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**October 2022**

**Queen Elizabeth II**

**1926-2022**



**King Charles III**

**“God save the King”**

Dear Friends,

I am one of those who “never does today that which he can put off until tomorrow.” I am not a planner, a scheduler but I react and often ‘fire from the hip’. This way of living is not a choice but it is just who I am. Today it has paid off. Today is the deadline for me to write this piece for you and the thoughts that were going round in my mind are not those you will see before you because Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second died yesterday. I am sat in my study feeling very empty, sad and somewhat forlorn. Today we tolled the bell for an hour and gathered in church for some prayers. I listened to HM King Charles the Third give his first address to us.

I know it is not universal, but she, over her long reign, has managed to keep the respect of her people to a far greater degree than all other national institutions. I wonder why that is? The church is not respected – to most, it is probably irrelevant. The police, education, doctors, almost every group I can think of, are not held in the esteem they were when the Queen came to the throne.



I think that it is all down to the way that Her Majesty conducted herself. We seem to instinctively know that she was genuine to the core. Integrity personified. When she swore, publicly, to serve us, that is what she did. She led through sacrificial service.

She said it herself, and it has been commented on by others, that she was fundamentally shaped by her Christian faith – she was the head of the Church of England. She was guided by her belief that as Jesus came to serve His people, she was called by God to serve hers and like Christ she did it by loving us.

As we reflect on her gift of her service to us, it is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on what we think our purpose is in this, our all too short, life. What values and beliefs are we committed to?



I was warmed by King Charles's address to us. He affirmed his commitment to serve us in the manner of his mother.

### God save the King.

Revd M R Christian  
Associate Priest



St. James the Less, Litchfield  
in the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield



**On behalf of the Bright Waters Benefice the Editors of Hill and Valley wish to record deep sadness at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She faithfully served the nation as our Sovereign during her long, happy and glorious reign. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Royal Family.**

**We wish our new Monarch, Charles III, a long and outstanding reign. “God save the King”**





## October 2022

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

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trinity 16

|                                 |         |                  |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors | 10.30am | Harvest Festival |
| St Nicholas', Longparish        | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne      | 9.00am  | Holy Communion   |
| St James', Woodcott             | 9.00am  | Harvest Festival |
| <b>Zoom service at 10.30am</b>  |         |                  |

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

|                            |        |                   |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 9.30am | Midweek Communion |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------|

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 17

|   |            |                    |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors                                       | 6.00pm     | Evensong           |
| St Nicholas', Longparish  | 10.30am    | Harvest Festival   |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne  | 10.30am    | Harvest Festival * |
| St James', Woodcott   | No Service |                    |
| <b>Home Zoom service at 10.30am</b> * please see details in SMB pages |            |                    |

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 18

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

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

|                         |        |                   |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| All Hallows, Whitchurch | 9.30am | Midweek Communion |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------|

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Trinity 19

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

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 20

|                            |                |                              |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| St Nicholas', Longparish   | 10.30am        | Benefice<br>Communion Praise |
|                            | 9.45am onwards | - Refreshments               |
| St Peter's, St Mary Bourne | 6.00pm         | Benefice All Souls' Service  |



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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 with their families and friends the baptisms of

**Charlie Bone** at St Nicholas'

**Lily Hewlitt** at St Nicholas'

**Ottillie Johnson** at St Andrew's

**Siena and Savannah Harutunian** at St Peters

**Elizabeth Yiend** at St Nicholas'

**Madeleine Burgess** at St Nicholas'

**Isabella Francis** at St Nicholas'

#### Weddings

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

We celebrate with the family and friends of

**Rachel Butler and Andy Hanney**

**Mike Riley and Charly Edwards**

**Rachel Quirk and James White**

#### Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of **Lynn Sutcliffe, Bryan Kelly** and **Jim Sawyer**.

**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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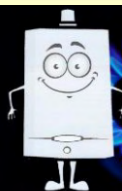
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## WEATHER – AUGUST 2022

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|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total rainfall for month             | 29mm   | 1.14in  |
| It rained on                         | 6 days |         |
| Rainfall same month last year        | 52mm   | 2.04in  |
| Total for 2022                       | 328mm  | 12.91in |
| Total for 2021                       | 664mm  | 26.14in |
| Max temp (on 13 <sup>th</sup> )      | 37C    | 98F     |
| Max night temp (on 1 <sup>st</sup> ) | 19.6C  | 69F     |
| Min temp (on 10 <sup>th</sup> )      | 10C    | 50F     |

The drought year continues!

Rainfall for the 5 months from April to August 2021 was 15.85ins.

Rainfall for the 5 months from April to August 2022 was 4.51ins - 11.34ins less rain in those months this year!

So far we are 13.77ins down year on year so far.

*John Smail*

## LADIES' COFFEE MORNINGS

Precelly Murray is hosting our coffee morning this month. All are welcome from 10.15am to 12 noon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Long House, 49 Hurstbourne Priors.



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

*The Coffee Morning Gang at Fran Johnson's in September*



## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – NEW DATE



We are delighted to announce that the postponed Saturday Night at the Movies is now to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Further details will be circulated nearer the event, but drinks and canapés are at Copper Beeches, 45 Hurstbourne Priors by kind invitation of Charles and Susie Urquhart.

We very much hope that if you have already bought your tickets you will still be able to attend, and for those who could not make the previous date you will now be able to join us. If you are unable to make the new date and would like a refund, do let us know. Please can you also confirm whether or not you will be attending.

The postponed raffle draw will also be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, with the exception of prize number 11, The Traditional Christmas Cake, which will be drawn at the Harvest Lunch on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. If you have sold raffle tickets to family or friends outside the village please can you make them aware of the new dates for the draw.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the dinner or for the raffle, please contact:

[MidsummerCelebrationHBP@gmail.com](mailto:MidsummerCelebrationHBP@gmail.com)

*Ann, Ian and Denise*

## PETS SERVICE AT ST ANDREWS



In beautiful sunny weather we gathered outside to celebrate and give thanks for our pets and all animals with Revd John Dawson at our Pets Service on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September.

*Fenella Williams*

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

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**Goodbye to Marie**

We have said a very fond farewell to Marie Page, who started working at the Mill in 1976 and left in August. Without Marie's knowledge and expertise the Mill's link to its silk-weaving heritage would have been lost, and we are immensely grateful to her for all she has done to keep us weaving beautiful silk and also for passing on her skills to several trainee weavers in recent years, allowing us to carry on without her. She'll be greatly missed!

**Sports Quiz in Aid of Our Student Placement Scheme, 6 October**

Test your knowledge of the beautiful world of sport while at the same time supporting the training of the weavers of the future. Hosted by talkSPORT commentator Jim Proudfoot. Bar opens at 7pm; quiz kick-off at 7.30pm; final whistle 9.30pm. Teams of six £60 (or £10 per person for smaller teams). As if this wasn't enough entertainment, you will also be able to enjoy local author Richard Whitehead talking about his book *The Cup* and there will be an opportunity to win great prizes in a raffle.

**Fun with Bricks, 28 October**

Half-term fun: build Halloween-themed LEGO creations and follow a LEGO trail throughout the Mill. Master LEGO builders The Brick People will be creating custom-built models and there will be an open build brick area for you to create whatever you want. Booking essential – see the Mill's website for details of timeslots. Tickets £6 per child with one free accompanying adult per child. Additional adults will need to pay admission or show their annual pass/family ticket.

