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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

2nd to 5th June 2022



Dear Friends,

This month we shall celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen has ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, born in 1926, she is 96 years old, and for 70 of those years she has served our nation faithfully. The special bank holiday from 2nd to 5th June this year will perhaps be the nation's biggest ever thank you party!

Loved in these islands and throughout the commonwealth and beyond, the Queen's commitment of service has been magnificently fulfilled. Over these seventy years she has shown and modelled resilience, strength in difficult times, especially these last few years she has been a constant stabilizing factor for us all. I believe that during her tenure, she has seen 14 prime ministers and 7 Archbishops come and go. She has been an inspiration to all of us, her sense of duty has inspired many to become key workers and volunteers and to serve their country.

As Supreme Governor of the Church of England and also the head of state, one of the Queen's titles is Defender of the Faith. In the sovereign's annual Christmas Day message, the Queen has constantly talked about her own faith in Jesus Christ, and the values and virtues she lives by. In the year 2000 she said Christ's life and teaching *'provide a framework in which I try to lead my life'*, in 2014 she said her faith was *'the anchor in my life'*, and 2020 *'the teachings of Christ have served as my inner light, as has the sense of purpose we can find in coming together to worship'*.

The teachings of Christ, as he said himself, can be summed up in two Old Testament commandments, love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus explicitly taught that we must treat other people as we would like to be treated and not to judge others; even more he said love your enemies and pray for them. His teachings profoundly impact our attitudes to the 'other' in such a way that our broken world today would benefit so much from the healing balm of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that Her Majesty and many others subscribe to.

We continue to pray now as always for our Queen, for her work and for her needs.

Very best wishes

Revd David
The Reverend David Roche
 Area Dean and Priest in charge



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| Thursday 2 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trooping the Colour ● Platinum Jubilee Beacons |
| Friday 3 rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Service of Thanksgiving |
| Saturday 4 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Derby at Epsom Downs ● Platinum Party at the Palace |
| Sunday 5 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Big Jubilee Lunch ● The Platinum Jubilee Pageant |

Services in the Parish Churches

June 2022

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

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost - Platinum Jubilee

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	5.00pm	<i>Jubilee Benefice Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.00am	<i>Jubilee Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Jubilee Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	No service	

Zoom service at 10.30am

Wednesday 8th June

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Midweek Communion</i>
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Sunday 12th June - Trinity Sunday

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

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

All Hallows, Whitchurch	3.30pm	<i>Afternoon refreshments</i>
<i>followed by Deanery Songs of Praise</i>	5.00pm	with Bishop Debbie (Soton)

Sunday 19th June - Trinity 1

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

Millennium Field, Whitchurch	4.00pm	<i>Forest Church (bring your wellies, mug and plate!)</i>
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Sunday 26th June - Trinity 2

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>Family 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	
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Home Zoom service at 10.30am



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

☎ 01256 893573

parishadmin@ahwhitchurch.org.uk

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From the Church Registers

Baptisms

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

We celebrate the baptism of

Sunday Ralph, daughter of Sky and Aaron
Benjamin Wilson, son of Emma and Jack
Margo Makgill, daughter of Ed and Rachel
Matilda Pritchard, daughter of Bekki and Josh
Miles Ryan, son of Emma and Liam
George and Freddie Parker, sons of Archie and Annabelle

Weddings

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

Our congratulations go to

Saffron and Cameron Butterworth married in St Nicholas on 14th May

Helen and Dan Sheerman married in St Peter's on 21st May

Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of

June Willis, whose funeral took place in St Peter's

Anna Bye, whose funeral was held in St Andrew's

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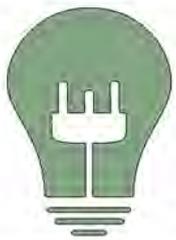
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WEATHER - APRIL 2022

Total rainfall for month	25mm	1.00in
It rained on	3 days	
Rainfall same month last year	26mm	1.02in
Total for 2022	230mm	9.05in
Total for 2021	291mm	11.45in
Max temp (on 16 th)	25C	77F
Min temp (on 10 th)	-2C	28F

Another “drought” month (more than 14 consecutive days without rainfall). This April was as dry as April 2021, but not as frosty. Where have all the April showers gone ?

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Our June coffee morning will be held by Katherine McCullough on Thursday, 9th from 10.15 am - 12 noon at No. 46 Hurstbourne Priors (tel. 07748 598890). All ages welcome!

If you would like to host a coffee morning in the future, please contact Susie Sorby
Tel 01256 892665 or Email: sbsorby@hotmail.com

Susie Sorby



WORD OF THE MONTH



Again I started my search with JU so JUst guess what I have come up with for June:

The less used JUBILATION, to JUBILATE, and

finally JUBILIOUS which will be foremost in all our activities over the next month.

Barbara Carrodus

BENEFICE EVENSONG – 5th JUNE AT 5PM

To wind up our Jubilee celebrations, there will be a Benefice Evensong at St Andrews at 5pm on Sunday, 5th June, followed refreshments at The Barn House, Hurstbourne Priors by kind permission of Ann and Crispin Orr. All are welcome.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Thursday, 2 June at 2.30pm

All Hurstbourne Priors Villagers are invited to our Platinum Jubilee Celebration on the Recreation Ground with fun for everyone:

Single Wicket Cricket Competition – for all ages.

If you would like to enter please email:

fenella.williams@btopenworld.com You don't need to be in a team - just let me know if you would like to take part. If you don't play cricket, then come and enjoy an afternoon on our lovely Recreation Ground and cheer on your favourite competitor.

Crown Competition – everyone (0 – 99) is invited to make and wear a suitably regal crown.

Fancy Dress competition for the under 10s – Come dressed up as a King or Queen.

A Royal Tea fit for a Queen at the Pavilion at 4.30pm

So that we can plan catering, please email fenella.williams@btopenworld.com or clareread@aol.com

If you would like to help with the tea (sandwiches and cakes), please contact Fenella and keep a look out for more information via the Village email in May.

Fenella Williams and Clare Read



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Hurstbourne Priors Autumn Extravaganza

4 Course Dinner with fund-raising raffle on behalf of St Andrew's Church, Hurstbourne Priors

With Live Entertainment featuring Songs and music from the cinema and musicals over the years

Saturday 10th September 2022

7:00pm Drinks and Canapes at The Barn House, 50 Hurstbourne Priors and afterwards in the Village Hall

£40 per head – Dress theatrically

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WHITCHURCH SILK MILL



Fifties Fete, Friday 3 June, 12–4pm- Take a step back to the 1950s at the Silk Mill's Fifties Fete as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We're offering free entry to this community event at which there will be fun for all, with live music, traditional fete games, duck races, a bake-off, and tree planting. Historical interpreters Pedlars and Petticoats will be bringing history to life, performing in character and entertaining us throughout the afternoon.

