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November 2022

Remembrance Day - 13th November

November - thinking about change, thankfulness and challenging times...

There are times in our lives that are defining moments. Remember passing your driving test, leaving home, the first car, your first house; unforgettable events like weddings or celebrations. The birth of a baby who then toddles, the toddler walks, becomes a teenager who then learns to drive, and from youth to adulthood taking on adult responsibilities. But there are other times equally memorable, filled with meaning. For example, goodbyes; perhaps sitting by the dying, or saying goodbye at a funeral to a parent, relation or friend; loss of home, job or friends. Whatever the experience, it will mean *change*.

I want to think about change - not the coins in the pocket but the process of making something different. Or if a noun: the replacing of something with something else.

This month's vicar's editorial was to have come from Mityana, Uganda. We were to have flown out mid-October, returning at the end of that month. But an outbreak of Ebola meant that our trip had to be postponed until 2023. All that hard work in preparation and planning. All those hopes for what we could do, those we would meet and how we could learn more, deepen the partnership. Now it's a change of plan!

In our new Benefice we have nine churches. Churches that have both changed and remained unchanged. In our communities, our churches offer a sense of timelessness but that doesn't mean they haven't changed. Each has been changed radically at times. Some have been completely rebuilt. Others drastically altered. All would have suffered during the Reformation and probably would have been modified in the Victorian era. But those changes 'bedded in' some time ago, now in 2022, they are normal.

Our churches are a picture both of change and stability at the same time. Each has been a noun (the place) and a verb (what we do) over many generations. They (as a building) and we (as a worshipping community) have been subjected to criticism, censure, condemnation, theft, vandalism, defacement and much more. But they (and we) have also offered stability, authenticity, faithfulness, kindness, love, generosity to those around. Our understanding of God as the same loving Father continues to shape our way of living and our ways of worshipping. Some people would say they themselves have been rebuilt, altered, or even at times vandalized (or perhaps damaged). But they (we) also have been loved and loving, been compassionate and shown compassion!

November - the month of remembrance reminds us there is much to be grateful for. Through our weekly or fortnightly services, through prayer groups, discussions and meetings, we offer familiar (traditional) and new (modern) worship. For this season, with the changing hours of daylight and routines, as a reminder of those who gave so much, and as we head for Advent, our invitation is *to come*. If you've never been - *just come*, if you haven't been for ages, *come again*. Come to join others, to give thanks for all we have been given by past generations, not least by the many thousands who fought to give us freedom.

So, if you are having a frenetic week with an overflowing diary, an hour in church or a time with a period of calm or aloneness can be refreshingly uplifting. A time set apart can make all the difference. And perhaps *the process of making or doing something different* will be beneficial to us individually or as a benefice, and to those around us.

Dodie

No sun, no moon,
No morn, no noon,
No dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member,
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
No - vember

Thomas Hood - English poet, 18th century



Image by Kitty Millar

Hill & Valley

Hill & Valley, the parish magazine of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, and St Mary Borne & Woodcott is governed by a revised constitution adopted this year by the management committee which meets twice a year and currently consists of 7 members:

- three representatives of the parish councils (*Clare Read, HBP - Natasha Rouse, LPH - Oliver Madge, SMB*)
- one representative of the clergy (*Dodie Marsden*)
- two members with editorial responsibility (*Tom Bremridge - Michael Widén*)
- the Treasurer (*Colin Underwood*)
- the Advertising Manager (*Michael Widén*)

A Chair person is elected annually (*currently Michael Widén*).

The community pages are compiled and edited by 3 parish editors (*Fenella Williams, HBP - Angie Curtis, LPH - Pearl Pritchard, SMB*).

The magazine is published 10 times a year with a print-run of 1,240 and delivered free to all households in the parishes and local schools.

The magazine is financed mainly through advertising revenue but supported by grants from the three parish councils in return for editorial space.

Whilst the financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2022 showed a deficit, the estimates for the current year show a small surplus, subject of course to no unexpected expenditure. The level of income and expenditure, although close, is considered to be satisfactory. To meet unexpected circumstances, the aim is to hold in reserve one and a half times of annual expenditure.

MW

November 2022

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

Sunday 6th - Trinity 22

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

Zoom service at 10.30am

Wednesday 9th

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Midweek Communion</i>
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Sunday 13th - Remembrance Day

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Sunday 20th - Christ the King

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</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	9.00am	<i>Mattins</i>

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Wednesday 23rd

All Hallows, Whitchurch	9.30am	<i>Midweek Communion</i>
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Sunday 27th - Advent 1

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>Songs of Praise</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Mattins</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Advent Sunday Service</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>

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: ☎ 01256 893573 brightwatersbenefice@gmail.com

Rev David Roche: ☎ 01256 892535 revd.davidroche@hotmail.com

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

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

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

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

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

We celebrate with their families and friends the baptisms of

George Miller at St Nicholas'.

Funerals

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

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of

Graham King from Woodcott

Richard Thompson, whose funeral took place at St Nicholas'

Jim Sawyer, whose thanksgiving service took place at St Nicholas'.

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



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LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Sally Lawman

clerk@longparish.org.uk or telephone 01264 738716**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 26 SEPTEMBER**The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to:

- Replacement garage at **End Cottage, South Harewood**;
- Replacement boundary wall at **Harewood Holt, South Harewood**;
- Removal of modern post & installation of replacement structure at **Barley Cottage, Forton**.

An **OBJECTION** was raised for:

- Single storey side extension at **Meadowsweet, Longparish**.

REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 10 OCTOBER COUNCIL VACANCY

Following the sad passing of Councillor Jim Sawyer in September, there is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in joining the PC should contact the Clerk for more details.

LONGPARISH AWARDED 'BEST SMALL VILLAGE' AT THE HAMPSHIRE & IOW VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Councillors and representatives from LCPL, attended the Hampshire & IOW Village of the Year award presentation on 29 September, where Longparish PC was the recipient of two awards. Longparish was voted 'Runner Up' in the category for Best Community Initiative, for the refurbishment of the playground. Congratulations to Christian Dryden and the Playground Working Party who worked so hard to create this amazing space.

Longparish was also entered in the category for Best Community Pub, but the judges had been so overwhelmed by the scale of the project to reinstate The Plough Inn that they felt that a bigger award was more fitting, and consequently awarded Longparish 'Best Small Village' in recognition of this achievement. As stated in their press release, HALC said "The judges felt the effort put in by the whole community was phenomenal and Longparish well deserved this award." This award also came with a prize of £200. No decision has yet been made as to how this will be spent.

IMPROVING OPEN SPACES & ENCOURAGING BIODIVERSITY

The Parish Council is very grateful to Paul Knipe for taking over the maintenance of the infamous stream bank alongside the B3048. Paul reports that the grass has established well and there are already some of the wetland perennials showing including Ragged Robin, Marsh Trefoil and Sneezewort, alongside existing plants: Angelica, Fleabane, Meadowsweet, Marsh Thistle, Comfrey, Water Figwort and Marsh Marigold.

Paul recently led a small group of volunteers to plant wildflower plugs grown on from seed supplied by the PC last Spring. Thirty plugs of species including Field

Scabious, Small Scabious, Cowslip, Black Mullein, Meadow Vetchling, Meadow Saxifrage, Lady's Bedstraw and Bird's Foot Trefoil were planted in a small triangle at the playground, with Georgina Knipe providing welcome refreshments.

The PC has made a further contribution to Cathy Yelf's Snowdrop Project, and a new dog waste bin has been installed at the football field. Thank you to everyone that uses the bins provided. The bench donated by the Gardening Club has also been recently sited at the football field.