**Sponsor a Tile**

Our Welcome Building is in need of a new roof. Rather surprisingly there are 3000 tiles to replace and because of the building's architectural heritage the work must be done by specialist contractors. We have already raised a large percentage of the funding for this work via the National Lottery Heritage Fund, but we have to find the remaining money ourselves, so we are appealing for financial help in the form of tile-sponsoring. Please can you help us by buying a tile? If you'd like us to, we can 'tag a tile' with your personal message. Find out more at [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/whitchurch-silk-mill-sponsor-a-tile](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/whitchurch-silk-mill-sponsor-a-tile)

**Pins & Needles**

These popular adult crafting sessions are on the first Thursday of each month. Tickets £10, including tuition, all materials and a hot drink. Participants enjoy the company of like-minded people learning new skills or honing existing ones. In October we'll be creating explosion boxes: lovely keepsakes using an origami folding technique to reveal photographs and mementos. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

**Current Exhibition: Stripes**

Free with admission and running until 20<sup>th</sup> November this exhibition explores stripes, a pattern synonymous with Whitchurch silk. Stripes were once the mark of the devil and are now an iconic print used in day-to-day fashion and furnishings. The exhibition draws from the Mill's own extensive archive, enhanced with loaned objects from collaborators, and explores the creation, history and use of stripes since the invention of textile production.

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**SAVE THE DATE - 4 FEBRUARY 2022**

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A date for your diary: we are delighted that pianist Christopher Burrows will be returning to give a classical piano recital in the evening on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in St Andrews Church. Details will be published in the November Hill and Valley.

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

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My chosen word for this month is SAGACIOUS as I wanted to select a word which represented one of our late Queen's attributes.

Among the definitions are the following words "gifted with discernment", "having practical wisdom" and "skilful in statecraft".

Barbara Carrodus



## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!



Due to a number of Committee members leaving the village recently - and we are so pleased to see the arrival of many new faces - we are now looking for some new members to join our group.

The responsibilities are not onerous - we meet only 3 times a year - but are really important in order to maintain this much loved and vital community facility and building. We would welcome some new ideas for fundraising and are always looking at ways to improve the Hall to ensure that we offer the best facilities possible to our bookings.

So, if you would like to get more involved in village life, get to meet new people, and would like to know more, please contact Caroline Glover on 01256 893550 or email [lalglover@aol.com](mailto:lalglover@aol.com) Thank you.

## ANDOVER FOODBANK

### Children's Gift Boxes

Christmas always starts early here at Andover Foodbank. We are already preparing shopping lists and packing lists for children's gift boxes and Hampers filled with festive treats ready to support local families in need this Christmas.

This year we expect to be busy as the cost of living continues to increase, and the normal weekly shop budgets are stretched even further. Last year with your help, we were able to distribute over 1200 gift boxes almost 900 hampers. We would be very grateful for your support again this year.

Information on how to make up and donate a children's gift boxes will be on our website:

([www.andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.andover.foodbank.org.uk)) late September. The deadline for these is Monday, 7th November. This early date allows us to check how many boxes we have compared to the numbers required and top up if necessary, before delivering to our partner agencies for them to distribute in time for Christmas.

If you haven't come across gift boxes before, they are shoe boxes filled with small, new, age-appropriate gifts. Our partner agencies distribute these to children who are at risk of not receiving any presents at Christmas time. Our website and social media pages will have lots of ideas of what to include for each age group and how to pack them. These gifts make a huge difference to families.

*'The children were so excited to see what was in them. It made me cry to see their faces and the generosity from you' – a mother*

*Jenny Lelean, Andover Foodbank*

## THE VINE TRUST – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Vine Trust is an independent Christian charity that runs a bookshop on Bridge Street, Andover. We are currently looking for more volunteers to help run the store. We operate two shifts per day (10am to 1 pm and 1pm to 4pm Tuesday to Friday and 9:30am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 2:30pm on Saturday) . We have two volunteers helping in each shift.

If you are interested in joining us, you can collect an application form from the shop or we can send you one electronically (email: [vinetrustandover@gmail.com](mailto:vinetrustandover@gmail.com)). All our volunteers get full training on the working of the shop.

*Trevor Sleath*

## RECIPE – MALVERN PUDDING

Malvern pudding is a Georgian pudding from the town of Malvern in Worcestershire. It is a baked dish made with apples and a custard.

In 2010, it was listed as one of the ten most 'threatened puddings' after a survey conducted by UKTB Food – it is a good way to use some of your apples and makes a change from crumble!

### Ingredients

450g (1lb) cooking apples  
25g (1oz) butter  
25g (1oz) sugar  
grated rind of one lemon

### For the sauce

25g (1oz) butter  
25 (1oz) flour  
450ml (3/4pt)milk  
25g (1oz) sugar  
1 egg beaten

### Topping

50g (2oz) demerara sugar  
1 x 5ml sp (1tsp) cinnamon

Peel core and slice the apples. Put in a pan with the butter and sugar and cook slowly, covered until soft.

Remove from heat and stir in the lemon rind. Spread in a 900ml (1 1/2pt) oven proof dish

Put the butter, flour and milk for the sauce in a pan and cook gently, stirring all the time until the sauce has thickened; cook for a further 2 minutes.

Remove from the heat and stir in the sugar and beaten egg. Return to the low heat and cook gently for a further 1 minute; pour the sauce over the apple mixture.

Mix together the demerara sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the top. Place under a hot grill until the sugar has caramelised. Serve hot or cold.

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## MEMORIES OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

**The Coronation**

In 1953, I was amongst the 27 million people in the UK - out of the 36 million population. - who watched Queen Elizabeth's Coronation on television not counting the 11 million who listened on the radio. I was 4 years old, living in a coal mining village in the North East of England.

My parents had bought a Bush 14" black and white television especially for the event, at an extortionate cost of 60 Guineas (one Guinea equalled one pound and one shilling) which is equivalent to approximately £1,400 today. Of course, all the neighbours came into our house to watch and my poor mother spent her time making tea and providing cakes. It's a good job

she was a member of the WI (Women's Institute) and knew how to bake a sponge cake using 1 egg. In 1953 rationing was still in force – it did not end until 4<sup>th</sup> July 1954.

In 1960, the Queen visited a new town near where I lived, called Peterlee in Co. Durham. As she was scheduled to be driven past the end of our village towards Durham City, the whole school was given the day off to stand and watch her. As she was driven past and waved to the waiting crowds, it seemed as though she was waving to each of us individually. My write up of the event was published in the school's newsletter.

*Ian Bradley*

**The Silver Jubilee**

My first memory of the Queen is celebrating the Silver Jubilee when I was 5. Our school had a large fete on the cricket pitch. The day was full of pageant, and knowing we had a real live Queen and not a dead one or one from fairy tales was fantastic, my chest stuck out with pride.

The only down side was having to wear black patent shoes and a very pretty dress, purple with a cream bodice, but it felt right to dress up for the Queen.

I thought it was all marvellous, I was even allowed Ribena but on strict instructions not to spill it. Needless to say I spent the rest of the afternoon with a Ribena stain contrasting beautifully with the cream front. However, all was not lost, I won the large jar of sweets by guessing the number inside correctly.

*Sarah Milne*

**In Brunei and Saudi Arabia**

Brunei - I joined Binnie and Partners in 1970, to take over from a departing engineer from Brunei (in Borneo!) on a waste water project. Towards the end of our 2 year time there, Her Majesty came to visit Brunei. We were told that she would be travelling in her Royal Yacht, so we went down to see them coming into the Brunei River with a fine Band playing on the deck. Phillida and I were invited to meet her Majesty at the house of the British Representative. The female guests had to get the necessary outfits to wear, in a hurry from Hong Kong. The Royal Party included Her Majesty, The Duke of Edinburgh, Earl Mountbatten and Princess Anne and Princess Anne's Lady in Waiting. We all lined up on a red carpet, and shook the Royal Party's hands.

