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*Longparish Fête*  
*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September - 12 noon*



## Commonwealth Games 2022 'Work hard - Have Courage - Be Kind'



By the time you read this, it will all be over... is it a sign of relief or have you enjoyed the coverage? This year the Paralympics are included in the one big event which is a great thing. Individuals and teams have given their all, some have excelled, others have been totally

surprised, some have experienced deep disappointment, sometimes the difference as little as 3/100<sup>th</sup> of a second.

When you see the winners climb the podium, receive the medal, turn to face the flag of their nation, it isn't difficult to be moved, to perhaps even feel such joy both with them and for them. To watch as their anthem begins, their faces torn between tears and smiles, their lips move to sing or to quiver... it is a unique moment and we rarely see it. There are so many stories about going for gold, winning and what it really all means. This is just one of many...

It was the 400 metres in the paras in the 1980s. It was late in the afternoon and the crowd was beginning to disperse, and there were only two boys in the penultimate race of the day. The coach of one boy was preparing for the big win. The gun went off, the boys started out. It was so painful to watch them, struggling with calipers on their legs, trying their hardest. The reporter can remember thinking: *'thank goodness I am not like that'*. Then a voice boomed out: *"Come on Joey, go for it, run!"* He continued to shout, bellowing encouragement and his voice caught the imagination of the crowd and they began chanting: Joey, Joey, Joey. The coach was getting more and more animated as Joey gained a commanding lead. He was already way out in front, and it seemed the coach didn't know about courtesy, civility, consideration. He just got louder and louder.

And then suddenly, twenty metres from the finish line Joey stopped. The crowd could hardly believe it. The cheering died away, there was an eerie silence broken by the coach who looked like he was about to explode. *'You've got to finish the race, Joey. Don't stop now, keep going'*. The reporter for Time Magazine couldn't help thinking again: *'thank goodness I am not like him. How can he really be a winner?'*

But Joey looked up, waved at the crowd, waved at his mum and dad, and then waved at the coach who was now beside himself. There was a deathly hush as Billy finally caught up. Then Joey took Billy by the hand and said: *'Billy, let's finish the race together'*. And they did. The crowd who had cheered Joey before went ballistic, the coach collapsed on the ground weeping and the reporter for Time Magazine fell on his knees, moved beyond words and silently prayed: *'Lord, forgive me, make me like Joey.'*

I heard this story over 30 years ago, and it still touches my heart because I know it speaks of deeper truths. This last July, at a Primary School Year Six final assembly, the retiring head gave the leavers some precious words of wisdom gained over the years: *Work Hard – Have Courage – Be Kind*. It was **the** best advice. Advice that would hold any competitors in good stead; it is advice that holds and helps us as human beings in our communities and as Christians, the light of Christ will shine through us if we give of our very best, be courageous in our giving (time and talents and well as money) and generous in our kindness.

This comes with very best wishes to all those returning to school, college or university and to those who are beginning – somewhere or something new. **Work Hard – Have Courage – Be Kind**.  
God bless you and your families.

Dodie



## About The Magic Lion Appeal

Every day, children and young people in Hampshire need care and support.

The **Magic Lion Appeal** aims to enhance hospital care for children and young people in Hampshire through improvements to the child health department at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The **Hampshire Hospitals Charity** is supporting a reconfiguration of child health space in Winchester and upgrades in Basingstoke, Andover and Alton. This will allow patients to be seen in an environment that ensures they get the best possible care in a way that suits their needs.

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<https://www.hampshirehospitalscharity.org/the-magic-lion-appeal>



## Update from Revd David Roche, Vicar of the Bright Waters Benefice

Dear Friends,

I wanted to give you a personal update from myself that from the 1<sup>st</sup> August this year, our nine churches have now legally merged into one benefice called Bright Waters. As you may be aware this process has taken over two years with lengthy consultation and process, and so I would like to thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition which has affected all of us.

My overarching aim in the coming months is to gently build on our work thus far and maintain stability and continuity in our community work and in our worship patterns. I am in conversation with the Diocese about a Benefice profile for a replacement for Helen O'Sullivan our associate Vicar who left post a few months ago. Without a full-time stipendiary role, this will no doubt affect what we are able to deliver as a ministry team in relation to Sunday Services, though hopefully there will be minimal impact.

David

**The Reverend David Roche**  
Vicar, Area Dean



## September 2022

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 12

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Animal Service *
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Zoom service at 10.30am</b>		* please see details in SMB pages

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

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Midweek Communion
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### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 13

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	Evensong
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	Morning Praise
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion
St James', Woodcott	No Service	

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**

All Hallows, Whitchurch	4.00pm	Hymns and Pimms
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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 14

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Holy Communion
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.00am	Holy Communion
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.00am	Holy Communion
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	Mattins

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**

Millennium Field, Whitchurch	4.00pm	Forest Church (bring your wellies, mug and plate!)
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### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

All Hallows, Whitchurch	9.30am	Midweek Communion
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### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 15

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	Communion Praise
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.00am	Mattins
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong

St James', Woodcott No service

**Home Zoom service at 10.30am**



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

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### From the Church Registers

#### Baptisms

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

We celebrate with their families and friends the baptisms of

**Paddy Priestly** at St Nicholas'

**Arthur Healey** at St Nicholas'

**Gracie and Katie Hirst** at St Peter's

**Hermione Cradduck** at St Peters

**Reuben and Ciara Linton** at St Peter's

**Ralph Hill** at St Nicholas'

**Jack Bremridge** at St Nicholas'

**Arlo Bremridge** at St Nicholas'

#### Weddings

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

We celebrate with the family and friends of

**Rita Twine** and **Robert Charlton**, married at St Nicholas'

**Lucy Jones** and **Harry Plowright**, also married at St Nicholas'

#### Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of **Michael Wedge**, whose funeral took place at St Peter's.

**LET US PRAY** - If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please email

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### Village Shop 100 Club

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

**July 2022 - 100 Club Draw:**

**£50** - Emma Fullerton **£20** - D & A Blake

**£20** - Gill Evans **£10** - P & C St Quintin

**August 2022 - 100 Club Draw:**

**£50** - Len Mew **£20** - Caroline Sussex

**£20** - Lara Madge **£10** - Sandra Grunsell



### Coffee at The George Inn

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### St Peter's Day Appeal For the Fabric of the church

**A Very Big Thank You** to those of you who have contributed.

You have raised approximately **£5,500** so far this year, an

amazing total, considering all the difficulties many are experiencing at this time.

