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May 2025

*Hurstbourne Priors May Fair*  
*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - 12 noon to 4pm*



## A Season of Change

This May edition of the Parish Magazine comes in the wake of Easter joy and the hope of new life found in the risen Christ. As trees, plants, and flowers have been awakening with the arrival of spring, we now look ahead to the longer, warmer days of summer. This seasonal shift reminds us that what lay dormant is now bursting into life, blossoming, growing, and, in time, bearing fruit.

New beginnings come to us all, and I am no exception. As announced, I will be leaving my post in June to take up a new appointment as Head of Chaplaincy for the NHS in London. It has been an immense privilege to live in Whitchurch and serve across our nine village churches in our benefice. Along the way, Amy and I have been blessed by the warmth of this community, the friendships we have formed, and the many people (both within and beyond the church) who work tirelessly to make this town and our villages such a wonderful place to call home. These are unique and forward-thinking, close-knit communities, with excellent schools and a strong sense of belonging that create something truly special.

While my time as vicar is drawing to a close, and I feel torn about leaving, the past seven years have been a gift, made all the richer by the faith, kindness, and dedication of so many. To my colleagues, parishioners, and friends: thank you for the love, support, and shared faith that have made this season of our lives so meaningful. We will miss you more than words can say.

As Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus so beautifully put it:

*"Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing,*

*Thanks for all the joy they're bringing..."*

My final service will be on **Sunday, 1st June at 10.30 am at All Hallows**, followed by refreshments. All are warmly invited to join us.

Our churches are open 7 days a week for our community, to those of all faiths and none. I see many people use the buildings throughout the week to find some peace and just sit, perhaps as a place to reflect on the realities of life and often to pray. The heritage, maintenance, and ministry of our ancient buildings is paid for by local people only, I commend them to you as it gives them no greater pleasure than to see it used and visited by all the community.

*David*

The Revd David Roche  
Vicar



## Services in the Parish Churches

### May 2025

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

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter 3

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

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Easter 4

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

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - Easter 5

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Family Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Family Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Matins</i>
<b>Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online</b>		

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

All Hallows, Whitchurch	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Easter 6

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

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

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#### From the Church Registers

##### • Baptisms

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

**Jordan Stuart**

St Mary Bourne - 20/4/2025

**Noah Kang Phillips**

St Mary Bourne - 26/4/2025

##### • Funerals

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

**Ian Ronald Burton-Pye**

Charlton Park Crematorium - 2/4/2025

**Jenny Cutbill**

St Mary Bourne - 11/4/25

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## The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** at St Mary Bourne Village Centre; as usual starting to serve at 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along and enjoy our monthly light social lunch. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on Tuesday.

## Stoke Coffee Morning



Wednesday 7th May  
Stable House, SP11 ONP

10-11.30am  
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#### ICE CREAM SUNDAE

This will be on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to join us for a family friendly get together in St Peter's. Lots of activities and a delicious tea or coffee, very soon after we start. And it will have something to do with what is cold, delicious, comes in a cone or tub! And we will look at some of the parables.



## History of the Hill & Valley area in Ten Objects

### 4 - St Mary Bourne, old Vicarage wall



This roadside section of the brick and flint wall shows two phases in what was then the entrance to the courtyard (the present drive-way is 'new'). The first opening was wider, marked by the brick piers on left and right: wide enough for a pony and trap, perhaps, closed by wicket gates. The middle brick pier shows that the width of the entrance was later reduced by over a third, from the right. The flint-work of this small section is skilled and runs in courses, so likely 19<sup>th</sup> century, whereas the final section, which closed the entrance, is of coarser work and so probably inserted at the same time as the present drive was made.

Why make an entrance narrower? Only to stop a large crowd entering. Might that have been done in nervous reaction to the reportedly 200 rioters forcing their way into the Vicarage early on Monday, 22 November 1830, in the 'Swing' protest against the vicar, William Easton? Perhaps...

## Confirmation

We have a confirmation in early June. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, do please get in touch and we can chat about it. Over time we have held these services every couple of years and preparation of the kids and separate ones with the adults have been so good. This will be my last, I think! Please, please do come and chat if you'd like to think about it. Or if you would just like a blessing from the bishop...

Dodie ☎ 01264 738211

### News from Stoke

'A wonderful turnout for the annual Stoke litter pick and spring clean – huge thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy to support the community!'





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I guess most of you will have seen our new and updated outside decking area - we love it and just wanted to say a **MASSIVE THANK-YOU** to both The George Inn for so generously donating their furniture to us and to Jez Ahl for jet washing the decking and making it all look like brand new. Both of these things show us what community spirit is all about and highlights again to both Vicki and me that our lovely Community Shop was built by (and for) the local Community - many of the decisions we make in the shop are based on just that and will continue to be - Community is at the forefront of all we do and Vicky & I really believe in that.

As I said in last month's Hill & Valley, we have a **Quiz Evening on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** - originally it was to raise funds for new outside furniture; well after the generosity of The George that box is ticked! However, we want to invest in some pretty parasols to complete the look outside and there are always things to replace or invest in, so any money raised will certainly be put to good use! There are still a few tables left - it promises to be a fun night, so please do get a team together if you can - all details are in last month's Hill & Valley or pop into the Shop and Vicki or I can help you.

Now Easter is over Vicki has sourced some lovely new gifts for Summer and a couple of new display units - pop in and cast your eyes over all that is new and maybe treat yourself to something!

*Sandra & Vicky*



**It's May!** And you can almost see your crops growing this month. There are so many salads and veg to sow now and many of the seeds will germinate in a few days. Sow courgettes, marrows, cucumbers and squashes in small pots on a sunny windowsill.

Towards the end of May, when temperatures are warmer at night, sow tender, sun loving crops outside, such as runner beans, French beans and sweetcorn. If you prefer to buy young veg plants from the Garden Centre make sure you harden off the plants before they are planted in the ground. **Hurstbourne Priors May Fair on 5<sup>th</sup> May** can be another good source of plants and seedlings. Get your tomatoes into their final pots or grow bags. They can go outside this month once the risks of frosts are over. Now temperatures are rising, controlling slugs and slug damage becomes a challenge.