Saudi Arabia - I went to Saudi Arabia, as Binnies' representative in the country, in 1976. In 1978 Her Majesty arrived in Riyadh by Concorde. By this time our children were going to informal schools, and our daughter was selected to give Her Majesty a posy of flowers. She did this well. The next excitement was for all the British representatives, and their wives, to meet Her Majesty on the Royal Yacht. We all arrived and waited for the Queen to finish her meeting with the Saudi Arabian leading Member of Government. Her Majesty waved to him from the deck and then it was time for the British representatives to go on board. We climbed up and came to the entrance to the deck. There was a bright light and suddenly we realised that we were shaking hands with Her Majesty. As we went on deck we were met by members of the crew, with trays of drinks. Since we were strictly no longer in Saudi Arabia, alcoholic drinks were provided! We watched the "beating of the retreat" on the dock, the band came aboard, and we were all hurried down to the dock, and watched as the Royal Yacht departed.

*Jeremy Goad*

**A Buffet Lunch**

In the 1990's I had the honour of serving the Queen from a buffet that had been prepared by a friend who then had a catering business. The event was being hosted by one of Her Majesty's Horse Trainers.

Whilst we anticipated taking a plate of food to the Queen, she wanted to make her own selection from the buffet. I was also able to serve her using a family heirloom (a fish slice and fork) – now whenever I happen to be serving a guest with the same fish slice and fork I happily point out that they are "By Royal Appointment" !

*Barbara Carrodus*

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Win Coventry - ☎ 01264 738 199.

## The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held  
on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at St  
Mary Bourne Village Centre as usual, starting to serve at  
12.30pm. Suggested donation is still only £3. If a lift is  
needed, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by  
Noon on the Tuesday.



### St Mary Bourne Primary School Governor Vacancies

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in a range of school matters including curriculum, recruitment,  
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As a member of the Governing Body, you would be expected  
to attend 1 meeting a month in the evening.

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

To see our school website, go to:

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

### Harvest Festival at St Peter's 10.30am on 9<sup>th</sup> October

We are hoping to celebrate Harvest Festival with everyone  
who would like to come.

There are crafty fruit and veg activities, biscuits to decorate  
and lots to celebrate.

We are in the churchyard and in the Church. Come along for  
a coffee, tea and squash, too. It will all be over in an hour!



### Two Rivers host American Visitors.....

As a welcome relief to the heatwave lifting, we had a visit  
from Clinical Professor of Nursing Lyn Prater and twelve  
student Nurses from "The Louise Herrington School of  
Nursing", Dallas in Texas. As part of their four-week visit to  
the UK, they travelled out of London and down to St Mary  
Bourne where it was a privilege to be able to host Lyn and  
her students for a couple of hours over lunchtime and  
spend some time comparing and contrasting rural General  
Practice whilst eating scones and cream.

We were able to explain how we deliver care across our  
patient population and introduce them to our clinical team  
including Kate our Healthcare Assistant who is soon to  
embark on her training to be a Nurse Associate to further  
enhance patient care at Two Rivers. The Students from the  
USA were soon to complete a 4-year nursing degree from  
Baylor University and had many questions, on a variety of  
clinical topics, for their individual final papers which they  
were compiling.

Dan Lickman explained our 'Pod' model; how we work in  
small teams, providing continuity of care and we were able  
to discuss how our wider team of physios, Social  
Prescribers, Urgent Community Response and Proactive care  
nurses are now working collaboratively to ensure patients  
receive the 'right care from the right person first time'. We  
ask for your continued support with this; by ensuring you  
give some details to our reception team when you ask for  
an appointment so they can direct you to the right person,  
this will save time for you and ensure we manage our  
resources the best we can.

We completed our time together with a short walk around  
the lake and a visit to the Village Shop, which they loved! It  
was a pleasure to meet such enthusiastic, conscientious  
students with a passion for healthcare and a bright future  
career ahead of them.

Thank you to Revd Richard Sutcliffe for introducing Lyn  
and setting up the visit... I am hoping for a return trip to  
Texas next year!



Rachel Sidwell Nurse Practitioner



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## 'The Film' at St Mary Bourne Village Centre



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**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30pm**

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**Next Film: 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**"Operation Mincemeat"**



As the nights draw in, the build on The Boundary continues. At the time of writing, the windows and doors have been put in and the interior of the building is starting to reveal the space it will become. Community has always been at the heart of The Boundary, from its conception to planning to evolving, and will continue to be at the very

foundation of everything we do. This is a project for us... me and you and everyone who is fortunate enough to live in this vibrant, beautiful parish. It is so apt, therefore, that we have been on the receiving end of some very generous local businesses who also felt that sense of community and working together. I would like to thank Kong Scaffolding and Freedom Bespoke for their huge generosity by gifting their goods and services, free of charge, to the build. Both companies are run by locals and we are very grateful that they wanted to be part of this project. Thank you.

Everyone I speak to is excited to see the progress of the shop and café and, so far, (massive fingers crossed), we are running to time and budget. There's a lot going on behind the scenes to ensure this happens and a lot of research is being done to ensure we are getting quality and value for money. Recently, we heard about a big shop in Southampton that went out of business and were able to buy all of their gravity dispensers and scoop tubs for our Eco Shop at a massive saving than if we had to buy new. Saving money where we can and reusing and recycling is a

double win. Auction houses and second-hand shops are being scoured for lovely vintage plates for the café and endless hours are being spent online researching every item needed.

The Eco Shop will be a great asset to the shop. We aim to sell dry goods like rice, pasta, nuts and seeds, couscous, etc from dispensers so that customers can bring their own containers to fill up. This not only has the benefit of zero packaging but means customers can buy just the amount they need rather than a whole packet of something. We will also sell wet goods such as washing up liquid, detergent, shampoo and conditioner this way. Alongside the dispensers will be a packaged eco range which will include items like shampoo bars, eco-friendly cleaning products and food wraps to name just a few. All this eco-friendly produce will be sold alongside our existing range of goods including our value brands and local produce. The retail space will increase by 30% compared to the old shop enabling us to ensure that there really is something for everyone.

If you have any questions about the shop or café, or would like us to stock a range of goods or something specific, please don't hesitate to be in touch via email [theboundary@stmarybourne.org](mailto:theboundary@stmarybourne.org).

At the end of August, we sadly said goodbye to Julia who had been with us for a year. Luckily for us she is back as a volunteer so it's not all sad news! Julia has been replaced by the wonderful Debbie, who has settled in really well and we welcome her as part of the family!

So, there it all is! Please do come and visit us in our temporary home of the Club Room – it really does make a very good little shop! We have everything from fruit and veg to bread and eggs and a mass of things in between! We've also got our stash of Halloween goodies for those ghosts and ghouls who may come knocking!

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## Congratulations to St Mary Bourne's Diamond Couple



Gwen and Ray Randall of Stevens Green, St Mary Bourne recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years) with a party of over 80 family members, friends and well-wishers in St Mary Bourne Village Centre. As strong royalists, they were particularly thrilled to receive a card of

congratulations from HM Queen Elizabeth II. Ray and Gwen are very grateful to their family who organised the event and who took them away for a mini-break in Devon later in the month. "We've got a wonderful family", Ray said, "We're very lucky".

