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July/August 2022

*St Mary Bourne Flower Show & Fête*  
*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 12.30 to 4pm*



Dear Friends,

I write this at the end of a packed Bank Holiday weekend of celebrations and thanks for our Queen's 70 years of faith and service. It's wonderful to think that up and down the country, homes and shopfronts have been decorated, and communities have been celebrating together on their streets, with many neighbours probably meeting each other for the first time. Tomorrow, I'll be attending a Jubilee Tea Party at one of the nursing homes where I work as Chaplain; which will also give a great opportunity for relationship building.

Whatever we might think of the institution of the monarchy, I hope we can agree that our Queen is a remarkable woman who has demonstrated great servant leadership throughout her extraordinary reign. It's been interesting reflecting upon a booklet I've come across by Catherine Butcher, entitled *'Our Faithful Queen'*, which focuses on the thread of faith which has run right through the Queen's whole life.

After her father died, at just 56 years of age, the young queen needed to prepare spiritually and emotionally for her coronation. It was the Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, who guided her in these preparations by writing her *'A Little Book of Private Devotions'* which set out 33 daily bible readings, reflections and prayers for the month leading up to her coronation. The most sacred part of the service (kept private by a canopy) was when the archbishop anointed the Queen with holy oil. Her anointing set her life apart for service to others, and she received an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide her. Her spiritual preparation for service to others, was based upon Jesus' commandment to love others as God loves us, and to love our neighbours by serving them.

And, of course, we'll remember in many of the Queen's Christmas broadcasts that she has spoken about the importance of neighbourliness and of looking out for and caring for each other. In 2000, she emphasised, *"Jesus' simple but powerful teaching: love God and love thy neighbour as thyself – in other words, treat others as you would like them to treat you."*

So, I'm sure the Queen will have been delighted by the countless community gatherings and events up and down the country last weekend, which brought people together in love. We spent a wonderful evening at The Cricketers Inn, Longparish, enjoying music sung by the very talented Longparish Village Choir - so a huge thank you to Cathy Yelf and her amazing group of singers & musicians for bringing so many people together.



If you haven't seen the short clip of Paddington Bear enjoying tea with the Queen – it's well worth a watch. I'll finish with Paddington's words: *"Happy Jubilee, Ma'am, and thank you – for everything."*

With my warmest wishes,

Nicky  
Rev. Nicky Smallwood  
Assistant Curate



Rev Helen O'Sullivan has recently been appointed to the Winchester School of Mission and begins her new job in this month of July. We are very grateful for her contribution to ministry in our Benefice. Helen has been committed to rural ministry and has cared for the people and our churches in our communities whilst she has been here. We wish her well and thank her for all she has given us during the last nine months.

### 67 years married...



Viv and Gordon Barton were married at St Peter's in St Mary Bourne at 13.30 on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1955. The weather was glorious. Bridesmaids were Viv's sister Margaret and Gordon's sister Hazel. Best man was Gordon's uncle, Harold Cummins. Viv worked at the Coronation stores and remembers all the customers lining the village road waving at her. She felt like a princess. Reception was in the village hall followed by a honeymoon in Jersey.

### Gordon Pearce, 100...



Gordon Pearce at 100, assisted by Allan Hitchcock lighting the St Mary Bourne Jubilee Beacon at 9.45pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



## Services in the Parish Churches

### July & August 2022

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

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Trinity 3

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.00am	Communion Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.00am	Morning Praise
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	St Peter's Day Celebration
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Zoom service at 10.30am</b>		

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Midweek Communion
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#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 4

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

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 5

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

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 6

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

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Trinity 7

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	No service	
St Nicholas', Longparish	No service	
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.45am	Refreshments
	10.30am	Benefice Communion Praise
St James', Woodcott	No service	

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 8

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Communion Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Morning Praise
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Home Zoom service at 10.30am</b>		

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 9

<b>In the Morning</b>		
<b>All Hallows, Whitchurch</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>In the Evening</b>		
<b>St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Mid-month Communion
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#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Trinity 10

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	Songs of Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Morning Praise
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Matins
<b>Home Zoom service at 10.30am</b>		

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 11

<b>In the morning</b>		
<b>All Hallows, Whitchurch</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Communion Praise</b>
<b>In the evening</b>		
<b>St Peter's, St Mary Bourne</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

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

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parishadmin@ahwhitchurch.org.uk

Rev David Roche:  
revd.davidroche@hotmail.com

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:  
dodie.marsden@gmail.com  
☎ 01264 738211

• For details of **Roman Catholic Services** in Whitchurch or Andover, ☎ 01264 352829

• **Methodist Minister** for our parishes:  
The Revd Rachel Borgars, 11 Lapwing Rise, Whitchurch, RG28 7SU ☎ 01256 895878 or rachel.borgars@methodist.org.uk

#### From the Church Registers

##### Baptisms

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

We celebrate with their families and friends the baptisms of

**Archie Anderson Smith** at St Peter's

**Henry Thomas** at St Andrew's

**Teddy Curr** at St Andrew's

**Ellie Brogan** at St Peter's

##### Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of

**Susan Stevens** whose funeral took place at the Andover Crematorium.

**Rod Sutcliffe** whose funeral took place at St Peter's



**LET US PRAY** - If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please email [stnbrightwaters@icloud.com](mailto:stnbrightwaters@icloud.com) giving the name (no surname required) and include a reason if you wish, or contact a member of the local ministry team.





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## LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

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### REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 13 JUNE

**Draft Minutes can be viewed on the Longparish website**

#### Planning

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

- Single storey rear extension and 2 storey side extension at **The Old Curacy, Longparish**

The Parish Council raised an **OBJECTION** to:

- Erection of a grain store at **Kennedys, Harewood Forest Industrial Estate**

#### Highways – driver speeds reducing

Data collected from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) shows a significant reduction in driver speed since the last set of data was analysed. A comparison of the data for two similar length time-periods shows that 99% of drivers continue to drive at 35mph or less. In the most recent time-period, the number of cars driven at 25mph or less has increased from 60% in the last period before Christmas, to 80% in this period – in summary, more cars are driven more slowly. It is uncertain why this should be the case, but factors affecting driver speed may include rising fuel costs causing more careful driving, increased awareness of the Speed Indicator Device, or the recently added white lines on the stretch of road adjacent to the playground.

#### SSEN Resilient Communities Fund

The Parish Council has applied for a grant from SSEN's Resilient Communities Fund in the hopes of securing funding to purchase or lease an emergency generator to be sited at The Plough Inn community hub and pub, which we hope to designate as an emergency hub for the village. If the PC is successful in obtaining a grant, the generator will be available to provide emergency hot/cold food and drink as well as limited charging facilities in emergency situations such as prolonged power interruptions caused mainly by extreme weather conditions. The Plough Inn has a resident Management team, accessible facilities and community rooms and the PC feels that siting a generator at The Plough Inn is most convenient for public access in an emergency.