Beer traps and Nematodes are some of the most effective methods - whichever you use, check daily. Plant out Sweet Peas, sprinkle fertiliser around the base of hedges and shrubs. Support tall perennials - if you do it now plants will grow up and through them hiding supports from view. Split congested clumps of perennials and pot up - also pot up any seedlings that have sprouted. Any spares would be gratefully received by the Flower Show Plant stall. Plant up tubs and hanging baskets with bedding plants - keep protected from frosts. Don't forget to water and mound up the soil around your seed potatoes and repair any bald patches in your lawn. There is a lot to do in the garden this month!

Meanwhile preparations continue for this year's **Flower Show on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. We would be very grateful

for any volunteers to help set up on the day, run stalls or dismantle the Showground.

Please contact [smbflowershowandfete@gmail.com](mailto:smbflowershowandfete@gmail.com) if you can spare a few hours to help. We would also be keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the committee. We meet monthly and are a friendly bunch, so please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Please remember us when clearing out your wardrobe, spring cleaning or dividing up your plants. The Vintage Clothing, Bric A Brac, Plate smashing, Book and Plant stalls are a much-loved part of the Flower Show and would all welcome your donations. Last year proceeds from these stalls alone raised over £2,000 - all of which goes to village charities.

Finally, we would be very keen to hear from anyone interested in taking a stall at the show. Please contact Mark on 07968 721998 or Ashley 07859 073873.



The Flower Show classes are listed on our Facebook Page - please use this QR code to navigate to the page. There is something for everyone, and it's a great opportunity to flex your green fingers or wow your neighbours with your creativity and domestic prowess. It's a lot of fun but you've got to be in it to win it.



## ST PETER'S DAY 29<sup>th</sup> June

We are having a **Flower Festival** to celebrate St Peter's Day over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June. The church will be open all weekend. We will hold a service of celebration on the Sunday evening at 6 pm. If you would like to have a go at doing a flower arrangement, do please get in touch - even if you have never done it before. Children will be invited to bring jam jars of flowers for the pews.

*Dodie (01264 738211) or Lorraine (07768 057333)*

## Palm Sunday

**Palm Sunday** this year was an activity service led by the wonderful Dodie. She had arranged for a replica *Last*



*Supper* containing the type of foods available at that very moving time. There were also lessons in how to make Palm crosses and a foot painting and washing area. A very fun and well received service.



*Congratulations to all concerned and well-done Dodie!*





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## Parish Council Activities

The Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> and after the resignation of Bridget Culley in January three candidates had put their names forward for possible co-option to replace her.

Each was given an opportunity to speak to members after which Robbie Henderson was chosen and in joining the council will follow in family footsteps!

**Southern Water** in conjunction with the Flood and Emergency Group held an open meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March which was very well attended by over 90 parishioners and other valley residents. They explained the work that has been completed over the past twelve months, and what remains to be done (primarily between the church and Applegate). This will need a road closure but will be clearly and explicitly signed, unlike much of the recent closures and diversions. A copy of the **Southern Water presentation** is now available on the PC website.

<https://www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk/community/st-mary-bourne-parish-council-12760/flood-information/>.

Southern Water have also made a significant contribution to the funding for the Play Area Project and together with other recent grants and donations this has brought the target within close reach and the relevant planning applications are now in train.

A **new flagpole** has been installed to replace its tired predecessor on the Recreation Ground: look out for different flags flying at appropriate times of the year in future! (*See next column*).

The **Annual Parish Assembly** will be held in the Village Centre on **Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Parishioners are all welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a banner on the bridge and leaflets about it are enclosed with this edition of Hill & Valley (St Mary Bourne only.)

## Planning Applications:

T/000139/25/TCA	Summer Hayes, Stoke	Trees
25/00587/HSE	Breach Farm House SMB	Extension
25/00664/HSE	Gangbridge House SMB	3 car garage, studio, greenhouse
25/00665/LBC	Gangbridge House SMB	Listed Building Consent
25/00783/AGPD	Mayfield Farmhouse, Binley	Agricultural permitted development enquiry

**Annual Parish Assembly**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

**Next parish council meeting**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

Village Centre Main Hall - Public more than welcome  
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## The New Flagpole

The Hampshire Flag is a community flag proclaiming the unique identity of this historic English county. The flag is a bicolour of yellow and red, with symbols of a rose and crown.

These colours and symbols are traditional to the county and appear in the banner of arms granted to Hampshire County Council in 1992.

## Community Play Space Project announces donation from Southern Water



We are proud to announce that Southern Water has generously donated in support of the St Mary Bourne Community Play Space project. Their contribution of **£30,000** will go directly towards reaching our target goal of £150,000. These funds will help to secure new play equipment and procure

the necessary groundworks and landscaping. Brought about in collaboration with the

St Mary Bourne Parish Council, the donation was originally announced at the public meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March at St Mary Bourne Village Centre.



We are incredibly grateful to the **Southern Water** local management and community investment teams for their support.

The Project Team

(Volunteers: Laura Davis, Amelda de Segundo. Parish Council Members: Dave Burlison, Ed Makgill and Maxine Owen)

**The Big Breakfast**

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## Postcard from Binland

Our new neighbours, Reg and Carol are an adulterous, noisy pair. They moved in about a month ago and have started carrying out alterations and general building work at all times of the day, often before the acceptable 8.00am watershed. But then I should mention that they are rooks and not people. Their home is the very top of a large ash tree in my garden, some 50 yards from the established rookery in the park. It is unusual for rooks to break away from the social structure the rookery affords, but my theory is that Reg, a somewhat scruffy individual has had a mid-life crisis and has done what a lot of middle aged men in that situation do, and that is run off with a younger bird... Literally. Which is rare because in general rooks mate for life and remain with the flock so to speak. So I sense an avian scandal of some sort has gone on. Carol does sweet FA all day and just sits on the nest calling "Reg!... Reg!.... Reg!..." As I write she is doing it! Eventually Reg turns up with some moss or twigs or maybe an insect or two. "Oh Carol!" he'll say in that guttural way Rooks talk, but I sense a weariness in his tone and perhaps he now realises, as so often is the case, that the grass is not always greener.