*RW*

## St Mary Bourne Parish Council

### 'News and Views'

Following the recent election, we thought it might be useful to introduce those who represent the Council and add a bit more about them.

|                |               |             |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Glenda Mew     | Patrick Foote | Ed Makgill  |
| Phil Jeffery   | Oliver Madge  | Kevin Noble |
| Bridget Culley | Gwen Randall  | Dave Peart  |

More information will be available on the Parish Council website under Parish Council/Councillors and Clerk.

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

Each month we will profile three councillors so that everyone knows who everyone is.

### Kevin Noble

*Lived in village all my life, mum was born in the blacksmiths and so was my nan. After leaving school I worked in village for the Hirst family business; more recently having worked for Londis / Bookers (I was also the shop Steward for Unite) and now working at Vitacress.*

*I believe in keeping what we have, but change is going to happen so we must guide it and in doing so protect what we have.*

*On the PC, I'm the Footpaths officer and on the planning committee.*

### Oliver Madge

*In comparison to the rest of the councillors, I suspect I'd be considered a relative 'newcomer' to the Parish of SMB, having moved in 2016.*

*Of the many reasons we moved here, the facilities available and natural beauty of the surroundings were key attractions and I believe these are wonderful assets that we all share and have in common, however long anyone has lived here.*

*For those who don't know me, I'm proud to be known as "Lara from the shops' husband" – but as chair of the PC, I look forward to working with all the various groups within the parish and being part of a team to help shape and guide us into the coming years.*

### Bridget Culley

*53 years ago I married a local farmer and have been fully involved in village life since then. From Play Group (chair), Friends of the School committee member and Chair of Governors for 30 years. Also fund raising for the new Village Centre and for the Millennium Village party.*

*I have just started my fourth term as a Parish Councillor, six years as Chairman. Villages to survive as communities need to grow, adapt and change, and this has always been my philosophy. Without this, all aspects of village life, from the Church and School, the Shop and Village Centre and all the various social and sporting groups could perish.*

## Parish Council Activities

**Guidance and Governance** - It has recently been discovered that the Parish Council didn't renew membership of a group called HALC (Hampshire Association for Local Councils), from which information, training and guidance can be obtained. This possible 'oversight' will be addressed, as we look to make sure that our actions and activities are provided in accordance with the appropriate best practice and for the benefit of the whole parish.

The Parish Council Councillors undertake a commitment and duty to uphold governance and ensure that documents and policies are maintained and made available, and this will be part of the support we will be seeking as we move forwards.

If anyone has experience in these areas or operations or Health and Safety documentation and would be prepared to get more involved, we would be grateful to hear from you.

**The 'Lengthsman'** - The joy of living in such a beautiful parish, surrounded by nature, is that things grow!

The lengthsman is a contractual commitment made to maintain aspects of the parish. Currently centrally funded, albeit diminishing, work schedules are placed with the contractor to maintain vegetation growth for community benefits, e.g. around speed signs etc.

As with most, these grants are being reviewed and it is more than likely this will become more of a locally funded commitment. While the commitment for access and maintenance of footpaths is with the landowner, vegetation growth can be a side-stepped responsibility. One thought may be that if the budgets continue downwards for this parish community service, then a working party could be created to help with clearing these wonderful assets for the benefit of all? We would be very interested in ideas around this function ongoing.

**Tony Grunsell** - As you may know, we recently lost a committed member of the parish and a PC councillor. It is with great joy we note that his employer (Booker) has proposed to donate a memorial bench.

The location is still to be finalised and will be made with guidance from Sandra and the family, but his commitment to the shop helped significantly in its survival, and the Rec / Bowling Green were areas close to Tony's heart and this is where the initial location is proposed.

**Contact** - Please email any matters of concern to:

[clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk) - Facebook: Search for 'SMB-PC' and like, and follow to get updates etc. OM

### Summary report - September meeting of the Parish Council

Seven councillors and the clerk attended the meeting, plus four members of the public.

**Governance** - An update on the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) was given and it was agreed to retain membership which equates to 7.42p per parishioner.

**Health and Safety, Play Area and Grievance Procedure** - it was agreed to approve the adoption of the policy documents.

**Lengthsman** - Footpaths continually require attention, but one that has been reported a number of times is footpath 29 from Springhill Lane towards the Woodland Burial Ground. The PC grounds maintenance contractor will be asked to look at this if there are not sufficient Lengthsman hours available.

**Flood and Emergency Group** - Will be required to discuss remedial work identified by the recent flooding of the High Street due to heavy rain showers.

**Highways** - HCC to be asked to reinstate 'NO HGV' and 'Road Unsuitable for Large Vehicles' signage, particularly from the direction of Harroway. Vitacress also to be contacted regarding the lack of HGV signage.

The installation of speed indicator devices was discussed to try to deal with speeding in the village, but this will require posts to be erected due to lack of street furniture.

There are still issues with the edge of the road near the entrance to Stevens Green which is constantly being damaged by large lorries being unable to negotiate the corner. Help to obtain the required remedial work from Hants. Highways to be discussed with Cllr Tom Thacker.

**Recreation Ground and Lake** - Agreed to a request for a bench to be placed within the recreation ground to commemorate the life of Tony Grunsell made by his employers.

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Next Full Parish Council Meetings:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 19.30**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 19.30**

Village Centre Club Room - Public welcome





## Light Touch How about a Hibernaculum?

Very soon our frogs, newts and toads will be looking for a safe place to spend the winter. They do not hibernate as such and will emerge in milder spells. They need somewhere safe away from inquisitive dogs and cats which is frost free in winter and can also be used in the summer to keep them cool and damp as they spend very little time in the water after mating is over.

A winter home takes very little time to make. Just dig out an area of earth in a quiet preferably sunny corner a foot or so deep, then put in bricks, stones, broken terracotta pots and logs with lots of small gaps and entry holes then partially cover it with turfs or more logs and branches. Imagine it as an underground maze, which will have the added advantage that it will attract lots of insects as well, providing dinner whenever the animals emerge. Do not put it in an area which is likely to be waterlogged as they can drown when comatose.



**Ponds...** One third of Britain's ponds have disappeared in the last fifty years and 80% of the remaining ones are classified as in poor or very poor condition. Chalk areas such as ours are especially bad as ponds have to be actively kept watertight and the need for maintenance is long gone with the advent of water troughs and the more recent lack of livestock in the fields. Desperate frogs in our local woods lay their spawn in heaps in any tiny puddle which is fairly certainly doomed to dry out before the tadpoles are grown.

Putting a wildlife pond in our gardens is the single most important action each of us can do to help our beleaguered amphibians as long as no fish are added. The charity *Froglife* has an excellent advice booklet online. Search for "Froglife just add water" for a pdf or order a free copy from their shop. Now is the perfect time to build a pond as it can fill up with rain water before the spring.

October is also the best month to clean out your pond. Wildlife ponds need a little regular maintenance to prevent them silting up and turning into bog gardens. (It is far better to do a little every autumn or you can upset the natural balance gradually created by nature). Remove dead leaves and vegetation with a small net from the surface and base along with some of the collected silt. Leave it in a shallow heap at the edge for a day or two as some pond animals such as dragon fly larvae and beetles can crawl back into the water. Cut back any over enthusiastic plants a little, but always leave enough for the water surface to be partially covered by plants in the summer. Frogspawn appears surprisingly early in the spring so do not disturb a pond at that time.

