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GREATER LOVE
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THAN THIS

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ARTHUR SMITH, EDWARD JAMES WEDGE, EDWARD PARKER WILKINSON,
1914-18: GEORGE BRACKSTONE, WALTER TUBB

Remembrance Day - 10th November

Love for God

When I am exasperated or frustrated about something, I might say "Oh for the love of God"; or if I am pleased about something I may wish to thank God and say "I am doing this for God in gratitude". In other words, my actions are "For the love of God". Are we loving God because he has pleased us or made something easier, or are we challenging that love because something did not go to plan, almost blaming God for his apparent inaction or not giving us what we expected? But crucially, the key is in the actual words which are 'Love for God' not of God.

Oscar Wilde talks of love:

"Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. The consciousness of loving and being loved brings a warmth and a richness to life that nothing else can". Here, I think is one of the clues as to how to live as a Christ-like character; we should have a daily life that is centred on love. How that love manifests itself in our ministry is often disguised as something else but real all the same, but it should be reflected in how we interact in a loving way with others. We first need to develop a relationship with God. This relationship is symbiotic and so the loved is incomplete without the one who loves. God loves us, so we can in turn love God as we are part of his creation and so have some image of him in our mind and heart. When people are in distress after the loss of someone they have loved, I always try to remind them that the memories they share of that person are as much a part of the person as if they were still in life; they have left an imprint in their hearts. In offering comfort to the bereaved in this way I hope to show that as Jesus promised us eternal life, we can expect one day to be reunited and that our love never dies, just as his love did not die.

Jesus spoke about how to love and who to love. In Mark he commands that they love 'the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and all your strength, and secondly that they love their neighbour as themselves'. In this day and age loving your neighbour is sometimes difficult; it is not just the person next door but in your community or even country.

God has no favourites; he loves us all and wants us to share what we have. I was reminded of a television advert once about a young girl who gave her last Rolo to her sweetheart. The strap line was 'do you love anyone enough to give them your last Rolo'. That is surely love at its best. We love God as much as we are able and that is good enough.

Giving support to those who have suffered bereavement always involves asking family to speak about those who have died because in doing so their memory is alive and gives a purpose in continuing. Words are important, as Shakespeare once wrote in his play Hamlet, in a famous Act from the play; Polonius asks Hamlet what he is reading and he replies "Just words". Now any good lawyer will tell you that there is no such thing as 'Just' words. Words do not stay reliably fixed for ever, their meaning changes. And so for us in hearing what is in the Gospels, we need to ponder on what is their true meaning. Jesus told stories to help people to understand about God, and in repeating the stories and how people responded to them we learn about God, especially of his love.

During our services when we are encouraged to share a sign of peace, I find it odd that we as members of a community united in our love of God should be reluctant to make physical contact. I know the English are reserved but the 'kiss of peace' was very much a part of the worship in the early Church as described in many of Paul's letters "greet one another with a kiss" being his mantra. Our need to show our love for God was at one time this shared kiss, where brother and sister followed Jesus's example of encouraging 'family' among his followers. After all was not and is not God still our Father?

Revd Chris

The Rev. Christina Theobald

Poems for Remembrance

*by Graham Mottley, Longparish,
former soldier Royal Army Medical Corps*

Aden 1966 - 1967

Never again will I tread these lands,
Of people dying and desert sands
Fighting someone he's unknown.
He comes at night and not alone.

You miss your country so green and great.
You miss these things, as you learn to hate.
You wish your life to go past fast;
You wish that you were home at last.

You see the bomb you stop and stare,
Don't give a damn, don't give a care.
Get down fast you silly man,
He stared so long he felt the bang.

It's then I wonder will I see
England and Pat my bride to be
Or will I die and go to Satan;
For the things I did and saw in Aden.

Written by Graham at age of 18

For those who died so young

How much of life have my friends missed out, serving
and dying so young?
No kiss from a wife, no hug from the kids. Them killed
by a bullet or bomb.
No hurt, as your parents pass away with the years.
My mates protected by death, so no tears.