I'm reminded of a story about a chap who did a similar thing and spent a fortune in the process housing his new young bride in an apartment on the Kings Road and having to work all hours to pay for it. He became paranoid and infused with jealousy and would call her from his office multiple times an hour every hour to check on her whereabouts. One day having rung her all morning with no answer he flew into a rage, drove across town to the apartment and ran into the building where the lifts were out of order so he had to run up sixteen flights of stairs before he got to the apartment door. Inside he found his wife in her negligee in the kitchen. Panting heavily and flushed bright red, he demanded to know who she had in there. His young wife denied anything or anyone was there and begged him to calm down. At this point he looked out of the kitchen window and there below him running out of the building was a chap in a state of undress, his shirt open with the tails flapping behind him. Enraged beyond belief he looked around and the first thing he could grab was an upright fridge. With a herculean effort he lifted it up and hurled it through the window where it landed on the fleeing fellow below. At that point the jealous husband had a massive heart attack and died.

Picture, dear reader, the Pearly Gates of Heaven. St Peter is there and there are three people sat on a bench in the waiting area. St Peter calls the first one forward and it is the jealous husband.

"Why are you here, my son?" says Peter.

"I've been a fool." says the husband. "I allowed jealousy and paranoia to get the better of me and now I'm here."

"Well jealousy is a terrible thing." says St Peter. "But if you pray for forgiveness you may pass through."

Next up is a chap whose shirt is undone, trousers tucked in his socks and he has a great big lump on his head.

"Why are you here?" says Peter.

"To be honest I don't really know." says the chap "My alarm didn't go off this morning and my wife had to wake me and I only had 20 minutes to get to the office so I ran out of the flat to try and catch a bus as I was still getting dressed and a blooming great fridge came from nowhere and hit me on the head killing me stone dead!"

"Well" said St Peter "Tardiness is a terrible thing but if you pray for forgiveness you may pass through."  
Last up is a chap naked except for a pair of socks.  
"Oh dear," says St Peter "Why are you here my son?"  
"Well" says the chap somewhat miffed "I was sitting in this fridge minding me own b\*\*\*\*y business....."

I cannot remember the last time we had any sort of rain, the ground is like cracked concrete and I'm worried for our moles who I have always had a soft spot for. We are smack in the middle of the breeding season, and it is weather conditions like this where you may be out on a walk and come across a mole flapping around unable to get back underground. I'm not sure what the advice would be in this situation, so probably leave be, but I have in the past moved a mole from hot sunlight into leafy shade in the hope that helped. Interestingly the male is referred to as the Boar and the female as a Sow. She will build a special chamber underground about the size of a football and lined with dry grass and leaves, what you might call a subterranean boudoir. The male pays a single visit, mates and leaves straight away never to be seen again. I'll say no more on that, but there will be those amongst you making your own comparisons!

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The next **Sustainable Bourne Valley Plant Swap** will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am beside the Boundary Cafe. Get splitting now so your plants will be settled in by then! If you don't have any suitable plants, donations are for the

Countess of Brecknock this time as we will also have seedlings from a supporter of the hospice.



### Spring is here, and our hedgehogs are waking up!

Now's the time to help them refuel after a long hibernation. Here's how you can support them:

<https://lnkgo.pro/SBV/hedgehogs>



- If you need help to spot a hedgehog, SBV has a trail camera for loan to local enthusiasts who want to catch up on their local wildlife. And don't forget if you do see a hedgehog please record your sighting on the nationwide hedgehog map

<https://bighedgehogmap.org/>

Pile 'em up: Create a log pile with a mix of wood and leaves to attract bugs and provide shelter for hedgehogs, frogs, and toads.

- Go wild with your lawn: Let the grass grow long, skip the chemicals, and plant wildflowers to create a bug buffet.

- A cheeky dip: Build a wildlife pond for year-round water and insects, but don't forget a safe exit, like a log ramp, for any hogs who fall in.

**A euphony of sound** - Should you find yourself awake in the night just as the light is starting to arrive in the sky, try opening your window, or even a door to the outside, and take a listen to the wonderful chorus outside. The dawn chorus is a symphony of birdsong that occurs at dawn, primarily during the spring breeding season. It's a time when many male birds sing to attract mates and establish territories and can be heard from the earliest signs of daylight until the sun fully rises. Birds like robins, blackbirds, and thrushes are among the first to sing, often starting even before sunrise, with other species joining in as the day progresses. It will only be happening for a couple more weeks, and if you miss it you will have to wait until next year.

## Remembering...

Pauline Mary Wood

12<sup>th</sup> May 1935 – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Pauline was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1935 in Sutton Coldfield in the West Midlands. She was the third daughter of Arthur & Phyllis Guise and had two older sisters, Diana and Norma. In spite of the war years and subsequent rationing, she spent a happy energetic childhood, and she made many lifelong friends. After schooling, she moved to London to work in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Pauline loved London life. She thoroughly enjoyed sharing flats with friends and taking part in whatever fun was going on. She joined tennis and squash clubs, loved dancing, and it was at a sailing club event in 1958 that she met Gerry Wood. The couple were married on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1962 in Lyminge Church in Kent where her parents were then living.

This was the start of a 63-year partnership and a loving relationship with Stoke and Winterbourne Cottage, which Gerry & Pauline bought and renovated in 1962 with the help of friends. They also bought a small parcel of land nearby where

they built calf pens and fattened calves and piglets for market. At this time, Pauline was working as a farm secretary/bookkeeper and Gerry was in practice as a chartered quantity surveyor. Their daughter Penny was born in Winterbourne Cottage in 1967, and it became a wonderful place for family and friends to visit and enjoy all the outdoor activities on offer and Pauline's excellent cooking.



In 1972 Gerry & Pauline bought a holiday cottage in Co Kerry, Ireland - another ruin that needed total renovation - which gave full scope to Pauline's energies and administrative skills. They had the cottage for 50 years and it provided magical wild memories for many friends and family members. In the same year (1972) they also bought the neighbouring property to Winterbourne Cottage, Bourne Cottage, which they renovated in six months so that Pauline's widowed mother, Phyllis, could move to live near them.