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## SMBCC - Youth Cricket 2022



St Mary Bourne Youth Cricket has continued to thrive with all the coaching and matches on offer in 2022. After a busy 2021, SMBCC added 40 new junior members to the club this year and Friday nights became even noisier. We coached 140+ kids, aged 4 and upwards and the above photo was taken in September at our recent awards night at the Village Centre.

With fabulous weather, the juniors played in 61 competitive matches this summer and we added two new teams: including the first ever SMBCC girls team. Again, all the local businesses benefitted from the increased footfall in the village and Friday nights at the Rec is becoming a great social gathering - especially with the ever popular bar and BBQ!

We thank (again) our two key sponsors for 2022 - *Ninny's House at Home* and *Vitacress*. Critical sponsorship to help us buy equipment... Thank You.

The SMBCC Youth Cricket is (and always will be) run by volunteers. If you wish to help / coach - please contact us.

We need funding for new permanent nets for next season. If anyone is able to help or contribute - Please contact Jonny Orange on ☎ 07931 285 988 or email on [youthcricket@smbcc.co.uk](mailto:youthcricket@smbcc.co.uk).



## Go Star Gazing in October

**7<sup>th</sup> - Draconids Meteor Shower** is a minor shower producing about 10 meteors per hour. This is an unusual shower as best viewing is early evening instead of early morning. Runs from 6 to 10 October.

**8<sup>th</sup> - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation** - Best time to view Mercury as it will be at its highest point above the horizon in morning sky. Look for Mercury low in sky just before sunrise.

**9<sup>th</sup> - Full Moon** - Moon will be located on opposite side of Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. Known as Hunters Moon by early Native American tribes.

**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> - Orionids Meteor Shower** - Average shower producing up to 20 meteors per hour. Runs from 2 October to 7 November. Thin crescent moon will leave mostly dark skies for good show. Best viewing after midnight.

**25<sup>th</sup> - New Moon** - Moon located on same side of Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in night sky. Best time to observe star clusters and galaxies as no moonlight to interfere.

**25<sup>th</sup> - Partial Solar Eclipse** - A partial solar eclipse occurs when Moon covers only part of the Sun. Sometimes resembling a bite taken out of a cookie. Not visible in UK.

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## Postcard from Binley

A tribute to Micky Wedge

9<sup>th</sup> July 1949 - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

*"Such a morning it is when love  
leans through geranium windows  
and calls with a cockerel's tongue.*

*When red-haired girls scamper like roses  
over the rain-green grass.  
and the sun drips honey.*

*When hedgerows grow venerable,  
berries dry black as blood,  
and holes suck in their bees.*

*Such a morning it is when mice  
run whispering from the church,  
dragging dropped ears of harvest.*

*When the partridge draws back his spring  
and shoots like a buzzing arrow  
over grained and mahogany fields.*

*When no table is bare,  
and no beast dry,  
and the tramp feeds on ribs of rabbit."* Laurie Lee

Michael Wedge, more often known as Micky or "Wedger", passed gently away on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2022 after four long years in hospital, the result of a debilitating stroke suffered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2018.

There was a time when you could have said every rural community had a "Wedger", but times they are a-changing and it is much less likely now. Micky was a one-off, a unique character. His was a lifetime lived within this valley. He knew every blade of grass, every stone and every tree that grew here. He knew every creature that crawled, swam, ran or flew, above or below ground.

He was as equally happy crouched in a cold, wet muddy ditch in November waiting for a skein of geese, as he was laid out amongst the cowslips on the Binley Downs on a warm spring day, his beloved dog by his side, both intoxicated by the sounds and scents of nature as he tended to his bees. He lived season by season, knowing precisely what each in turn would bring, when it would bring it, and most importantly how he could get it. He was a gourmet forager, taking only the best, be it game, wild fruits, or fungi. What he couldn't find here he imported. Crabs and whelks from Devon, Bloaters from the Essex coast. August saw grouse arrive from Scotland and Yorkshire. Autumn saw the finest Iberico ham from black toed pigs in Spain which stood mounted on a stand in his little kitchen for all to see. And he was generous with it, particularly to those near and dear to him and to elderly villagers.

He moved seamlessly from the animal kingdom, where it has to be said he was at his most comfortable, to the periphery of the human one. His comfort zone wasn't ours. The dead of night in the countryside isn't for everyone; the sudden yowl of a vixen close by can make your scalp wrinkle, yet it held no fears for Micky. He was the last to walk into the Hurdlers Arms before closing, a quiet Guinness before retiring; his spoils waiting to be skinned, cleaned, eviscerated. It was outside that very pub one Sunday afternoon that I sat and watched him climb an ash tree, a hessian sack over his shoulder, to take "Branchers", young rooks that had left the nest but not yet fledged, for to make a rook pie. His ways were the old ways. And he was a damn fine shot!

He smoked meats, fish and cheeses in an old upright fridge freezer that he converted in his garden until an overheated mackerel burnt it to the ground. That garden was turned over entirely to the growing of fruit and vegetables. He pickled, he

cured, he air-dried his own biltong. His honey was liquid sunshine. He literally handpicked his bees and the crops they were to pollinate. His pickled walnuts were sacrosanct. He became a part of all of us. A somewhat wild but much-loved attachment to our own families and he was in essence our very own diamond in the rough. When his father, dear Freddie, passed we tried harder to bring Micky into the fold with invitations to social occasions, birthdays, parties, and on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. And sometimes he turned up! But in reality, he was at his happiest just him and his dog, walking the racecourse at Cheltenham on December 25<sup>th</sup> in blissful solitude. It is doubtful we will ever see his like again.

Micky was born in 1949. A Wedge. An ancient and proud village family. A lineage that goes back hundreds of years, some say to the Domesday Book. His parents were Freddie and Winnie, his brother Terence. As a lad Micky lived outdoors in the countryside, given the right to roam over Sid Nimmo's farm at Upper Wyke where he learned his bushcraft. On leaving school he took to the family trade as a plasterer, working on many listed and ecclesiastical buildings. He worked hard and he played hard right to the end.


And then out of the blue one day, a cruel stroke cut him down and he was hospitalised. And while the wildlife breathed a sigh of relief, those of us that were left were bereft. A great countryman, a true friend, a village character in every sense of the word was taken from us. Visits at first carried some optimism but slowly and perhaps inevitably the truth dawned on us that he wasn't coming home. Never returning to the downs and water meadows, the chalk streams and the hazel copses, the towering beech woods of his beloved Hampshire.

Micky loved all the seasons, but I believe his favourite was Autumn, when the first frost was on the pumpkin and his chilled hoary breath hung in the air; when pigeon fat was as yellow as Jersey butter. And I can picture him now busying himself for the day ahead, loading his guns into the car, stashing two litres of chocolate milkshake on the front seat and some "delicacies" shoved in that infamous waistcoat pocket for him and the dog.

And that is how I shall choose to remember him, anxious to get on and get as much enjoyment as possible out of the day that lay before him. On reflection, perhaps that's not such a bad philosophy.

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## Sustainability Activity Day

17<sup>th</sup> September - Village Centre

Nearly 100 people turned out for the Activity Day where there was much to see and learn:

- How to do an energy audit on your home,
- The effect of insulation,
- Easy composting,
- Recycling & upcycling fabrics and yarn into amazing new garments, shoes and works of art,
- Swapping plants, recipes for leftover foods,
- Packaging other than plastic,
- The monthly Repair Café mending anything broken.



After all that talking, listening and learning, many needed a sit down with a cuppa with a wonderful choice of delicious cakes.

