary Bourne who welcomed Daphne into their hearts and gave her friendship and love.*





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## LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

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### REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 14 FEBRUARY

**Draft Minutes of this meeting are available on the website here:** <http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes/parish-council-minutes/1827-draft-pc-minutes-14-february-2022.html>

#### Planning

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

- Construction of a barn and removal of storage containers at **Watercress Beds, Longparish**

#### Council Vacancy

A vacancy exists for anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. For further information, please contact the Clerk or the Chairman.

### The Plough Inn – Report from Plough Inn Working Party

A decision to finance roof repairs for The Plough Inn via grant funding has been adjourned to the next meeting to enable the Working Party to meet and formulate their recommendations.

#### Dog Mess

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about dog mess on footpaths, and at the football field. It is unacceptable to leave dog mess in public areas, particularly where it could come into contact with children, and dog owners are reminded to act responsibly and pick up after their dogs, and either take waste home or use one of the designated bins.

#### B3048 stream bank repairs

During the week beginning 7 February, contractors from Hampshire Highways dredged the stream, using the spoils to build up the bank alongside the road, and had placed reflective posts along the length of the bank. A number of residents contacted the Council to express disappointment in the results of this work, in particular the appearance and number of the reflective posts. As the PC had not been notified beforehand that work had been scheduled, it was not possible to let residents know that the work would be taking place and the reasons for it. After contacting HCC, it was ascertained that Highways decided to carry out these works following a meeting at the site in March 2021. The PC has been exploring repairs to the stream bank for a number of years, anticipating that any repairs would be similar to those carried out in St Mary Bourne. Highways had advised that they may be able to make some repairs, but not before 2023. The

majority of the reflective posts are no longer in situ, having been knocked down or removed. The PC has been advised that Highways contractors will return shortly to replace the posts. The Clerk has placed an article on the website containing a message from Hampshire Highways explaining the reasons for the work, and confirming that further repairs are to be considered through HCC's Operation Resilience scheme.

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 14 March.**

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: Mrs Christian Dryden - Tel 720398, or email [christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk](mailto:christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk)

Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 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*

<http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes.html>



*Over the past 6 months, as part of my Duke of Edinburgh award, I have been litter picking in Longparish. Whilst the pollution in our village is not severe, I still feel like there is still a lot we can do to help make it greener. I am looking forward to helping with the Greening Longparish campaign and can't wait to see what a difference our small changes can make!*

*We hope to see you at the village hall for our information evening on the 23rd of March. You can contact: [green@longparish.org.uk](mailto:green@longparish.org.uk) for more details.*

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## The Cricketers Inn

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We have a few things coming up –

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Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March Big Breakfast 9.30am – 11am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March is Quiz Night - teams of up to 6

Mothering Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, why not book a table and treat your Mum!?

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## THE PLOUGH

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February over 70 volunteers celebrated the first anniversary of buying The Plough. Guests included our borough councillor and advisers from the Plunkett Foundation, the charity which supports community shops and pubs.

On display was a before and after presentation. Chairman, Andy Jolliffe thanked everyone for the huge effort which has transformed The Plough. He also explained that there is still a lot to do to improve the electricity supply, upgrade the car park and outdoor spaces and refurbish the ground floor store rooms. Guests were interested to see plans for the outdoor work.

**Jeremy Barber**



## Longparish Little School

We have been very busy at Little School this term. In our Forest School sessions we have been exploring different stories like

Goldilocks and the Three Bears, the Gruffalo and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children have been whittling sticks, using a bow saw and hammers. During the winter months it is also a great time to explore the mud and to do lots of digging, jumping in puddles and painting with mud paint. The children continue to love the rope swing and relaxing in the hammocks.

In our Friday sports sessions the children have been practicing moving in lots of different ways, throwing and catching, balancing and lots of team games. On Monday afternoons we do some music, dance and parachute games. If there is anyone in the village who plays an instrument or has an interest in dance or music please do let us know. We recently celebrated the Dominican Republic Independence day as this is a special day for one of our families. The children made masks, shakers and flags at a carnival where we danced to the Merengue music. We would also like to say a big thank you to Richard Williams who very kindly supported Little School so we were able to get some number car parking spaces installed in our outside area.



We were also able to purchase some new ride on toys for the children to drive around supporting their physical skills as well as their imagination.