The Woods always had pets and animals to look after - dogs, ponies and young farm livestock. Many Stoke residents will have memories of Gerry driving a governess cart around the lanes of Stoke and of Pauline walking the same lanes, always with a dog at her heel. Pauline liked to be outside & busy. She enjoyed helping Penny with her gardening business in addition to the maintenance of her own garden and 22 acres of land



which they inherited from Rebecca Pentland in 1990 where they planted some woodland - Pentland Wood - which will be a legacy to them all. After Gerry's death in 2009, Pauline continued to work hard on the land with the help of Ed Pockett. They did many projects together for almost 15 years: fencing, clearing, logging & repairing. Her energy seemed indefatigable.

Pauline loved her life in Stoke and being involved in Stoke Village Fund fêtes and street parties. She was always up for being involved and was a wonderful neighbour.

In 1996 she took up bell ringing in St Peter's church which she continued until her loss of hearing made it too difficult. On hearing of her death, the bell ringing team rang a quarter peal in tribute to her; and one ringer wrote: *"...she was such a courageous and loving person ...we've lost a great friend and councillor but are incredibly lucky to have known her"*.

Pauline was a loyal, kind, hardworking, cheerful and energetic lady who was also incredibly strong, mentally and physically. The centre of her world was always her beloved family, especially Penny - her greatest joy and companion - and Winterbourne Cottage where she breathed her last in a place which she dearly loved. Though she will be deeply missed, she will always live in our hearts.

Pauline Wood - much loved by many in a life well-lived - R.I.P.

## Jeffrey Graham Hardy Harrison 20<sup>th</sup> June 1943 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

*(Compiled from tributes given in St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne on 27<sup>th</sup> March)*

Jeff was the youngest child of James and Joan Harrison. He had one sister Penny who was 4 years older than him.

He was born in Hull in 1943 during a wartime air raid which may perhaps have had an influence on his future character because Jeff was never afraid of danger, and he always loved an adventure. There were hair-raising driving escapades and capsized sailing incidents when he was a teenager; and for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration he chose to go Wing Walking on a biplane. Jeff did his best to get as much as possible out of life and at the same time give great enjoyment to others.

After schooling at Hymers College in Hull, he trained as an accountant and then moved to London where he met and married Jenny in 1976. Their children Abbie and Michael were born in 1978 and 1981, and they started their family life living in Reigate, Surrey. But Jeff never abandoned his Northern roots - he kept his accent and supported Hull Football Club all his life.

In 1979 Jeff joined Peter Michael's Microconsultants Company. When he was subsequently promoted to Finance Director, he was required to be based in their

Head Office in West Mills, Newbury, so the Harrison family moved from Reigate to Binley in April 1985.

They bought Great Eastwards and lived there happily for seventeen years while Jeff pursued a long battle with planners to let them build the family home they had always dreamt of. When Jeff eventually achieved victory and whilst their new house was being built, they moved to Little Brook House in St Mary Bourne. During that time, many convivial gatherings were enjoyed with local friends at The George Inn and at home.

Jeff was a very astute and skilful businessman, and he was also a man with many other interests. He loved cars and owned a vintage Bentley called Betty which he took to Le Mans and went to Goodwood Revival meetings. Having been an intrepid sailor in his teenage years in Hull, he later shared a 42 ft boat in the Solent on which he regularly went to sea. Amongst his other hobbies were property development, astronomy, collecting antique clocks & funny hats, and telling excruciating jokes.

Jeff loved fun and entertaining. For many years he and Jenny hosted wonderful firework parties at Great Eastwards. There were also croquet & snooker parties lasting late into the night, an annual clay shoot in support of the Conservatives, and many other local fundraising events and occasions at which Jeff was always a very generous supporter and host.

Primarily though, Jeff was a devoted family man. Jenny was the centre of his existence for over 50 years and when Abbie and Michael were growing up, he would arrange his work commitments so that whenever possible he could drive them to school in order to participate in their lives and interests. He was enormously proud of all his family and the arrival of his grandchildren Freddie & Edward, William & Alex brought him enormous joy and continued pleasure.



Sadly, in recent years, Jeff suffered increasingly from poor health. But in December last year, he and Jenny were still able to celebrate their traditional Boxing Day lunch with family and close friends. It was another memorable party at Great Eastwards which everyone enjoyed with Jeff in very good spirits.

Jeff leaves behind a lot of good memories of a very warm-hearted man. Many people benefitted from his kindness and generosity during his lifetime and he is sadly missed. R.I.P.





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## LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 14th April. As with previous years, the Annual Parish Meeting was a wonderful reminder of all the projects and activities that take place in the village and how blessed we are to have a dedicated community that makes Longparish the vibrant and welcoming parish that it is.

Parish Council Chair, Emma Palmer, praised the efforts of councillors, volunteers, and staff, highlighting key achievements such as the near completion of the Village Design Statement, new noticeboards, and the installation of emergency generators at The Plough. The Financial report noted necessary increases to the precept due to rising costs, while maintaining strong reserves. Reports from community and working groups including the Cricket Club, Little School, Village Hall, Community Pub, Greening campaign, Open Spaces and Resilience groups showed ongoing community engagement and thriving initiatives which are having real impact on improving village facilities. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers of the various community groups for their continued support to the village.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Council and will be held at **7.30pm** at the **Village Hall** on **Monday 12th May 2025**. Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and parishioners are welcome to attend and raise any matters during the Period for Public Speaking. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the Longparish website [www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council](http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council)



### FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB Friday 30th May

12.00 – 2.00pm in Longparish Village Hall

A simple lunch of soup and cake on the last Friday of the month £3.

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Andrea Harris 720 457 Christian Dryden 720 398

## LONGPARISH VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



## Volunteers Needed for the Longparish Village Fete!

We're excited to announce that the Longparish Village Fete will take place on **Saturday, 6th September 2025!** This cherished annual event brings our community together for a day of fun, food, and festivities. However, we urgently need volunteers to help make this year's fete a success!

Without the support and enthusiasm of our local residents, this wonderful event may not continue in the future. Whether you can spare a few hours or the whole day, your help would be invaluable— from setting up stalls and managing activities to serving refreshments and tidying up at the end of the day.