Your son picks a wife, is she really the one?
Walking your daughter down the aisle, gaining a son.
Worry about money, worry about life.
My mates have no worries, no kids or a wife.

As your children grow up and their children gain age
They're part of your life, a book's new page
As you watch them grow they can make you so sad
My mates had no chance to be a Granddad.

As the bullet hit the sand bag, got dust in my eyes
They couldn't hit a barn door I said in surprise.
As the years pass by, dust still fills my eyes.
I think of my friends that have had no lives.

As I grow old with the pain in my body,
Looking so fat with a movement so soggy
With hair so gray from head to my toe.
Young mates in their grave with nowhere to go.

In a few years' time we shall be back with our mates
Taking the piss as we go through the gates.
I know even then I shall be so sad,
Knowing what it's like to be a Granddad.

They did their duty, now go rest in peace,
Your memories have stayed with our years.
We talk of your times, we laugh and we cry.
Not forgetting you still owe for beers.

Services in the Parish Churches

November 2024

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

Sunday 3rd - All Saints Day

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

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Wednesday 6th

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 10th - Remembrance

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	10.50am	Remembrance
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.50am	Remembrance
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.50am	Remembrance
St James', Woodcott	09.00am	Remembrance

Home Zoom Service at 10.30am

Sunday 17th - Trinity 25

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

Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online

Wednesday 20th

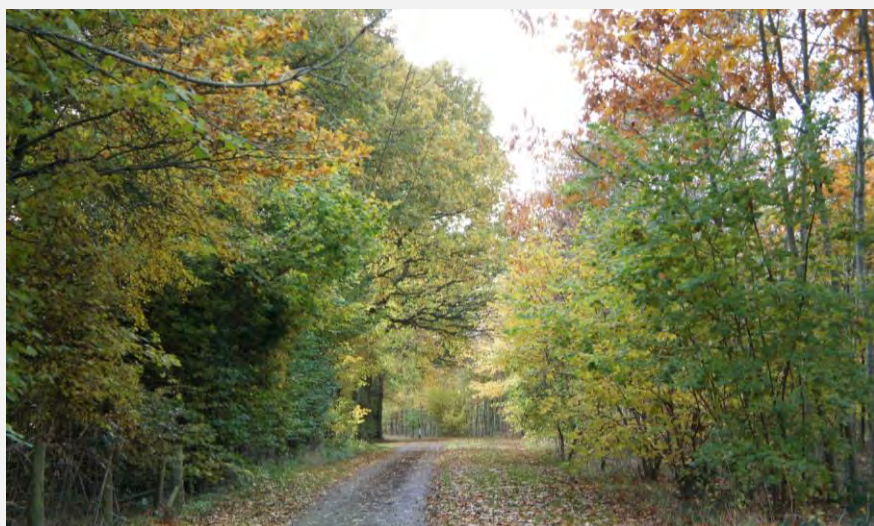
All Hallows, Whitchurch	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 24th - Christ The King

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

St James', Woodcott No service

Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online



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

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revd.davidroche@hotmail.com

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:

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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

Funerals

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

Colin Pearce

St Peter, St Mary Bourne - 23/10/24

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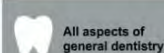


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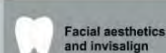
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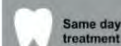
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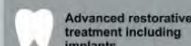
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**Nearing the end of our journey up the
B3048**

Highway to the North - Part 8

Stoke, just a mile and a half from our journey's end, was listed in the Domesday Survey as Stoches, with its own church. Significant enough! It comes from Old English stoc, place. But a place called 'place' sounds a bit circular. In fact, it means rather more than that: 'a place dependent on some other village or manor', likely a dairy- or cattle-farm; it could even mean 'holy place, monastery.' Interesting, as it belonged to the monks of the Old Minster in Winchester until the mid-1500s. One historian has even speculated that the earliest Anglo-Saxon church (and churchyard?) was at Stoke, above the Bourne flood-plain: St Mary Bourne being merely a Norman upstart... All this is hard to picture against what we see now, but worth weaving into how we think about mysterious Stoke. The village deserves an in-depth study of its own.