#### Football pitch

Following an accident at the football field recently, the PC voted to remove the wooden barrier adjacent to the pitch. This will be removed shortly.

Parishioners are encouraged to contact the Clerk [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk) if they feel that any equipment, street furniture etc in the parish poses a risk.

#### New website

The Communications Working Party will shortly meet with the web designer to review some sample pages that have been constructed for the new website. The Working Party is still keen to receive any photographs of the village and village life, to be used on the website. These can be sent to the Clerk

[clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 11 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 - Tel 07747 328760, or email

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

#### **GARDENING** **LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB**

**Tuesday 26th July**

Early evening visit to:

**The Deane House, Sparsholt**

Any enquiries please to:

Rosie Lowry 01264720325 Or Marion Bell 01264720205

[rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com](mailto:rosie@yewcottagelongparish.com)

#### **Longparish Village Hall - closed for redecoration and floor work**



The Village Hall will be closed for a few weeks from 16 July so that the main hall floor can be sanded and resealed and the whole place redecorated. Under the

terms of our constitution the hall has to be redecorated every 10 years. We were fortunate to receive Covid recovery grants and we are using some of the money to do this. Contact [villagehall@longparish.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@longparish.org.uk) for further information.

#### **AUTUMN VILLAGE CLEAN UP - SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday 29th October, 2pm**

Followed by refreshments at *The Cricketers*





# Longparish Fete



**SAVE THE DATE !!**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**12 noon to 4pm at Longparish Cricket Field**

By kind permission of Richard Wills, Middleton Estate and Longparish Cricket Club

**Great attractions including:-**

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Andover Town Band.

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Children's Toys - QuickDraw

- LCA Tent - Water 'n Wine - Bottle Stall - .....and much  
more!!

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP IF YOU CAN – YOUR  
VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!**

**Please contact Peter Jones (720551) or  
Georgi Leask (720829)**

## BOOK/CD/DVD STALL

If you have any items to donate, please call me if you would like me to collect them or leave them in the porch at Mayfield, Longparish. **Jenny Joliffe** 07471 942496

## FRESH PRODUCE STALL

If you are making jams or chutneys, or can spare any home-grown produce, please bring them along to the stall on the day.  
Thank you, **Sylvia Crook**

## BRIC A BRAC AND TOY STALL

**Pam & Tim Weale, Jeanette & Ian Branfoot** are in charge of Bric-a-brac Test Cottage, Longparish 01264 720362. Please NO electrical, broken or dirty items. Good condition, clean toys can be dropped off at Drove Cottage. Many thanks. **Jan West** 720289

## BOTTLE STALL

We will be visiting all of the houses in Longparish to collect bottles as usual, or that they can be left at the Village Shop. Our contact details are **Neil 07956 526966** and **Natasha 07876 131454**



The Greening Campaign gives advice to communities so that they can take meaningful action to reduce their environmental impact. **Phase 1 of the Greening Campaign is now complete.** Thank you to all those who took part and displayed their pledge cards.

Together **we saved 38.456 tons of CO<sup>2</sup>** which is roughly the same as **38 hot air balloons.**

If everyone put the money they saved from making these small changes into a pot, the community would save a total of £20,125 or £287.50 per household.

**Phase 2 of the Greening Campaign focuses on three pillars: nature, retrofit and health and wellbeing.**

Some of you came along to the Green Day in June and enjoyed the wicked Pirates in their quest to find the Plastic Vortex in the Pacific as well as information stalls about retrofitting, rewilding and recycling and what we can all do in a small way.

We will be putting on smaller events specifically about Rewilding and Retrofitting, if you are interested, do get in touch [green@longparish.org.uk](mailto:green@longparish.org.uk)

## **Next event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

- A guided tour of the rewilded areas at Lower Mill, with thanks to Karen-Marie Dinesen and the Blocksidge family.
- Essential to book for 9.30am or 11.00am. Numbers will be limited

Follow this link to book

<https://bookwhen.com/lowermill#focus=ev-s723-20220716093000>

Alongside the Greening Campaign, we are also interested in other topics including: investing in nature and our green spaces; supporting the electric vehicle transition and how to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle – all ideas welcome, get involved!

For more information on the Greening Campaign please see: <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>



At the time of writing, our 2<sup>nd</sup> community share offer has raised over £80,000 towards the £145,000 target funding for the new works. The offer has been extended to close on July 17<sup>th</sup> to allow more time for anyone still wishing to invest in this community project. Full details on the share offer can be found in last month's Hill & Valley, or online by following the links on [www.ploughinn.org](http://www.ploughinn.org)

The monies raised have already allowed us to upgrade the electric supply, enabling more equipment to be used in the kitchen. This, and our new second chef, Billy, working alongside Dean, means The Plough will be open for food and drinks for 7 days a week from July 4<sup>th</sup>, and there's an exciting new menu coming soon too.

We're already receiving some fantastic reviews from customers both near and from much further afield.

*A friendly, beautiful country pub, a community hub with friendly genuine staff, good food and a welcoming atmosphere.  
(Iain on TripAdvisor)*

*Superb food, lovely welcoming people, community-owned pub with great character. Well worth supporting with a visit - we hope to return soon!  
(Ester on Google)*

If you haven't visited already, why not follow Ester's advice and come give us a try. There's also a good selection of low alcohol beers for anyone driving. Booking is always advisable. To make a reservation, just call Steve and Lucy on 720069, or book online at [www.ploughinn.org](http://www.ploughinn.org)





## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Longparish celebrated!!

The first weekend of June brought us all a 4-day bank holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the village put the bunting out and celebrated in style. Here are some of the ways we did it!

### LCA Jubilee Ball



*Mamma Mia! Who knew there were so many "Dancing Queens" in Longparish! An amazing night was had by over 90 Longparish residents to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. How lucky were we when I asked Longparish Primary School to "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme" the use of their beautiful grounds to host the event, and the lovely Mrs Leach who said "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do! I Do!"*

*Huge thanks to the awesome army of volunteers including Rasmus Amstrup and Stuart Montague - 5 marquees in total is no mean feat! Carol Dunford for organising the chairs, tables, glassware and cutlery from Choices, Andover and for being my right-hand woman and fellow pudding purchaser! Christian Dryden and her amazing team of florists for decorating the marquee so beautifully. Steve and Lucy at The Plough for ordering in puddings and donating the ice. Mark Jarman (AKA Mr Pimms) for donating the Pimms and lemonade which flowed all evening! Hurstbourne Priors-based caterers, Yum! Yum! for the delicious food, 'Abba's Angels' for working incredibly hard to bring us a fabulous evening, and finally, to the, "professional" dancers who kept us entertained all night - there is video footage! You Can Dance, You Can definitely Jive, and you were certainly Having the Time of Your Life!*

*Thank you all for being such Super Troupers!*

**Clare Sykes**



**The LCA Friday Lunch Club** enjoyed a delicious and special Jubilee Lunch of sandwiches and scones and, as an extra treat, the opportunity to try the official Platinum Jubilee pudding, made by Christian Dryden,

whilst serenaded with some songs from the six decades of the Queen's reign by a visiting singer! Lots of flag waving and singing along ensued!