A small grant received from HCC has enabled the PC to engage the Parish Lengthsman to conduct some additional work in North Acre, clearing away excess weeds and vegetation to improve accessibility and the general appearance of the footpath. Clive, our grass-cutting contractor, continues to keep the playground, cemetery, and village hall car park neat and tidy, and the PC was pleased to receive an email from a grateful resident after Clive repaired a wooden grave marker for him.

A further reminder to residents with hedges to please cut back any vegetation encroaching on roads, road junctions, pavements, and rights of way now that the bird nesting season is over, to allow for good visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooter users, riders, and drivers.

The PC is seeking a contractor who can conduct small repairs and maintenance tasks around the village for a modest payment. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Clerk for further information by 7 November.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 14 November**.

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

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

Minutes of all previous meetings are available on the current or archived Longparish website
<http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council/pc-minutes.html>

**LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2022**

Next Litter pick is on **Friday 18th November**.

Meet behind the Village Hall at 9.15 am and enjoy free coffee afterwards at the LCA Coffee Shop at The Plough. The Parish Council will provide litter picking sticks, hoops, and bags.

For more information Tel **Christian Dryden 720 398**

Farm Report from Middleton Estate

Harvest was completed in record time this year due to the dry spring and high temperatures over the summer. Crops yields for winter planted crops have been surprisingly good due to good establishment last autumn leading to a good root structure to cope with the lack of rainfall. The spring crops have been mixed with Spring Barley yielding well and having the quality to make malt for use in beer, but Poppies yielded very poorly due to variable germination through lack of moisture after planting.

At Middleton we are following and developing a path that works for us commonly known as regenerative farming. The 5 principles are as follows

- Minimising the disturbance of the soil
- Keep the soil covered with a growing medium
- Keep living roots in the soil
- Grow a diverse range of crops
- Bring grazing animals back to the land

About 5 years ago we stopped using the plough and have been doing minimal tillage, so we are not fully inverting the soil, as this releases less carbon into the atmosphere. In some scenarios we are now at a stage where we are not even tilling the soil, we are planting the seed into the top via a process called direct drilling. In order to aid direct drilling, we are using a catch and a cover crop within the rotation to improve the soil structure for us, mop up any nutrients in the soil and so increase the organic matter which leads to less artificial fertiliser being applied.

A **catch crop** is a crop that is planted straight after harvest and is growing in the soil for under 3 months before another crop is planted. It is made up of between 3 and 5 species such as clovers, buckwheat, beans etc and is destroyed using glyphosate before the next crop is planted directly into the top. A catch crop covers 4 of the principles above as well as providing shelter for wildlife and some late flowers for bees.

A **cover crop** is also planted after harvest but stays in the ground longer, usually 6 months. It is more diverse with between 5 and 8 species grown such as clovers, phacelia, vetch etc. Like a catch crop a cover crop covers the 5 principles above because you can also destroy it with sheep grazing before planting a spring crop directly into the soil. Again, it provides shelter and food for wildlife and late flowers for bees.

We are using these methods to reduce our reliance on manufactured fertilisers, capture more sunlight and lock up carbon in the soil, reduce the amount of diesel we use to grow a crop and farm in a more harmonious way with nature.

Joe Edwards, Farm Manager



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT PROPOSED NEW DISTILLERY AND VISITOR CENTRE

The River Test Distillery invite local residents to a public consultation event to view and comment on proposals for the New Distillery and Visitor Centre in Longparish.

The event is to be held at The River Room at The Plough Inn on Monday 14th November between 6 and 8.30pm.

<http://rivertestdistillery.co.uk>

info@southernplanning.co.uk



Friday Lunch Club Autumn Dates 2022 Longparish Village Hall 12.00 - 2.00pm

The Lunch Club is open to everyone in the community.

It is a place to come for warmth, company, or a break from your desk.

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

So that we have an idea of numbers, please book beforehand.

Friday 25th November – **live concert** by **STRINGS INCOGNITO**

Friday 16th December – **Christmas Lunch** - essential to book as limited numbers.

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



November's Coffee Morning will be November 18th

10 am – 12 Noon at The Plough
All welcome – Coffee and Biscuits for £1





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

Next event – Drop-in session on Retrofitting

Wednesday 9th November 6.30-9pm River Room, The Plough

Wondering what steps, you can take (big or small) to improve the energy efficiency of your house? Come along to our drop-in session on retrofitting, where you will be able to:

- *discover how to use the thermal imaging camera to show where and how much heat is escaping from your house*
- *view a demonstration of solar panels and ways of measuring heat escape points set up by Andy Watson (who has retrofitted the Hurstbourne Tarrant Village Hall)*
- *view information provided by the Sustainability Centre about retrofitting, covering all topics*
- *share your own experiences and questions about retrofitting, for example insulation, double glazing, heat pumps, solar panels etc*

This drop in is also for anyone who has already taken action to improve their energy consumption and wants to share their knowledge.

The Greening Longparish Steering Group has a thermal imaging camera to loan out for a small donation to cover the purchase cost.

Get in touch via Email green@longparish.org.uk

Please get in touch if you would like to attend but concerned about accessibility to the River Room. 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! For more information on the Greening Campaign please see: <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

The LCC Christmas Quiz is Returning!

Longparish Cricket Club is holding its popular Christmas Quiz fundraising event on **Friday 2 December 2022** in the Longparish Community Hall (Longparish School).

Start time is **7.30pm** and tickets cost **£5** per person with a maximum team size of 6 people. There will be a bar selling drinks. Hot dogs and snacks will also be available to purchase throughout the evening.

We will also be holding a raffle on the night with fantastic prizes to be won. Last year's event was an immense success and a very enjoyable evening for all, so please come along and raise some funds for your village cricket club.

Teams can be registered by emailing LongparishCC@Gmail.com

Saturday 12th November 10am until 1pm

Wildflower Planting in Longparish

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

Volunteers are welcome to join a work party at Long Bridge off Upper Mill Lane. Parking is limited so walking is a good choice!

We will be planting **native wildflowers, Meadow Cranesbill, Ox-eye Daisy, Small Scabious and Lady's Bedstraw** to increase the biodiversity of areas along the stream and on the Village Green. Some plants have been potted up by helpers back in the Autumn. As well as increasing colour the plants will provide a nectar source and larval food source for insects.

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

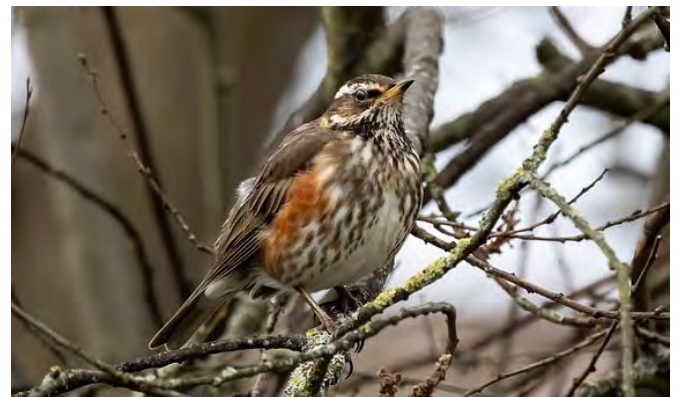
Refreshments will be provided. Approx 10am until 1pm.

For further details please contact **Paul Knipe on 720713 or paulgknipe@gmail.com**

Prior notice of attendance would be helpful.