This was an opportunity to find out how we can all make a difference on a small scale to reduce our own carbon footprint, which now **in the parish of St Mary Bourne** (calculated in tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e - carbon dioxide equivalent) is **at a whopping 24 tons** compared to **18 in the Borough of Basingstoke & Dean** and just under **16 tons for the Great Britain average**. That should make us all think.



See [www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk](http://www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk) for more information on the exhibits at the Activity Day as well as other projects.

*Also remember:* The Repair Café is open from 10am at the George Inn the first Saturday in every month.

### Top Tips!

- Plan meals, do batch cooking, use slow cookers. Borrow the thermal heat camera from SBV to see the areas of heat loss from your house.
- Make draft excluder to keep out drafts. Run water to get hot for a shower for least time possible and keep a bucket in the shower to make use of that water.



## No knead for bread:

### Keep our ducks and chalk streams healthy

As we head into autumn, many of us are looking for ways to support our wonderful wildlife. Out on our local chalk streams, waterfowl like ducks, swans, and geese will be filling up in anticipation of the colder months. With their usual food sources growing less plentiful, a little boost from us can make a lot of difference.

Did you know, though, that feeding them bread does more harm than good? While it fills them up, the lack of nutrition can cause them to become malnourished. The same goes for things like crisps, pastries, popcorn, and cereal. What's more, uneaten food attracts pests and encourages algal blooms that damage the streams.

The good news is that there are many other affordable and accessible options. Got leftover lettuce or wilted greens? Iceberg, rocket, kale, chard, and cabbage are all great choices. If your salad bin is empty, raid the freezer for peas – just be sure to defrost them fully. Tinned, defrosted, or fresh sweetcorn will also be well received.

In small amounts, rolled or porridge oats, plain cooked or uncooked rice, and bird seed provide nutritious nibbles. Alternating them with vegetables creates a balanced diet of fibre, vitamins, and fatty acids. However, always steer clear of onion, spinach, avocado, and citrus fruit, which can give the birds digestive problems.

When out on your adventure, there are a few more things to bear in mind. Make sure your snacks are in bite-sized pieces since waterfowl don't chew their food. Remove any packing and remember to take it home with you. If the birds seem disinterested or stop eating, keep your remaining food so it doesn't get left to rot.



Photo: Chris Maguire

Following these simple tips will help our feathered friends – and their chalk stream homes – to thrive throughout the seasons. If you'd like to learn more about these precious wildlife habitats, and get involved in shaping their future, the Watercress and Winterbourne scheme is a great place to start! Check out our projects at [www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes) or email us at [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk).

## The 2022 St Mary Bourne Flower Show

The annual distribution and thank you drinks held in the Village Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> September were well attended by past and present committee members, sponsors, stall holders, thirsty villagers and those keen to help with next year's show. An excellent turnout and plenty of hard work meant that we were able to distribute **nearly £7,000** to the worthy local causes listed below. Many thanks to all those who attended, donated, exhibited, sponsored and helped in any way. This wonderful annual village event is a village highlight and something for us all to be proud of.

- Andover Young Carers £400
- Church Youth and Mityana Fund £150
- Derrydown Clinic £250
- Kids on Track £200
- SMB Community Lunch £200
- SMB Bowling Club £100
- SMB Cricket Club Juniors £500
- SMB Football Club £100
- SMB Parents and Toddlers Group £100
- SMB Playground/rec project £2,000
- SMB Primary School £1,000
- SMB United Charities Trust £750
- St Peter's Church £200
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### COUNCILLOR JIM SAWYER

The Parish Council was saddened to hear that our colleague and friend, Jim Sawyer, a Parish Councillor for more than a decade, passed away at the beginning of September.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Pippa and family.



### REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 22 AUGUST 2022

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

- Erection of car port and store at **Holly House, Longparish**;
- Construction of barn and removal of storage containers at **Watercress Beds, Nuns Walk**;
- Conversion and extension of outbuilding to create conservatory at **111 North Acre, Longparish**.

### HEDGE MANAGEMENT FOR SAFER HIGHWAYS – NOW IS THE TIME TO CUT BACK YOUR HEDGE!

The bird nesting season is over, and if you have a hedge/shrubs etc that border roads or rights of way, particularly at junctions, please cut them back as soon as possible. The Parish Council has received reports that some hedges are creating difficulties for road users. It is the responsibility of homeowners and landowners to ensure that hedges are cut back to allow for good visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooter users, riders, and drivers. Thank you to those who always maintain their hedges so road users can clearly see and be seen by other traffic, and so that pavements can be easily navigated.

### Parish Council Meetings

#### Cancellation of PC Meeting on 12<sup>TH</sup> September

Due to the period of public mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Parish Council meeting scheduled to take place on 12 September was cancelled.

The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Monday 10 October at 7:30pm**.

Parish Council Meetings are public, and parishioners are also welcomed 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

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

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

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10am until 1pm

#### Wildflower Planting in Longparish



This is a long-term Project and is particularly aimed at youngsters who feel frustrated at what to do to help improve their Environment. I will give a short talk on what we want to achieve and what has already been done.

**Volunteers are welcome** to join a work party at the **Recreation Ground** and the **Allotments Area**. Parking is limited so walking is a good choice!

We will be planting native wildflowers, Meadow Cranesbill, Ox-eye Daisy, Black Knapweed and Black Mullein to increase the biodiversity of areas along the stream and the local footpaths. Some of the plants have been potted up by helpers back in the Autumn. As well as increasing colour the plants will provide a nectar source and larval food source for many insects.

Please bring work clothes, gloves, and sturdy footwear. Also, suitable tools, trowels etc., some tools will be available on the day.

Refreshments will be provided. Approx 10am until 12 noon.

For further details please contact **Paul Knipe** on **720713** or [paulgknipe@gmail.com](mailto:paulgknipe@gmail.com)

Prior notice of attendance would be helpful.

### LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2022



Thank you to the September litter pickers. We were all surprised how little we picked this month, except for Peter Hull who cleared up a pile of fly tipped rubbish in the Middleway. Large piles of fly tipped rubbish can be reported on the TVBC website. TVBC will investigate and prosecute if they can.

Next Litter pick is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, meet behind the **Village Hall at 9.15 am** and enjoy free coffee afterwards at the LCA Coffee Shop at the Cricketers. The Parish Council will provide litter picking sticks, hoops, and bags. For more information **Tel Christian Dryden 720 398**

### Remembering Sue Elford - Mrs. Elford passed

away in Folkestone Care Centre at the age of 98 on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Many may remember Sue Elford who was clerk to the Parish Council for more than 12 years. She even wrote an article about her time as clerk for Hill & Valley (April 2000). In 2000, she moved to France with her husband, Wg Cdr Barry Elford. After Barry's death in 2011 she returned to live in England at Hythe in Kent near her son.



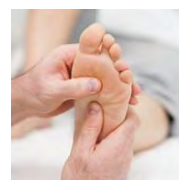
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Thank you to everyone who dropped by the Greening Longparish stall at the fete.

**Retrofitting** There was great interest in retrofitting and reducing energy costs. We look forward to loaning out the thermal imaging camera when the evenings get darker, and the heating is on. If you are interested in borrowing it to see where your heat is escaping, please do get in touch. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7- 9pm there will be a drop-in meeting, the venue to be confirmed in the November issue. This is for anyone interested in topics around the reduction of energy consumption and will include discussions on retrofitting, the thermal imaging camera, how minor changes can save energy. We welcome people who can share their own experiences of retrofitting with people who are just at the start of the retrofitting journey.

Have a look on <https://impact-tool.org.uk> for Longparish carbon impact and compare to Test Valley or other similar villages.