The Plough was full to bursting for the "Right Royal Quiz Night" – the winner of the silver foil round was Brian Murdoch (fifth from right):



...and the Longparish Choir performed at both the **FOLS Jubilee Street Party and Picnic** at Longparish School and also appeared at **The Cricketers Inn**, with a rousing rendition of Rule Britannia!

Not to mention the many official and unofficial street parties – we certainly did Her Majesty proud!

### LONGPARISH OF OLD

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee now a memory, Hill and Valley has looked back at how Longparish celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria 137 years ago. A feast was held in the same school "meadow", where villagers recently held their FoLS Street party. Details of the event, on June 11, 1887 were recorded in a notebook owned by John Woodcock which was transcribed by Mary Jo Darrah some years ago.

As was tradition the event was mostly paid for by the "better off classes", in this case 49 farmers, landowners, and tradesmen including Mrs Ironmonger of Middleton House, Colonel Tippinge of Longparish House, the Rev Woodcock (John's father), H. Hawker of Greenholme - a total of seventy-seven pounds, thirteen shillings and six pence was raised; £10,806 in today's money. This was plenty to pay for a mouth-watering feast of roast beef, pies, hot potatoes, radishes, cheese, lettuce, buns and 200lb. of plum pudding cooked by the ladies of the village in their own ovens. The chronicler records that "about 30 gentlemen and ladies carved and the young ladies waited on the people, several men helping with the heavy joints and drink".

Mr Snow (Mary's father) had provided four horses and two men to fetch tents from Andover and Clatford and Mr Gwyer paid for them to be returned. The dinner tent was decorated by the ladies of the village. Drink flowed freely. It had been calculated the men would consume a quart of beer and women one pint each of beer or six bottles of mineral water. Altogether 117 gallons of beer and 1,128 bottles of mineral water were drunk.

A showman paid £1 to set up his traditional "swing boats" in the school meadow and apparently did a roaring trade. Roundabouts and shooting galleries erected in Mrs Gwyer's meadow nearby also did good business. The precious notebook is lodged in the Hampshire County Archive in Winchester.

Thank you, Mary Jo, for your diligent research.

**Henry Yelf**







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

It was a lovely morning for the June race. We welcomed two new runners: Jack and Rebekah Searle and welcomed back William Murray after an absence of nearly 8 years.

First home by nearly three minutes in a time of 19:38 was Jack Searle, the fastest time this year. Some of you may remember Jack as the lad who marshalled at Bas's corner at the Andover parkrun for many months. My how he has improved since he started running. But you don't get the trophy on your first run so the honour of being Most Improved Man went to Jack's Dad, Raymond, in second place. And his Mum, Christina was



Most Improved Woman, just behind his sister Rebekah who was also running off an estimated handicap.

So well done to all the Searles. Are you prepared to reveal what you had for breakfast? I think the rest of us need

some of it.

We paused to remember runner number 84, John



Ellicock who died recently. John is pictured here with his father, Jack who presented him with the Most Improved Man trophy at the October 2009 race. There won't be an L2SOTM in July as the date clashes with a party to celebrate

John's life. Runners are recommended to try the Abbott's Ann trail races which offer 10K, 5K and 2K options and are raising funds for the Andover Foodbank.

[www.muddyrunners.org.uk/abbotts-ann-trail-run](http://www.muddyrunners.org.uk/abbotts-ann-trail-run)

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith, Sandra Doney, Nick and Sarah Collier, Lizzie and George and David Gould for helping and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

We'll be back on Sunday 14 August. 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)

### **Did you know the LCA has equipment available for members to hire?**

If you are planning a party over the summer and are worried about the weather, the LCA has a number of large marquees available for LCA members to hire at very reasonable rates. The largest is a 10 metre x 6 metre Gala Tent, with smaller tents also available.

Full details can be found on the Longparish website:  
[www.longparish.org.uk/lca/equipment](http://www.longparish.org.uk/lca/equipment)

There are also children's games and a selection of other equipment available.

### **Tuesday Talks**

Tuesday Talks is a series of talks given by villagers for villagers. We're hoping to restart this popular event in the Autumn, but we need a couple of volunteers to help plan and organize speakers. It's not a huge commitment as it's a monthly event run through the autumn and winter months. If you think you could possibly help, please speak to an LCA committee member, or email [lca@longparish.org.uk](mailto:lca@longparish.org.uk)

Your LCA Committee:

Jo Clare, Carol Dunford, Andy Jolliffe, Matt Doughty-Jones, Hilary Murdoch, Clare Sykes.

**LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2022**  
No organised July date but next one is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August



Longparish 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Litter Pick, meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am and free coffee at the LCA Coffee Shop.

The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags. For information Tel Christian Dryden 720 398



### **FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at The Cricketers as Hall is being refurbished  
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## LONGPARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

At this time of year we put lots of time and effort in to welcoming our new cohort of children and families into the school.

Whilst they may only start in September, we have meetings for parents and 'stay and play' sessions for the children with huge excitement about starting 'big school'. It is an emotional moment for parents, especially for those seeing their eldest child about to start their learning journey in earnest. It's also the time of year when a lot of time, effort and emotion goes into sending off our year 6 children. For staff, this is a sad and emotional time, as it can be for the children and families. Many parishioners reading this may well have grown-up grandchildren now, but will remember that time of leaving Primary School as a proud parent. I know many parents over the years who have told me how they have been involved with the school for over twenty years. Families have long associations with schools, which is why we are such an important part of a community.



Our year 6 have a range of events to provide them with life-long memories. Recently, they attended a Year 6 Leavers' workshops and worship service at Winchester Cathedral with 2,000 children from Hampshire

schools. They children were asked to make flowers from recycled materials to form part of a joint banner to be displayed in Churches around the county. Our children made a flower with petals crafted made from newspaper cuttings focusing on Ukranian refugees, alongside which was written '*we used black and white newspapers to show lack of colour in these places, and the key words from the headlines to highlight the sadness, horror and grief.*' At a time when the world is facing so many difficulties, it is heart-warming to know that our children have such an awareness and compassion and a desire to make this world a better place.