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

**Claire Nash**



## Friends of Longparish School

- Planning is underway for our May Fayre on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Can you help by donating items for our Bottle Tombola? Always one of the most popular stalls, we are looking for donations of wine, beer, sprits or soft drinks. Bottles can be left at school reception, Acre Stores, The Cricketers, The Plough, Preston Cottage or St Nicholas House in Longparish. We are also happy to collect donations – please contact us to arrange.
- The winners of our February 100+ Club draw are: 1st P Billingham, 2nd S Bryant, 3rd J Branfoot.
- **SPECIAL OFFER!** Join the 100+ Club for the remaining six monthly draws of our academic year for a reduced price of just £6 (April-September draws). You could win up to £20 each month. Contact us for more information and an application form or apply online at [bit.ly/3rBg8vY](http://bit.ly/3rBg8vY)
- To keep up to date with FOLS news, follow us on Facebook at [fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool](https://fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool)

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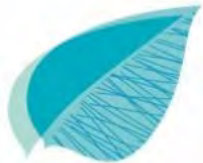
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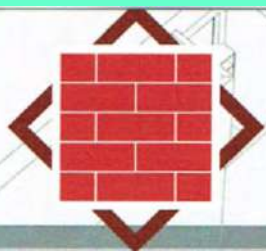
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*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7:30pm  
@ Longparish Village Hall  
Drinks and nibbles provided*

*The LCA is looking for new recruits! Please  
come along and speak to any of the LCA  
Committee Members or contact:  
[lca@longparish.org.uk](mailto:lca@longparish.org.uk) for more details  
Thank you*

### **Friday Lunch Club**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 12-2pm  
Longparish Village Hall**

**Come and enjoy a light lunch of soup and roll,  
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**This will be followed by a short talk from Mr Rasmus  
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as hearing about the interesting food that he  
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**Lunch Club is open to all Longparish residents but we  
do ask that you book in advance please to allow us to  
gauge numbers for catering.**

**To book a place and/or request a lift call Andrea  
Harris 720457 or Christian Dryden 720398.**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Easter related  
May 27<sup>th</sup> - Platinum Jubilee**

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

The weather forecast was for torrential rain but luckily no-one had told the weather and the rain held off until after the finish.

First home was Max Wisemen who became our Most Improved Man. His grandfather, Jeffrey, will be very proud of him. We welcomed new runner Mat Johnson. As often happens with new runners, Mat significantly underestimated his ability, finishing in second place over 2 minutes faster than his prediction. Mr Handicap will sort that out next time.

Blaithin O'Dea was Most Improved Woman and Freddie Brown was our Rising Star.



**Blaithin, Dave Henery, who was 3rd and Max**

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith, Juliet and Simon Wiseman and David Gould for helping and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue. Covid permitting, our next event is on Sunday 13th March at 10am. New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

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Are you interested, whether as a learner or a helper? If so please email [couch2run@longparish.org.uk](mailto:couch2run@longparish.org.uk) or phone Jeremy Barber on 720459.



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## LONGPARISH WILDLIFE

By Chris Bowman

### THE OTTER

Twenty five years ago the otter was on the brink of extinction, after half a century of agricultural chemicals leaching into rivers and polluting the food chain. Following the ban of these chemicals in early 1990s water quality increased so the fish population increased. You are more likely to see an otter today than any time in the last fifty years. Following the ban on hunting them in 1978 you can now see them in every British county.

Otters are a member of the stoat family. They have a long body and a long tail, thick dense brown fur and big, webbed feet. They are adapted to life on land and water.



There are a few otters in the village, not seen very often as they are mostly active at night. Otters live in burrows in a bank or under a tree root called a holt. Otters can breed all year round but mostly in the spring. They have 2-3 young called pups or kittens, who stay with their mother for about a year or until she has another litter.

Otters are experts at catching fish which is their main food besides frogs and birds. Many fishing lakes have put an electric fence around their lakes to deter them.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

#### St Nicholas, Longparish

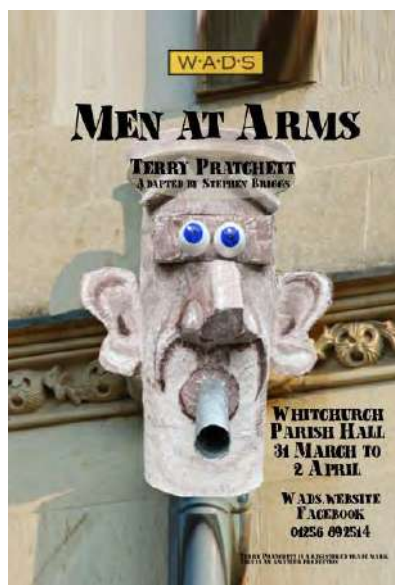
The Annual Parochial Church meeting of St Nicholas will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.15am after the morning service in St Nicholas Church.

Even if you are not a regular church goer, but are interested in our village church, you are most welcome to attend.

Jane Young PCC Secretary

## Calling all Pratchett fans...

*Clowns, assassins, werewolves and trolls – something for everyone at WADS this month*



Whitchurch Amateur Dramatic Society's next play features no fewer than four Longparish Mummies and two Longparish school governors. Terry Pratchett's Men At Arms has something for everyone – including werewolves, assassins, trolls and clowns and even gargoyles.