LONGPARISH WILDLIFE REDWING

Most of our summer visitors have now left us for a much warmer Africa. Now we wait for the return of our winter guests. One of the first to arrive is the Redwing. They are a bit shy when they first arrive, but they gradually get used to our environment. Redwings are about the same size as our native Song Thrush. They have a dirty white chest with brown specks, brown back, and a pale white stripe above their eye, underneath its wing is a red-chestnut colour. When they first arrive, they feast on berries, holly, yew, and hawthorn, and when these have gone, they will forage on the ground for invertebrates.



There are a few which nest in the UK, mostly Scotland. The Redwing first bred in Scotland in 1925 and annually since 1967. They start nesting from early May having two broods normally in their nest, which is on the ground or under bushes, trees or in thick vegetation. Nests appear as a bulky cup with outer of twigs, grass and moss plastered inside with mud and vegetation, lined with fine grass stems and leaves. The eggs, usually 4-6, are glossy pale blue marked with fine red-brown specks and mottling. Eggs are incubated for 12-13 days and fledged in 8-12 days. They are usually here until March.

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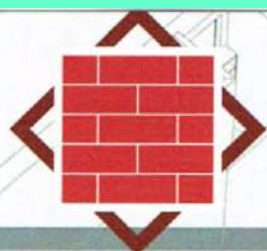
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We have purchased a pickup sticks-style climbing frame for Key Stage 1 classes, and Chromebooks for Key Stage 2 classes. Thank you to everyone that has supported our events and fundraisers, allowing us to support the school in this way.



Christmas Jumpers We will be holding a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale for pupils at the end of November. If you have any to donate, please drop them at school reception or we can collect. We particularly need larger sizes. Thank you!

Your School Lottery Congratulations to the first winners in our new weekly lottery! One of our supporters wins every week – the more people that play the bigger the jackpot. Sign up now at yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Longparish.

Christmas shopping online? Support FoLS while you shop. Donations will be made at no extra cost to you. Sign up to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.co.uk) or click through to other stores from easyfundraising.org.uk

To keep up to date with FoLS news, follow us on Facebook at fb.me/FriendsofLongparishSchool
Jo Allam, Chair (contact chairfols@gmail.com or 07982 073674)



Longparish Little School

Over the past few weeks, we have taken advantage of the lovely village of Longparish. We have taken the children to the church to celebrate harvest time and sung songs with Dodie.

We had a trip to the village shop to buy ingredients for our cooking activities. Then we had a lovely walk across the fields to Forton to Jeremy and Maggie's garden. We found lots of apples had fallen from the trees and we helped to press them into apple juice. It was delicious, and we have had it at our snack times.



Our spaces for September 2023 are filling fast so if you would like to book a visit to look around, please phone 01264 720455.

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

Longparish Gardening Club

Tuesday, 22nd November 7pm

Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB

"Christmas Party and Gardening Quiz" Raffle towards the cost of future speakers.

There will be no meeting for LGC in December

Any queries please to **Rosie Lowry 01264720325** or **Marion Bell 01264720205**



BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday 1st of November

7:30 PM

Longparish Village Hall

Doors open at 6:45pm

For a prompt 7:30 start

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For more information, please contact

Laura Harding on 01264 720298



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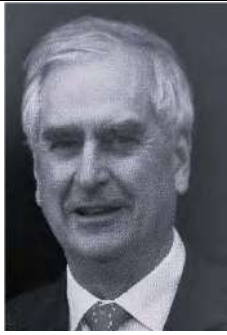
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JIM SAWYER

Dec. 24, 1946 – September 9, 2022

James Sawyer "Jim" was born on 24th December 1946, a Christmas Eve baby, to Peter and Elfrieda Sawyer in Shawford, Winchester. A younger brother to Julie.

Jim's early school years were spent at Prince's Mead, he then moved on to the Pilgrims School and finally to Canford. He enjoyed his college years at Bournemouth College of Technology, where he qualified as a Chartered Surveyor.

Jim spent much of his working career in Winchester, where he became fondly known as "Mr Winchester", for, in terms of commercial property, there was little that Jim didn't know about the local property market. His last job was as a consultant for London Clancy.

Jim was well respected and well connected in the local business community. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a member of several of their dining clubs in London, having been the Wessex Junior chairman way back in 1977.

He received the Millennium Egg in 2011, a Business Excellence Award, in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Economy of the Winchester District.

Jim had Honorary Life Membership of the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, following his Chairmanship and was a member of the Winchester Rotary Club from the age of 28.

He was a Trustee of the Royal Hampshire Regiment, with whom his father had served, but he personally spent many years in the TA in the Royal Engineers, retiring as a Major.

Jim was also a committee member of the Winchester Working Men's Housing Society.

Jim married Philippa in 1975 and they have two daughters, Catherine (Cathy) and Elizabeth (Leafy). The family moved from Winchester to Longparish in 1985 and Jim and Pippa have remained in the village ever since. Jim served as a valued member of Longparish Parish Council and spent several years running 'the gate' at the annual village fete. Latterly, he fully supported the community effort to rejuvenate the Plough.

A much-loved family man, Jim will be remembered as a giant amongst men in so many ways. Not only due to his 6'3" height, but also his huge heart and wonderful personality. He always had time for everyone; not least his three 'girls' and five grandchildren, Archie, Oscar, Jack, Chloe, and Imogen. He adored his family and friends and, with a twinkle in his eye, was the life and soul of any party. No one will forget his loud ties and novelty hats and his ability to put a smile on everyone's face.

Jim is and will continue to be very much missed by all that knew him.



RICHARD THOMPSON

Aug. 6, 1936 – September 22, 2022

Richard Thompson, of 3 The Withies in Longparish, sadly died on 22nd September aged 86. His funeral service was in Longparish Church on 7th October.

His obituary in The Times that day described his career as a scientific entrepreneur and a 'grandfather' of UK venture capital.

He was a loving husband of 60 years to Cynthia, father to Emma and Lucinda and grandfather to five grandsons. They described him as a 'good bloke', endlessly generous, gregarious, always with a joke or golf story to tell.

Richard's father was in the Army. The family sailed to India in 1936, when Richard was six weeks old. In 1940, they returned to England on the troopship SS Strathallan, crossing the Channel shortly before Dunkirk. The ship was torpedoed and sunk on its following voyage. Richard's father returned to his posting. Richard, his mother and elder brother Gilbert were evacuated from London to Hampshire during the Blitz. Initially, they stayed with Richard's paternal grandparents at the Carfax Hotel, Winchester (sheltering under the billiard table during air raids).

They lived briefly in Kingsworthy, where their mother used to stand outside and wave to Laurence Olivier as he rode past on his motor bike en route to RAF Worthy Down, and then at Church Cottage, Easton, and later Moorland, West Wellow. The boys loved their country childhood, sport, fly fishing on the Test and the Itchen, and shooting. Gilbert has a cottage at Itchen Abbas.

Richard married Cynthia, who grew up in Shawford, in 1962. They lived in Winchester while bringing up their daughters. They subsequently moved to London but maintained the Hampshire connection by buying a weekend cottage in Forton. They then moved to East Aston House in Longparish, latterly downsizing to The Withies. Richard supported Grange Festival Opera and belonged to Leckford Golf Club. One Christmas Day, his son-in-law Charles was surprised to be taken there for a game of golf. Funnily enough, the course was deserted, so they played 13 holes in 1 1/4h.

Richard was a firm friend of the late John Woodcock and enjoyed visiting him. Richard supported village causes such as the church, school, pub, cricket club and fete. His daughters were touched at his funeral to hear Longparish cricket club roller referred to as the 'Thompson roller'. There are many happy family memories of walks along the river in Longparish with the grandchildren feeding the ducks, and family parties and Christmases at East Aston.