'The Elizabeth' Silk - To mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Mill has named its latest silk 'The Elizabeth'. Our skilled weavers have used 100% spun silk to give a soft and luxurious feel and the weave is a timeless pattern in silver, royal blue and wine, inspired by our extensive archive. This is a limited edition silk and has been made into a very small number of scarves and brooches which will make extra special gifts or, of course, a special treat for yourself. All proceeds from the sale of the products will support the living weaving heritage at the Mill.

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NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The arrival of Spring marks the return of our family of ducks, who have taken up residence in our Jubilee Garden. We have seen 8 ducklings waddling about with their mother duck, which is always a welcome sight despite the noise of their chatter! Our Design and Technology teacher, Mr Ralls, has started to build a duck house for them, to keep them protected and cosy. We, and especially the ducklings, anticipate the finished product!

At the time of writing, we have just held our Duke of Edinburgh Award presentation evening, which saw the Mayor of Whitchurch – Cllr. Tracy Woodruff – congratulate and present certificates to 26 students who had achieved their DofE Bronze Award. Each student should have pride in their efforts and as such, we would like to congratulate every one of them here in this article. Well done! We hope to see you go onto gaining your Silver and Gold Awards in the future. We would also like to give our appreciation to our Duke of Edinburgh Award lead teacher, Mrs Nottingham, who continues to show her dedication and commitment to helping our students work towards their DofE achievements, along with our devoted volunteers. Thank you all.

2022 marks the return of our Food and Preparation extra-curricular activity – 'The Great Testbourne Bake-Off!' So far, our student bakers have had the challenge to bake sausage rolls and, more recently, show off their bread making! On the panel of judges sit volunteers from

Whitchurch's Silk Mill, Kudos Coffee, Oakley Hall and the Greyhound. Thank you all who have given up their free time to be a part of TCS's Bake-off! We continue to be impressed with the technical baking skills that our students display each week. We cannot wait for the savoury tart round!

Finally, we are now approaching exams season for our Year 11 students, with the first of the whole-cohort exams scheduled from mid-May. The year group have been incredibly diligent in their revision and efforts in the run-up to the exams, and we dearly hope to see their hard work pay off in the summer. All of us at TCS would like to wish our Year 11s the very best of luck in the exams, and our best wishes for whatever their futures hold next.

Testbourne Community School
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ANDOVER TREES UNITED – TIMBERSHARE



Calling all woodcrafting novices who enjoy working outdoors

Award-winning environmental charity, Andover Trees United (ATU) are teaming up with accomplished wood-workers and skilled carpenters to lead a series of funded workshops

for their 'Timbershare' woodland workshops, in June and July 2022.

Funded by the National Lottery and IKEA, participants from the local community will use "leftover" Larch and Cedar from Andover Trees timber-frame cabin project and Ash from their 'One Ash' project which taught school children about the journey of wood from tree to finished 'product'.

According to the [Wood Recyclers Association](http://www.woodrecyclers.org.uk) it is estimated that at least 600,000 tonnes of UK waste wood is unprocessed and is at risk of being landfilled annually and wood rotting in landfill creates methane which contributes to global warming. So rather than waste our wood we use it.

We aim to inspire the next generation of foresters, carpenters and wood-workers as well as enabling a restful, creative, outdoor natural woodland environment.

The first series of Timbershare events will take place at Harmony Woods, Andover (SP11 6XU) from 10am to 3pm on the 4, 11, 18 and 25 June (all Saturdays).

On Sunday 26 June there is a Pole Lathe demonstration and workshop.

Details are on our website www.andovertrees.org.uk
Please register your interest by emailing:
alex.walker@andovertrees.org.uk or
serena.read@andovertrees.org.uk

ANDOVER FOODBANK

Foodbank Fundraiser - We are partnering with the Muddy Runners to host this year's Abbotts Ann Trail Run on 10th July 2022. We would love to see you there!! There is a 10k, 5k, and 2k Fun Run to choose from with medals for all participants. For more information and to book your place at what we hope will be a really fun family event please visit

www.muddyrunners.org.uk/abbotts-ann-trail-run.

If you do not wish to participate but would be happy to help on the day – we are looking for volunteers to marshall and support the event. Please contact the Andover foodbank: office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated to us recently. We are, as always, incredibly grateful.

In addition to the usual food and non-food items, we also have very high demand for food that doesn't require cooking (but can include things that need hot water) for those living in insecure accommodation including:

- Cereal bars
- Mug shots / pot noodles
- Cheese biscuits (eg Ritz, Cheddars, things that can be eaten on their own)
- Cup a Soup
- Small tinned ham/chicken
- Peanut butter / marmite / meat paste

Thank you.

Jenny Lelean

www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk

MAY FAIR - 2nd MAY 2022



After a 3 year hiatus due to the pandemic, Hurstbourne Priors May Fair came back with a bang on Monday 2nd May. Record crowds received a warm welcome from our amazing villagers. It was fabulous to see families enjoying a return to some normality; thank you to all our visitors for spending their afternoon with us and helping to create such a wonderful atmosphere.

A huge thank you to all our villagers and friends for their kind donations of skills, time and saleable goods. It was lovely to see all generations getting involved - Josephine Hutchinson celebrated her retirement from work by smashing her previous record for Preserves sales by a considerable margin (superbly supported by Denise Bradley) whilst our youngest stallholder Martha Stanes (age 11) took the initiative to run her own home-made lemonade stall, which was a sell-out success! Thanks to them and all the other stall holders and helpers, many who achieved their highest sales ever.

With such a busy fair this year, the biggest thanks of all to our tremendous operations team. No glory of record stall sales, but the fair simply cannot happen without them. From getting tables, tents, signage and electrics in the right place at the right time, ensuring bins are emptied and facilities kept clean, to the smooth running of car park and traffic flow, the entire team worked their socks off throughout the entire weekend. THANK YOU!



The takings from the fair were up more than 25% on our last fair in 2019 - these fantastic results were celebrated at a Village meeting on May 19th, with proceeds going to support our Village amenities – the Village Hall, St Andrew's Church and the Recreation Ground.

A few days to recover, before asking “can we do it all again in 2023?” to which there was a resounding “Yes!” So please save the date – Monday, 1st May 2023!

Kim French

On behalf of the May Fair Team



Photo: Tamara Huddleston

THE LEMONADE STALL

I decided to make lemonade for the May Fair to help raise money. The process was really fun and my family helped do bits of it. We used lemons, fizzy water and sugar, that was all. We made 20 litres in all and we sold it all! It was amazing how many people bought some, especially as it was not a very sunny day.