The short stretch of the B3048 from Gangbridge to Stoke's central crossroads, with the river running on the right, is a new road. It was only a footpath and track on the 19th century maps, becoming a through road early last century. So, the original run from St Mary Bourne swung right, over the river at Gangbridge, then left, towards the impressive Stoke House (1838). Did it continue up to Windmill Farm, as now, then down the hill to Stoke crossroads? Central Stoke used to be less connected with St Mary Bourne than with Hurstbourne Tarrant. More likely the earlier road turned left before Stoke House (its footprint sits awkwardly with the road) and followed the course of the present footpath across the meadow. If so, it would have brought the weary traveller down to the original White Hart Inn, now The White House (accessed using the footbridge across the river, near the foot of Stoke Hill). The present White Hart, a later 19th century building, is shown on the 1894 OS 25-inch map. Stoke really is historically puzzling.

There used to be brick and lime kilns up the steep Stoke Hill, on the left. On the opposite side of the valley, the Round House, a two-storeyed octagon opposite Valley Farm, was the lodge of Stoke House and is the most unusual residence of the area.

Stoke House, up the old road, generated gossip in the early 1940s, when a retired artist's model, (Anne) Euphemia, moved in with her banker husband, Edward Thomas Newcomen Grove. Their turbulent marriage soon ended, he departed to serve King and country (eventually in the SOE—tell no-one!), and she continued living there until her death in 1957. Visitors included the artist, Augustus John. Rumoured events included someone falling out of a window, though not fatally... Stoke is exciting!

So, we pause to take breath here at the Stoke crossroads, to gain energy for the final instalment of our journey.
MC

WEATHER: SEPTEMBER 2024

Total rainfall for this month	192mm/7.56in
Total for 2024 (to date)	853mm/33.58ins.
Total for 2023	757mm/29.80ins.
Max temp	32°C/90f (15 th)
Min temp	2°C/36f (27 th)

In common with most UK areas, we had more than three times our average September rainfall, 192mm. Our 20 year average is 59mm! 7.5in against 2.3in: it was a bit wet!

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Our November Coffee Morning will be held by Amanda Briant-Evans at no. 1, Cressington, on **Wednesday 6th November from 10.15am to 12 noon**. All ages welcome! For more information or for offers to hold a coffee morning, please contact Susie Sorby (tel. 892665 or email: sbsorby@hotmail.com)



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Hurstbourne Priors' Service of Remembrance is on **Sunday 10th 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.



FIREWORKS AND BONFIRES

If you're planning to have a bonfire to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night or to let off fireworks at any time, then this is a gentle reminder to ask that you please let your neighbours know well in advance. Our community includes plenty of children, dogs, horses, and other animals, so we are sure everyone will appreciate being told so that they can take precautionary measures to ensure those with four legs enjoy the night just as much as you.

Fireworks and bonfire sparks can travel a surprisingly long way and so do also bear in mind the wind direction and the proximity of neighbouring properties. As a village we have a few thatched roofs which don't tend to respond well to fire, so it's also worth checking your home insurance policy for that third party risk.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



ST ANDREWS REELS

You are warmly invited to the St Andrew's Day Reels in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall **on Saturday 30th November, at 7.45pm**, in aid of St Andrews Church. Dances will include The Dashing White Sergeant, Hamilton House, Eightsome Reel and The Duke of Perth.

All levels and abilities very welcome, and guidance will be provided. Tickets are £25, including a glass of wine and canapés in the interval, and are limited owing to space restrictions. Dress code: smart or tartan (not black tie). **Please contact annjorr@btinternet.com to reserve your tickets.**



For any rusty reelers, there will be a taught practice session **on Wednesday 20th November, 7.30pm–9.30pm** in the Village Hall. The cost of this is £2 per reeler, to cover the hire of the Village Hall. An excellent place to start in the meantime is *The Swinging Sporrans* by Roddy Martine & Andrew Campbell, or London Reels have lots of good tutorials on YouTube.

MAY FAIR PLANTS 2025

We know it might be a bit premature to some to be thinking that far ahead, but the planning for the Plant Stall is well underway. Cuttings have been taken and some seeds have already been sown.