The family would like to thank those who wrote to them after Richard's death and attended his funeral. Everyone's kindness has been very much appreciated.

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Our three-hundred-year-old pub, The Plough, was entered in the 'Pub as a Community Hub' category for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Village of the Year Awards which are coordinated by HALC - the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.



The judges were so impressed with our village's commitment and all the hard work from all of the community volunteers involved, that they gave us the award for "Best Small Village".



Andy Jolliffe, chairman of Longparish Community Pub Ltd (LCPL) who accepted the award for Longparish, said: "We are delighted to receive this

recognition of the enormous amount of energy that has been put in by so many to pull off such a huge project in our little village. The Plough is once more becoming a thriving community asset."

PC Chair, Peter Hull who attended the ceremony in Bishop's Waltham said, " We are thrilled that The Plough has been brought alive once more and hope it will serve the village of Longparish for another 300 years!"

The certificate is on display at The Plough.

And, on 20 October, Jeremy Barber and Kim Lampard, representing The Plough and the Parish Council were guest speakers at The HALC AGM where they explained the history of the project. The timing was good but entirely coincidental as the invitation was issued back in the Spring.

Councillors from all over the county praised the huge amount of community support for the project from nearly 150 volunteers. They were interested to find out more about the structure of the project under which the parish council borrowed £300,000 towards the cost of the property. That and a lease premium of £200,000 paid by LCPL enabled the PC to buy The Plough and rent it to LCPL on a 99-year lease. LCPL paid all the legal expenses, stamp duty, etc and the rent they pay to the PC covers the loan repayments, so the PC is not out of pocket.

Looking forward, the LCPL Annual Members' Meeting is at the end of the month. All members should have received details of the meeting and an invitation to stand for the committee by email. If you haven't then please check your SPAM.

The LCPL Committee

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

It was a lovely bright morning for the October race, perhaps a bit too bright for the runners who had enjoyed the Beer Festival the previous evening.

Most Improved Man was James Masters, in first place with his best time this year. Most Improved Woman was Rebekah Searle in 4th place with her best 5K time ever. Her father, Raymond and her brother, Jack, finished in their best ever times over the course. Well done all!



Our trophy winners photobombed by Nick Collier

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

The next race is on Sunday 13 November. New runners are always welcome. You don't have to be fast. Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

Jeremy Barber

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Pygmalion

The Black Box company's annual tour of small venues, including our village hall depends on an Arts Council grant. Sadly, the grant has not been forthcoming this year and the company have reluctantly had to cancel the tour, including our performance scheduled for 3 November, and sack the professional actors. We hope they will be back next year.

Longparish Village Hall committee

Barton Stacey WI Will be hosting **Andrew Hoad** from **Waitrose Farm at Leckford** on **November 24th, 7:30** at the Barton Stacey Village Hall. This should be an interesting evening learning about the farm and all its produce. Members and non-members welcome.

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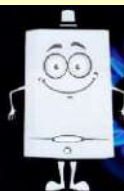
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Total rainfall for month	69mm	2.71in
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Rainfall same month last year	76mm	2.99in
Total for 2022	397mm	15.62in
Total for 2021	740mm	29.13in
Max temp (on 9 th)	29C	84F
Max night temp (on 22 nd)	14C	58F
Min temp (on 29 th)	3C	38F

And still the drought year continues! January to September has been the driest period since records began. We have had 13.51in less rain to date, year on year.

John Smail

LADIES' COFFEE MORNINGS

The November coffee morning will be hosted by Mandy Briant-Evans on Thursday, 17th from 10.15 am to 12 noon at No.1 Cressington. All welcome!



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

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
NEW DATE: 7th January 2022

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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 30th November 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 or Clare Read, Chairman: clareread@aol.com

*Clare Read
Chairman*

SONGS OF PRAISE - 27th November 2022

Songs of Praise

27th November 2022, at 4pm in St Andrews Church.

We invite you to join us for our Songs of Praise service at St Andrews. This is an informal service with lots of hymns and our very own band. We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival for St Andrew and marking the First Sunday of Advent, the start of our preparations for Christmas.

Come and enjoy singing your favourite old hymns and some newer songs followed by some tea and cake.

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

CHRISTOPHER BURROWS
PIANO RECITAL - 4 FEBRUARY 2023

A date for your diary: we are delighted that pianist Christopher Burrows will be returning to give a classical piano recital in the evening on Saturday 4th February 2023 in St Andrews Church. Details from fenella.williams@btopenworld.com



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Hurstbourne Priors' Service of Remembrance is on Sunday 13th November, at 10.50am at St Andrew's Church.

The collection from this service will be donated to the Royal British Legion (Poppy Fund).

There will be Sunday School with activities for the children and all are welcome.

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Why not combine a visit to the Mill with a walk along the Mill Trail that passes five historic mills between Whitchurch and Laverstoke, and takes in picturesque scenery along the banks of the River Test. Bombay Sapphire and other attractions are nearby, too.

Terms and conditions

- Winter Passes can be used for multiple visits from 1st November 2022 to 1st February 2023, Tuesday – Sunday 10.30am to 5.00pm.
- The Pass is for entry only.
- The Pass is not valid at Silk Mill events where a separate charge is made.
- Passes are valid only for self-led visits, not for Guided Tour Packages.
- Passes are not valid in conjunction with any other offer.

Home Education Event

On 16th November between 10.30am and 12.30pm we're offering a learning/socialising programme designed for primary-age home-schooled children. The programme will start with a tour of the Mill during which the children will learn about the Mill's history and how woven textile is made. After the tour there will be a chance to try the ancient Chinese art of silk painting and to weave fabric on frame looms. Tickets £8 per child with one free accompanying adult. Additional adults will need to pay Mill admission or show proof of an annual pass/family ticket. This event is aimed at individual home school families. Should you wish to visit the Mill as a Home Education Co-op Group please email learning@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk to organise a group visit.

Christmas at The Weavers' Arms

Our pop-up pub, The Weavers' Arms, is normally associated with the Pub Race but we're opening it between 6pm and 10pm on 2nd December, for one night only, as part of our Christmas at the Mill programme. Check our website for more details.

Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market will be back in the Mill's grounds on 3rd – 4th December, featuring high-quality local stallholders. Last year we attracted so many visitors there was a definite bustle in the marquee as stalls were browsed and Christmas treats and gifts were purchased. Free entry, 10.30am–4.00pm each day.

Current Exhibition: Stripes

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

Pins & Needles

These popular adult crafting sessions are on the first Thursday of each month. Tickets £10, including tuition, all materials and a hot drink. Participants enjoy the company of like-minded people learning new skills or honing existing ones. In November we'll be learning sashiko, a traditional Japanese embroidery technique that fuses function and form. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HARVEST LUNCH

Thank you everyone for your help with this year's Harvest Lunch. To the many cooks for delicious puddings, sausages – not to mention our traditional red cabbage – and to everyone who came! And a special thank you to Archie and Henry Ross for selling lots of raffle tickets. We raised around £120 for the Mityana Projects Trust.

Thank you to Clare Read and Katherine McCullough for their lovely Harvest arrangements of fruit and flowers in the church.

Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts of food items donated at the Harvest Festival and to Caroline Glover for transporting them to the Foodbank. Your donations amounted to 182 meals which will go to help local families in need.

Fenella Williams



ANDOVER FOODBANK

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated via their Harvest Festival events.