I loved selling it and am grateful to everyone who helped, from my family at the making stage, to everyone buying it!

Martha Stanes

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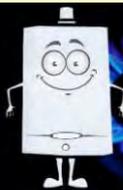
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THE ST MARY BOURNE & DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW & FÊTE

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2022

Plans are well underway for the *75th anniversary* year and to celebrate this milestone anniversary we are throwing an **after-show party** - details TBC

Class details available via our website ~ deadline for entering 21st July 2022 at Midnight

www.stmarybourne.org/flower-show-and-fete

Paper copies are available via the village shop ~ **Late entries are not accepted** ~

The dog show, stalls and traditional games will be back - there's still time to take a stand or volunteer to help. All support, contributions and help are very much appreciated! Please contact

flowershow@stmarybourne.org

Finally, if you are able to bake a cake, donate some plants to the plant stall, save your unwanted books and bric a brac or donate a bottle for the Tombola, we would be most grateful.

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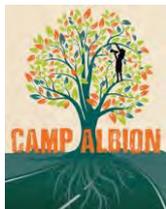
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This production contains strong language

Gates will open at 6pm. This performance takes place outside and will go ahead whatever the weather.

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Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes, including interval

Age Guidance: 8+

Social Distancing and Safety Measures: All current government guidelines apply.

UNWANTED CHINA?

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With many thanks, The Redferns



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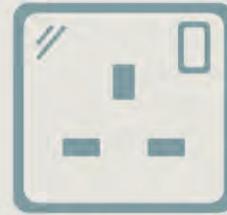
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Annual Parish Assembly 2022

Chairman's Report

Before getting to the work of the parish council I would like to make the usual thank you to all of those who in one way or another are involved in the many activities that take place within the parish. The many clubs that are run on a regular basis, friends of the school, supporters of the Church and Village Centre and of course the many volunteers that give their time to the shop.

As for the work of the parish council, I'd like to take you through some of the on-going projects and activities that we have been involved with during the last year or so.

Highways: As has been the case over the last year or so, HCC has reduced its funding for new signage, street furniture etc. and set has up a system for Community Funded Initiatives. What this means is that they will help with the feasibility and construction of any improvements that we want to make, but the pc has to find the money to pay for them. A number of improvements have already been implemented over the last couple of years, but there are some still outstanding, such as the speed indicator devices. The clearing of grips and ditches continues to be carried out as part of our Lengthsman budget. Thankfully it looks like the Lengthsman scheme is being continued by HCC for this year at least and the parish council is also getting extra revenue from this as Ben our clerk continues to be the administrator for the 14 parishes included in our cluster.

I also want to mention the problems that are still plaguing the residents of Spring Hill who are not able to have their waste bins emptied due to the B&D waste lorries not being able to access the development because of the camber of the access road. There appears to be no easy solution to this problem and what has been suggested in the interim (to continue with the private waste collection that is currently happening, but for B&D to pick up the cost) is not acceptable to them. Cllr Carr has been very active in liaising with all concerned to try and get a workable solution and I thank him on behalf of the residents and near neighbours for his continuing efforts.

Grounds Maintenance: The parish council oversee the maintenance of the Recreation Ground, Lake and War Memorial etc. Scofell Commercial Landscapes who have looked after our grounds maintenance work for the last three years has had their contract extended for a further two years. Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance will continue to carry out the Parish Lengthsman work.

Our footpaths are generally in a good state of repair, but if you come across any problems with paths being blocked or damage to stiles and signs, please make Ben aware so that they can be dealt with.

Flood & Emergency Group: The recently completed riverbank restoration work alongside the lake should help the flow during times of high water. I would like to thank the residents along this stretch of the Bourne who gave their consent and co-operation for the work that took place on their side of the river. Thankfully this completes the remedial work identified by the Hampshire C.C. Pathfinder Project which was undertaken following the flooding down the valley during the winter of 2013/14. The combination of which has made a big difference towards preventing flooding from the river. The only issues we have experienced in recent years are ground water infiltration into the main sewer, which we have discussed with Southern Water on several occasions to try and find a solution. Thankfully the rainfall was such that this problem did not occur during last winter!

Lake and Recreation Ground: The Lake committee continues with its aims of actively managing the lake environs for the parish in particular to promote habitat enrichment and the Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust and the Wessex Chalk Stream & Rivers Trust continue to support the committee in developing a management plan to meet these objectives.

Last year the Recreation Committee co-opted two parents of children who regularly use the play area to look at updating the equipment and also the feasibility of relocating the play area to a

safer location. The two co-optees, Laura Davis and Amelda de Segundo, have carried out a lot of preparatory work and they have been advising on their progress in the Hill & Valley and elsewhere. I'd like to thank them for the efforts so far and hopefully they will be able to make better progress this year as things such as grant availability get back to some sort of normality.

Village Shop: As I'm sure we are all aware by now, there are plans to increase the size of the shop in order to incorporate a cafe area. The Parish Council own the land that the shop is on, but not the building and we are currently in discussions with the shop committee regarding updating the lease to incorporate the changes that are planned. I think everyone wishes the project well and hope that it will be a great success and an asset to the community. The only thing currently standing in the way of this is the need to raise the funds to pay for it which is estimated to be £250,000. It is hoped to achieve this mainly by a Share Offer Scheme and there are brochures available explaining how it will work. There is also a lot of information on the shop website.

Finance and the Precept: I feel there may be some questions regarding the increase in the precept for this year so I will try and deal with that now. This has been done reluctantly in order to slow the reduction in our reserves, so we do not fall below the reserve threshold generally accepted to be required to ensure continuity of service. The parish council's aim is to cover our core running costs with controllable income. Since 2012 those core running costs have increased 25%, compared to an increase in general inflation of 20% and so the increase this year goes some way towards catching up.

We have undertaken some significant projects in the last year or two, particularly the flood prevention work as described earlier and whilst these projects are principally funded by grants, there is always an element of contribution required by the council. This has driven the aim to fund core costs to ensure that reserves are available to meet these contributions.

The parish council has also renewed its grounds maintenance contract for the next two years from 1 April and as you will appreciate, grounds maintenance represents a significant proportion of the core running costs.

I hope that has gone some way to explaining the need for the increase in the precept which at 14.4% appears to be a big jump, but in real terms it relates to approximately £6 for the year out of a total rate increase, in my case, of £60.

Platinum Jubilee in June: There is lots planned for the bank holiday weekend and Karen Crofts has put together an updated report for publication in the May issue of the Hill & Valley

And finally, a few thank yous. Firstly, to our Borough and County Councillors for their work on your behalf and the support they continue to give to the parish council. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Alan Marsden and Tony Grunsell who sadly passed away since our last Annual Parish meeting. They were both long standing members of the pc with Alan also being chairman for a number of years. They were good friends to this village and are greatly missed by all.