**Rewilding** Following the rewilding walk and talk in July and the mapping of the public areas where Paul Knipe has been steadily improving the biodiversity, the fete provided another opportunity for people to share their rewilding actions in their own gardens big and small. Every log pile, area of unmown grass, wildflower patch etc counts and gradually we hope to build up a picture of the whole village mapping out the nature corridors that help improve the biodiversity for all species of plants and wildlife.

**Rubbish and Recycling** It is not easy to run a fete without generating significant rubbish. TVBC congratulated the fete organisers on the impressive separation of general waste from the recyclable brown bin waste. Unfortunately, there was an overflowing skip full of waste, some of which could have been recycled.

Every year the tea stall tries to reduce its waste and this year we encouraged people to bring their own cups for a free drink but also openly asked people to recycle into the correct bins. Nearly 300 items were sent for industrial composting, 200 cups recycled in the tetrapak bin, and a trug full of cans collected.

For more information or to become an active member of the Greening Longparish group please contact:  
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## LCA Longparish Apple Days



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

It's been a good year for apples, so we are doing it again! This year the press will be available at the Barbers', Queen Anne Cottage, 2 Forton between 10am and 12.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and from 10.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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

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

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

## Friday Lunch Club



**From September, the Lunch Club returned to the newly decorated Village Hall. All looking very smart.**

The Lunch Club is open to anyone in the community. Please book so that we have an idea of numbers particularly for the Christmas Lunch.

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

**Autumn Dates 2022 Longparish Village Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Vibe**

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch (NB not the last Friday, places must be booked)**

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## AUTUMN VILLAGE CLEAN UP - SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday 29th October, 2pm**

Followed by refreshments at *The Cricketers*

**Starting at 2pm – meet at the play park followed by refreshments at the Cricketers from 5pm.**

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

**Volunteers are welcome on the day, but if you are able let Jo Clare know beforehand, it would help to plan the day.**

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## **Tuesday Talks & Film Nights**

LCA Tuesday Talks and Film Night's would normally be starting to run for the Autumn and Winter seasons in October. These were both popular and well supported events until Covid restrictions forced them to stop. However, both events have been suspended as we currently have no volunteers available to organize and run them.

Tuesday Talks is a series of monthly talks given by villagers for villagers.

The Film Night is also a monthly event showing a popular movie.

Organising these events is not a huge commitment needing someone to organize things on the evening as well as planning ahead and advertising what's coming. 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)

Thank you,

Your LCA Committee

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



## **The Stupendous Seventh LCA Longparish Beer Festival 2022**

**Saturday 8th October 7pm – 11.30pm**  
Save the date! The battered trout invites you to the seventh Longparish Beer

Festival, hosted by the Longparish Community Association in our recently refurbished and most wonderful Village Hall. As in previous years, we will bring you a fine selection of stupendous ales from our local area and further beyond – there will be beers for all tastes and a couple of ciders to boot.

For further details, contact Sylvia Crook [sylvia.crook@gmx.co.uk](mailto:sylvia.crook@gmx.co.uk) (07776 303428) or Andy Smith (078794 10073).



## **26th Longparish Pumpkin Show**

**2pm Sunday 30th October**  
**School/Community Hall**

Come and join us for the annual Longparish Pumpkin Show.

Whether you have grown your own, or designed a shop bought pumpkin, all are welcome, for a fun filled afternoon.

This year's categories are:



**Home Grown:** Heaviest pumpkin (Child and adult categories) (must be grown by your own fair hands)



**Decorated:** Best decorated (Child and adult categories)



**Carved:** Best carving (Child and adult categories)

There will be a £2 fee for each category entry, all proceeds go to Longparish Little School. Judging will start at 2:30pm.

There will also be face painting, a tombola, and refreshments.

## **LONGPARISH WILDLIFE RABBITS**



Who doesn't like to see a Rabbit when they are out for a walk. Rabbits were first introduced to Britain by the Normans in the 12th century from Spain and are now a common sight or used

to be. They live in large groups underground called Warrens. Female Rabbits called Does produce one litter of between three and seven babies every month during the breeding season (November-June). The female makes a nest of fur from her body and the young are born blind and hairless. The disease Myxomatosis arrived in Britain in 1953 and drastically reduced their numbers until a resistance developed. A new disease, rabbit viral Haemorrhagic, arrived in 1992 which again reduced numbers. Rabbits diet is chiefly plants, grass dandelions and clover etc. Because there is not much nutrition in grass, they need to eat a lot. They are partial to vegetables as people with allotments will tell you.

Well Autumn is just about here the summer visitors are leaving but there is a pair of Swallows still feeding young as of the 17/9 the vast majority have left.

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### Friends of Longparish School

**AGM & Social Evening** All are welcome to join us for the FoLS AGM and social evening on Wednesday 19 October at

8pm in the school/community hall. Find out what we've been up to over the past year, and our plans for the upcoming year. Lifts are available – please contact us to arrange.

At the AGM we will be voting on updating our constitution. The old and new constitutions are on the FoLS page of the school website, or paper copies can be viewed in reception.

### NEW! Your School Lottery

Take part in our brand-new weekly lottery and raise money for Friends of Longparish School. Tickets cost just £1 per week.

It's very simple – choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win a prize. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the **£25k national jackpot!** The first draw will be on Saturday 1 October, followed by weekly draws every Saturday at 8pm.

Sign up now at [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Longparish.

**100+ Club:** The winners of the September draw are:

1<sup>st</sup> E Chamberlain, 2nd R Waite, 3rd G Hunt.

(September was the last draw of our 100+ Club – thank you to everyone that has taken part over the years. We hope you will continue to support us with Your School Lottery.)

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)

### Longparish CE Primary School



The news that Queen Elizabeth II died at the age of 96 was difficult for some of our youngest children in school to comprehend. Whilst in others we knew that it may re-awaken a grief from the passing away of someone else. At times like this the emotional and community role of the school is at front and centre.

Time was given to explore the history being written; to celebrate her life and her unwavering Christian faith, as well as to support children with the understanding of grief through the public and private way the royal family have had to come to terms with their loss.

For our Upper Key Stage 2 class the changes to the Monarchy will form part of the discussions within their new topic this term 'Democracy, Parliament and the Monarchy'. This is one of many new units for this academic year that teachers have created over the summer.

When looking at our curriculum we always ask ourselves 'What knowledge do we want our children to have?' and 'Why are we teaching this?'

We want our children to leave Longparish with the knowledge, skills and learning habits that will allow them to be capable and able to strive, aspire and succeed in all walks of life. Could a future Prime Minister be in that class? I'd like to think so!

Mark Ward – Interim Headteacher



### Longparish Little School

We have welcomed lots of new families to Little School and had great fun exploring and investigating. We found we had

some tomatoes growing in our nature area, so we harvested them. The children wanted to make some pizzas so they could be one of the toppings. Our garden has been very popular. We have created obstacle courses, played parachute games, made lots of pies in the mud kitchen, built some houses and made some muddy puddles for Peppa Pig and her friends to jump in.

We had great fun at our first Forest School of this academic year. We used a pestle and mortar to squish up some berries to make paint. We painted lots of fantastic pictures. We also used the berry juice to do some tie dying. We found lots of bugs, dug for worms, and played on the rope swing.

We started our TastEd sessions where we investigate different fruit and vegetables to find out more about them and then if we want to, we can taste them. This time we found out about apples, and we will be finding out more things about apples over the next few weeks.