The roof repairs are scheduled to start before the end of August followed by all the other repairs and the updating of the audio system.

It's never too late to contribute, so if you would like to, just put your contribution in an envelope marked

**St Peter's Day Appeal** and either deliver to

'The Cottage', High Street, St Mary Bourne or St Mary Bourne Village Shop, or on line, details for which are on the green leaflet you received in the July & August

Hill and Valley Magazine. Cheques should be made payable to **PCC St Mary Bourne**.

Again, **many, many thanks to all who have already contributed so generously.**

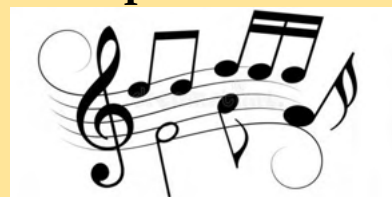
*Eve Lind-Smith*

*on behalf of St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne*

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**10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - 10am to 6pm**

This annual event raises money for the Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust, a non-denominational trust.

The funds are then used for grants to help with the maintenance of historic churches. The Trust has been contributing towards many projects since 1988.

**The idea is for as many people as possible to either bicycle or walk to as many different churches as they can on that Saturday, being sponsored for the number they visit.**

A fun thing to do. Choose your churches, plan your route and go as family, or group of friends or on your own. The money you raise will be split between our own St Peter's Church and the Trust.

For further information on the churches open (some may supply refreshments), sponsorship forms, stickers and general information contact **Eve Lind-Smith** on ☎ 01264 738 681. Good luck! Have a Great Day!

*If you would like to join Eve walking from Woodcott to Longparish, you are very welcome! Give her a ring.*

## The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at St Mary Bourne

Village Centre, starting to serve

at 12.30pm as usual. Just a reminder that it is a chance for members of the community of all ages to get together and chat over a light two course lunch with tea or coffee... and the suggested donation is still only £3. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.



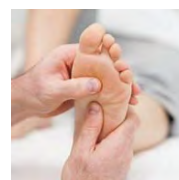
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**Next Film: 18<sup>th</sup> October**

## SMB Play Area Update

Since last year, the co-opted members of the Recreational Committee have continued to explore funding options to kick start the Play Area project, including available grants through Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Dean Council. We found that both councils currently do not have available funding.

To help us reach our £125,000 goal, we are applying for a community grant through the Greenham Trust and have created a fundraising page on their platform The Good Exchange, which is open until June 2023. We have succeeded in securing match funding for every £1 donated (up to £5k) starting now. Should you wish to donate, please visit [thegoodexchange.com](https://thegoodexchange.com) and search for 'St Mary Bourne Parish Council.'

With the new Village Cafe coming along, the project will enhance the space for families and residents, with a new, natural play area for under 12s. In the coming months, we will engage with the school to get input from the children. A meeting is also being planned for mid-September to look at the wider use of the Rec and pavilion, as well as the additional parking spaces that will be created from the play area project.



And just like that... It's September! What a summer! Blue skies, scorching hot and not a drop of rain in sight. I feel we may have to hold onto our hats for the rains when they come... the cynic in me feels a flood is on the way! Summer for us has meant one thing... Building work. The shop has continued to operate during the building of our extensions for the new shop and café and we apologise for any noise and dust that you may have experienced whilst shopping with us. The builders continue to do an amazing job and at the time of writing, there have been no bumps in the road (I feel I may have just jinxed that).

By the time you read this, we would have moved into the Club Room in our entirety including chilled and frozen goods and the Post Office. We hope that you can still find everything you need and expect from your Village Shop, and of course, our range of produce will increase once we move back into our new and improved shop.

If there is anything that you would like us to stock that we don't presently, now is the perfect time to mention it. The new build brings with it the ability to source new suppliers, so anything is possible. We will, of course, continue to stock all of the basics and our value range but also hope to include a delicatessen counter and more local produce as well. Our pièce de resistance will be our Gelato Counter serving the most amazing ice cream that I have ever tasted (I know, tough job, right?)... but don't worry... if a Magnum or a Feast is still your go to, we'll have those too.

We have also sourced the most amazing local bread from our friends at Hoxton Bakehouse in Southampton. Again, it is the best sourdough I've ever tasted, and I've eaten quite a few loaves in my time. We hope to have the bread for sale before we move into the new shop and café so do keep a look out for it along with our existing range.

So, there you have it. Flooring, tiles, lights, and counter tops are being ordered; procedures and health and safety systems are being written; new suppliers are being sourced; menus are being tested and planned and new staff are being sought... it's a busy old summer!

We will tell you more next month about our Eco Shop and what you can expect from our zero packaging and eco range. If you would like to join our amazing team of staff and be part of The Boundary journey, please see our advert for new staff... come and join the team!

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## St Mary Bourne Parish Council 'News and Views'

Following the recent election (in May 2022), we thought it might be useful to introduce those who represent the Parish 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 can be found on the Parish Council website under Parish Council/Clerk and Councillors.

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

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

### Glenda Mew

*I was born and brought up in Thatcham, Berkshire. My working life was at Reeds Carton Factory, a Civil Service, and then in the Banking Environment, now retired.*

*I have lived in St Mary Bourne the last twenty-five years.*

*I'm looking forward to serving on the council.*

### Patrick Foote

*Came to live in the centre of St Mary Bourne with my wife Fiona (a past Parish Councillor) and our two daughters in 1991.*

*Now I'm retired, after a working lifetime spent in London, I've been Treasurer of the Horticultural Society for ten years and the PCC of St Peter's since the mid-nineties, and am now a churchwarden.*

*I'm always interested in the life of the village and retirement has provided the opportunity to get more involved.*

### Ed Makgill

*Growing up in the idyllic settings of St Mary Bourne and the surrounding parish is a privilege, I now feel honoured my family will enjoy it too. I cannot imagine living anywhere else.*

*Keen interest in nature and the countryside that surrounds it. Like to keep active, either walking the dog or plodding up and down hills of the Bourne Valley on a run. I enjoy using creative solutions in tackling all projects big and small.*

*Joining the parish council is a great opportunity for me to help give back to the community that I grew up in.*

## Parish Council Activities

**Bridge in slightly Troubled Waters** - As many will know, unfortunately the bridge in the middle of SMB has been hit, again, by an articulated lorry.

This has been reported to Hampshire Highways and we wait for the repairs to take place. The warning barrier will remain in place until such time.