In closing I would like to thank all of your parish councillors and also Ben as Clerk for the support they've given to me over the past year and for giving their time, effort and dedication in trying to keep our parish the special place that it is.

David Peart - *Chairman of St Mary Bourne Parish Council*

Next Full Parish Council Meetings:
Tuesday 14th June, 12th July - 19.30
 Village Centre Club Room - Public welcome

All parish council meeting minutes and reports can be viewed at
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Parish Council Election 5th May

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Congratulations to the above and thank you to all of the candidates who put themselves forward for the election.

Borough Council Election 5th May

Samuel Carr was elected to represent Evingar Ward



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in St Mary Bourne

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in St Mary Bourne, 2nd to 5th June, Reminder:

Thursday 2nd evening - Torch lit procession to the Jubilee Beacon

Friday 3rd morning - Sports on the Recreation Ground

Saturday 4th - Massed community drone photo on the Recreation Ground at 11am (be part of this piece of local history!), parish bike ride, jubilee & competition displays in the Village Centre with refreshments

Sunday 5th - 10.30am church service, 1pm Big Jubilee lunch on the Rec

Have your house decorated by 2nd June if you want a chance to be judged best decorated.

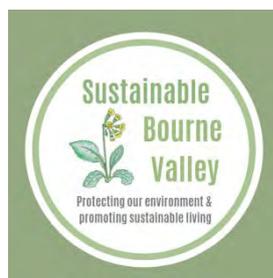
Full details of all the events and competitions (now being finalised) will be on the Community Hub website

<https://stmarybourne.org/platinum-jubilee-2022>, on the Real Bourne Valley Signpost on Facebook and on the Village Centre notice board.

registering on the Gillette website for a post-free return envelope. Go to www.gillette.co.uk/recycle.list.



This is proving very popular so envelopes are taking about 4 weeks to arrive, but you can start collecting now! Breaking news! There is a new tetra pack bin with the recycling containers in Tesco's car park to augment the George yard one and Pets at Home have started collecting empty, clean plastic animal food pouches (for those who have fussy pets) in a large green wheely bin inside the door. These are sent off for a special high heat process which makes an oil of the aluminium and plastic so they can be separated for reuse.



SBV's June Top Tips

- Set up a car sharing scheme for work, school and shopping
 - Walk/bike to school
 - Reduce petrol consumption by curbing your speed (cars are at their most efficient at 45-50mph), reduce braking and acceleration, and take off roof racks when not needed
- Support the initiative for a bus service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from SMB to Whitchurch and Overton, by getting in touch by email with Borough Councillor Sam Carr Cllr.samuel.carr@basingstoke.gov.uk or Hampshire County Councillor Tom Thacker tom.thacker@hants.gov.uk

Plant Swop

As part of the Jubilee celebrations on the recreation grounds, a Plant Swop will be held on the Saturday morning. This will coincide with the enormous group photograph. The Plant Swop is being organised by SBV, in conjunction with the Jubilee Committee.

Toad Patrol 2022

2022 has been an odd year for our tiny local residents. Twelve of our toad patrollers came out faithfully from early February to early April on any possibly suitable evening often to only rescue a couple of toads from the busy post lockdown traffic. We discovered several toads walking up from the Bourne Valley Inn area so had to include that part as well this year. Unfortunately, our patrol is basically between the two pubs, so the traffic is busy later on and we needed a few shifts each evening. We only picked up 387 nearly half last year's numbers. We do not know if this was the lack of really suitable weather in the evenings, the disturbances in the lake area last year, the new building projects on their route or the new use of the very bright surgery lights in the car park where they traditionally gather. The weather did not affect the three new toad patrols created this year by local hero Susie Urquhart in Nun's walk and Sugar Lane, Longparish and on the road from Hurstbourne Priors to Tufton; all had crossings most evenings to their local fishing lakes. Toad patrol was invited to St Mary Bourne School to tell the children all about our efforts. They were a very enthusiastic audience!



Light Touch Andover's Hygiene Heroes

These days there are plenty of plastic recycling opportunities locally. These shops are investing a lot of money into

recycling specific items which reduces the sorting needed. Some of the plastic items below are unavoidable at the moment. Do remember that all recycling uses huge amounts of energy so do consider alternatives to plastic as much as possible. What about bamboo toothbrushes from Love+Joy container free shop at Weyhill Fair and take lots of containers for her amazing choice of dried food and cleaning liquids? Otherwise, New Street Dental Practice recycle all **dental products** so you can give them toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, flossing sticks, electric brush heads, dental floss containers and plastic packaging under the terracycle scheme. Drop them off any time between 8.30am and 8pm. Boots will also take dental products.



Leightons in the Chantry Centre take **soft contact lenses** and their blister packs for terracycle sponsored by Acuvue. They cannot take glasses or hard contact lenses. Specsavers, Vision Express and Boots Opticians take old **glasses** and work with charities which provide sight care in developing countries. Superdrug have restarted collecting empty **medicine blister packs**. There is a box at the back on the pharmacy counter. If you are still using disposable **razors** and blades, they can be recycled by

The St Mary Bourne Repair Café runs on the first Saturday of each month in The George Inn. (However, due to the Jubilee celebrations on 4th June the next date is **Saturday 2nd July**).

The café runs from 10am until 12pm. Bring your broken items or clothes to mend and we'll help save them from landfill.

The idea is that people bring along their broken items and we help them make repairs. Often, if it is a technical item, we do the fixing and talk them through what we are doing.

We will help with fixing anything that is clean and small enough to be brought inside to work on such as Computers, Clocks, Radios, Lamps, Clothes, Shoes & Kitchen Appliances. More details at:

www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk Facebook: Sustainable Bourne Valley.

Postcard from Binley June 2022

May, without doubt is my favourite month of the year. To drop down Hurstbourne hill on an evening, turn right at the G&D and gaze across the water meadows at the cattle with their young calves meandering around and enjoying the sweet grass just warms the heart. Cow parsley stretches before you down the valley like an endless bridal bouquet. The early swifts and swallows are catching fly life that dance above the Bourne, bathed in a hazy, dusty, golden sunlight. The unmistakable "plop" of a trout, the grace of a swan, the bossiness of a coot. I often stop there on Gangbridge bridge, lean on the parapet and spend twenty minutes taking it all in. Sturdy lambs are in the fields to left and right, the sweetest scents pervade the air and the joy of an English summer lays before me. Is there anywhere finer to enjoy it than here? I don't believe so. This place gets a hold of you, that is a fact. So I shall indulge myself. I wish for a summer where all I aspire to is to be told I make a mean jug of Pimms, can present a decent sausage and then if I am lucky, to experience the unbridled joy of winning a "first" for peas and pom pom dahlias at the St Mary Bourne Flower Show. I don't wish to sound conceited, but I've brought silverware home in the past. Heady days indeed.