So, our Year 6 cohort will move on and continue their learning journey in various secondary schools, and we all wish them well. We want our children to leave us having had a curriculum that develops their knowledge of the world, whilst also providing them with the life-long skills, aspiration and ambition to be healthy, successful, environmentally aware citizens that believe in contributing positively to society. There is hope for the world thanks to our children.

**Mark Ward**  
Acting Head Teacher  
Longparish Primary School

Longparish Primary School staff completed the Race for Life on 22nd May and raised £1197. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and donated to a very worthy cause of Cancer Research.



## Friends of Longparish School

What an amazing few months we've had! First up was a record-breaking May Fayre; we raised a staggering £9,612! It was truly a team effort from the school and local community. Whether you manned a stall, donated a bottle, baked a cake, put up tents or bought a raffle ticket, we couldn't have done it without you. A sincere 'thank you' from the FoLS Committee.

Just two weeks later the Union Jack bunting went up for our Jubilee Street Party and Picnic. It was a wonderful afternoon of coming together to celebrate, and raised £485. Thank you to Longparish Village Choir and the school choir for entertaining us. The FoLS Committee are delighted to say we have funded £1,000 towards school trips this term. First up was the Robins class visit to Finkley Down Farm. Thank you for supporting our events this year, which allowed us to make this donation to school.

One of the easiest ways to support us is through Amazon Smile, who make a donation every time you shop. We are challenging twenty new people to sign up to support FoLS this summer - to sign up visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or on the app navigate to the main menu, settings and select Amazon Smile. Choose Friends of Longparish School to raise money at no extra cost to you!

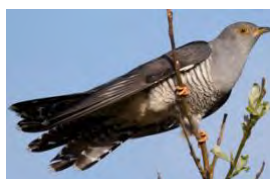
The winners of our June 100+ Club draw are: 1<sup>st</sup> P&G Mottley, 2nd J Allam, 3rd F Johnson.

To keep up to date with FoLS news, follow us on Facebook at [fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool](https://fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool)

**Jo Allam, Chair** (contact [chairfols@gmail.com](mailto:chairfols@gmail.com) or 07982 073674)

## BIRDS OF LONGPARISH BY CHRIS BOWMAN

### THE CUCKOO



Everyone knows the cuckoo; some say a swallow is the first sign of spring, others the say it's the cuckoo. When I was growing up in the village they were calling all day long but not so now they have been put on the red list of endangered species. I have heard and seen it more times this year than I have for a long time. They arrive in April and leave in late June/July.

They migrate all the way to the Congo in Southern Africa, those satellite tagged are tracked down the west coast and east coast and others fly straight across the Sahara dessert. The longest returning one is called Colin. Every spring he returns to Thursley common in Surrey and it's his ninth time! Photographers leave food out for him and he has become so tame they can photograph him really close up.

Cuckoos are very similar to kestrels in size and shape. Rather small head, long narrow edged wings, long rounded tail, grey chest and a white barred belly. They are parasites: they lay their eggs in other birds' nests. The female watches birds making their nest and when they lay, the Cuckoo lays one in it as well. The egg hatches in twelve days, it will then push all the other eggs out of the nest so it gets all the food. They fledge in three weeks but the host parents will feed it for another two, by this time it's about three times the size of its hosts. Cuckoo's favourite food is hairy caterpillars and insects.



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## LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB

### The John Woodcock Memorial Day – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August



In memory of John Woodcock, 'The Sage of Longparish', the cricket club are hosting a Memorial Day on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Here's John at his home in Longparish, with former England cricket captain Michael Atherton, who took over from him as cricket correspondent for The Times.

Events on the day will include:

- Match between a John Woodcock Memorial XI (managed by John's nephew Chris Woodcock) and Longparish CC.
- Junior matches across the Clubs junior age groups
- Bowling competition..... for all abilities
- BBQ
- Cream Teas and Ice Creams
- Bar and refreshments
- Old time conversation

The Club are also running a fundraising Silent Auction, which will conclude on the day. There are fantastic lots that can be bid for including local small airplane flights, fly fishing day, rounds of golf, combine harvester rides and cricket merchandise. Bids can be made via the Club's website from July onwards - [longparishcc.hitscricket.com](http://longparishcc.hitscricket.com) Please come along and support the Club....entry is free!

**Mark Benzing**  
Chairman  
Longparish Cricket Club

### Longparish Village Cricket Fun Day Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022

If you can please don't forget to come along to the Village Cricket Fun Day at the Longparish Cricket Ground for fun, food and cricket, raising funds towards re-thatching the pavilion.

The format will include:

- Junior cricket match before lunch
- BBQ
- Afternoon Cricket match for older children and adults
- Drinks, teas and cakes served all day!

Please let [jameshillier@hillier.co.uk](mailto:jameshillier@hillier.co.uk) know if you would like to take part/come along/volunteer and particularly if you would like to play (no experience needed!), stating your age and whether you have played before.

## Hill and Valley - how does it reach you?

On the last weekend of the month in 10 months of the year Hill and Valley drops on your door mat. You may wonder how the process of producing it works...

At the top of the chain there is an oversight committee which sets the constitution of the magazine and monitors the finances. This is chaired by Michael Widen in St Mary Bourne who shares the production role with me. All 3 parish councils are represented on the committee. The magazine costs about £1,100 per issue to have printed, paid for by advertising and a small annual contribution from all 3 parish councils. Michael has been involved with the magazine for many years and is the mainstay of its production. He organizes the 12 pages of advertising, sources the photo for the front cover (usually one of his own photos), prompts the clergy for the church pages, and composes the back cover with the diary dates.

The copy deadline is always a Wednesday. Our village editor (currently Georgina Montague) collates the articles submitted from the village and after it is proof-read by Jeremy and Maggie Barber, she sends the finished 6 pages to me by Sunday. The other parish editors in Hurstbourne Priors and St Mary Bourne do likewise. Generally, by about 7.00pm on Sunday I have the whole magazine contents which I put in order together with the advertisements and send them to the printer. At 7.00am the next morning Andover Printing Company send a proof of the whole magazine which I check and clear. They print and box up 1,250 copies of the magazine by the following Friday. Meanwhile the Barbers prepare the diary and special notice insert.

Usually on the last Friday of the month the boxes are collected, the St Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors boxes dropped off and the 350 Longparish copies to our house, whereupon Alix and I put the diary insert into each copy, then split them up for our amazing team of deliverers who ensure that every house in the village receives their free copy. On the Saturday I do a tour of the village dropping off the bundles to: Mary Jo Darrah, Elia Chamberlen, Rosie Lowry, Corrine Bowman, Sarah Harris, Kim Lampard, Christian Dryden, Kay and Norman Bunce.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated wonderful contributors, helpers, deliverers and to our outgoing editor. Please see below how you can join our editing team!