If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Harriet Major ([harriettlily@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:harriettlily@hotmail.co.uk)). Let's work together to keep the Longparish Village Fete alive and thriving for years to come! Thank you for your support

Hee-haw, partner! Don't forget to take some time to care your yourself.

**Up-ward Donkey –** On your stomach - Place your palms flat on the ground directly under your shoulders. Bend your elbows back and hug them into your sides, lift your upper body.

**Spine Sway –** Plant your feet, loosen your knees, and gently sway side to side. Let your arms dangle. Wiggle your spine up to your head, relax.

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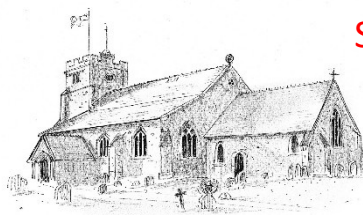
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## St Nicholas Church 100 Club

### Results of the February and March 2025 Draws

The membership currently stands at 61, and the prizes below are therefore based on that number. We would like to get up to a minimum of 100 numbers/members, and we would be extremely grateful if you would consider becoming a member of the club and supporting your parish church in this way.

Prizes are allocated on a percentage basis. First prize is 25% of the total income for the month, second prize 15% and third prize 5%.

#### February Results

First prize:	No. 32	£76.00
Second prize:	No. 29	£46.00
Third Prize:	No. 02	£15.00

#### March Results

First prize:	No. 47	£76.00
Second prize:	No. 14	£46.00
Third Prize:	No. 25	£15.00

You can join at any time during the year, and it works like this - Membership is set at £5.00 per number per month. There is no limit to the numbers you can purchase. If you would like to join, please let me know, and I will let you have the relevant forms. Or, if you have any other queries about church finances or how the church is administered, for example, please contact me: -

John Young, Churchwarden & PCC Stewardship Officer, St. Nicholas 100 Club

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N.B. Again, just a reminder that the church is open each day from 9.30am to 5pm. It is beautiful, and don't forget, it belongs to you! I strongly believe we have an obligation to look after it for future generations.

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

It was a Goldilocks morning for the April race: not too hot and not too cold, in fact just right. We had a good turnout of 21 runners including Colin and Fiona Teasdale and Katy Evans who we welcomed back to their first events for over five years.

The good conditions enabled Dave Henery, Tom Rogers, Steve Squibbs, Luke Pierce, Andy Mountain, Christian Searle and Graham Capper all to achieve personal records for the new course.

Katy has clearly been practicing since she finished first and broke the women's course record by over a minute to become our Most Improved Woman. In second was Forton's Dave Henery who became Most Improved Man for the 26th time, an amazing record. The Rising Star award went jointly to Megan and Alfie Brunwin. Well done all.



Thank you very much to Maggie Barber and Elspeth Robertson for marshalling, Andy Smith for doing the signs, Jo Brunwin for accompanying the juniors and to David Gould for processing the results.

The next race is on **Sunday 11 May**, starting at **9am** at The Plough. New runners are always welcome, and you don't have to be fast. It's a handicap race so everyone, whatever their pace, has a chance of winning.

Please do give us a call or send an email if you'd like to join us. For more information please see <http://l2sotm.longparish.org.uk/index.php>

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## RESILIENCE PLAN – LONGPARISH

### If there is a Risk to life always call 999 first.

Villages and Towns are being encouraged to develop a Resilience Plan in case of events that cause major disruption in the village. While the risks are hopefully few and far between, the obvious ones are extreme weather events leading to loss of power and possible flooding, fire and major accidents.

The Resilience Plan has been initiated by the Parish Council but anyone from the Community who would like to be part of an initial response team, even to lead it, to be first branch of the Communication tree, be a first aider, or volunteer in any other way please contact the Parish Clerk email [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk).

### REST CENTRE

We are lucky enough to have a few places which could act as a rest centre in an Emergency, the Village Hall and the Plough being the first options. This is not just for residents but also for somewhere Emergency Services can use in the event of a fire or accident.

The generators, purchased using a grant from SSE, are now installed at the Plough- which means there is now a facility for providing power for essentials such as a warm space, charging phones, hot food and drinks in an extended power cut. Details of how and in what circumstances this will operate, are being drawn up and will be put on the Village website.

**The priority now is to develop a Communication Tree via WhatsApp Groups.** If an event is likely to cause major disruption to the village, information can be cascaded down easily and quickly. Some areas of the village already have their own WhatsApp group e.g. Forton, North Acre. Any admins of area groups already established, please contact us about joining the Resilience WhatsApp Group so that information can be relayed directly to every area in an emergency and support offered to those who need it.

If you would like to set up a WhatsApp group for your immediate area, please let us know the first person to contact. It would be great to have the whole village covered. Not everyone uses WhatsApp but as long as some of your neighbours do, then information can be passed on in person, keeping people informed of what's going on.

### Things you can do

- Set up or Join a Resilience WhatsApp group for your area.
- Keep your trees and hedges well maintained near power lines and roads.
- Keep any drains on your land clear.
- Work out your own Emergency plan and list of useful telephone numbers
- Most importantly sign up to the Priority Lists, if you are eligible, for Water and Power, particularly if you use medical equipment that relies on power.

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## Longparish Little School

We had a wonderful final week of the spring term. We embarked on a walk to find a blooming tree, taking our

umbrellas along not for any threat of rain, but so we could sit beneath it while my friends painted the blossoms. We learned a great deal about the farm animals that live with our families and were particularly excited to welcome the ducklings that we saw recently hatch and have been adopted by one of our families. Additionally, we received a visit from an orphaned lamb, which allowed us the delightful opportunity to feed him his lunchtime bottle. We also had the pleasure of meeting a hen and a cockerel, after which we compared the eggs from the hen with those from some ducks.



To top it all off, we enjoyed a fantastic Forest School Easter egg hunt and got to create some scrumptious chocolate nests. We had a wonderful visit to the church to learn about the significance of Easter.

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## Barton Stacey WI

The WI is founded on the principles of friendship, campaigning, education and fun, offering a space for women to connect, share experiences and make a difference in their communities.