We would be very grateful if those of you who divide their perennials at this time of year could either pop them into pots for us to sell, or let us have what you don't want so we can re-home them.

Whilst we have a pretty good idea of what sells well (Precelly was an amazing record keeper) we would love to know if people have requests for anything different/new. We will then do our best to grow what people have requested. Do you want more trailing flowers, more vegetable plants, more perennials... Do please let us know at the email below.

Finally, if anyone has any flower pots that they no longer want, we would be very grateful for donations. Please pop them in the box outside the left hand Village Hall door.

With many thanks,
Kat, Clare and Rosie
hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas Trees for sale! Proceeds to Whitchurch Primary School PTFA.

A limited stock of Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, either 5-6ft (£35) or 6-7ft (£40) are available for free delivery to your home in Whitchurch and surrounding areas **on Saturday 30th November**. 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)

APPLE DAY

Sunday 29th September saw the first ever village Apple Day. Villagers were invited to bring their apples to the Pavilion where we had a traditional press, sausage sandwiches and an assortment of delicious apple treats!

David Oakley kindly pressed the apples into delicious juice with a lots of help from very enthusiastic children.

Later that afternoon, a group of young and old scrumped the remaining village orchard, armed with poles, buckets, barrows, sacks and brownies and collected an incredible twelve crates of apples, which has made an amazing 149 bottles of juice, all professionally pressed and bottled, and labelled with some lovely artwork from Xander Johnson.

The bottles will be sold for £5 a bottle with all proceeds going to replacing the Pavilion's thatched roof. Sales will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The juice has an eight month shelf life. Please email beasleylulu@gmail.com to order.

With huge thanks to the bakers, pressers, tree climbers, pickers and all those who kindly donated apples.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We had a joyful Harvest Festival in St Andrews on 13th October with Rev Christina Theobald. We sang our favourite harvest hymns and Hannah Oakley organised a lovely activity for the children making autumn or harvest leaves. Thank you for your generous donations of tins and packets of food,

which Caroline Glover kindly delivered to the Andover Food Bank.

After church, we held our Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall, with cottage pie, our traditional red cabbage and delicious puddings. We wound up with a raffle and a short quiz for everyone.

Thank you to all who helped to make this a happy celebration: to all the cooks for cottage pie and puddings, for everyone's donations for raffle prizes, to the young Rosses and Urquharts for their enthusiastic selling of raffle tickets, and to Ian and Denise Bradley for all their organising.

The lunch raised a wonderful total of £230, which will be donated to the Mityana Projects Trust.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

In order to accommodate bookings at the Village Hall, the Parish Council have changed the day of their meetings. Parish Council meetings will now be held on the **final Thursday of every other month at 6.30pm.**

As always, any resident can attend meetings, there is no need to give any notice of your intention to come. However, if you think that Councillors would benefit from advance notice in order to research an issue please do let me know by email at richard.waterman150@btinternet.com or at the Parish Office on 01264 772460.

The final meeting this year will now be held on the following date:

Thursday 28th November

Richard Waterman, Parish Clerk

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SILK MILL NEWS AND EVENTS

A *Daily Telegraph* Article Led to Sales of Our Products

The Mill recently featured in the *Daily Telegraph*, with a lovely photo of summer 2024 Heritage Skills student Chloe Mortiboys learning the skills of bobbin winding. To our delight, this feature led directly to some sales of our woven products. First, to a customer in Cornwall, two of our new cotton throws collection. It's not just silk we weave. As long as the fibres are suitable for producing a fine denier of cloth we can weave with them, and with a view to producing new products for the shop this year we were inspired by the Mill's rich archive of diverse fabrics to work with a cotton warp and weft to produce a collection of 13 striking, versatile throws.

We also gained a new customer who placed two orders for silk from our looms. She was very happy with the results, saying "The silk is absolutely out of this world ... in colour, hue and sheer quality."

Current Exhibition

"Passionate Women – Exploring Female Strength through the Alchemy of Thread and Stitch" will be on show until **24th November**. Over the centuries, strong rebellious women have successfully battled for equality against all the odds. In celebration of such strong women, Hampshire-based textile art group The Alchemist's Needle will bring their work to the Mill, featuring a series of unique artworks inspired by women who have shaped our world.