**Tom Bremridge**

### HILL AND VALLEY – PARISH EDITOR

After 2 very successful years as parish editor of our magazine Georgina Montague is stepping down owing to other commitments. So we need a new editor!

The role is fun and rewarding. It takes up about 1.5 days a month for 10 editions per year. If anyone is interested please contact Natasha Rouse (Parish Council communications member)

[natasha.rousepc@longparish.org.uk](mailto:natasha.rousepc@longparish.org.uk) or

Tom Bremridge [tbremridge@gmail.com](mailto:tbremridge@gmail.com) 07973 768535 or speak to Georgina to learn more about the role 01264 720493

We are all most grateful to Georgina for her commitment and dedication over the last 2 years.



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## WEATHER - MAY 2022

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Total for 2022	283mm	11.14in
Total for 2021	482mm	16.85in
Max temp (on 24 <sup>th</sup> )	26C	78F
Min temp (on 31 <sup>st</sup> )	4C	40F

The dry year continues... 5.4 inches less rainfall than this time last year.

*John Smail*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING

The July Coffee Morning will be held by Hannah Ross on Wednesday, 6th July at the School House, 39 Hurstbourne Priors from 10.15 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome!

There will be no Coffee Morning in August, but we will meet again in September.

If you would like to host a coffee morning in the future please contact Susie Sorby

Tel: 01256 892665 or email: [sbsorby@hotmail.com](mailto:sbsorby@hotmail.com)

*Susie Sorby*



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> July 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: Richard Waterman, Parish Clerk: [Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com](mailto:Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com) or Clare Read, Chairman: [clareread@aol.com](mailto:clareread@aol.com)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH



We had a wonderful, children focused service for Fathers' Day on 19<sup>th</sup> June. The children made a tie for their Dads with a prayer on the back and colourful decorations on the front.

After consulting with the parents, we plan to focus on one Sunday a month when there will be a Sunday School with fun activities for the children. We hope that this will make it easier for busy families to make plans so that they can join us and the children can enjoy coming to church together.

The next two services with Sunday School for the children will be Holy Communion on Sunday 17th July at 10.30am and Communion Praise on Sunday 7th August at 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome!

*Ann Orr and Fenella Williams*  
Churchwardens

## SONGS OF PRAISE - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### Songs of Praise

**21 August 2022, at 4pm in St Andrews Church.**

For the first time since lock down we are holding a Songs of Praise service. This is an informal service with lots of hymns and our very own band. Come and enjoy singing your favourite old hymns and some newer songs followed by some tea and cake.

If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the band, please let Ann Orr know: [annjorr@btinternet.com](mailto:annjorr@btinternet.com)

## WORD OF THE MONTH



The word I am going to flag up for this issue is VEXILLOLOGY being the study of flags.

The word comes from both the Latin word *vexilla* "little sail" for flag plus the Greek suffix *-ology* that means "study of". The vexillum was a particular kind of flag used by the Roman legions.

*Barbara Carrodus*



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**Jubilee Fifties Fete**

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**Towards a Greener Mill**

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We pledge to continue to improve our environmentally sustainable practices and welcome ideas and suggestions.

**'Dancing in the Womb' Exhibition, 16 July–4 September**

Our July–September exhibition features the work of Rezia Wahid MBE, a Bangladeshi-born British textile

artist and designer whose creations have been exhibited internationally. Rezia produces gossamer-light cloths, taking her inspiration from sources as diverse as Islamic spirituality, Indonesian ikat, Japanese kasuri and the Arts & Crafts movement. She says 'The textiles I weave are more than mere pieces of cloth: they are my journeys, story and feelings. They represent the sanctity, beauty and serenity of nature and light, and are the revival of cultural form and technique with a contemporary approach.'

On 24 July between 2 & 3pm Rezia will give a talk about her passion for weaving and her inspirations. Tickets are limited so we recommend you book early: adults only, £5 per ticket. On 18 August Rezia will be hosting two workshops: one for families and one for adults. See our website for further details. And on 20 August between 2 & 4pm Rezia will give an outdoor performance including dance, music and poetry readings. Free admission.

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**2022 Summer Project**

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We also like to be able to offer families who need foodboxes during the holidays an extra activity for their children, so we are collecting activity/colouring books or comics for children aged 3-11.

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

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## ANNA BYE

27<sup>th</sup> November 1931 to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Anna Bye, who died on 16 April aged 90, was born in Cardiff. She had deep Welsh roots - her mother's family had lived at Dinas in the Rhondda Valley since the 17th century. Mum was particularly proud that a recent DNA test showed her ancestry to be 98% Welsh!

She spent her early years at Blackwood, Monmouthshire before

moving to Catbrook, a small hamlet above the Wye Valley near Monmouth, where her father had been appointed headteacher in 1940. After the Second World War she became a weekly boarder at Monmouth Schools for Girls and then, in 1950, she went to university in Exeter where she studied English Literature with Latin as a subsidiary. It was there that she met her future husband, Gerry Bye, who had completed his degree in Chemistry and was studying for his doctorate. After she graduated in 1953, Mum remained at Exeter for a further year to train as a teacher.

Our parents were married at Rhymney, Monmouthshire in 1955. After a honeymoon on the Isles of Scilly they began married life in Reading. There Mum taught at St Joseph's Convent while Dad worked as a research scientist at Aldermaston. After two years, when Dad became a lecturer in Chemistry at Liverpool Polytechnic, they moved to the Wirral. Mum taught at West Kirby Girls' Grammar School. During their eight years on the Wirral Philip, Matthew and Gavin were born.

In 1966 the family moved to Sheffield where Dad had been appointed to a lectureship at Sheffield University and it was here in the Department of Ceramics that his research involved the chemistry of cement which was to dominate the rest of his career. An invitation in 1969 to join the Research Department of Blue Circle Cement resulted in the family moving south to the village of Shorne, Kent.

With her children now growing up, and with her mother now living with us, Mum was able to return to her career as a teacher. She taught English and Latin and at Wombwell Hall; Northfleet until she took early retirement.

In 1985, they moved to this village, Hurstbourne Priors, in Hampshire and it became their home. They found it idyllic and enjoyed the countryside and village life with kind neighbours, making many friends and being involved with the church. Mum also sang in the local choir and was involved with the PCC, the May Fair and Ladies Coffee Mornings. Mum and Dad also shared a common interest in travelling on art and classical antiquity tours in Italy and around the Mediterranean.