Our March meeting really upheld these values as we welcomed Trinity Winchester to share with us how they support some of the most vulnerable members of the Winchester community. It was a very moving, yet uplifting talk given by one of their trustees, whose passion for the cause really gave so much inspiration. She was absolutely delighted with the huge bags of donations we presented her with at the end of her talk, so if you helped us to make this contribution, THANK YOU!

The WI are excited to be supporting the commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day this year, offering a coffee morning in the Village Hall at 10am, shortly after the official raising of flags. Please join us for a cuppa and a slice of the official VE Day cake, a lovely orange and ginger cake. Other cakes will also be available should the official one not tickle your taste buds. We would love to hear your stories about VE Day, do you remember this historic event? How have you commemorated it in the past?

The WI year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March, and we have been busy over the past few weeks planning our programme for 2025/2026. We have some very exciting and fun activities planned, including a talk on the important role of Mercy Ships, choosing the right colours for your wardrobe, a square-dancing social, and CPR training. We are also planning events outside of our monthly meetings, including regular craft evenings and visits to places of interest. Our first trip is likely to be the American Museum in Bath to see the exhibition of American decorative arts, including a large display of patchwork quilts.

We are a small group of ladies who meet on **the last Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, from 7.30pm**. We offer a warm welcome and encourage guests to our meetings to see what becoming a member of the WI can offer.

For more information, please contact Sue Atrill (email: [bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk)) or Donna Oliver ([bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk)).



Another season of cricket is underway at Longparish CC with both Adult and Junior teams playing league fixtures and participating in training sessions. Our youngest recruits, in the ECB All Stars programme, have also begun their sessions on Monday evenings and we are delighted to have filled all the spaces offered

this year. We hope to inspire the children taking part with a lifelong love of cricket. Details of all fixtures can be found on the Longparish CC website <https://longparishcc.hitscricket.com> and also on Play-cricket.com. Please come along to the ground and support the teams when they are playing. If you would like to join or become more involved with Longparish CC please email the Chairman, James Hillier at [jameshillier@hillier.co.uk](mailto:jameshillier@hillier.co.uk)

Dates for your diary include

- **Quiz Night** Village Hall **9 May 2025**  
contact James or see posters in the village for details to enter.
- **Village Day** on **22 June 2025** where the main event will be the Longparish Village v Longparish Club annual cricket match for the Woodcock Cup. There will be beer and Pimm's tents, a BBQ and cream teas available to buy.
- **Junior Celebration Day** on **20 July 2025** with fun junior matches, end of season presentations for players along with children's activities and a family BBQ.

Please come along and support these important fundraising events.

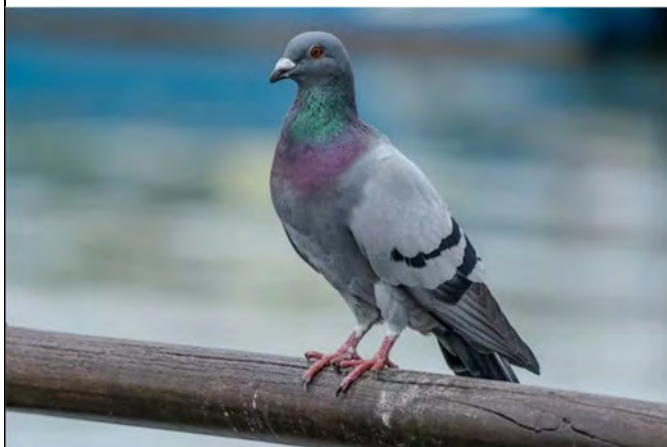


**Meet at The Plough**  
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## LONGPARISH WILDLIFE FERAL PIGEONS



We seem to have a small flock of them in North Acre. The Pigeons we most often see today are a descendant of the Rock Dove. Humans first domesticated this breed over 5,000 years ago. They were originally bred for food and trained to carry messages during the war. These Feral Pigeons are now back in the wild and live alongside us especially in our towns and cities. In some cities they have become a pest leaving their droppings everywhere. I think towns and cities encourage Peregrine Falcons to nest on cathedrals and churches as their most popular food is Feral Pigeons.

Racing pigeons is quite a popular sport, they are taken to a location somewhere in the UK and released often in their hundreds, then when they arrive back at their loft the time and distance is recorded to see who won. Champion pigeons can sell for a lot of money.

Pigeons usually breed in Spring and Summer, but ferals can have up to six broods a year. Their nests are made from odd twigs and leaves. They nest anywhere from open ledged to holes in buildings or even on cliffs. Once the nest has been made the female will wait a couple of days before laying the first egg. The second will come in 24-48 hours, usually a total of two eggs are laid, incubated for around 18 days and fledges in 28-30 days. Pigeons and Doves feed their young on what's called Pigeon's milk which is regurgitated from its crop by the parent. They will eat almost anything from seeds, buds on trees, berries and human scraps of food.

Chris Bowman



### Friends of Longparish School

We are thrilled to announce that following the Tesco Stronger Starts competition in Andover

Tesco Extra, the Lookout project came second and was awarded a grant of **£1,000!** Thank you to everyone who collected blue tokens and voted for us. The grant will give us a head start on the next phase of the project, adding native planting schemes around the lodge (newly christened The River House by the school) and also investing in

cameras to capture the wildlife and changing seasons on our beautiful river.

To celebrate the Grand Opening of The River House, FoLS are funding a visit from Amanda Kane-Smith, local storyteller and author of Test Valley Tales, who will spend a day running workshops for each class across the school. Alongside the River House, FoLS were proud to support the school last term by providing the funding for:

- New T-bar theatre lighting in the community hall.
- Replacement netball posts.
- Bespoke handmade book dividers for the school library.
- The wonderful annual Incredible Eggs project for Robins class.



It is truly magical for the children to see the eggs hatch, and we are so pleased that the ducklings are staying in Longparish in their new home with the Doughty-Jones family!

Our big event for the term was the popular Longparish Run, now in its third year. New for 2025, we invited

canicross runners (and their dogs!) for the first time which proved a great addition to the event. Whilst numbers were down on previous years, it was super to see so many villagers and children from the school running. Huge thanks to Bryony Mitchell and all of our volunteer marshals for helping to make the run a success!