On top of the repair, we will also be encouraging Hampshire Highways to look at how this can be prevented or minimised from reoccurring. We don't know what this will

look like at this moment, but we will keep everyone updated as we learn more.

**Speeding** - One area we will also be pushing is speed in and around the parish. There are areas that are prone to higher speeding and, especially leading into villages and hamlets, this has been raised as a concern.

We wait to hear from Hampshire Highways what options we have, but as soon as we do, there will be much consultation about the best way forward.

**In and around the Rec** - The recreation ground in St Mary Bourne is possibly busier now than it has ever been and this is a great reflection on all those who make this work. The Village Centre, play area, bowls, the various cricket teams and the rec itself are all attracting more locals to come and utilise this wonderful space.

Of course, the village shop and the Café due to open soon will also add to this space, and so it may be time that we collectively need to plan and consider how this space will operate in the short term, but also be a little more considerate of how it will need to evolve to deliver a benefit over the next decade or more.

Much planning and discussion ahead, but this will start with a collective meet in the Village Centre during mid-September. All will be most welcome to come along to this collective discussion, from where we can then start to draw up some ideas and plans. More information will be posted and circulated when a date has been set.

**'Hide and Lookie'** - There has been successful activity with the National Lottery funding to install an observation hide around the lake. Finer details are being completed along with discussions with residents overlooking the lake and more details will be provided on the PC website. The grant has around six months until any installation needs to occur, so there is time to plan and discuss.

If anyone would like to get more involved with maintenance works around the lake side, please get in touch with Oliver Madge and get added to the working party group.

**Contact details** - While the Village Centre Club Room is being utilised by the nursery and then the village shop, we will continue to work remotely and not at the parish council office. Please email any matters of concern to:

[clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk)

A facebook page is also being established, so updates can be pushed more effectively. Search for SMB-pc and join the group.

Next Full Parish Council Meeting:  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 19.30**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 19.30**  
Village Centre - Public welcome



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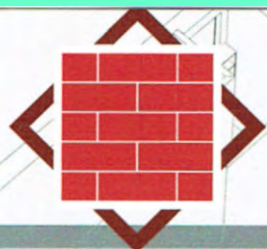
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## Welcoming new faces at Two Rivers Medical Partnership – and the “pod” system explained

We are delighted to announce that Dr Stephen Rohan has joined Two Rivers as a 5<sup>th</sup> lead GP. Dr Rohan completed his final year of GP training with us and is a fantastic doctor, so we feel really fortunate that he chose to stay with us. Moving to five pod teams will improve our resilience with an ever-increasing workload and enable us to retain continuity in 5 slightly smaller pods from September.

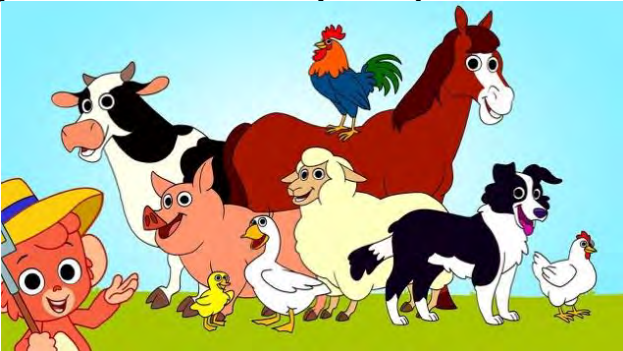
We are also fortunate to announce Alice Barker who joins our practice nursing team. Winnie Sheppard will become the overall nursing team lead. At the same time, we say goodbye to Allison Spittles who many will know has led our diabetes service for many years who retires from the end of August. We have also employed 5 new receptionists to assist with the volume of calls coming into the surgery and have been working behind the scenes to evolve the booking templates.

What is a pod? As a lead GP we each lead a ‘pod’ of clinicians which may include a retained GP, GP registrar, and Advanced Nurse Practitioner. This allows the lead GP to spend greater time with the more complex patients whose needs are not suited to the old fashioned 10-minute NHS GP appointment but also allows time to support the wider team of clinicians. Our teams are gradually becoming more advanced and so all members are increasingly taking on more complexity – a positive reflection of their hard work and culture of learning.

Our team have continued to navigate the pandemic world with care, often with conflicting messages from health agencies, government and in the media. We thank you for both your understanding and support as we continue to evolve the booking system from September and adapt the service to best meet our patient’s needs.

*All the team at Two Rivers*

## Special Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30



It’s the Animal Service and we are hoping to celebrate with our pets but also give special thanks for all our micro beasts: worms, spiders, woodlouse, caterpillar, bugs, beetles, anything you can bring from home BUT – **the big BUT** - is we must return them from where they came from. We will be building a tall wild animal to put in the churchyard under the trees. It will need painting and assembling.

There are crafty animal activities, animal 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!

*Dodie*

**And then in October it’s Harvest on the 9<sup>th</sup>.**



## Light Touch Nor any drop to drink

This summer has been so different from our traditional depressingly wet ones. Wildlife has suffered badly

with the few ponds in the countryside empty, unconnected water troughs in the fields bone dry, rivers very low and vegetation dying. Animals have had to rely on us for survival and there may be more droughts to come in future years. The easiest way to help birds and small animals is to put down shallow trays of water in a shady place, preferably sunk into the ground and with a stone or two inside to prevent tiny creatures drowning. The stones also allow bees etc. to get a drink. Also make sure any garden ponds are regularly topped up preferably from water butts.

The Australians invented simple water stations after their terrible fires last year, which councils are giving out for free this year now droughts are more common. These are made from a few pieces of drainage pipe which creates a vacuum letting the water down as the animal’s drink. You may have noticed the ones in Hirst meadow and the churchyard. The video link is How to build a wildlife water station

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdC6zCXGQPY>

In the UK a couple of adaptations are needed with our different plumbing. There will be one being demonstrated at the Sustainable Day in the Village Centre on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Details are in this magazine, so do come along to get plenty of ideas on how to help save money and the planet at the same time.