*Philip, Matthew and Gavin Bye*

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Our main village celebration was the Single Wicket Cricket competition and tea party on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The weather was perfect and villagers enjoyed an afternoon in the sunshine.

The Cricket was hotly contested by all ages and congratulations to our champions: Andy Ross with runners up Hannah Ross and Matt Johnson and the junior champions Zachary Bedford and runner up Martha Stanes.

Joseph Urquhart was the best dressed King and Wilfrid Oakley won the prize for the best crown made by a parent!

Our village cooks came up trumps with an amazing tea which everyone enjoyed and everything was eaten!

At the end of the weekend we had a Benefice Evensong at St Andrews with special thanks to Susie Urquhart for her solo of Psalm 23 and descant of Praise my Soul – both favourites of the Queen and also to Ann Orr for inviting us to drinks after the service. A lovely end to a happy weekend – even in the rain!

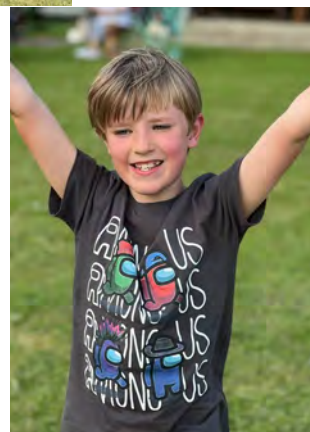


*Joseph in his Coronation Coach*

*Zachary – Junior cricket champion*



*Wilfrid in his crown*





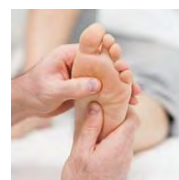
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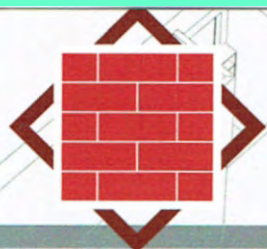
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There are crafty boat activities, biscuits to decorate and lots to celebrate. We are in the churchyard and in the church. Come along for a coffee, too. *Dodie*

## The Lunch

Our next village lunches will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** and **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August** at St Mary

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



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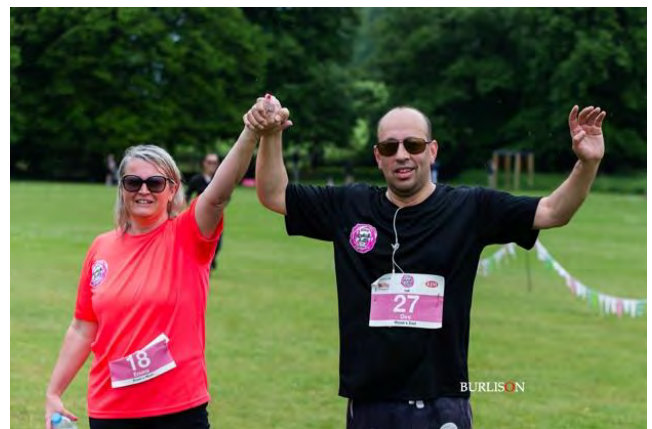
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## Run4Rosie

A huge thank you and well done to all those who participated in the inaugural Run4Rosie on 15<sup>th</sup> May. We raised an amazing **£2,865.40** for our charities; SUDEP Action & St. Mary Bourne School. Despite the unfortunate rain it was a truly amazing event and meant so much to see everyone there running in memory of Rosie Carter-Desai. A huge thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors for making it possible, most notably KJM, Finkley Down Farm, GroundLord, The George Inn, Hendricks Gin, Burlison Photography & Film, Bourne Valley Trophies, Sensory Toys and Ken White. We hope to see you again in 2023! Date yet to be decided. Finally, if any child did not receive a medal after their run please email [run4rosie@yahoo.com](mailto:run4rosie@yahoo.com) to organise collection of this.



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**Sophie Ellis** is through to the National Championships having won **1<sup>st</sup> place** in the South of England in more than one category. Good Luck Sophie!



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July is an exciting month at the Village Shop. Work on The Boundary Community Shop and Café begins, marking the start of this amazing project. We would like to thank all of those that invested in the Community Share Offer which was extremely successful in getting the lion's share of funding but, at the time of writing, we are still a little way off our target. **'Buy a Brick'** is currently running, allowing anyone to purchase a brick for the new extensions for £1 and we also have been given a match funding grant by The Greenham Trust, so that every pound donated to The Boundary through their website will be matched by them. If shares were not your thing but you'd still like to be part of The Boundary, please consider buying a brick from the Village Shop or going online to <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/19398/st-mary-bourne-village-shop-association-community-interest-company/st-mary-bourne-community-shop-and-cafe-2022> and donating - the lovely people at The Greenham Trust will double your donation! If that web address is too long and daunting for words - you could just scan the QR code below with your phone to take you to the same place!



And so, the project begins. At the start of the year, we put the building work out to tender and after many meetings with builders and many quotes, we chose Tim Baxter, a local builder with a great reputation. Whilst the building work will start this month, we are able to still operate from the

Village Shop until the end of August, when we will move out for a short period into the Club Room. We hope that the building work won't be too disruptive for the village and we are all hoping that it will be swift! If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with us - either by popping into the shop and talking to Lara or by emailing us at [theboundary@stmarybourne.org](mailto:theboundary@stmarybourne.org).

In the meantime, please remember that we are here with delicious ice creams, local fresh meat for BBQ's, cold drinks, delicious salads and fresh fruit and veg, to name but a few. Everything you need for impromptu gatherings with friends and neighbours... (Let's do that a lot now we're allowed!!) Happy Summer, everyone!!



Ray Randall supervising the planting of a Magnolia Stellata 'Royal Star' on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

## Village Shop 100 Club

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

June 2022 - 100 Club Draw:

£50 - B. Harrell £20 - J. & M. Dobson  
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## Postcard from Binley July 2022

Freak accidents to several important members of the Binley Sheep Moving Team, none of them alcohol related which is unusual for this place, meant that after 27 years of sitting on the subs bench, I finally got the call and was invited to join the first team. My dreams had at last come true. At 6pm, as ordered and beyond excited I was out in the lane, my trusty stick in hand waiting for the other participants. Neighbour's curtains twitched. I could hear the plaintive cries "Why him and not me?" Jealousy is a terrible thing. I practised my stick moves, a thrust, a parry! "Gercha!!" All good. Confidence oozed from every pore. Then the team arrived, Team leader dressed in a moth-eaten checked shirt, volumous baggy shorts and mismatched socks and plimsoles, a sartorial look only the English upper classes can pull off. I felt overdressed. The team all carried sticks, but these sticks were like cudgels, as thick as your arm with grafted on goat horns and hooks. Medieval stuff! I looked at my puny stick and not for the first time felt inadequate.