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

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Christmas at The Andover foodbank

The 12 Days of Christmas festive hamper campaign will be starting on 1st November 2022. Hampers need to be at the foodbank by Monday, 28th November. They can be delivered to the foodbank during our usual opening hours, Monday - Friday 9:30 -12:30. We will also have an open afternoon on Sunday 27 November, for those who can't make our opening hours, to drop off between 2 - 4pm.

For any other Christmas food donations, please get them to us by 2nd December, thank you.

If you prefer not to shop, then there are lots of ways you can donate money instead. This is always helpful as we often run short of certain food and specific age group items for gift boxes. We want to be able to reach everyone. You can donate online on our website, or for gift boxes text GIFTBOX to 70085 along with the number of the donation you wish to donate e.g: GIFTBOX 15 will result in a donation of £15, GIFTBOX 5 will be a £5 donation. Texts cost the donation amount plus the cost of a standard rate message. For other ways to donate please visit our website or contact us directly.

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Thank you so much for your support. These items make such a difference to families in our local community.

'Thank you so so very much for the hamper. It is nothing short of amazing' a local parent.

Jenny Lelean, Andover Foodbank

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Please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information, or to order your tree, please email whitchurchchristmastrees@yahoo.com or call 07957 944 677 (if you don't have access to email)

WORD OF THE MONTH



Rather a long word this month but nevertheless appropriate for November.

CIRCUMFORANEOUS

Originally meaning wandering from market to market then the market became specifically houses i.e. to go from home to home search of favours - perhaps in exchange for some entertainment, all somewhat akin to our forthcoming trick or treat night.

Barbara Carrodus

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS CRICKET CLUB

After a bit of an hiatus, Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club has once again been accepted into the Hampshire Cricket League and will be playing in the 2023 season.

This is very exciting news for the club and the village, and we are delighted that regular League matches will once again be a feature of the Summer. The Club is always open to new members and anyone wishing to join should contact Steve Cady (cadysteve@hotmail.com) or Martyn Page (paggy001@aol.com).

Work to remove, and replace, the old practice wicket will be taking place during the winter and a new all-weather wicket and longer nets will be ready for practice sessions in the Spring.

We are grateful to the members of HPCC who have been maintaining the wicket during the hiatus and look forward to welcoming other visiting clubs and teams in 2023.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



TUFTON FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE

We are delighted to report that work on the replacement of the Tufton footbridge is now well underway and we are very hopeful that work will be finished by the end of the year. Hampshire Countryside Service have been liaising with the local landowners, fishing syndicate and Environment Agency to ensure that everyone is happy with the work being carried out and that disturbance to the river is minimal.



As you can see from the picture the central section of the bridge has now been removed. The next stage is to set up a temporary dam in order that new in-channel piers can be installed.

The new steels

have been delivered and machinery has been moved into place. Vegetation has been cleared in preparation for the new abutment on the Northern bank.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Parish Council have been looking into a suitable host for the village website for several months and are pleased to report that the 'new look' Hurstbourne Priors site will be on-line from 1st December 2022.

The site will hold all the usual information, but this will be updated on a more regular basis, as well as copies of the Hurstbourne Priors pages of Hill & Valley and the minutes from Parish Council Meetings. It is hoped that the site will be more interactive than our current offering. In addition, it will have a 'live' bookings page for both the Recreation Ground/Cricket Pitch and the Village Hall so that those hoping to make a booking can easily see which days are available. Bookings will still have to be made via Helen Ford for the Village Hall and Richard Waterman for the Recreation Ground/Cricket Pitch.

In addition, we hope that details of village events, such as the Safari Supper, Church services, the May Fair and Quiz Nights will also appear in the diary.

Anyone wishing to have items put onto the site should contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Waterman on Richard.waterman150@btinternet.com

With the launch of our new village website we would love to include more photographs of the village and surrounding area. If you have any pictures that you would like to submit please send them to Richard on the above email.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

HOW INVERTEBRATES SHOW THE STATE OF OUR CHALK STREAMS

When it comes to the health of our local chalk streams, few animals are more crucial than invertebrates. As a major food source for fish, birds, and mammals, their presence – or absence – directly impacts other wildlife populations. Many are ecosystem engineers that shape their surroundings, and some are found only in the UK. Yet of the 724 aquatic insects known to be here, 11 have been lost and 68 more face extinction.

Because of their key role in chalk stream ecosystems, invertebrates are 'canaries in the coal mine' for the habitat at large. Three groups in particular – the 'EPT species' – are invaluable for spotting problems, since all spend extended periods in the water and have unique sensitivities to different pollutants. This makes them excellent indicators of subtle, chronic pollution that may be missed by spot water sampling.

Mayflies, or 'Ephemeroptera', take their name from their short adult lifespans – mere hours in some cases. As nymphs, however, they can spend up to two years feeding on algae and plants in the water. Unusually among insects, they have two adult forms: the dull-coloured 'dun' and the clear-winged 'spinner' that follows. The adults often emerge en masse, creating an impressive spectacle.

In their nymph stage, stoneflies – or 'Plecoptera' – can be found clinging to the undersides of rocks in fast-flowing streams. The adults have intricately patterned wings but tend not to be strong fliers, so will usually stay close to where they first left the water. Some species communicate by 'drumming' their abdomen on a solid surface; if they're lucky, this display will win them a mate!

Caddisflies, or 'Trichoptera', are best known for their larval stage, when they bind stones, leaves, shells, and sand together to form protective cases. These shelters are portable, allowing the larvae to crawl – and sometimes even swim – while inside. As adults, they have hairy wings like a moth, which they fold along their bodies when at rest, and can typically be seen sitting by the water.

If you'd like to help monitor these important species, there are a few ways to do so. The Riverfly Partnership hosts several projects for local groups, and citizen science initiatives for individuals. The Watercress and Winterbourns scheme performs in-depth surveys through its SmartRivers Hub – email us at winterbourns@hiwwt.org.uk to learn more, or explore our work at www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbourns

Online Talk - 'Chalk Streams: Wonderful in Wintertime' 6th December, 7 - 8pm, Free to attend

Join Susan Simmonds from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, as she explores the character of our chalk streams in the colder months. The sky may be grey at this time of the year, but the world of wildlife is full of colour! Book your ticket at www.hiwwt.org.uk/events

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Village Shop 100 Club

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

October 2022 - 100 Club Draw:

£50 - Emma Fullerton **£20** - Lesley & Ian Sarsen

£20 - Bel & Jules Pertwee **£10** - Patrick Foote

Application Forms to join the 2023 Village Shop 100 Club will be in the Shop at the beginning of November. £25 gives you 48 chances to win a monthly cash prize + an extra £50 draw at Christmas. Payment by cash or debit card only please. All proceeds in support of our Village Shop.



Coffee at The George Inn

All ages are welcome, from all the villages, to a social coffee morning at

The George Inn St Mary Bourne on

Tuesday 8th November at 10.30am

£2.50 for coffee and biscuits - For more information contact Win Coventry - ☎ 01264 738 199.

The Lunch

Our next village lunch will be held on **Wednesday 9th November** at St Mary Bourne

Village Centre, starting to serve as usual at 12.30pm. Don't forget that just for November and December the lunch is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, rather than the 3rd. Suggested donation is still only **£3**. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738 110 by Noon on the Tuesday.

St Mary Bourne Flower Show Committee

First meeting for the 2023 show

Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30pm

in the dining room at The George Inn, SMB

Please come along if you're interested in joining the committee or would like to get involved.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Anyone interested in trying a new hobby? If you would like to give it a try, please ring Andree North on ☎ 01264 393760 for more information or go along to the Village Centre on a Thursday at 2pm.