*CH*





## Postcard from Binley – September 2022

My thanks this month go to Binley legend, Frank Lee. Although Frank doesn't actually live in Binley I feel his patronage of the Hurdlers Arms over the years has earned him honorary Binley Resident status. I'm sure he'll accept that in the spirit with which it is intended, Frank is and always has been an absolute gentleman. And he very kindly lent me a book, *"Beyond the Old Royal Road"* by Gordon Lee. It is, as was very fashionable at the time, a gentleman's documented ramble around the countryside from Winchester in the east meandering eventually to Stonehenge in the west. It is set in that golden period between the wars and applies to the old stretch of mingled Roman Road and ancient British trackway that passes along the top of the chalk hills from Winchester to Salisbury and which even today can be traversed almost in its entirety. The hero of this thoroughfare is King Arthur, he of the round table and it was his established line of communication between Winchester, on through our valley and then onward to those western settlements associated with his name.

Arriving at Egbury Castle Farm, once the site of an ancient British camp our author is told by a labourer *"They sez as 'ow there is a golden table buried in the vield."* In my time here I have heard old timers refer to a field as "vield" and 'un instead of "you" as in "Don't be scared of my dog, he'll not harm 'un!" A great exponent of this dialect was Harold Cummins who I was fortunate to live above in Baptist Hill when he lived in Belle Vue Cottages. We got on like a house on fire and would often lean on the railings over the Bourne and chat about nonsense on our way to the Coronation Arms. I loved hearing Harold talk and I would often call in at the wood kiln on Stoke Hill where Harold and Tony Golding would be sat whiling the time away, drinking tea and messing about with bits of wood. He also had the unique ability to thread what I shall call the "Anglo Saxon vernacular" into the middle of words, if you know what I mean? It takes quite a level of skill! I've only ever known one other person who could do that and he was an Irish ghillie on the Cork Blackwater. Thirty-five years ago I would have sat quietly in the Hurdlers having a midweek pint and listened to old boys from the surrounding villages talk exactly like that. They used words like "Bungersome" meaning clumsy or "Hopperty boy", an awkward overgrown lad. Some words are still universally in use like "shirty", to be angry or "chaff", to scold. My favourite though is "Dew-bit", meaning an early breakfast and it's one I have adopted myself as it is such a wonderful turn of phrase. But all these words were part of a rich figurative language here in the valley that was used with perfect naturalness and one can only mourn its passing.

Walking by what is now Vitacress, the author Gordon Lee remarks on the presence of redshanks, snipe, plovers and yellow wagtail. Now yellow wagtail I have seen myself, but I would be interested to know if the others are still present. I used to see the odd snipe up by the gravel pits in Stoke so maybe someone will tell me. But here's something I didn't know, Rosemary Plincke's old place, "Portway" opposite the entrance to Derrydown is the site of the old Roman road of the same name connecting Salisbury and Silchester. I assume it went right through Rosemary's garden, on up past the surgery to the Barry Walsh's and beyond. It's certainly as straight as an arrow as Google maps will tell you. My father-in-law had told me it went past his place at Bradley farm (Dunley) and the paving was four to six inches

under the soils surface. This stuff fascinates me, particularly as he mentions three round Celtic barrows between SMB and Stoke adjacent to the stream. Water played an important part in Celtic nature worship and if anyone has any information on these I would love to hear from you ([postcardfrombinley@gmail.com](mailto:postcardfrombinley@gmail.com)).

Since I mentioned sticks a couple of issues back, Peter Corbett has been asking me to come and view his stick collection. And so it transpired that the other morning I did. Poor Peter is still recovering from a broken hip so we had to travel from room to room via a zimmer frame which as you can imagine in an old house is a little tricky. Sticks were propped up in the corners of most of these rooms, he could tell me where each one came from, who made it, gave it to him and when. There were many beautiful examples and I was amazed to see how beautiful polished horn could become, opalesque in colour and transparency. Some of the hand carving was absolutely exquisite. Most were hazel or blackthorn but one though had me stumped. It was about three feet long and spiralled in design with a carved snakes head at the bulbous end. I thought maybe corkscrew hazel but it was too "whippy" for that. I'm glad I didn't have money on it because it turned out to be a dried and preserved Bull's todger! Certainly, the first and hopefully the last I'll ever have my hands on!

Peter has been here in Binley for 52 years and spending that hour in his company was like being in Jack Hargreaves' shed, only grander. He has a wealth of knowledge, history and tales to tell. I have learned so much about Binley from Peter, Richard Simmons and Elizabeth and Mark Maclay. I should persuade them to allow me to record their thoughts and memories and perhaps get something scribbled down. I would hate for it all to be lost. *NA*



### 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Centre 10am – 4pm, ticketed morning or afternoon sessions

Sustainable Bourne Valley invites all ages to a day of activities and fun related to sustainability.

- hands on learning about solar energy and insulation.
- Find out about solar panel options.
- See the heat camera and how it can help you identify your energy savers.
- Repair, recycle or upcycle at the SMB Repair Cafe.
- Bring your spare plants to swap.

More details in the coming weeks on the Sustainable Bourne Valley website and Facebook page.

**Book your free tickets online at**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-activity-day-tickets-399062726357>

### Sustainability Activity Day

Saturday 17 September

10am - 4pm

St Mary Bourne Village Centre





## St Mary Bourne Flower Show 2022

A sunny and fun filled day was had by all at this year's St Mary Bourne Flower Show & Fête. It was wonderful to see the crowds turning out to enjoy the show and there was plenty to see and to do. The dog show was as popular as ever and the competition amongst our four legged friends was keen! The fun stalls such as the penalty shootout, coconut shy, welly throwing, Splat the Rat and plate smashing were a big draw as were the bouncy castles, fairground rides, books and Bric a Brac.



Thank you to all those who attended, enjoyed the day, bought tickets, entered classes, supported the stalls and contributed to the wonderful atmosphere of the day. Thank you to our generous sponsors, our raffle prize donators and those who gave their kind donations of bottles, cakes, plants and saleable goods. And finally, a very big thank you to the team on the day who ensured that the tents, signs, raffle tickets, cars, stalls, exhibits, Judges, and sound systems were all in the right place at the right time. We couldn't do it without you! As a thank you to all those involved, the committee would like to invite sponsors, donors and all those who helped in any way and those interested in getting involved next year to join us for **drinks on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Centre.**

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Grants available for community chalk stream projects

Keen to take action for our local chalk streams, but need help to make your idea a reality? The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is offering funding for community-led projects that protect, enhance, or celebrate the Candover Brook, Cheriton Stream, Bourne Rivulet, Pillhill Brook, River Arle, Upper Anton, or Upper Test.