As a reminder, you can help support Friends of Longparish School by participating in Your School Lottery. Tickets cost just £1 per week and there is

a guaranteed weekly winner amongst Longparish school supporters, plus the chance to win the nationwide £25,000 jackpot!

[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)

More information:

Website: [www.pta-events.co.uk/longparish](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/longparish)

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## Rhubarb Sponge

### ingredients

300g of rhubarb  
150g of apple  
170g of plain flour  
80g of softened butter  
1 medium egg  
2tbsp of milk  
110g of caster sugar and extra for dusting



### Preheat the oven to 160C.

- Chop all the rhubarb and apple into chunky pieces and place in a medium sized oven-safe dish.
- Sprinkle over a generous amount of sugar, about 60g
- Mix the plain flour, butter, egg and the remaining caster sugar together in a bowl and mix well.

- Add the milk and stir through to create a sticky mix.
- Spread this mixture over the chopped fruit.
- Bake for 45 minutes or until golden brown.

Enjoy with custard, cream or ice cream.



## Plough Quiz Night every second Sunday of the month Next Quiz - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Last month's Sunday quiz was a roaring success! With the pub absolutely buzzing with laughter, friendly competition and great community spirit.

Even better, the winning team chose to donate the money raised from entry tickets to the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Appeal.  
A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

Get your teams ready and join us for a fun-packed evening. Start time 6pm, teams of 6, £1 per person entry fee, pre-booking is required.

## May Bank Holiday BBQs!



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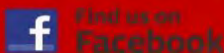
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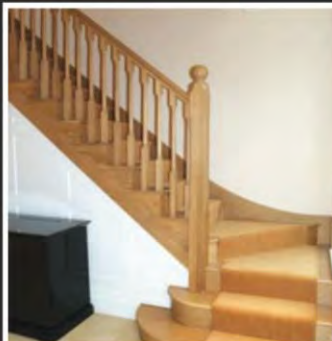
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## Hurstbourne Priors parish pages editor vacancy

The position of editor for the four Hurstbourne Priors parish pages is still vacant. If you would be able to take this on, or like to know more about what it entails, please contact Michael Widén on ☎ **07880 808111** or write to [hillandvalley@btinternet.com](mailto:hillandvalley@btinternet.com)

**If no one will come forward to volunteer for this position by 14<sup>th</sup> May (copy date for the June edition), we will be unable to publish the Hurstbourne Priors parish pages for June.**

## WEATHER: MARCH 2025

Rainfall this month:	4mm / 0.15 in
Total for 2025 :	215mm / 8.46 in
Total for 2024:	369mm / 14.52 in
Max temperature:	22°C / 72°F (31 <sup>st</sup> )
Min temperature:	-4°C / 24°F (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

MARCH: *That was a month that was!* In common with all Southern areas very low rainfall @ 4mm. Our 20 year average is 76mm, with a high of 163mm (2018). Next driest year was 13mm (2011). We also had above average temperatures and sunniest since 1910! *John Smail*

## Hill & Valley Thankyou Evening



On the 10<sup>th</sup> of April a thankyou event took place at the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall to say well done to all the volunteers involved in the production, editing and distribution of the Hill & Valley magazine.

Michael Widén and Dodie Marsden made excellent speeches and **Elise Williams**, the former editor for Hurstbourne Priors, was thanked and presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers acknowledging her sterling work. *ND*



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## Hurstbourne Priors May Fair Car Parking Rota - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025



The May Fair car park is an integral part of the event and requires a team of stewards to manage the traffic flow throughout the day.

If you or someone you know is willing to donate one hour of the afternoon to assist in this essential role, please contact me on ☎ **07973 217360**.

The role comprises managing and directing exhibitor and public traffic in and out of the event field and collecting parking fees.

The time slots needed for stewards are:-  
**11:30 - 13:00; 13:00 - 14:00; 14:00 - 15:00  
and 15:00 to the close of the event.**

*Ian Bradley*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Our May coffee morning will be held by Annabel Nicholson from 10.15am on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at The Long House (No. 48). All ages welcome!

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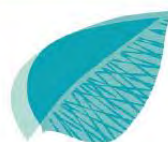
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*St Andrew's PCC*

## FLOWERS IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

We are looking for additional helpers to keep our church looking beautiful for services and visitors this year. The lovely team of flower arrangers would welcome anyone who would like to help. We work in teams of two per month and get together as a bigger team to decorate the church for Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas – normally with tea or coffee and biscuits or cake! You don't need to have any fancy skills and we tend to have only two arrangements – one in the entrance vestibule and one by the lectern. These can be as simple or as amazing as you like. The cost of the flowers is covered by the PCC and greenery is available from local gardens.

If you would be interested in joining the team then please do contact me. *Clare*  
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## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

We are very pleased to announce that at the January meeting **Phillip Luckett** was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Phil and his wife live at Cressington and we welcome him to the team.

The Council normally meets in the Village Hall at 6.30pm on the last Thursday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. Parishioners are welcome to all meetings and questions from members of the public are normally taken at the start of each meeting. There is no need to let the Parish Council know you are coming, unless the subject you are raising requires some advance reading or investigation from the Parish Council to enable a better discussion. In which case please contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Waterman on 01264 772460 or [richard.waterman150@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.waterman150@btinternet.com).

Dates of scheduled meetings for 2025:  
**• 29<sup>th</sup> May • 31<sup>st</sup> Jul • 25<sup>th</sup> Sep • 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
*Parish Clerk*



## WHITCHURCH SILK MILL: MAY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

**Essential Fundraising Success:** Whitchurch Silk Mill recently raised an impressive £12,000 through the *Arts for Impact* campaign in March. This vital fundraising supports events, restoration, and the mill's operations.

**Shop Highlights:** Peter Pilgrim's popular Neon stripe design scarves are back in the shop, alongside beautiful bookmarks made from the mill's silk ribbons.