Team leader gave a rousing briefing. There was talk of Tupps and Hoggets (whatever they were?) and delinquent lambs hell bent on causing trouble. I sucked on my teeth and punched the palm of my left hand with my right fist. Like Batman. Bring it on!

We emptied a field of Hoggets to start. I know now these are animals in their second spring or summer, so aged between one and two years old. They trooped meekly out with no dramas, like lambs to the...well, you know! But now things got serious as it was the turn of the delinquent youngsters and there was a heightened tension in the air. People became twitchy, palms sweaty. Positioned strategically not twenty yards from my own home I feared for my young dahlias. And then they were on me, the ewes and their lambs; and they were delightful, no trouble at all! We wandered happily up the lane behind them towards Blacksmith's Cottage in a scene that could have jumped straight from the pages of Laurie Lee's "As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning". I find myself more and more attracted to sheep (in a healthy way) and admire their maternal instincts, their toughness and fortitude. Binley without sheep would be like Andalucia without larks or Malta without apes. Bereft.

The wrens in the barn have fledged and are pinging around everywhere. Their home, a ball of moss tucked between two joists in a dark corner, is as cosy as can be and has done them well. These nests are dotted all around my garden from previous years, behind drainpipes, under guttering, thatch and in hidden corners. They don't seem ever to be re-used and the Jenny wren could save herself a lot of time and trouble should she consider it. But I guess it is not in her nature. Tonight we have two sets of fledglings being fed on a little table in the courtyard at the back of the house and it is wonderful to watch.

I never realised how much fun retirement was going to be. The other day my wife complained that a bathroom tap was dripping. I said it wasn't. We went upstairs and stood staring at it for half an hour. She saw a drip, I denied it. I thought I'd won. No. She got a cardboard centre from a spent toilet roll and put it by the plug hole. The following morning she proudly presented this piece of sodden evidence at the breakfast table. I said it was caused by moisture coming up the plug hole. I thought that was the end of it but she has now fastened a cellophane sandwich

bag over the offending tap to catch the drips so I'm having to sneak upstairs every few hours to empty the damn thing! Is this how the rest of my life is going to play out?

Today we bade farewell to Rod Sutcliffe, a man I have known now for almost forty years. A stalwart of the church and community here in SMB, a proper chap in every sense and someone who always approached me with a twinkle in his eye. My early days here in the valley were spent ruinously in the George with Rod as Landlord. Here I witnessed the Llama incident and the great soda syphon fight which was started by Wyndham Culley and finished when Joe Hirst thought a bucket of old cooking oil in the kitchen was a bucket of water. The entire bar was covered in this stuff and you could sit and watch it travelling up the wall like blotting paper. Particularly sodden was Kate Mann, the voluptuous and buxom barmaid. What a character she was! Rod's wife Lynn stormed into the bar and demanded to know what was going on and where was Rod?

"Upstairs assisting Kate in the shower!" said the ever-helpful Wyndham.

Lynn's face was a picture!

"What???" "Right!!!!" And up the stairs she went! Poor old Rodders! Oh, such happy times.

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This is the last recycling article (phew!) with a few random suggestions, but mainly telling you about the wonderful work Andover Mind do at The Ugly Duckling project. The project was started in 2010 to give work experience and volunteering opportunities to local disadvantaged people of all ages helped by others from the community. They **renovate and upcycle donated furniture** saving it from landfill as well as making new items from donated wood. The hedgehog houses are especially popular. They will also take commissions from your own ideas. There is a very welcoming pop-up shop in the Chantry Centre which you can visit on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10am - 2pm. And the workshop in the East Portway Industrial Estate SP10 3LU is open on a Thursday 9.30am - 2.30pm. You can also email them [uglyduckling@andovermind.org.uk](mailto:uglyduckling@andovermind.org.uk) or phone 07747 630600 or 01264 332297 if you want to find out how to donate your old furniture.



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## Platinum Jubilee celebrations in St Mary Bourne

It was really pleasing to see so many people joining together to celebrate this historic royal first with four days of community events, starting with an impressive jubilee beacon and ending with a memorable '70' drone photo, dedication of our jubilee tree and big jubilee lunch. Thank you to everyone who participated by decorating their homes, taking posies to church, coming to the various events and church service, playing cricket, taking part in the bike ride, tug-of-war or relay races, baking cakes & biscuits, providing food, decorating the Village Centre and entering competitions and activities. It's people that make the party!

Thanks in large part to a generous grant from Basingstoke and Deane (with the other costs being met by the Village Centre and Community Hub) all events were free to all to



enjoy. Of course, none of this could have happened without the support of all those too many to mention who generously gave their time, skills and resources, including Nik Cross & Helen Burgess for generously hosting the beacon at Spring Hill, Dave Burlison for his superb photographs of the events, Ann Hollstein for creating a special certificate as a lasting memento and our very own 'Queen' Ruth Widén who awarded her own

jubilee honours. Thank you Ma'am!

KC

A **Big, Big Thank You** to Karen and all involved in any way for the Jubilee. When St Mary Bourne do anything they do it well! God bless you all. *Pat France*



If Dodie took a photo of you and your family over the Jubilee weekend you can email her [dodie.marsden@gmail.com](mailto:dodie.marsden@gmail.com) and she will send it on.

## Go Star Gazing in July & August

### July

13 - Full Moon - Supermoon

28 - New Moon

28/29 - Delta Aquariids Meteor Shower  
(20 meteors per hour - best after midnight)

### August

12- Full Moon

12-13 Perseids Meteor Shower - One of the best meteor showers to observe up to 60 meteors per hour.

14 Saturn at Opposition - Brighter than any at any other time of the year. Best time to view Saturn & its moons with medium telescope / larger.

27 - New Moon

27 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation - Best time to view Mercury as it will be at its highest point above horizon in evening sky. Low in western sky just after sunset.

## Discover our chalk streams with free events this summer

**Open Chalk Streams** returns this July, with yet more hidden gems to discover. Come adventuring with the Watercress and Winterbournes team, as we explore spaces that are normally off-limits and see familiar spots in a whole new light. This time, the event locations span fishing beats, historic mills, streamside gardens, and even a gin distillery!

But why is this important? Well, some parts of our local chalk streams flow through private property, from cosy gardens to rolling farmland. Many of the owners are doing great work to protect the habitats in their care, but cannot have open access for privacy or safety reasons. Other stretches of stream are fully accessible, but 'hiding in plain sight'.