Your project must be based around at least one of the above streams, and must support one of two aims. It could improve the condition of locally important chalk stream habitats, or their associated built heritage. It could also enable people to explore, enjoy and learn about the streams' natural and cultural heritage. The proposed activities should be accessible to, or beneficial for, the wider public.

We'd love to hear from passionate groups of people with the drive to bring their vision to life. You might be part of a parish council, a school, a registered charity, or a Community Interest Company. Voluntary and community groups are also welcome, provided you're constituted and have your own bank account. If successful, you'll receive up to £5,000 in funding and have one year to complete your activities.

The projects funded so far have been varied. New Alresford Town Trust created information materials that capture the unique story of the town's Eel House. Hampshire Bat Group installed 35 roosting boxes to support the bats that thrive along our chalk streams. Andover Trees United connected communities with the Upper Anton through artist-led walks and musical performances. Finally, the Watercress Way Charity are currently developing a programme of educational events focused on the River Arle.

The deadline for the next round of funding is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, but we recommend expressing your interest as soon as possible. You can find more information, including details of eligibility criteria, on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website:

[www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/communitygrants](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes/communitygrants). You can also contact us at [winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:winterbournes@hiwwt.org.uk) – we're happy to answer any questions!



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### REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 11 JULY Draft Minutes can be viewed on the Longparish website

#### Planning

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

- Tree work at **Riverside Cottage, Forton;**
- Variation of condition 3 of 07/00986/FULLN at **Patchington Copse, Longparish Road;**

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

- Single storey extension at **Harewood Holt, Longparish Road**

#### Plough Inn - Pub & Community Hub

Work has commenced at The Plough Inn on the old rear outbuildings to create a new community room and separate food storage area. A Working Party of Councillors and others has been set up to discuss the function and management of the facility once it has been completed.

#### Cricket ground/playground

The Chairman of the Cricket Club notified the PC that a visit to the ground by the England & Wales Cricket Board had highlighted the risk of possible ball strikes in the playground area during matches.

The PC agreed to place notices around the playground to warn users of the risk and will explore the possibility of purchasing ball-saving nets for the fence line between the cricket ground and the playground to reduce the risk of accidents.

#### B3048 stream bank

The PC agreed to apply to HCC for a cultivation licence to maintain the stream bank. If the application is successful, Paul Knipe has agreed to take over management of this area.

### REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 25 JULY 2022

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

- Replacement of porch with porch/WC (retrospective) at **110 North Acre, Longparish**

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 12 September.**

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>

### YOUR SUGGESTIONS PLEASE for Your Community Space



How can we best use the outside community room at The Plough to help villagers?

A group from across Longparish is looking at ideas

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#### Hill and Valley Parish Editor

We are very fortunate to have a volunteer to edit the Longparish pages of Hill and Valley. Angie Curtis has taken over from Georgina Montague who did a fantastic job for a few years. Angie moved to North Acre in 2019. They are active in the community helping with the Little Library on North Acre and helping with the book stall at the Fete.

Angie will be constantly looking for new material and will publish the usual regular features.

Please contact them about your ideas and needs for publication -07572 753512

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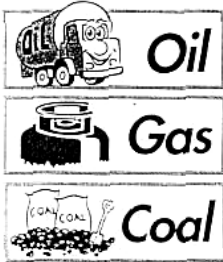
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## LCA - L2SOTM - The Longparish Second Sunday of the Month handicap race

It was hot, hot, hot for the August race, so it is no surprise that 21 out of our 24 athletes failed to beat their handicaps. We welcomed three new runners: Lizzy Johnson, Sam Hunt and Pete Mitchell and were pleased to see visitors Linda Noke and Mike Sleath from the New Forest, David Gould from Suffolk and the Great Danes, Jeanette and Jesper Strøier.

Lizzy led from start to finish, beating her estimated handicap by over two minutes. Next home was Dennis Doney, back from injury, who was our Most Improved Man. Most Improved Woman was Christina Searle.

Special mention goes to Sam Hunt who was our only junior and became our Rising Star and thanks go to his father, Simon, who rode a bike as Sam's accompanying adult so that he could keep up with Sam.



**A flying finish from Sam**

Thanks very much to Maggie Barber, Ailsa Wiggans, Ray Noke, Sandra Doney, Luke Pierce, and David Gould for helping and to the Cricket Club for the lovely venue.

The next race is on Sunday, 11 September, the day after the fete. New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

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### John Woodcock 1926 – 2021

On 7<sup>th</sup> August at Morning Service in St Nicholas Church John was remembered. A lovely tribute was given by Alix Bremridge, John's cousin. Following the service there was a memorial cricket match.



### A Memorial Match

On a scorching August Sunday, Longparish Cricket Club hosted an all-day event, in memory of John Woodcock. Matches between a Woodcock XI and The Club go back a great many years, with stars from the cricketing world often in attendance; this continued the tradition.

A display of old photos was presented by Richard Gearey, Longparish born and bred, with the event being graced by some of the players who made the club so successful in the 1980s.

A six-a-side competition in the morning was followed by a high standard game of cricket in the afternoon. The Woodcock Team included John's two great nephews, as well as Billy Mead, who was raised in Longparish, played for Longparish CC on occasion and is currently on the staff at Kent CC.

Longparish fielded their strongest available team, boosted by Will de Cani from Bransbury, who started his cricket in the club's junior section, has been a prolific batsman for Longparish CC over the years, but now plays in London.

The BBQ sizzled, cream teas and cake were devoured, ice lollies were savoured, Pimms was quaffed and the bar did a roaring trade, despite being run by The Chairman.

The club would especially like to thank the core team who organised the event, everyone who participated and all who attended, recognising both those who travelled a great distance, as well as those from the village itself. The aim was for a great day, whilst deliberately keeping prices down, to buck the national trend. However, the club was still able to raise a significant amount of money, which will go towards infrastructure enhancements. Thank you to everyone who provided items for the silent auction and to those who bid towards them, which formed a significant part of the proceeds.

**Mark Benzing**  
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## Friday Lunch Club

The summer Lunch Club enjoyed a change of venue, at The Cricketers and Ropers, while the Hall was being redecorated. Many thanks to all those involved for two lovely occasions.

**From September, the Lunch Club returns to the Village Hall.**

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**.

After lunch there is a talk or quiz – ideas for speakers always welcome. There is something musical in the pipeline so watch this space!

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

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

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

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

To book a place Tel Andrea Harris 720 457 or Christian Dryden 720 398 Transportation can be arranged.

## LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2022

Next one is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**, after the fete!

**Longparish Litter Pick**, meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am and free coffee afterwards at the LCA Coffee Shop at the Plough.

The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops, and bags.

For information Tel Christian Dryden 720 398



## Friends of Longparish School

**AGM 2022** All are welcome to join us for the FoLS AGM on **Wednesday 19 October at 8pm** in the school/community hall. Find out what we have 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. Copies of the old and new constitutions are available on request or can be viewed in the school 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 our recent draws are: July 1<sup>st</sup> G. Doughty-Jones, 2nd C. Surridge, 3rd K. Livingstone.

August 1<sup>st</sup> S Edwards, 2nd R Lowry, 3rd B Glanville.

(September will be 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** ([chairfols@gmail.com](mailto:chairfols@gmail.com) or 07982 073674)



## LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

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The Greening Campaign supports communities to take meaningful action to reduce their environmental impact.

The garden rewilding "Walk and Talk" in July led by the Blocksidge family was a great success. With thanks to Karen Marie Dinesen for

allowing access to her beautiful garden.

The group conversation led by Mick, covered a variety of topics based around being led by nature and the principles of

"Diversity"- "Dispersal" – "Disturbance"

In summary:

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|--|--|
| 1. Observe what is already there         | 7. Create layers – it starts with the soil |
| 2. Stop using fertilisers and pesticides | 8. Build a wood pile allow nettles         |
| 3. Lawn rewilding options                | 9. Create a compost heap                   |
| 4. Choose the right plants               | 10. Setting up wildlife corridors          |
| 5. Wildflower meadow options             | 11. Build a pond/water                     |
| 6. Insect friendly plants                | 12. Mulching                               |

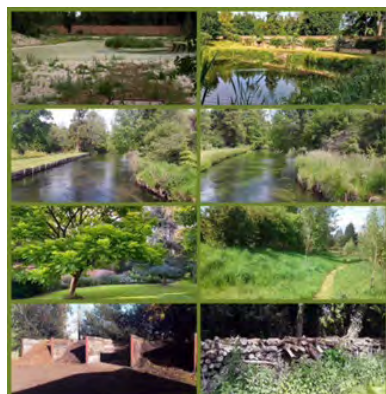
We are planning to have a Greening Longparish stall at the fete near the tea stall. Do drop in and collect a retrofitting survey, have a look at the thermal imaging camera which can be loaned and share your ideas re planting in the garden. Add your own rewilding garden pledges to the map.

Volunteers to man the stall or help on the tea stall greatly appreciated. Contact 720 398

Bring your own cup to the tea stall for free drinks.

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

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Join the Facebook group Greening Longparish.

For more information on the Greening Campaign please see:

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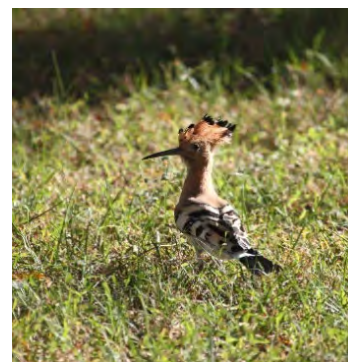
## BIRDS OF LONGPARISH

By Chris Bowman

### THE HOPOE

We had a rare visitor to the village, first seen in Jacqui Healey's garden. It spent some time in Forton before relocating back to Southside Road. It's a new bird for the village, but not seen by me.

Hoopoes are about the same size as a Jay, long curve-billed, pinkish, ground feeding bird with bold cream-white bars over black wings, rump, and tail-base and remarkable crest. When excited, the Hoopoe fans its crest and makes itself large-headed. Thirty plus cases of proved breeding since 1830's; peaks 1895-1906 and 1950; latest confirmed 1977 four pairs nested in Somerset, Surrey, and Sussex. Breeding starts in Central Europe in late April - May. They nest in holes in trees or buildings and have used nest boxes lined with leaves and grass. 4-10 eggs are laid and incubated for 14-20 days and fledge at 26-29 days. Hoopoes' food consists primarily of larger insects and their larvae. Normally the Hoopoe forages alone on the ground, by walking about jabbing with its bill left and right and probing into the ground.



Summer is nearly over, and the big migration has started. The Swifts left 4 days early and the Swallows and House Martins are getting ready to leave after a long hot summer.



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We were packed for our Greek Night and, with regret, had to turn people away. The Cricketers was also full. Not bad for a Thursday night! Who says

Longparish can't support two pubs!

Our next themed night is on Thursday 8 September, Authentic Italian cuisine, in great surroundings. A deposit of £15 will secure you a place. The format will be as our Greek night. The cost is the price of the dishes you order.

We'll be celebrating our anniversary on the weekend on 16/17/18 September. Yes, it's a year since we opened. The celebrations will begin with the **LCA coffee morning on Friday 16 September**. Look out in social media for details of the weekend events.

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LCA Tent – Plants & Produce - Face Painting - Children's Toys – Quick Draw - Bottle Stall



CAKE DONATIONS ON THE DAY FOR THE TEAS AND FOR THE CAKE STALL WILL BE MOST WELCOME !

It would be great if you could email \* to say what you might bring. Thank you.

For information about joining the enthusiastic team of volunteers to set up on Friday and/or help on the day,  
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### 🥕 FRESH PRODUCE STALL 🥕

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

### 🧶 BRIC A BRAC AND TOY STALL 🧸

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

### 🍷 BOTTLE STALL 🍷

We will be visiting all the houses in Longparish to collect bottles as usual, or that they can be left at the Village Shop. Our contact details are **Neil 07956526966 and Natasha 07876131454**

## BARTON STACEY WI

Due to the cancellation of the speaker for July, we decided that it was time to Dabble, and we had a lovely evening with four members sharing some craft skills for everyone to have a go at. In fact, the end results were rather good and now we must find space in our calendar for more crafts!

In August, we had a very enjoyable Treasure Hunt in the village and ended this with a basket meal in The Swan Public House garden. Another repeat needed for the programme!

Like all, we get back to business after the August break and we will be having a better understanding about **the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop**. This will be on the **29th of September at 7:30 P.M.** in the **Barton Stacey Village Hall**. We happily welcome visitors and new members to attend.

If you would like to know more about the WI and possibly joining, please email [bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk) or telephone Sue Atrill on 07817 483936 or for more information please visit [www.hampshirewi.org.uk](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk)



## We're back!!

Our lovely village hall is back in business after a complete overhaul by professional tradespeople. Thank you very much to the volunteers who helped with decommissioning and recommissioning. The floor has been sanded and re-sealed and is positively glowing. We have redecorated throughout and laid new vinyl flooring.