"Weave a Wall Hanging" Workshop, 8th November, 10am–1pm

In a small group, you'll learn tips and techniques from our weaving team and also have time to create your own patterns and textures on one of our Louet tabletop looms. Suitable for beginners. Tickets £60 per person.

"A Country House Library", 13th November, 7–8.30pm


In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries many wealthy families amassed considerable collections of books in their country house libraries. JJ Heath-Caldwell will give a fascinating talk about these libraries and a particular case study of the library at Linley Wood in Staffordshire, the home of the Caldwell family from 1789–1949. Tickets, £15 per person, must be booked in advance. From 6.30pm tea and coffee will be available for a donation.

Christmas Treat Trail, 7th December, 10.30am–midday

Children can hunt high and low around the Mill grounds to find treats left for them by the Christmas Elves! Cost £4.50 per child wishing to participate in the hunt. No charge for accompanying adults – all children must be accompanied. Booking is essential. If your child requires a dairy-free option, please email info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk to discuss this once you have made your booking.

Pins and Needles Craft Group

Our adult crafting group meets from 2–4pm on the first Thursday of the month and is open to all. On 7th November we'll be teaching how to make an advent calendar from colourful felt. Tickets £12.50 per session including tuition, materials and a hot drink. Booking is essential as places go fast.



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The Lunch

Our next Village Lunch is on **Wednesday 13th November** at the Village Centre, starting to serve at

12.30pm. Don't forget that for November and December our lunches are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month, rather than the 3rd. As usual there will be a raffle at our Christmas lunch on 11th December and we would be very grateful for any prize donations being brought along to the November lunch. If you need a lift, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday.

St Peter's Church
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30th November
Village Centre - 2 to 4pm



Come along, browse the stalls, meet your friends and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of Christmas cake. Everything on the stalls is kindly donated so the profits will go straight to supporting our Village Church.

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- Be tempted by Nigel's legendary olives
- Buy delicious home-made cakes
- Bric-a-brac
- Toys
- Books
- Tombola
- Bottle stall
- Raffle
- Teas.

Hope to see you there!

Donations of Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac and Gifts will be greatly received on the morning of the Bazaar.

Bottles for the bottle stall can either be left with Rosie & Mike Case or delivered to the Village Centre during the morning.



Stoke Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6th November
 10am - 11.30am

Honeysuckle Cottage, SP11 ONP

Everyone welcome

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At St Mary Bourne School we are very proud of our British Council reaccreditation. The International School Award recognises the school's commitment to an international curriculum and work on embedding links with schools around the globe.

The Council noted: *"The accomplishment reflects your entire school's dedication to integrating a diverse and imaginative array of international initiatives. Your remarkable achievement in the International School's Award deserves widespread recognition and celebration"*.



Mrs Webb, our International Schools leader teaches French in the school and Mrs Christy, who has visited our partner school Mazonki in Uganda, are key people in promoting an international ethos throughout the school. As part of our work on European Day of Languages

this term, we celebrated the award by learning songs in different languages, finding out about different countries and having a party. As part of the day the school raised nearly £200 for our Ugandan partner school. This money will be used for a special lunch and Christmas meal for the staff and children at the school.



After an excellent Flower Show & Fête we can publish a breakdown of the remarkable total made on the day.

A record total of £9,800 of the money raised was allocated as follows:

- Andover Young Carers £500
- Mityana Fund £500
- Derrydown Surgery £250
- Enham Trust £300
- Kids on track £400
- Kingfisher Trust £200
- SMB Community Lunch £200
- Naomi House £200
- SMB Bowling Club £150
- SMB Junior Cricket £1,000
- Mother and Toddler Group £100
- SMB Primary School £2,000
- St Peter's Church £250
- SMB Parish Community Fund £1,500
- The Countess of Brecknock Hospice £500
- Welcome to the community £250
- SMB Women's Fellowship £150
- Woodcott Church £100
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Remembering

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Friday 13th December - 6.30pm

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Refreshments and Licensed Bar



So here we go again - after a couple of frosts (and still loads of rain!) I think its time to admit we are on our way to the clutches of WInter! Don't think I don't like Winter, I just have a different take on it. Now...