TOP TIP: Have a look at energysavingtrust.org.uk/about-us to help make your home more energy efficient, reduce your carbon emissions and lower your energy bills. And don't forget, anyone can borrow the heat imaging camera from the SBV: email nikcross@rensmart.com.

PRE-ADVENT CHURCH CLEAN

We are preparing for Christmas. Please, please come and help at any time between **9.30am and 1.30pm** on **Saturday 26th November** - it is a great social time.

Please put this date in your diary now.

If you could spare just half an hour to help with a thorough clean of our church that would be wonderful. It's all hands to the pump. **Refreshments provided.** For any information call me on ☎ 01264 738 681. Look forward to seeing you then.

Many thanks - *Eve Lind-Smith*

'Family Theatre' at St Mary Bourne Village Centre



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Brr! It's the Snow Queen, an inventive production filled with all the mischief and mayhem you have come to expect from us.

Friday 16th December - 6.30pm

Doors open 6pm

All tickets: **£5** - children under 6: **free**

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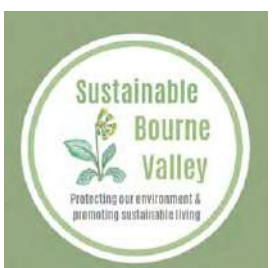
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St Mary Bourne United Charities with St Peter's Community Fund may be able to help if you live in the parish and know someone struggling with financial worries. Please contact Ruth Widén - ☎ 01264 738250 - ruth.widen@btinternet.com for more information in complete confidence.





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The Boundary Community Shop and Café...

We are nearly there! At the time of writing, we are manically painting and decorating; ordering final bits of equipment; ordering new stock and lines for the shop; bulk goods for the Eco shop; forging relationships with new suppliers and cementing ties with old ones; recruiting new staff and writing procedures and standards. There is still a lot to be done, and dare I say, a lot that could potentially cause delays, but I'm going to stick my neck out and say we are due to open around the **28th of November** (give or take a couple of days).

Needless to say, that has probably jinxed it and there will be some delay, but the closer we get the less there is to go wrong so I'm optimistic! The bottom line is **WATCH THIS SPACE...** or more accurately, our Instagram and Facebook feeds as they will be updated regularly with the **Grand Opening!** You can find us on either, with the name **theboundariesmb**.



'The Boundary' decorating team in action

Photo: M Widén

But what I want to talk about this month is how the shop is adapting to our environment as we lurch from one economic crisis to the next.

When I first took over the running of the shop in 2017 it had a tendency to cater for one aspect of retail only which was our value range. This, of course, is immensely important but if you only cater for one aspect of the community it figures that you exclude all others. As a result, the shop didn't do much in the way of fresh produce and had very few luxury items. Over the last five years, we have addressed that balance and now have a mixture of both. This means that, hopefully, we cater to all the community regardless of background, income or how long they've lived in the village. With the arrival of the new improved shop, we have more space and can therefore do more. To this end, we are going to increase our value range extensively. As you may know, our main supplier is Londis, which is owned by Tesco. The Londis budget range is now called Jack's and they have over 400 products under this banner that provide great value for money with Tesco quality. The Boundary will ensure that there is an extensive range of Jack's produce and household items to make all our money go a little

further. Jack's range will sit alongside the household brand names like Heinz and Nestlé that we know so well and will allow us choice as to how we spend our money. This will make our everyday spending go further and help us all in the months ahead.

The new space will also be able to accommodate new ranges, local produce and luxury items so whatever your need, whether it be on a budget or treating yourself and your family, we'll have you covered. Not to mention our **Eco Shop with zero packaging** – get those Tupperware containers ready!

All of this and a **Café** too! We are going on Barista training in November so will be ready to make you the best coffee (or tea if you'd prefer) and some amazing cake!

Lastly, it's that time to talk Turkey! We will, once again be taking orders for Christmas fayre like **turkeys, Christmas puddings, hams, and mince pies**. Order forms will be available from the shop from the 21st of November.

We all look forward to welcoming you to your new Community Shop and Café very soon! *LM*

'The Film' at St Mary Bourne Village Centre



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In the context of WW2 narratives, the story of Operation Mincemeat is unique, a bizarre and seductive cinematic blend of high-level espionage and ingenious fiction, where the stakes could hardly be higher. Michelle Ashford's script fuses multiple strands and moods: tense, romantic, thrilling, unexpectedly funny, and endlessly surprising. It tells a richly human story of the soldiers we seldom see, who fight a different kind of war in shadows and deception, haunted by the knowledge that certainty and guarantee of success are nowhere to be found.

Tuesday 15th November - 7.30pm

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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

Gwen Randall

I came to the village 60 years ago when I married a local. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. I worked at the local school for several years as lollipop lady and also in the dinner hall. I also worked for Tesco for 20 years and then in the local shop until my retirement. I also have been involved in various fund raising with my husband, Ray.

Dave Peart

I was fortunate to move to St Mary Bourne in 1986 with my wife Julia and our three young children. It is very pleasing to us that we now also have three of our grandchildren living in the village. I have had the privilege of serving on the Parish Council for fourteen years and as chairman for eight years from 2014. I am proud of the many projects that I have been involved in, and along with my fellow councillors will continue to maintain and improve the community for current and future generations of this special place we are lucky enough to call home.

Parish Council Activities

Want to get more involved? 'Maintaining and Enhancing our Special Surrounding'

- If anyone would like to get more involved with various aspects of looking after the space in which we all live - we would love to hear from you.

Tools, guidance and refreshments will be provided (or you can BYO) to those who want to get to grips with overgrown nettles or fallen branches and clear them to one side.

In order to keep maintenance costs to a minimum and also encourage a bit of out-door work, as well as encourage a social commitment with other like-minded locals, it would be great to get a working team together for certain times of the year.

The first will be around the lake in St Mary Bourne over the last weekend in October. More information will be posted on our Facebook page - 'SMB-PC' or please email the temporary clerk to register an interest.

The recreation ground - A meeting of the collective representatives of the recreation ground took place during September, including - Cricket (Senior and Junior); Bowls club; Playground users; Ninny's House; Shop & Café; Village Centre; and members of the PC.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss usage over the whole of the space and look to formulate a development plan for the next 5 to 10 years. The area is well used and this is its purpose, but space is tight and with the growing interest of activities, usage of the area needs to be assessed and adapted where beneficial.

The proposal of a 'community parish hub' was discussed as a centralised facility, not just for this project, but wider around the whole parish. The hub could be a charitable enterprise and so look to support individual group users to

raise funding, but also to possibly look further afield at grant opportunities where others may struggle.

More information is needed, both about the hub and developing an initial plan for the recreation area - and if anyone has any experience in these matters, it would be great to get a point of view please.

Parish Council Website - The website is currently being adapted and updated to reflect the need of the council's statutory requirements and information provision, but will continue to support other websites around the parish. Separation of minutes will hopefully allow easier access to keep up to speed with matters of the parish, and the aim is for more information to be provided in advance of meetings to ensure all have an opportunity to contribute.

Remembrance Day, 13th November - A reminder (as if needed!) that Remembrance Sunday will see the roads around the war memorial temporarily occupied with those attending the service and the procession back to St Peter's Church. Patience is asked from drivers and cyclists for the handful of minutes this significantly important event runs for and to allow pedestrians to take preference on the road where there are no pavements.