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

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

We welcomed two new runners for the September race: Darrell Waite and Tracy Webster. Conditions were pretty well ideal and there were some excellent performances.

First home was Forton's Dave Henery who became our Most Improved Man. Most Improved Woman was Rebekah Searle in 4th place.

Darrell recorded his best ever 5K time, three Searles: Rebekah, Jack and Raymond had personal course records and Andy Smith, Christina Searle, Claire Collier and Jeremy Barber all had their best times this year. Well done all.



Our September trophy winners

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Sandra Doney, Amelie Searle and David Gould for helping and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The **next race** is on **Sunday 9 October**. 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  
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## Longparish Church & Village Fete 2022

What a wonderful day this was! First and foremost, a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the organising, setting up, taking down, and running of the fete this year.

As you all know, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, just hours before we began the final preparations, we lost our much-loved Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. It was only after careful consideration that the decision to go ahead was made – we felt sure that this is what her late Majesty would have wished.

There was an expectation that the event might be overshadowed both by her late Majesty's death and financial concerns. But to our delight, people came from far and wide to enjoy the day and an amount in excess of £11,000 was raised. Of course, the fete is only a success because of the efforts of all contributors, both on the ground and financial. Special thanks must go to the stallholders whose superb efforts give the fete its distinctive character and make our event one the very best village fetes in Hampshire, and beyond! We are greatly indebted to all donors; with special thanks to Jonathan Palmer for donating three amazing prizes to the Grand Draw.

As in previous years, donations from the fete proceeds will be made as soon as possible.

With our grateful thanks,  
Peter Jones and Georgi Leask

## Longparish Cricket Club

So, the unprecedented 2022 outdoor cricket season has concluded, without a single fixture being lost to the weather. A veritable feast of cricket.

The First Team had a challenging season but battled hard until the very last over of the last game.

Both the Second and Third Teams were promoted last year and have retained their league status, which was the pre-season goal. It was great to see a few individual hundreds, impressive bowling figures and many of our junior cricketers already making an impression at senior level.

The clubs juniors had an excellent season, with a genuine team spirit in the older age groups, enthusiastic children in the younger teams, good parental support throughout and the launch of All Stars, to provide an introductory cricket experience for even younger children. The club ran two successful Sunday events, with a 'Club verses Village' game in July followed by the John Woodcock Memorial Day in August. These were widely supported and an alcohol licence for each introduced a slight haze into the proceedings. Thank you to everyone who participated, organised, or supported. The funds raised are going towards the club's infrastructure.

The season ended with the clubs Golf Day at Leckford GC, followed by the Annual Presentation Evening at The Cricketers, including an excellent curry and a half of shandy.

Indoor cricket now takes over for the winter months. We are holding our **Christmas Quiz** in the village on **Friday 2nd December**, so please put it in your diaries and get a team together.



## Safety Reminder

As it gets darker earlier it is important for drivers to remember that there are many walkers and runners in our village.

- Anyone walking in the road should take care to keep the right-hand side so you can see oncoming traffic and keep close to the side of the road when able.
- It may be safer to cross the road well before the right-hand bends so that oncoming traffic can see you and cross back after the bend.
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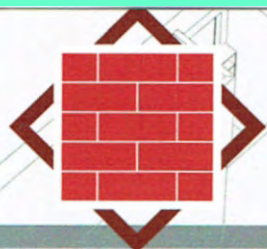
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Thanks to a super-busy summer at The Plough, some of the pub's hardworking team are taking their well-deserved holidays this month. Which is why we will have slightly different opening times and, as is increasingly the case as

word spreads about our lovely pub, it's probably a good idea to book to avoid disappointment if you want a table. The opening times will be regularly updated on the website: [www.ploughinn.org](http://www.ploughinn.org) or you can call to check on 01264 720069.

Although Autumn is in the air, it may seem a little early to mention Christmas, but we know lots of people like to plan, especially when it comes to organising work Christmas dinners and parties. So, we're letting all our lovely locals know first:

Steve and Lucy and the team at The Plough are looking forward to welcoming you and your party throughout December. Billy the chef is already working on his special festive 'Christmas Fayre' menu, and this will be available by pre-order from December 5<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Christmas Fayre menu is perfect for a special Yuletide lunch or dinner with friends, family, or your hard-working colleagues. For larger parties, the elegant River Room is available (seats up to 24 people). Phone The Plough for details or email Steve on [steve@ploughinn.org](mailto:steve@ploughinn.org). Details of the menu will be available soon on the website: [www.ploughinn.org](http://www.ploughinn.org)



Since we're talking about Christmas, perhaps we should let you know The Plough will be open on Christmas Day from 12 to 3pm and a special Christmas lunch menu is being prepared. How perfect. Let someone else do the (excellent) cooking, serve it to you and then wash up afterwards: all you must do is sit, chat, get merry and toast the season in front of a roaring fire in the surroundings of our beautiful, cosy pub. Christmas jumpers are optional and would no doubt be very much appreciated by the other Plough customers.

(Sorry to go on about Christmas, but if you're looking for good gift ideas, how about a Plough gift voucher. They're a great stocking filler that will be well received, aren't plastic and won't end up in landfill. We'll let you know when The Plough Gift Vouchers are available. Keep any eye out in Hill and Valley and on the website: [www.ploughinn.org](http://www.ploughinn.org) )

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*"The difference between a lady and a flower girl is not how she behaves, but how she's treated."*

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Barton Stacey WI is still fairly new but full of good ideas and how to have fun. We are part of the WIs in the Winchester Group and just one of almost 200 WIs in Hampshire.

We meet on the **last Thursday of the month at 7.30 in Barton Stacey Village Hall, SO21 6QL**. So far this year, we have dabbled with crafts, had a treasure hunt, visited the Falklands with amazing photography to name a few but are now looking forward to hearing about the Flying Museum at Middle Wallop, Chocolate Cookery - in the hall, all about the Waitrose Farm at Leckford and crafting Christmas Table Decorations in the coming months. Plans are made for an equally interesting 2023.

If you feel you could do with a change from the TV, want to make new friends or just have some "me time", why not come along to a meeting. We would love to see you - you will be so welcome.

For more details, see the Barton Stacey WI page on [hampshirewi.org.uk](http://hampshirewi.org.uk) for the full programme and more about the WI. Or contact us at [bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk) or telephone 07817 483936 to find out more.

## Hurstbourne Priors

- 2 10.30am - Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch - Village Hall  
19 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee Morning - The Long House (no 49)

## St Mary Bourne

- 1 10am to 12 Noon - 'The Repair Café' - The George Inn  
9 10.30am - Harvest Festival Service - St Peter's Church  
11 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
11 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre  
18 7.30pm - 'The Film' - DOWNTON ABBEY - A NEW ERA - Village Centre  
19 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre  
20 2 to 9pm - Christmas Fair. Binley - Mayfield Farm, Binley  
Saturday mornings - 10.30am to 12.30pm - The Community Library - Village Centre Club Room

**Andover Artisan Market**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
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## Longparish

- 1 10am to 12 Noon - Wildflower Planting - Recreation Ground / Allotments  
8 7 to 11.30pm - Beer Festival - Village Hall  
9 10.30am - Harvest Festival Service - St. Nicolas' Church  
9 9am - L2SOTM - Cricket field  
10 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
13 9.15am - Litter Pick - Village Hall  
14 10am to 12.30pm - Apple Day - Queen Anne Cottage  
15 10.30am to 4pm - Apple Day (continued) - Queen Anne Cottage  
25 12 Noon to 2pm - LCA Lunch Club - Village Hall  
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