Gingerbread Syrup to go into the coffees and our fabulous range of

Christmas gifts (Vicky seems to have been ordering them for ever) creeping in - in fact, she has just said she started ordering for Christmas in June, and as we speak she is ordering Easter Eggs for next year - never say life in retail isn't confusing!

Talking of Christmas gifts, this year we will be offering a limited gift wrapping service - prices still to be sorted - now that to me is exciting!

We have been told that coffee grounds are good for the garden - we always have plenty, so if you would like any, just come into the Café with a container and we can sort it for you.

Our new Winter Menu will be launched at the begining of November - soup... toasties... beans on toast and the old favourites of course.

Finally come the New Year we will be starting local home deliveries - more information to follow. Lots of bits and pieces to absorb - have a great November.

Sandra & Vicky

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The bats of St. Peter's Church all came out to give us a really exciting evening on 5th October. Harley and her assistant

Frazer nobly gave up their Saturday evening driving from the South coast armed with lots of high tech equipment and many amusing anecdotes. First we heard the expected common and soprano pipistrelles on the loaned bat detectors, as they are noisy little creatures.

Then Harley brought out an infrared camera on which we watched our quiet resident brown longed eared moving around inside the church. Lastly we all held a very advanced detector on which we could see and hear all the noises made by the bats flying just outside the North door. This added Serotene and Noctule bats to our list.



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News and Views

Parish Council Activities

The Parish Council met as usual on 8th October and **the minutes** can be viewed on the Parish Council website, on the noticeboards or a copy can be requested by contacting our clerk Maxine Owen on clerk@stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk.

A report was given by the Flood and Emergency Group representatives on a recent meeting with the PC, **Southern Water** and Kit Malthouse MP for an update on the progress Southern Water are making on their list of works down the valley to try to improve the known weaknesses in the sewer and avoid some of the tankering we have been used to.

The water table remains high which doesn't help but they are now at work in the High Street (with inevitable traffic disruption and short term inconvenience) and it has been impressed on Southern Water and their sub-contractors that forward communication of their plans as far as possible is essential for maintaining goodwill.

Considerable time has been spent and some progress made on plans for optimising space on and around the **Recreation Ground** to try and achieve an updated and improved children's play area and increase the area available for parking. Information on this will be updated as it evolves.

Planning Applications:

24/02050/FUL	Coldharbour Farm	Replacement Dwelling
24/02020/ROC	Bramley Cottage	Amendments
24/02092/ROC	Land at Egbury Road	Amendments
T/00450/24/TCA	12 Stevens Green	Work on trees
24/02111/LDEU	Green Pastures Breach Farm	Certificate of Lawfulness
24/02093/ROC	Land at Breach Farm	Amendments
T/00482/24/TCA	Lake surround	Work on trees
T/00485/24/TCA	Danebury Cottage	Work on trees
24/01911/HSE	Bankcroft	Amendments
T/00479/24/TCA	Little Meadow	Work on trees

Next parish council meeting:

Tuesday 12th November at 19.30

Village Centre Main Hall - Public more than welcome



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New to the parish? WELCOME DRINKS FOR NEW VILLAGERS Tuesday 5th November 2024, 7.30pm St Mary Bourne Village Centre

All new residents are warmly invited to a drinks reception to welcome them 'officially' to the parish*. The relaxed evening gives newcomers an opportunity to meet other new residents and to find out more about the villages and parish by chatting to representatives of different local organisations and clubs.

Anyone who has moved in since Spring 2023 is very welcome to attend. Personal invitations will be sent out nearer the date but if, by mischance, you don't receive one, please do feel free to come along and introduce yourself on the evening. We'd love to see you!

For acceptances/more information, email: welcome@stmarybourne.org or see <https://stmarybourne.org/new-residents/>

* Anyone in Binley, Dunley, Egbury, St Mary Bourne, Stoke, Wadwick, Woodcott and The Wykes.