An update on the Binley Hares. Despite there still being few around, farmer Phil Jeffrey messaged me to say he was watching at least twelve of them eating his spring barley with more scattered over surrounding fields. As his ground butts up to Binley I'm assuming our own hares have just been resourceful and gone over to help themselves. Good for them! So, I am encouraged.

And talking of hair I received two unsolicited emails today, one from a company offering to cure my baldness, the other threatening to fix my impotence? Why they pulled my name out of the hat I have no idea, but I shan't be taking up either offer. I can't see myself coming "back on to the market" any time soon so what's the point? Anyway, I always thought the former meant you didn't suffer with the latter? Or is that just an old wives tale? Perhaps I should ask the "old wives" in the valley? That would make for some interesting reading, I'm sure. Send your replies in confidence to postcardfrombinley@gmail.com and the best answer wins a decent bottle of white Burgundy. Don't worry, I won't name names!

My pest control consultant, Stinky Pete popped by the other day and told me the past winter was a brilliant one for rats. I'm still trying to work out if he means for the rats personally or his bank balance but there's no doubt there was a few about. The Binley rat is a resilient creature. Not for him the luxury of a McDonalds or KFC to loaf around and gorge himself on. No, he has to fend for himself and has acquired a level of cunning beyond that of normal rats. Whack Traps he poo poo's, even when baited with chocolate AND peanut butter, humane traps he inhumanely laughs at, I've only got to think of reaching for a rifle and he's gone. I was trying to work out why they seem to be more prevalent in February and it wasn't until someone mentioned the shooting season finishing on the 1st of Feb that the penny dropped. They

stop feeding the pheasants! There's your answer. Binley is surrounded on all sides by shoots. Some days it's like the Alamo! I once saw a rat in my garden laid on its back clutching an egg stolen from my hen house. Another rat was pulling it along by its tail. I'm not sure if I'd been drinking or been on the Jamaican Woodbines but I've told that story so many times I now believe it myself!
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New Chalk Stream Challenge badge for youth groups

The chalk streams that meander across Hampshire are among its most precious ecological gems. Found almost nowhere else on Earth, these waters give hope to many vulnerable species. But with threats mounting and the future uncertain, our chalk streams will need champions for years to come.

Luckily there is a new way to teach young people about this, thanks to two brilliant volunteers from the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme. Hazel and Sarah have used their experience with youth groups to design the Chalk Stream Challenge - a set of outdoor activities focused on wildlife, habitats, and heritage.

The challenge is suitable for Scouts, Guides, or similar groups, and can be customised for different ages. It combines pre-tested routes along local streams with opportunities for learning and exploration. Group leaders can run the challenge at no cost or reward their members with special fabric badges for a small fee.

A range of resources are available, including fun facts, route maps, spotter guides, challenge activities, and completion certificates. Group leaders also have the option of expanding the challenge with a river dipping session from Wessex Rivers Trust, where groups can learn more about chalk stream wildlife.

There are several challenge routes to choose from, all 'off-road' but close to public transport, and parking, as well as places to find refreshments and toilet facilities. The ones currently available are based in Alresford, Whitchurch, and Andover, but the activities can easily be adapted to other local chalk streams.

So, if you're a group leader looking to connect your young people with nature, why not take up the challenge? Learn more at www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/challenge



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Ella (with her Daddy) - the youngest in the school, ...



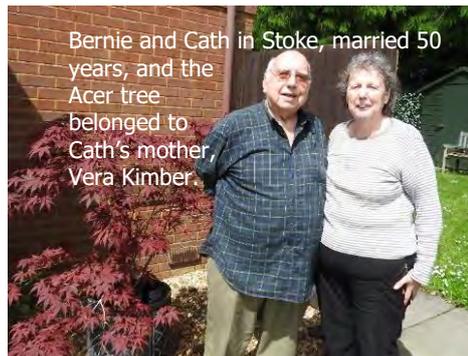
... and Gordon is the oldest in the parish.



Sylvie and Fred (Dunley) and



Camilla and Peter received a card from the Queen on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

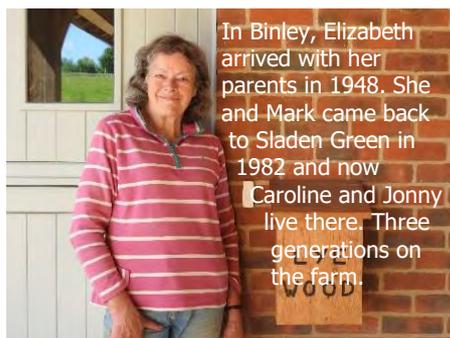


Bernie and Cath in Stoke, married 50 years, and the Acer tree belonged to Cath's mother, Vera Kimber.



Win and Bill (StMB) are celebrating 63 years of marriage ...

... They married on the same day within an hour of each other in 1959.



In Binley, Elizabeth arrived with her parents in 1948. She and Mark came back to Sladen Green in 1982 and now Caroline and Jonny live there. Three generations on the farm.



Alex from the Ukraine is here with his mother and grandmother.



Oscar leaves Testbourne this summer and will begin his A levels in the Autumn.



Helen (Upper Wyke) celebrates a wedding in St Peter's Church.



The RDA enjoy their time in Spring Meadow field. They celebrate 50 years.

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Whilst I'm not going to talk about 'The Boundary' this month, or the Community Share Offer, I would just like to say a HUGE thank you to all of you that have purchased Community Shares - Welcome to 'The Boundary' Family! Plans are moving at such a pace that by the time this goes to press, anything I say may, and probably will have, changed. Watch this space for more news next month when we hope to start building.

In the meantime, summer is here and there is lots going on. Every Friday evening the recreation ground is buzzing with children of all ages playing cricket with a BBQ and parents milling around. It is an amazing atmosphere and so lovely to see the village so vibrant. The Village Shop, as a result, will stay **open until 7.30pm every Friday evening**, so if you want an ice cream to go with your burger or a cheeky little G&T in a can whilst watching the kids, do pop in. If it's successful, we will continue to open these hours throughout the summer.

Of course, June is Jubilee month and we will be celebrating by keeping to totally normal hours throughout the bank holiday weekend. No half days for us... whatever you need we will be here for you, including union jack disposable plates and napkins and even your own little dancing queen! If there's anything you've forgotten over this special weekend, don't schlep into Whitchurch or Andover - just come to us!