We look forward to welcoming you back. To book please email [villagehall@longparish.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@longparish.org.uk) or call Maggie on 01264 720459.

## An Apology from John Kingston

As most people by now will know, I have been sent to prison until May 2023 for offences. I have lived in Longparish for most of my life and I feel ashamed and embarrassed for my selfish actions and I am writing this to make a public apology. I would like to apologise to any victim that I have caused harm and distress to. I have had the time to reflect, I now realise that my offences were shocking and deviant. I was in denial and ignorant in thinking I was acting normally, and I see how wrong I was. I would like to apologise to my loyal wife, Josephine, who has stuck by me, I do not deserve her. I know I have a funny way of showing it, but I love her so much and do not know what I would do if she left me. I phone her frequently and I am glad that she feels safe and happy still in Longparish. I thank everyone for not making things awkward for her and for offering her help. I also want to apologise to my family, friends, and neighbours and anyone in the Kingston family, as I know I have caused you shame and embarrassment for my shocking behaviour.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

J. Kingston

## Margaret Brunson

Margaret 'Nan' passed peacefully in her home on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Family and friends of Margaret gathered to celebrate and remember her life on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Her eulogy was provided by her family, and we have included excerpts that best reflect Margaret's life and impact on our village.

Margaret was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1935 in Abbotstone, Itchenstone. The family moved around a lot in her youth. She met Grandad in Barton Stacey in 1954, after she missed the bus home one day and was cheeky enough to cadge a lift from him. They married in January 1956 and Grandad obviously being a true romantic took her back to live in his caravan in his father's garden.

In 1965, they moved to 2 Cricket Field Cottages, Longparish and this is the place Nan has called home ever since. Living in the centre of the village, was a perfect location for Nan to host the unofficial Longparish WI meetings. No matter the time or day, if you popped around you were bound to see Nan holding court with several of her village friends or sisters-in-law! The garden in Longparish was Nan and Grandad's pride and joy, many hours were spent tending the flower beds and vegetable plots, making it the talk of the village.

She didn't just look after Grandad and her children, she took over from her mother in being responsible for the whole Purdue clan, hosting family gatherings and helping her brothers. And it wasn't just immediate family she cared for, Nan would regularly take in and feed most waifs and strays that she came across, fortunately for us, that also included my dad!!

Since Grandad passed, we still tried to ensure Nan got out and about as much as possible, whether that was simply down to Mum's for a roast or BBQ and a cheeky game of shot roulette, or further afield such as a mystery day trip down to Exmoor, or even a visit to the nature reserve in Dorset, where I took her around the woods to see the flowering Bluebells. I know a favourite evening of hers was when the Wurzels came and played at The Cricketers in the village, I'm not sure if it was the music she enjoyed most or the fact that she was being chatted up by young lads regularly throughout the evening!

Nan insisted she would NOT be going into a nursing home and wanted nothing more than to spend the rest of her days in her own home. Whilst we all will miss her, we can be comforted in the knowledge, that Nan got her wish, she remained in Longparish and passed peacefully away in her own home. And now I'm sure she's happily reunited with Grandad once more!



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## WEATHER – JULY 2022

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Total for 2021	612mm (24.25in)
Max temp	38.1C (100F) on 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Max night temp	21C (70F) on 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Min temp	12C (54F) on 29 <sup>th</sup> July

## JULY

What a month!

Our hottest day was Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July where we reached 38.1C, so could not match Heathrow which was much warmer (hot) at 40.2C. Our warmest night was 21C on the same date.

The first six months of the year were the driest since 1976 and July was the driest since records began in 1876 with no rain. Some locals said they had a heavy shower, but there was nothing in the Papermill gauge, so we joined Odiham with no rain at all..!

There have been 12ins less rain to date this year compared with last.

*John Smail*

## LADIES' COFFEE MORNINGS

The September coffee morning will be hosted by Fran Johnson on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3 Apsley Farm Cottages, SP11 6NB. All welcome from 10.15 am.



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

## WORD OF THE MONTH



This month's word is APRICATE meaning to expose to sunlight – haven't we all lately!

*Barbara Carrodus*

## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

**St Andrew's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am.**

All are welcome and we will have a special activity for children during the service.

As usual, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Andover Food Bank. The Food Bank provides boxes containing sufficient nutrition for at least three days work of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families. Suitable items include cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, rice, tinned foods, (meat, fish, fruit and vegetables) fruit juice and longlife milk.

Please bring your donations to the service or leave them in the church beforehand.

Followed by

**Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30pm**

Tickets for lunch are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 5s free). Available from Fenella Williams (01256 892081). There will also be a raffle and all proceeds will be donated to the Mityana Trust.

PETS' SERVICE – 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Our annual Pets' Service where we celebrate and give thanks for our animal friends is at St Andrew's Church on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. Weather permitting we will be outside – if it is wet we will gather in the church porch.

We do hope you will join us with your pets – all are welcome!



*Fenella Williams*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meets every other month on the final Wednesday at 6.30pm the Village Hall and the next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend. You do not need to give any notice, but if there is a particular item which you would like to discuss, and which you feel it would be beneficial for Councillors to look into prior to the meeting, please contact: Richard Waterman, Parish Clerk: [Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com](mailto:Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com) or Clare Read, Chairman: [clareread@aol.com](mailto:clareread@aol.com)

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We are delighted to have been awarded the 2022 Travellers' Choice Award by [Tripadvisor](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk). This prestigious award is a celebration of the wonderfully positive reviews and ratings we've consistently received from our visitors over the last year. Thank you all for your kind words, and thank you to our fantastic team of staff and volunteers who make our visitor experience so delightful. Find out more at

[whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/travellers-choice-award/](https://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/travellers-choice-award/)

**'The Adelaide' Silk**

Our latest silk design has been named 'The Adelaide', and has delicate pinks and greens in a gossamer-light full organzine warp and a raw silk weft. This is a Limited Edition – we've woven sufficient silk for just 12 scarves, creating the ultimate in luxury, so if you'd like to own one, don't dilly or dally! 'Adelaide' is the first in our 'Herstory' collection, and it's named for Adelaide Chappell, owner of Whitchurch Silk Mill from 1877 to 1886. After her husband died, Adelaide took over the running of the Mill alongside former housekeeper Sarah Chamberlain; an impressive feat for women at the time.