Next full parish council meeting:

MONDAY 7th November, 19.30

Village Centre - Public welcome

Please email any questions or points to be raised to Maxine (temporary clerk) clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SMB.PCpage>

The day that Mick Jagger came to Stoke



In the mid-1970s my then-husband Peter and I and three young children arrived in Stoke to take over the Shop and Post Office. We had lived in a town before this and everything was new to us. At that time anyone living in Stoke had been born there.

In the summer the residents always hired a coach to take parents and children to the seaside for the day and that happened not long after we had arrived. I could not go on the trip as I was the Postmistress and the Post Office was open on a Saturday so I had to stay behind.

In the early evening I closed up the shop and went over to The White Hart to sit outside and wait for the coach to return. It was very quiet and there was a handful of men inside having a drink while they waited. After about ten minutes a large car turned into the pub car park and who should get out but Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall. As they went into the pub they wished me a Good Evening!

I stayed outside until they had a drink and went on their way. When I went into the pub the few men in there could hardly believe it. I told them who the women was as they didn't know. I went back outside and in another twenty minutes the coach arrived. Out tumbled all the children and grown-ups - somewhat pink from the sun, rather grubby and very tired.

So suddenly Stoke went back to being a sleepy village as the children were all taken home for a bath and bed. It was a day they would remember and I would never forget!

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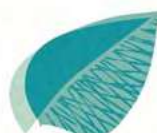
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In August we experienced a false autumn. The most obvious effect for us was bare branches or yellow leaves and failure of many flowers to develop properly. For some wildlife this drought made the ground so hard and vegetation so dry that insects were extremely hard to find; and for berry and fruit eaters, their winter food supply came early or not at all. The Woodland Trust recorded some blackberry bushes with ripe fruit in June. The drought also meant hosepipe bans to help preserve the rivers and made our gardens even drier. But many people remembered to put down dishes of water saving many small lives, especially if the dish was at ground level with stones above the surface so bees and tiny mammals could drink too.

October brought rain, sun and extreme growth late in the season



so wildlife may be able to put some essential weight on before the cold weather strikes. Our gardens are an increasingly important food source for wildlife so do resist the urge to tidy up the garden too much in any good weather. Every messy damp corner is at last hiding worms, slugs, beetles, and bugs essential for many animals' survival. Strimmers are lethal especially for frightened hedgehogs who freeze and curl in a ball often getting severely injured. If you find a hedgehog injured or obviously ill, help is needed urgently. Take them straight to a vet who has to treat them for free under their code of practice. Get advice for others found outside during the day or very small and alone by looking at '*wildlife centres near me*' on the computer. Do not handle them too much or they can go into shock. When collecting autumn flowers and berries for decoration remember that wildlife needs some too, and please be sure to feed the birds in all weathers because of their difficult year, and maybe put out dried cat food or special hedgehog food at dusk.

Always pick up all bonfires to look thoroughly underneath for hibernating hedgehogs, or even better, store your prunings and build a bonfire immediately



before setting light to it. Hedgehogs do not hibernate all winter in one place, but on warmer nights often find a new bed, so you need to carry on checking. We all know about the effects on domestic animals from fireworks, but of course *all* wildlife is affected, especially night hunting animals such as owls and bats. It is best to go to an organised event to localise any damage. CH



St Mary Bourne Primary School

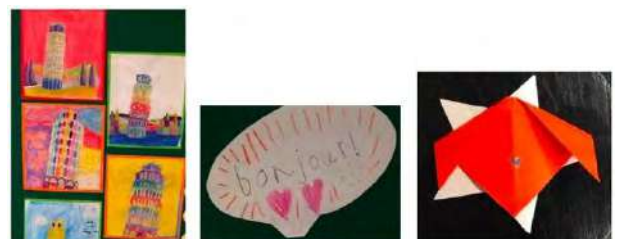
It has been a busy start to the academic year and all the children are working hard. Our new Reception children have settled into school extremely well and are enjoying learning both inside and outside.



Our oldest children in Hawthorn and Sycamore classes have been taking part in Forest School activities and this has included making musical instruments out of wood and weaving with strips of fabric that they had dyed with natural dyes made from berries, bark and leaves. Activities also included making figures using macramé and making comets and asteroids using conkers and wool, linking to the NASA experiment of sending a rocket into space to change the path of an asteroid.



We held a Celebration of Languages Day at the end of September as part of our international curriculum. St Mary Bourne Primary School has achieved the International Schools Award from the British Council and our international work is embedded into our curriculum and is an integral part of our school ethos. As part of the day each class looked at a different country and learnt about the food, culture and traditions of the country as well as learning simple phrases. A number of visitors came into school to read stories to the children in different languages which was really special. Harvest festival was celebrated in school which linked to learning



in Maple and Silver Birch classes who were exploring the concept of Thankfulness in RE. Dodie took the assembly and all the food items that came into school were donated to the Andover Food Bank, which enabled the Food Bank to provide 133 meals.



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Postcard from Binley - October

Autumn in Binley this year is its usual riot of colour. Long dry days with cloudless skies and a warm sun have been simply glorious. Early morning walks have seen breath-taking, dramatic sunrises over Wadwick while returning home over the downs I have observed the village below shrouded in mist, with just the crowns of oaks breaking through the surface like islands lost in a grey swirling sea. The satisfying crunch of acorns under foot and the surprise of new fungi appearing daily brings joy, as does the pickling of vegetables, the bottling of fruits and the spicy aroma of home-made chutneys. The roe deer are rutting. I haven't seen any fallow for some months and that's not such a bad thing as the rutting bucks make the most inappropriate belching sound, oh and the Binley rams have been moved in to the field by the house. There are about seven of them and although they are quite magnificent with their curly, corkscrew horns I don't think I've ever seen a creature so inanimate; they make a sloth look busy. I understand their mission in life and that they have to preserve their strength but even so. The lanes are currently crowded with juvenile pheasants refusing to budge like belligerent Just Stop Oil protestors only more attractive and a friend who keeps a pair of small breed pigs discovered them inebriated after gorging on fermented windfall apples and had to bring them into the house to sleep it off and sober up like wayward teenagers.

So, while Autumn overwhelms us with sight, sound and smell, there are things going on around us that are easy to miss. For instance, it is at this time of year that those with a fishy mind similar to mine will dwell on the thought that *Anguilla Anguilla*, the European eel will begin its migration from the streams, rivers and lakes of our valley back to its breeding ground in the Sargasso Sea, a distance of some 3,000 miles. Don't expect to be knocked over in the rush, like all our native migratory fish numbers over the last 25 years have declined, the eel by an alarming 95% but they will be here for sure, tucked under banks and rocks or burrowed into the riverbed. A full moon was always considered a good time to set your traps, the "Hunter's moon" of the last few days would have been perfect and these traps can still be seen as you travel down the valley and there is a quite beautiful scene at Longstock on the Test where they are pegged to a rickety walkway across the stream. It was always said that in London you are never more than six feet from a rat; and one hundred years ago down on our valley floor the same school of thought could probably be applied to eels. They were a staple part of the poor's diet anywhere where water flowed as they were high in protein and fats but I doubt the poor here ate eel at anywhere like the rate of those in the Somerset levels where the migration of eels up the Bristol Channel was enormous. There is a lovely documentary I believe you can still watch on YouTube about the last eel catcher on the Norfolk Broads who would use basket traps but also would use the traditional method of threading worms onto wool which was then tied in a bunch with string and fished with rod and line. The feeding eels would get their teeth stuck in the wool and easily lifted up into the boat.