Men At Arms, adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs from Terry Pratchett's books, runs from 31 March to 2 April. It's set in the city of Ankh-Morpork, with its very diverse population – so diverse, in fact, that there are a lot of non-humans on stage, including in the Night Watch, who are the men at arms referred to in the title.

A string of seemingly random murders need to be investigated by the newly "inclusive" members of the city's Night Watch – Captain Vimes (never advanced further because he was "Brung Low by a Woman"), Sgt Colon (rotund perhaps because he "always has a lot on his plate") (Richard Williams) and Nobby Nobbs (Mr Steel-toecaps-in-the-groin, I-was-just-checking-the-doorhandle-and-it-opened-all-by-itself) are now joined by Cuddy the dwarf, Detritus the troll (James Hillier), and Angua (whisper it) a wer....

Oh, and the hero, Carrot Ironfoundersson (Andy Smith) is a six foot dwarf with a strong Welsh accent.

Tickets are £10 (£7 for concessions) and the show begins at 7:30pm each night.

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**Veronica Daniells 1940 - 2022**

Veronica was the daughter of Rosemary and John Jenkins. She was born in 1940 in India where her father was stationed with the Indian Police. Younger sister to Hilary and older sister to Noel, the family lived in West Bengal until 1944 at which point, worried the second world war might spill over into India, their parents made what must have been a heart-rending decision to stay in India while their daughters were put on a boat to England. On arrival back in England, all three sisters moved to Wales where they lived with their Aunt Margaret. Veronica saw her mother and father very rarely until they returned from India for good in 1954. After school, Veronica attended a secretarial course in London, but a much bigger world beckoned. The curiosity that was such a driving force of her life took hold and she decided to embark on a travelling adventure with her younger sister, Noel. They set sail for Canada, making their way to Montreal where Veronica found work first as an au pair and then at a bank. One day, while leaving a parking lot in Vancouver, Veronica reversed into a car that someone had foolishly parked behind hers. Luckily for her daughters, that "someone" would turn out to be her future husband, Michael. Michael always said it was love at first sight and eventually they travelled on together, setting sail for warmer climes, spending time in Jamaica before heading home to England. They married in September of '63 and made their first, happy home in Frimley Green where their daughter Caroline was born in 1966. They moved to Andover Down in 1970 – where, two years later, Veronica proceeded to paint the entire house while heavily pregnant with her second daughter Victoria. Victoria didn't seem to mind and joined the family in the summer 1972.

Veronica loved living in Andover Down and felt lucky to find some lifelong loyal friends and neighbours there. Going on local walks and exploring the local area was something which she loved -and spending time picnicking by and swimming in the River Test here in Longparish was something the whole family enjoyed.

Veronica volunteered for the local Save the Children charity shop in Andover. A world class maker of marmalade AND an enthusiastic baker, her husband, her daughters and occasionally when no-one was looking, the family dog, were the lucky recipients of a steady stream of cakes. In 1987, Veronica returned to the workplace as a full-time secretary at Lloyds TSB. When her beloved husband passed away in 2003, Veronica dealt with her grief in a typically stoic manner embarking on a new chapter in her life. working in Andover for Lionel Hitchen as a Senior Customer Service Administrator. After retiring in 2011, Veronica joined several rambling and walking groups.



Longparish Cricket Club are excited to be extending their junior section by introducing All Stars cricket. We will now be offering organised cricket at the club for children from age 5 through to age 15.

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The sessions will be between 5pm and 6 pm on Monday evenings starting on Monday 9 May 2022 through to Monday 4 July 2022. Parental involvement is actively encouraged, and refreshments will be available during the event. Enrolment is via a central online portal, <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> where further details can be found. Please spread the word, as this is fun for all the family.

**Mark Benzing**  
**Chairman,**  
**Longparish Cricket Club**

**Hurstbourne Priors**

- 5 7.30pm - *The Wondering Fiddlers* - St Andrew's Church  
 10 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee Morning - 55/56 Hurstbourne Priors  
 20 11.15am - Annual Meeting of Hurstbourne Priors PCC  
 St Andrew's Church  
 26 from 10am - Church and Village Clean up - Pavilion  
 27 4pm - Mothering Sunday service - St Andrew's Church  
 30 6.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Hall

**Andover Artisan Market**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
 10am to 2pm - High Street

**St Mary Bourne**

- 8 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
 8 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Centre Club Room  
 9 7pm - **Platinum Jubilee meeting** - Village Centre Club Room  
 11 7pm - Horticultural Society AGM - Village Centre Main Hall  
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 14 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
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 23 7pm - Greening Longparish Meeting - Village Hall  
 25 12 Noon to 2pm - Friday Lunch Club - Village Hall  
 29 7.30pm - Bingo Night - Village Hall  
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