Armistice Day lecture



D-Day: The Beginning of the End

"It was wonderfully, wonderfully done!"

(Trooper Lawrence Burn, 13th/18th Hussars, 1924-2023)

Churchill said that victory at El Alamein in November 1942 was not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning. And there was indeed a long way to go before the end really began. But when and how did the beginning actually begin?

Speaker: **Brigadier (ret'd) Allan Mallinson**, late The Light Dragoons, military obituarist for The Times, author of the Matthew Hervey series of novels and of military history, including *"The Making of the British Army"*, *"Too Important for the Generals"*, *"The Shape of Battle"*.

Monday 11th November 2024

St Mary Bourne Village Centre

6.30pm: drinks (pay bar), **7.15pm:** talk + Q&A, **8.15pm:** drinks

Tickets **£10** from the Village Shop or on the door

In aid of the Poppy Appeal and St Peter's Church

Thinking of Christmas

If there are any men in St Mary Bourne who can sing and would like the opportunity to take part in St Peter's carol service this year, please contact Nigel or Harriet on ☎01264 738206.



First rehearsal is Friday 8th November at 6.30pm in St Peter's Church.



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Dancing Demoiselles

On sunny days, the glint of a banded or beautiful demoiselle is quite a sight to behold. At just 4.5cm long, these species are Britain's biggest damselflies - the smaller, slenderer cousins of dragonflies. Their two pairs of wings are also the same shape, whereas dragonflies tend to have bottom wings that are broader and shorter than the top ones. In comparison to that of their larger relatives, the flight of damselflies is slow, gentle, and fluttery.

Like many wildlife species, demoiselles are sexually dimorphic, which means that the sexes are visually distinguishable from each other. The males are inky blue with a turquoise sheen (both species), while the females are metallic green (banded) or greenish bronze (beautiful). Due to these similarities, the two species can look very similar at first glance, but they can quickly be identified by their unique wing colours.

Unlike dragonflies, which hold their wings out to the side, demoiselles fold theirs vertically along their bodies. Those of the males are dark all over (beautiful) or have a dark patch in the middle (banded). In females, the difference is more subtle: their wings are brown (beautiful) or green (banded), with a faint white spot at the tip. In fact, demoiselles are the only British damselflies whose wings have colour!

Demoiselles start their lives as eggs, which the females inject into the stems of plants like water crowfoot - they may even go below the surface to find a good spot. Two weeks later, the young hatch as larvae; a life stage that lasts for two years. They spend this time among submerged plants, eating smaller invertebrates and hiding from predators. In the higher flows of winter, they may hunker down in mud, silt, and gravel.

Upon reaching adulthood, the larvae climb up emergent plants that root in the water but extend above the surface. Once in the fresh air, they shed their exoskeletons and take to the sky on their newly unfurled wings. In flight, both species are fierce predators that catch other insects with their six bristly legs. You might also see them basking in the morning sun and sheltering in vegetation as night falls or wet weather arrives

For the most part, though, demoiselle adulthood is about reproduction. The males take and defend small territories, performing dances to attract passing females. If the wooing goes well, each pair forms a "wheel" or "heart" shape for mating, and he leads her to a good egg-laying site. Look out for this amazing spectacle between April and October, but particularly on bright, dry, windless days between May and August.

The lush plant life of our chalk streams makes them great habitats for both demoiselle species. Being more sensitive, beautiful demoiselles are especially fond of the gravelly beds, consistent temperature, and clean, oxygen-rich water. If we want to give these incredible insects a home, we need to keep our streams healthy by tackling pollution and agricultural runoff, reducing water abstraction, and letting vegetation flourish along the riverbanks.

If you'd like to learn more about chalk stream wildlife, check out the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme by visiting hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes. Our work is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Free Online Talk

Managing Highway Runoff Pollution in Rivers

19th November at 7pm, online.

When rain falls on roads, it collects a toxic cocktail of oil, paint, metal, micro plastics, and fuel residue. If it then flows into our chalk streams, either directly or via a storm drain, it can cause serious damage. Join us to learn how communities can tackle this issue. Book at hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes.