**Have You Sampled Our Podcasts?**

Our regular podcasts follow the journey from thread to woven cloth at the Mill, focussing on weaving, our determination to preserve traditional silk weaving skills on looms dating back to the 1890s, and our design process. Each episode includes chats with the Mill's weavers and tacklers and interviews with experts on the broader topics of weaving and silk, sustainable textiles and how silk made at the Mill is used. The most recent episode (no.6) is out now, and covers traditions and silk weaving heritage. To find it, go to our website – [whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/whitchurch-silk-mill-podcast/](https://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/whitchurch-silk-mill-podcast/) – or find us on your usual podcast host.

**Food Festival, 10 September 2022**

Last year's Food Festival set in the grounds of the Mill was hugely successful and so we're bringing it back for a second year. Not only will we have a wide range of stalls packed with delicious food and drink from local suppliers, including Hot Oven, The Homemade Brownie Company, Thai Bites, Crepe Britain, 3parts and Hornet chilli sauce, but there will also be weaving demonstrations, children's activities, face painting from Ashley Archer (11am–3pm), and cooking demonstrations and workshops from The Natural Cook Company. The Festival will run from 10:30am–4pm, with free entry.

**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

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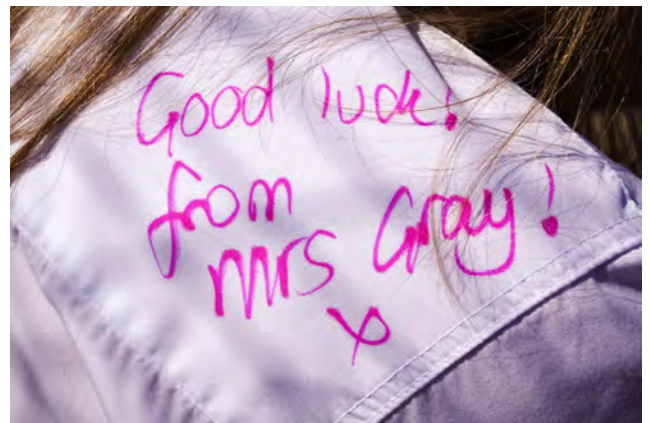
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**NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

June and July were very busy months for Testbourne. Primarily, we were focused on seeing our Year 11 students through to the last of their exams! Once again, we would like to recognise and congratulate their hard work and effort which will inevitably be reflected in their final grades. With the exams over, we held our Year 11 Leavers' Event and we couldn't have asked for better weather for it. The positive atmosphere was overwhelming, and the afternoon was full of emotion, laughs and goodbyes. There were speeches, awards, live music, shirt signing, ice cream, slushes – but predominant were the farewells. It has been an honour for many of our staff members to watch these students grow into young adults. We wish them all the best as they find their future calling!



From Year 11 attention quickly turned to Year 5 students, who came to experience life at secondary school. This year's theme was 'Adventures on Trains', based on the popular book series by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman. We gave them a taste of Testbourne's Science, Art, Geography and Drama lessons, amongst many others. We hope we made a lasting impression!

Most recently we held our Year 6 Transition Day and our New Intake Parents' Information Evening. In recent years we had to host these events over the internet but finally this year we were able to have our new joiners



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with us for the day, and then to invite parents to meet their child's new tutor, head of year and headteacher. Thank you all who attended.

And finally, we would like to say thank you to our dedicated Year 9 and 10 student helpers who guided our student and parent visitors in and around the school site, as well as engage with their taster lessons, and overall helped ensure that the day ran as smooth as possible.

Aaron Baker, IT & Marketing Officer  
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## TREES IN THE CHURCHYARD

St Andrew's Churchyard is looking very smart with the grass mown by Ed Pockett, but some overgrown shrubs and clumps of nettles have made it difficult for him to reach some parts of the churchyard. Churchwarden, Ann Orr identified the trees and shrubs that were most in need of some care and attention and the PCC Tree Adoption Scheme was born.

Armed with secateurs, saws and strimmers, willing volunteers took charge of holly bushes, forsythia, the laurel hedge and the yew tree and we hope that visitors to the churchyard will appreciate the huge improvement!

Ann and the Mattisons (including Simon's mum) dealt with the two holly trees at the church gate which were starting to obscure the view of the church. Now the ivy has been removed from the ground and the wall and the area is much lighter and open as you can see from the before and after photos:



The forsythia bush in the new churchyard had become very overgrown and after pruning by Ian and Denise Bradley, some long-hidden gravestones were brought back into view.



Elsewhere in the churchyard, Martin and Mandy Briant-Evans have cut back the laurel hedge which was preventing access to the incinerator. Ed Beasley and Charles Ekins have cleared the rampant nettles growing round the yew tree. Finally, David Oakley is dealing with some large branches which have fallen on a few gravestones and made it impossible for Ed Pockett to cut the grass.

A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work – especially during this hot summer weather.

Fenella Williams

## ANDOVER FOODBANK

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated to us recently.

If you would like to find out what we have been up to you can sign up to receive our newsletter. Please go to our website – [www.andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.andover.foodbank.org.uk)

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Jenny Lelean  
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 3 10.30am to 12.30pm - Community Library re-opens in the Club Room as part of the Village Shop  
 4 10.30am - The Animal Service - St Peter's Church  
 13 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
 13 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre  
 17 10am to 4pm - Sustainable Bourne Valley activities - Village Centre  
 20 7.30pm - 'The Film' - *KING RICHARD* - Village Centre  
 21 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre  
 23 7.30pm - Flower Show committee drinks - Village Centre  
**Saturdays** - 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library** - Village Centre Club Room

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- 10 12 Noon to 4pm - **The Fête** - Cricket Field  
 11 9am - L2SOTM Run - Cricket Field  
 12 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Hall  
 16 9.15am - Litter pick and coffee - Village Hall and Plough  
 16 10am - LCA Coffee Morning - The Plough  
 23 12 Noon to 2pm - **Lunch Club** - Village Hall  
 27 7pm - Gardening Club Lecture - Autumn bulbs for Spring Flowering - Village Hall

**Hurstbourne Priors**

- 10 7pm - Saturday Night at the Movies - Dinner and Raffle - Village Hall  
 22 from 10.15am - Ladies Coffee Morning - 3 Apsley Farm Cottages  
 28 6.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
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