I wonder which genius discovered that! As an entrepreneurial 11-year-old I fished for them with worms and several buckets could be filled from a night's endeavours to be sold in the local pub the following morning. And I can recall as a child watching my grandmother preparing them, as they were always despatched alive. Holding the creature with a cloth by the head end (they will bite) she would stun the eel by hitting it sharply on its tail with a heavy knife and not on its head as one would think. This renders it fairly immobile, and you can then chop it up into segments which continue to wiggle or in the case of the head, bite! This gave me nightmares for months on end almost as much as seeing the finished product quivering in its own bowl of jelly, or swimming in the "green gravy" much loved of the area's pie and mash shops. But here the East End of London missed a trick because the finest way to enjoy eel, as any foodie will tell you is smoked. This takes the enjoyment of eels to an altogether different level and I was fortunate for many years to know a riverkeeper down at Ringwood on the Avon who smoked his own. They have to be skinned of course but this was accomplished by nailing its head to a tree and pulling down the skin like taking off a sock. With some horseradish sauce, salad and some brown bread and butter there is nothing finer and deserving of ritual and respect, accompanied of course by a glass of something chilled.

But from eels to moles who endured a miserable summer. Walking up lush green tracks now with my dogs one can forget how parched this ground was just a few months ago. It was like concrete, and our wildlife struggled to feed and water themselves. I know of someone who found a Kite, exhausted on the ground and dehydrated. He revived it with some water from his rucksack and it eventually took off, but we must have lost a shocking amount of God's creatures. I had multiple water stations around the garden which we were constantly topping up to the point when I called a truce and didn't even begrudge the rats a drink. But taking my regular daily walk it was upsetting to find a number of moles belly up. We've had our run-ins, me and Moley, over the years when I attempted to create a half decent lawn, but anyone raised on Kenneth Grahame's *"Wind in the Willows"* as I was, will always have a place in their heart for old Moley. But they can and do drive you to drink and I can recall a story about one frustrated chap who spent the night in his garden on a swivelling office chair with a head torch, a bottle of Glenlivet and a loaded 12 bore.

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Obituaries

Lynn Sutcliffe

14th September 1936 - 14th August 2022

Lynn was born in Hull. She was adopted by Mary & Archie (Dunk) Dunkley when only a few weeks old as her young mother was unable to look after her.

Lynn's adoptive parents were devoted to their beautiful red-haired little girl. Lynn always maintained that when she was told (aged 10) that she was adopted, it made no difference to her. She had an idyllic childhood with perfect parents full of love.

Her father Dunk Dunkley was a prison officer. He was not called up for war service (1939-1945), so Lynn had a relatively settled childhood, living with both parents in prison quarters and raising chickens to supplement the meagre wartime rations. After the war, the Dunkleys moved around the country, working in different prisons. When she left school, Lynn trained as a shorthand/typist and graduated to becoming a Directors' PA.

In 1954, Lynn met Rod Sutcliffe, a serving RAF officer home on leave. They married on December 4th 1954. This was the start of a happy and supportive marriage which lasted 67 years until Rod's death in May this year.

In 1980, Rod and Lynn moved to St Mary Bourne with their children, Sandra & Richard, to run The George Inn. Lynn was an incredible landlady. It was very hard work as Rod still had another daytime job, but Lynn somehow always managed to welcome customers, provide them with generous helpings of home-cooked food, and also deal with all the practical side of catering preparation and purchasing.



She would act as a surrogate mother figure to some of the younger customers, teaching them boundaries whilst they tried out their wings. She could also diffuse a fight with just a stare and firmly empty the pub at closing time without upsetting anyone. But after six years, the punishing work routine took a toll on Lynn's health and she & Rod sold up and moved to Summerfield.

Lynn continued to keep busy in the village. She helped out with secretarial work on committees. She volunteered in the shop. She was always at the forefront of catering for village events, and at one time she even took a part-time job in the Arbory Care Home.

Most of all though she enjoyed having time with her grandchildren Daniel and Richard. She then expanded this role to welcome Mac and shared the important bond with him of having been adopted and loved in a new family. Lynn continued to welcome her ever-increasing family with open arms - in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was delighted to track down her birth family in the US, discovering 3 siblings and their 10 children and families, and more recently she made sure that her step-daughter Lynda felt a truly-loved part of the Sutcliffe family.

Some words used to describe Lynn are: loving, kind, practical, capable, generous, calm, solid and strong. Her marriage with Rod was a true love story which strengthened over the years. After his death, all she wanted was to be reunited with him. That wish has now been granted.

Lynn leaves behind many good memories. Our sympathies go to all her family and everyone who mourns the loss of a very special lady.

Bryan Sydney George Kelly

23rd May 1937 - 22nd August 2022

Bryan was born on the 23rd May in Winchester as the fourth and youngest child of Sydney & Elsie Kelly. He had three older siblings, Kay, Alan and Neil, and his early childhood was spent in the villages around Chilbolton. He went to primary school in Wherwell and then on to Andover Boys' School.

Bryan's love of mechanics started when aged 15 he used to go to his mate's father's garage in Chilbolton to help out with repairs, and he continued to use those skills throughout his life.

Bryan served in the Dorset Regiment from 1956 to 1959, becoming Lance-Corporal Kelly and remaining in the Reserves until 1963. On leaving the army, he first worked back in the Chilbolton garage, then in construction work as a heavy plant driver for Holdines in Sutton Scotney, and then for Dunning in Weyhill until 1988 when he took redundancy after a serious back injury. That crisis gave him the opportunity to start doing some of the things he really enjoyed in life.

At that time, he was already keeping some sheep, grazing the pastures by the gravel pits in Stoke. His pockets were usually full of bailing twine and sawdust, and his car full of sheep dip and chainsaws. He was never more happy than when he was busy; whether it was clearing land, building greenhouses, or helping neighbours with broken cars. It was his way of showing that he cared for people.

In 1964 he had met his wife-to-be Angela in Winchester. They married on 26th March 1966 which was the start of 56 years of happily married life.

They first lived with Bryan's parents in Fullerton, then in a flat in St Mary Bourne, then on to Stoke where they raised their children Leigh and Nina in a much-loved family home, full of fun, adventure and friendship, and eventually to Whitchurch.

Bryan was a great lover of 'Westerns' and there was always a bit of 'frontier spirit' about him - a 'can do and might as well enjoy it at the same time' attitude. He was straight-talking and practical, but also had a warmth and generosity which meant he could make a friend anywhere. He really valued the company and support of his local friends, many of whom attended his funeral service.



Bryan died in The North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke on the 22nd of August after a short illness. He is greatly mourned and missed by his devoted family: Angela, Leigh, Nina and son-in-law Phil and grandchildren Lily and Ted of whom he was so proud. He loved being involved in their lives, helping out in any way he could, and he was grateful for their care and kindness during his last difficult months.

Bryan was laid to rest in the Woodland Burial Ground, Breach Farm, St Mary Bourne on 23rd of September. Our sympathy goes to all his family and friends at this sad time of loss.

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 9 6.30 to 9pm - Greening Drop-in Session - River Room, Plough
 12 10am to 1pm - Wildflower Planting - Longbridge, Upper Mill Lane
 14 6 to 8.30pm - Distillery Meeting - River Room, Plough
 14 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
 18 9.15am - Litter Pick - Village Hall
 18 10am to 12 Noon - Coffee Morning - The Plough
 22 7pm - Garden Club Christmas Party & Quiz - Village Hall
 25 12 Noon to 2pm - **Lunch Club** - Village Hall
 13 9am - L2SOTM Race - Cricket Ground

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 9 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre
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