June also means Fathers Day! To give all you Dad's a real treat the Big Breakfast is coming back on Sunday 17th June. Bring your Dad down for a full English to show him how much you care. All proceeds going to The Boundary.

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LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

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REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 9 MAY Draft Minutes can be viewed on the Longparish website

Procedural

This was the statutory Annual Meeting of the Council, and Peter Hull was elected as Chairman and Natasha Rouse as Vice Chairman. The chairmanship of the Planning Committee and Working Parties was also agreed. Long-standing Councillor, and Chairman since 2018, Christian Dryden, was presented with flowers and gifts to thank her for her contribution to the PC. Christian will remain a councillor until the elections next May.



Mrs Hilary Murdoch was co-opted onto the Council to fill the remaining vacant position. Hilary is the current allotment manager, and will be the Community Association rep for the Parish Council.

The PC reviewed and approved the Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment. The Standing Orders require further review and will be presented for approval at the June meeting. The Council also made its annual declaration of continuing eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence.

Planning

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

- Replacement skirting and associated joinery at **The Curacy, Longparish**

Period for public speaking

A member of the public expressed disappointment in the results of the recent renovation of the village stocks. Following years of decay, and an accident with a car, as much of the previous stocks that could be salvaged have been retained. Distinguishable new wood has been added, and the stocks have been set in metal feet and raised from the ground to prevent rot. The resident feels that they are now too high off the ground. The Council agreed to take a look, and discuss at the next meeting.

The PC received thanks from LCPL for a grant towards the purchase of new chairs at the River Room in The Plough, and as the residents attending had been unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, they also wished to thank the Parish Council generally for their “good humour” and willingness to serve the parish over the previous year.

Finance

The Council approved the 2021-22 Accounts and Notes, and the 2021-22 Annual Governance & Accountability Return document, and noted that these would be examined by the Internal Auditor on 25 May before being passed to the External Auditor.

Open Spaces

A date has been set for the Autumn Clean-Up Day. This will be held on Saturday 29 October in the afternoon. Volunteers are asked to save the date, and further details will be issued nearer the time. It was also reported that the village is very popular with dog walkers, judging by the amount of dog waste deposited in the bins provided! The PC thanks everyone who makes the effort to use the bins or take waste home. If you notice a bin that requires emptying, please contact the Clerk.

Borough & County Councillor

Borough and County Councillor, David Drew, regularly attends the Longparish PC meetings to present his report about both the work of TVBC and Hampshire County Council. This month, Cllr Drew reported that another fly-tipper has been convicted and fined £1500. He also congratulated the organisers and participants of the Concert for Ukraine for a brilliant performance.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 13 June**.

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

Chairman: Mr Peter Hull - Tel 07747 328760, or email peter.hullpc@longparish.org.uk

Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 738716, or email clerk@longparish.org.uk

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

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A Right Royal Thank You

Two members of our community have recently been recognised for all the work they have done and continue to do for the benefit of the village of Longparish, with invitations to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Jeremy Barber and Andy Jolliffe, accompanied by their equally hard-working wives Maggie and Jenny, attended the palace just a week apart (and in very different weather!) to mix with royalty and enjoy tea in the gardens of Buckingham Palace.



Jeremy was a Parish Councillor for 26 years, including 9 years as Chairman, the Longparish School Governor for Finance for 10 years, Treasurer of the Village Hall for 20 years, founded FoLS and the Playgroup Charity and was one of the committee members who developed the Parish Plan which led to the founding of the Longparish Community Association.

Andy has led our community through various campaigns including as spokesperson for the campaign to “Bin The Incinerator”, co-ordinating volunteers during the first Covid lockdown to help keep the village shop and local deliveries running and, more recently, leading the “Plough Ahead” campaign to save the Plough Inn as a community asset. He is now voluntary chair of the Community Benefit Society running The Plough and is chairman of Longparish Community Association.



Congratulations and well deserved thanks to these hard-working villagers!

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

Friday 24th June

Longparish Village Hall

12.00 - 2.00pm

(NB The venue will change for the July Lunch Club due to redecoration of the Village Hall)

The Lunch Club is open to anyone in the community.

We do ask you to book so that we have an idea of numbers.

We serve a light lunch, of soup and roll followed by cake and tea and coffee for just £3.

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LONGPARISH CHOIR

Thank you to everyone who so kindly supported the Concert for Ukraine in May, including our MP Caroline Nokes and HCC/TVBC Councillor David Drew. We are grateful too for the support of the Vitacress Charitable Fund.

The Choir loved being able to sing together again and we're delighted that we were able to send more than £3,700 to the DEC fund for Ukraine.

Thank you for your generosity and for the warm welcome you have given to the village's Ukrainian guests (who gave our pronunciation of their State Anthem 9/10!)



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

It was a lovely morning for the May race. It was great to see Matt Jeffrey and Andrew Jones who haven't run since the pandemic started and Claire Henery back after over 8 years.

First home was Jen Fradgley who beat her handicap by over 4 minutes to become our Most Improved Woman. Adam Priestley in 3rd place was our Most Improved Man. Adam has improved in each of his last 3 races which is not easy. Well done both.



There was a battle between Laura Reynolds and Camilla Janmohamed for 5th and 6th places. At the line, Laura was ahead by a fraction of a second.

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Andy Smith, Sandra Doney, Ailsa Wiggans, John and Barnaby Fradgely and David Gould for helping and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

Covid permitting, our next event is on Sunday 12th June at 9am.

New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

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SATURDAY 4th June The Big Breakfast 9.30am – 11am
Lunch service 12 – 2.30pm
Wood fired pizzas, 3pm – 6pm
Dinner service 6pm – 8.30pm

Longparish Choir – 'Last night at the Proms' 6.30pm

SUNDAY 5th June Sunday Lunch 12 – 2.30pm and Woodfired pizzas 5pm – 7.30pm, Dinner service 6pm- 8pm



- Dress code: black tie, smart/ Abba-esque (no jeans)
- LCA members only - if you need to join or renew please contact LCA
- Please Bring Your own drinks and nibbles.
- Food options: Beef Stroganoff, Thai Green Curry or Vegan/G-F Paella
- If you able to help erecting the marquee tents on Weds 1st/Thurs 2nd June and/or taking down on Sunday please contact the LCA by email: lca@longparish.org.uk



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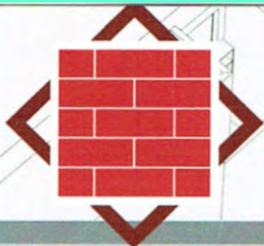
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The changes that come as nature reawakens from the darkness of winter to spring and then to summer have heralded a reawakening to a more normal existence in schools too.