**Driveway Project:** Starting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, local firm Kieron Beattie will begin a three-week driveway project. This includes excavating 20cm of material, installing new drainage, and laying an accessible surface. The mill will remain open, with access via the Winchester Road car park.

### Upcoming Workshops and Events

- **Weave a Wall Hanging Workshops:** **May 7<sup>th</sup>**, (10.30am to 1.30pm) and **May 16<sup>th</sup>** (1 to 4pm). Suitable for beginners, these workshops offer hands-on weaving experience. Tickets are £60 per person.
- **A Day in the Life of a Regency Lady:** **May 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7 to 8:30pm. Sophie Andrews will demonstrate Regency-era clothing and daily routines. Tickets £15 per person.
- **Spring Fayre:** **May 26<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30am to 4pm. A family-friendly event with local food, children's crafts, and fun activities. Entry is free.
- **One-day Weaving Course for Intermediate Learners:** **June 4<sup>th</sup>**, 10am to 5pm. Learn advanced weaving techniques. Tickets are £100 per person.
- **Horsehair Tales:** **June 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7 to 8.30pm. John Miners will discuss the history of John Boyd Textiles. Tickets are £15 per person.
- **Open Gardens:** **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 1 to 5pm. Visit over twenty private gardens in Whitchurch. Tickets are available from the mill.
- **Regency Picnic:** **June 28<sup>th</sup>**, 3 to 7pm. Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with a Regency-themed picnic. Tickets are limited.

### Exhibition

**Riches to Ribbons Exhibition:** Until July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Explore the history of silk ribbon weaving in celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Entry is included with mill admission.

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## A Much Awaited Wedding

**Barbara Carrodus** and **Jim Vyse**, of Hurstbourne Priors, tied the knot at last and were married on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Oak Lodge Care Home in Oakley.

They have been partners and engaged for around 20 years but Barbara had been reluctant to give up her maiden name as she was so fond of it. After much patience and gentle persuasion, we were able to convince her that she could retain the name "Carrodus". So, when Jim said he had a good idea for his birthday present and that was to get married, Barbara at last agreed!

So, the wedding took place on his birthday and although it was a much smaller occasion than Barbara would have liked, it was a very happy and special celebration. Oak Lodge kindly enabled the wedding to take place at their home and all the staff and residents were very excited to host the event and all contributed to making it such a special day.



Barbara did not want to lose her maiden name, as both she and her sister do not have children to pass the name onto and will be the last of their branch of the Carrodus Family Tree. It is a very unusual surname and comes from the same stem as "Carruthers". Back in the 1800's her Great, Great Grandfather was a very famous violinist, John Tiplady Carrodus, and he had a collection of very renowned violins. Back in 2007, the most famous of these violins, the "Carrodus Guarneri" was sold at Sotheby's for several million pounds and is now played by Richard Tognetti, artistic director and lead of the Australian Chamber Orchestra. Whenever they were on tour in the UK, Barbara and her sister would attend their concerts and listen to the violin that had been played by their great, great grandfather.

It was therefore, with great significance, that we were able to listen to a recording of the "*The Lark Ascending*", played by Richard Tognetti on the Carrodus Guarneri violin during the wedding ceremony. Although this had to be a civil ceremony, the Revd Canon Dodie Marsden was kind enough to come and offer a very thoughtful and personal blessing to the happy couple.

The event was certainly worth the 20 year's wait!

## Basingstoke Festival returns for 2025



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Thank you,  
Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



## Books at the Barn

### Emily Howes - *The Painter's Daughters*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 7.00 for 7.30pm  
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Emily Howes works as a psychotherapist in private practice. This is her first novel.

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### Kathryn Sutherland - *Jane Austen in 41 Objects*

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 for 7.30pm

2025 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Jane Austen's birth. Kathryn Sutherland's book, offers a fresh perspective on Austen. By glimpsing inside the little biographies of objects which crossed Jane's path, Kathryn gives us a deeper insight into her life.

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Kathryn Sutherland is Senior Research Fellow, St Anne's College, Oxford, and Patron at Jane Austen's House.

### Tracy Chevalier - *The Glassmaker*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Venice. 1486. A spellbinding new novel by the author of *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Glassmaker* is a rich, transporting story that follows a family of glassmakers from the height of Renaissance-era Italy to present day. Tracy Chevalier is the author of 11 novels, including *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, which was translated into 45 languages, and was made into an Oscar nominated film.

Tickets £17.50 including a glass of wine  
Doors open at 7pm for drinks, the talks start at 7.30pm

Venue, unless otherwise stated is:

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- 3 10am to 12 Noon - Repair Café - The George Inn  
 6 7.30 - Annual Parish Assembly - Village Centre - *see flyer inside*  
 7 10 to 11.30am - Stoke Coffee Morning - Stable House  
 9 **Quiz Evening** - Enquire *The Boundary Shop & Café*  
 11 9am to 12noon - **The Big Breakfast** - Village Centre  
 12 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre  
 13 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
 13 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre Main Hall  
 20 7.15pm - 'The Film' - *WE LIVE IN TIME* - Village Centre  
**Saturday mornings** - 10.30am to 12.30pm -  
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## LONGPARISH

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 9 LCC **Quiz Night** - Village Hall  
 9 10 to 11.45am - LCA Coffee Morning - Village Hall  
 11 9am - L2STM Race - The Plough  
 11 6pm - Plough **Quiz Night** - The Plough  
 12 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
 30 12noon to 2pm - Friday Lunch Club - Village Hall

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## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

- 5 12noon to 4pm - **May Fair**  
 23 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee Morning - the Long House (No. 48)  
 29 6.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Hall

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The position of editor for the four Hurstbourne Priors parish pages is still vacant. If you would be able to take this on, or like to know more about what it entails, please contact

Michael Widén on ☎ **07880 808111** or write to [hillandvalley@btinternet.com](mailto:hillandvalley@btinternet.com).

**If no one comes forward to volunteer for this position by 14<sup>th</sup> May (copy date for the June edition), we will be unable to publish the Hurstbourne Priors parish pages for June.**

If you have any contributions of interest to readers in Hurstbourne Priors for the July/August edition, please send them to [hillandvalley@btinternet.com](mailto:hillandvalley@btinternet.com).

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