The Open Chalk Streams project allows landowners to share their spaces, and communities to experience our amazing streams. Our special events give access to private places and highlight the wonders of public ones. We'll soon be visiting:

- Bere Mill (Whitchurch), 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.50 - 13.00
- Source of the River Itchen, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 - 13.00
- St Mary Bourne Lake, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 - 12.00 / 13.00 - 15.00
- Flashetts Footpath (Overton), 12<sup>th</sup> July, 8.30 - 12.00
- Bourne Valley (near St Mary Bourne), 13<sup>th</sup> July, 13.00 - 15.30
- Bombay Sapphire (Laverstoke), 20<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 - 11.00
- Soke Bridge Garden (Alresford), 27<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 - 13.00
- Tufton (near Whitchurch), 28<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 - 12.00 / 13.00 - 15.00
- Alresford Watercress Beds, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 - 12.30



Photo: Guy Edwardes - River Itchen

To learn more and book your tickets, please visit [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/open](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/open). For queries, please email [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk).



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## Rodney Walter Sutcliffe (Rod)

19<sup>th</sup> December 1933 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

An Appreciation (*compiled from tributes made at Rod's Thanksgiving Service*)

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, St Peter's Church was filled to capacity with the family & friends of Rod Sutcliffe. They came to pay tribute to a man who made a positive difference to others throughout his life. Rod was hugely respected by everyone who crossed his path and he is remembered with gratitude as a "giant among men".

The foundation of Rod's life was the Church and his Christian faith. He would joke, "Why not? Christ was a friend of publicans"; and throughout his life he demonstrated Christianity at its best, with love running through the heart of everything as a "thread of gold". Rod's love of music, his good humour, his hospitality and generosity, his sense of duty and honour, his leadership qualities and his deep love of family were expressed through music, readings, prayers and family reminiscences during the Thanksgiving Service at which his son the Revd Richard Sutcliffe and the Revd Canon Martin Coppen officiated.

Rodney Walter Sutcliffe was born in 1933, the second child of William & Doris. He had an older sister Pamela (Pam) and two younger brothers Terry and Martin. The family lived in Kent during his childhood, and music played an important part in his early life. Rod sang in the church choir, later progressed to playing the flute and guitar, and subsequently became the Drum Major of the Royal Marine Cadets Band in Chatham Marine Barracks. Some years later, Rod was invited to be the Drum Major for the Middlesex Yeomanry Band. He led many parades in London at the Cenotaph, Horse Guards Parade and the Lord Major's Show, and he also organised special parades in St Mary Bourne to the delight of local residents in the 1980s.

Rod was called up for National Service in 1951 and served with the RAF in the Canal Zone at a tricky time leading up to the Suez crisis. On a home posting in 1954, he met and married Lynn. For both of them it was "love at first sight" and they maintained a happy and supportive marriage for the next 67 years. Sandra was born in 1961, followed by Richard in 1967. When Rod left the RAF in 1956, he worked in Middlesex and London, but in 1980 Rod & Lynn joined his brother Martin and wife to buy The George Inn in St Mary Bourne. The Sutcliffe family then left suburban life to start a new adventure.

Rod and Lynn ran the pub for the next 6 years. It was hard work but they made a great impact on village life. Rod loved people and was a wonderful host. When they retired due to Lynn's ill health, they moved across the road into Summerfield and Rod continued to throw his energies into helping the local community. He was Chair of the Fundraising Committee to build the new St Mary Bourne Village Centre in 1993 and was central to the building and opening of the new Village Shop in 2002. He served on the Parish Council for many years and was Chairman of the Bowling Club which oversaw the creation of the new Bowling Green in Bells Field. He played an active role in the British Legion, was an occasional performer with Priors Players, and his commentaries on the tortoise racing at the annual Flower Show became legendary. In 2002 he was proud to be elected a Church Warden at St Peter's where he was a faithful worshipper, and he fulfilled that role with distinction.



Another major influence in Rod's life was Freemasonry. In 1968, he was initiated into the West London and Electric Lodge No 7404 in Middlesex and became Master of the Lodge in 1976. He spent several years supporting the Province of Middlesex and his commitment was recognised when he was appointed as a Grand Lodge Officer by the Duke of Kent at a ceremony in London. On moving to Hampshire, Rod joined Ariel Lodge No 8166 and was also a Visiting Officer to three other local lodges which ensured their continued success. The highlight of his Masonic journey was when he was awarded the "Certificate of Service to Freemasonry in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight" by the Provincial Grand Master in 2015. He always offered encouragement and guidance to others and was highly respected.

But central to Rod's life was his family. His love for Lynn was an unquenchable fire which lasted until death. He was a proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He provided sympathy and strong support through disappointments and deep family tragedies and he rejoiced at the happy events that came along, such as discovering and getting to know his daughter Lynda, building strong links with Lynn's US family, and getting great happiness from seeing his grandsons mature into men and start their own families. Rod was a man of high standards and he inspired others by his example. He was much loved and is very much missed. A great good man. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Our sympathies go to Lynn, Sandra, Richard and all Rod's family at this time of loss.*



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Commemorative drone photo - 5<sup>th</sup> June

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## Longparish

## July

- 3 Longparish **Village Cricket Fun Day** - Longparish Cricket Ground  
 11 8pm - Parish Council Meeting - Longparish Village Hall  
 16 **Longparish Green Day** - Guided Tour of rewilding areas at Lower Mill  
 17 The Plough Inn - 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Share Offer closes  
 26 Longparish Gardening Club - visit to The Dean House - Sparsholt  
 29 12 noon - Friday Lunch Club - The Cricketers Inn

## August

- 7 Longparish Cricket Club - John Woodcock Memorial Day - Cricket Ground  
 12 9.15am - Longparish Friday Litter Pick - behind the Village Hall  
 14 9am - L2SOTM Race - Longparish Cricket Ground  
 10 Sep Longparish Church and Village Fête - Cricket Ground  
 29 Oct Autumn Village Clean up - save the date

## Hurstbourne Priors

## July

- 6 10.15am - Ladies Coffee - The School House (39)  
 17 10.30am - Sunday School - St Andrews Church  
 27 6.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Hall

## August

- 7 10.30am - Sunday School - St Andrews Church  
 21 4pm - Songs of Praise - St Andrews Church

## St Mary Bourne

## July

- 2 10am to 12 Noon - 'The Repair Café' - The George Inn  
 3 10.30am - St Peter's Day celebration - special service  
 12 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
 12 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre  
 20 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre  
 23 12.30 to 4pm - Flower Show & Fête - Recreation Ground  
 23 7 to 11pm - 'The After Party' - Recreation Ground

## August

- 6 10am to 12 Noon - 'The Repair Café' - The George Inn  
 9 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
 9 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre  
 17 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre  
**Saturday mornings** - 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library** - Village Centre Club Room  
 2 Sep 7pm - An Evening of Music - St Peter's Church

## Andover Artisan Market

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

10am to 2pm - High Street



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