At Longparish CE Primary School we are revelling in the full calendar of events that fill up our summer term. Events that have been off the calendar for two years are now gloriously back on again. We know parents have missed those opportunities to come into school because of the pandemic, so we are making sure there are plenty of opportunities this term: Class celebration assemblies are back. An opportunity for parents to come into our school again; to see their child stand with their classmates and share in the learning that has happened this year. We are having an 'open evening' at the end of term. Again, an opportunity for parents to come into school and see the classroom, see the books, see the art projects and feel a part of the learning journey of their child.

The calendar is also full of great sporting events; competitions and tournaments in a range of sports. On top of this, our long-standing relationship with Mr and Mrs Wills continues. We are very grateful that they open up their swimming pool for us to use. This summer all our Year 3 and 4 children, plus those children who need to build up more confidence as swimmers in Years 5 and 6 will walk up to the Middleton Estate for swimming lessons. We are hoping to finish this all off with a swimming gala.

We are (at the time of going to press) days away from our school Summer Fayre. Our brilliant PTA team, the Friends of Longparish School (FoLS) have been putting in a huge amount of work to make sure this is a huge success. Following on from this we open up our school grounds for the community Golden Jubilee Street Party and Picnic.

Amongst all this, the children are working hard in class too. For our Year 6 children, they recently sat their end of Primary School SATs tests. The first time this has happened in a number of years. They have managed themselves brilliantly in the way they have applied themselves to their learning and revising and sitting of these tests. We wish them all well as they await their results and enjoy the last few weeks in Primary School before the exciting transition to Secondary School befalls them. We also wish all our former pupils well who may be currently sitting their GCSEs, 'A' levels, or end of University exams. Or indeed, those older former students who may be revising and taking tests within their places of work. When those pinch points in learning are over, let's all make sure we enjoy the coming sunshine and summer.

Mark Ward
Interim Headteacher
Longparish CE Primary School



Friends of Longparish School

Jubilee Street Party: As part of the weekend of Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we are holding a street party at the school on Sunday 5th June – see our poster on Page 3 for more details! If you can make or buy cakes for our refreshments stall, please bring them along on the day (no nuts, thank you). Parking is limited, so please walk or car share if possible.

Funding: The FoLS Committee are delighted to say we have funded £1,000 towards school trips this term, including the Robins class visit to Finkley Down Farm. Thank you to everyone that has supported our events and fundraising schemes this year, which allowed us to make this donation to school.

May Fayre: Thank you to everyone that joined us at the May Fayre – see next month's issue for a summary!

100+ Club: The winners of our May draw are: 1st M Bell, 2nd J Hunt, 3rd S Bryant.

To keep up to date with FoLS news, follow us on Facebook at fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool

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The Plough has got off to a great start and word is spreading about our lovely community pub. But there is still so much to do so a new community shares offer has been launched to raise funds for phase two of

the refurbishment.

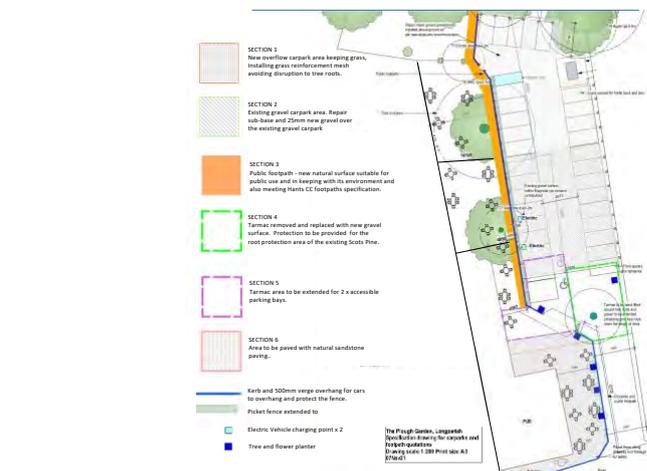
Improvements are planned for the pub kitchen, gardens, community facilities and parking area. Significant support for these plans is already coming from Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (LEADER) and Longparish Parish Council who, between them, have awarded grants totalling £94,000! However, most of these grants are conditional on raising 'match funding' and require the works to be completed by the end of this year.

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*The Management Committee
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Plan showing the works proposed for the grounds in the Plough Inn



Thank you to everyone who displayed their Pledge Cards. The pledges have been calculated to save 38.456 tonnes of CO₂, equivalent of approx 38 hot air balloons and collectively saving the 70 households who pledged, £20,125!

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**LONGPARISH WILDLIFE
By Chris Bowman**

A late April walk...the dog and I start from home, down the back path a **jackdaw** is on Linda's chimney where it has a nest. The **house sparrows** are rather quiet at Arthur's; too busy eating the peanuts. We turn left at the shop, not much about only a **robin** and a few more **jackdaws** and **pheasant** in the field on my right. Turning right into the Cleaves a **wren** is singing deep in the undergrowth and on past the mill a **heron** is down river; I can just see its head, a **chiffchaff** is singing on its usual dead tree. There are a lot of **blackcaps** singing this morning and I spot a pair on my left. The **long-tailed tits** are busy feeding their young; I have found six nests this year.

On to the bench seat a little **egret** flies by and lands in a tree and there are five **sedge warblers** in the reeds. There is a **coot** upriver and a pair of **canada geese**. On to the crossroads we turn right. A **linnet** is sat on the wire and a **chaffinch** in the tree in front of me. A pair of **stock doves** fly over and a **red kite**.



On to the farm a **pied wagtail** on the roof and a couple of **collared doves**. At the lake the **swan** is still sitting (she has since hatched eight **cygnets**), a **moorhen**, **little grebe** and a **carrion crow**. Carrying on a small flock of **house martins** is catching insects overhead. A **woodpigeon** flies out

from the ivy and a **blackbird** in the field also a pair of **red-legged partridges** and a **magpie**. Turning right on to the bridge a couple of **goldfinches** are having a drink and there are **mallards**, **graylag geese** and a pair of **gadwall**. Carrying on to the trout farm a **dunnock** is on the road in front of me. At the trout farm are **herring**, **greater** and **lesser black-backed gulls**, **tufted duck**, **coot**, **mistle** and **song thrush**, **grey wagtail**, **egyptian goose** and a pair of **swallows** skimming over the water. Turn right on to the bridge and a **goldcrest** is in the tree in front of me and a **great tit**. On we go and a **buzzard** is soaring high above me, a **greenfinch** is sitting in a beech tree and a **blue tit** in the hedge. Turn right only a few **rooks** in the pony paddock and a couple of **starlings** flying over. Back to the shop and home.

I hope you have enjoyed our walk we saw **49** different birds.

Saw my first house martin on 19th April, 8 days later than last year, swift on 29th April (2 days later) cuckoo on 3rd May (7 days later).

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LONGPARISH CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is in full swing and, unlike England, Longparish have all of their club captains and committee management still in place from last year, continuing to drive the club forward.

A key objective for the club is to interact and service the local community, providing an inclusive opportunity for sport and recreation, within a safe environment. To further this aim the All Stars cricket programme is being run for the first time this year, creating a vibrant atmosphere on Monday evenings. Boys and girls from school years 1 to 3 are hitting, throwing, catching, running and laughing, with the enthusiastic support from parents, all within the club's picturesque setting.....it's great to see. Thanks to Barton Stacy School who hosted a taster session prior to season, to spread the word and support the club's initiative. The club is aware that not all of the local children who



would have liked to have participated could be accommodated this year, but with sufficient parental support, we will look to expand the offering next season, now the programme is up and running.

Training with fully qualified ECB coaches for our U11 and U13 teams is on a Monday evening (non-stop fun start to the week) with U15 team training on Wednesday evenings. Junior matches are Sunday mornings and Friday evenings. The club continues to run three senior teams playing league cricket on Saturdays, as well as midweek 20:20 team (Tuesdays) and Sunday team. The success of the junior programme is demonstrated by the number of juniors who have progressed into the Senior Teams, providing a healthy blend of youth and 'experience'.



It's been great to see lots of people at the games. The club was always well supported.....a picture from the archives is alongside. There's plenty of seating available for those of you who fancy a stroll along to the ground on the weekend,

with either The Cricketers or The Plough ready to serve you a drink on the way home (or there), depending on your direction of travel. Well-behaved dogs also welcome.

New members are also most welcome; please contact committee member **Justin Jackman, (jackmanjustin@aol.com)** for further details of membership at junior and senior levels. Further details are available on the website and our social media pages – despite the dangers of being leaked to The Sun, we're on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

<https://longparishcc.hitscricket.com>

Mark Benzing
Chairman
Longparish Cricket Club

Longparish Village Cricket Fun Day! Sunday, 3rd July 2022

Longparish Cricket Club are hosting a Village Cricket Fun Day to welcome villagers into the club 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!

This is a chance for those that haven't picked up a bat for a number of years but fancy having a go! A great opportunity for anyone who would like to know more about the club or would simply like to while away a few hours watching the cricket, consuming hotdogs and imbibing liquid refreshment within the glorious surrounds of our home pitch – hopefully basking in summer sunshine!

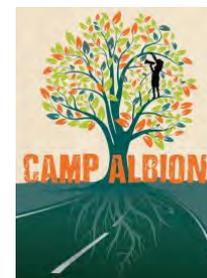
Please let jameshillier@hillier.co.uk know if you would like to take part/come along/volunteer and particularly if you would like to play, stating your age and whether you have played before.

The Watermill Theatre present Camp Albion Fri 17 June 7pm Longparish football field

Tickets £8 in advance and £10 on the day (£4 and £5 for school age children) available from Acre Stores (aka The Shop!) or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Longparish%20> (no booking fee)

This production contains strong language.

Age guidance: 10+ Gates will open at 6pm. Refreshments and toilet facilities available in The Plough. Bring your own seating (and your own picnic if you like) plus clothing appropriate for the weather and don't forget your torch.



Running time: approximately 90 minutes including 20 minute interval. For more information contact Maggie Barber on 01264 720459 or email mrjeremybarber@gmail.com

AUTUMN VILLAGE CLEAN UP - SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 29th October, 2pm
Followed by volunteers' buffet lunch at The Cricketers

Hurstbourne Priors

- 2 2.30pm - Jubilee Celebration - Recreation Ground
 5 5pm - Jubilee Benefice Evensong - St Andrews
 9 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee - 46, Hurstbourne Priors



Andover Artisan Market
 Sunday 19th June 2022
 10am to 2pm - High Street

St Mary Bourne

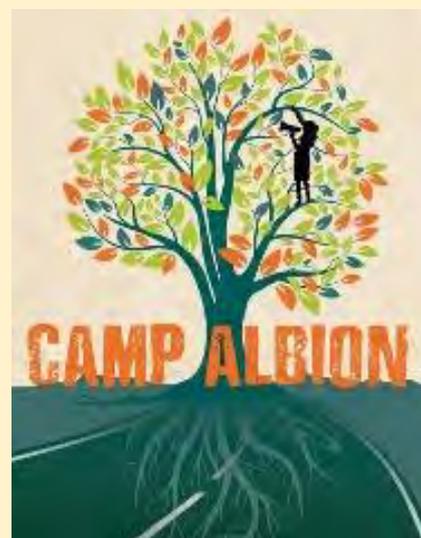
- 2 8.45pm - Jubilee Beacon torch-lit procession - Recreation Ground
 3 2pm - Sports afternoon - Recreation Ground
 4 11am - Village photo event - Recreation Ground
 5 10.30 - Service of celebration, 1pm - Jubilee Lunch
 14 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
 14 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre
 14 7.30pm - 'The Film' - *THE DUKE* - Village Centre
 19 9am to 12 Noon - **The Big Breakfast** - Village Centre
 15 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre
 25 7pm - *Music for a Summer Evening* - St James', Woodcott
 28 7pm - 'Camp Albion' - The Watermill Theatre - Recreation Ground
Saturday mornings - 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library**
'The Boundary' share offer closes 3 June
 2 July 10am to 12 Noon - 'The Repair Café' - The George Inn

The Good Festival is returning to the beautiful gardens of Bere Mill in Whitchurch on 25th and 26th June

The event raises funds for the Hampshire Medical Fund to purchase pioneering medical equipment for Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester Hospitals. **Saturday evening supper and auction - Sunday all-day family festival.** Tickets on sale at goodfestival.co.uk/buy-tickets

Longparish

- 3 7.30pm - Longparish Platinum Jubilee Summer Ball - Longparish School
 4 from 12 Noon - Queens Platinum Jubilee North Acre Street Party
 4 6.30pm - Longparish Choir 'Last Night of the Proms' - Cricketers Inn
 5 1 to 3pm - FoLS Jubilee Street Party & Picnic - Longparish School
 10 9.15am - Longparish Friday Litter Pick - behind Village Hall
 12 9am - L2SOTM Race - Cricket Ground
 13 8pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
 17 7pm - The Watermill Theatre present **Camp Albion** - Football Field
 24 12 Noon - Friday Lunch Club - Village Hall
 25 10am to 3pm - Longparish Green Day - Community Hall
 28 Longparish Gardening Club - visit to Roche Court
 3 July Longparish Village Cricket Fun Day - Cricket Ground



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