Go Stargazing in November

Andover Astronomy Society Thursday 21st

November - 7.30pm

Hurstbourne Tarrant - Community Centre - SP11 0AX

Cosmology -

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Terry Tucker, amateur astronomer, landscape photographer and physicist explains how modern observations take us back almost to the Big Bang, 13.7 billion years ago. It was a time of exponential expansion, super-hot matter, radiation and star formation. Find out how globular clusters, exploding supernova stars and the cosmic microwave background answer the question - ***How old is the Universe?***

Photographing the night sky - Thursday 7th November starting at 7.30pm

Have you ever tried to photograph the night sky with your smart phone or your digital camera? We'll show you what's possible with simple equipment, how to choose your shots, what settings to use and which are the most spectacular night sky objects. Come along with your phone or camera for a practical session hosted by members of Andover Astronomical Society.

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Postcard from Binley

There has been a great deal of talk in the media of late about what defines our Englishness. The Celtic nations of these Islands are fiercely and proudly aware of their heritage and what defines them but for us English there has seeped in a little embarrassment in recent years and we seem reluctant to define what or who we are. It can easily feel like we are in a constant state of apology and I'm more than bemused as to what we have to apologise for? But then it is the English way not to blow our own trumpets as modesty should and usually does prevail in our case. I have no issue with my Englishness and I have the bad teeth and awful dress sense to prove it. But to live here as we do in the heart of the English countryside does allow us perhaps more than most to indulge ourselves in what truly defines being English. A wander around Binley on an early summer's evening, a light breeze carrying with it the bleating of lambs, the cackling of rooks and the gurgling of cesspits, these summer scents and summer sounds are typically English as is mellow red brickwork, lime mortar, napped flint work and the cooing of wood pigeons roosting in sturdy oaks. To walk to the top of Derrydown and gaze down at the village below, the silver ribbon of the Bourne, our flag flying from the top of the Norman tower. It may not make me take the knee and "*Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George*" but it does give me a warm sense of enormous pride. And it is the simple things that matter. Our ordinary village life that is so typically English like our much loved flower show and our ancient churches and pubs. Our beer is world beating and no other nation can hold a candle to a good English pint and I am taken back to when the Sutcliffes had The George in St Mary Bourne. At 6pm sharp the bolts would be pulled back and the waiting customers would file in and hold their breath as dear old Rodders pulled the first pint of Wadworth's 6X from the tap and held it aloft, fixated with a surgeon's eye to check its clarity before pronouncing it fit for consumption! And it is the character of English men and women that is not only admired everywhere but also a little underestimated and misunderstood. It was us after all that went out with mad dogs in the midday sun. But I would be interested to hear from readers as to what they think defines Englishness. Please send your thoughts to postcardfrombinley@gmail.com and I'll share them next month.

How delightful it was to see sheep being herded again down the old drove, a byway that crests the Binley downs as far as Roe farm at Gangbridge. A simple thing that for most would go unnoticed but for me a return to the old ways, and it's the old ways I am missing more and more. The sanitisation of modern life makes everything so sterile now. Things that we replaced because we thought we had something better now have a charm that cannot be replicated. Damp church halls and the whiff of a primus stove, old cars with cracked leather seats and wooden dashboards, bacon with rind and a Vesta beef curry and a bottle of Lucozade by your bed when you were ill. I miss that stuff.

I'm currently sat on a train heading to Wales and of course the rain is absolutely pelting it down. I'm reminded of holidays as a child sat in a rain lashed Norfolk bus shelter staring out at an unforgiving grey sea, my pocket money blown in the arcade, cold, miserable and shivering. It doesn't get much more English than that and I'd give anything to have it back.

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Sustainability Day

Once again interesting boxes of equipment and plants appeared in the Village Hall for the 3rd Sustainability Day on Saturday 12th October. It is always difficult to tell what the most popular activity is, apart of course from consuming home-made cakes and tea and coffee with friends. As

ever the repair café attracted many interesting problems to solve, or not in some cases. The bike repair corner saw plenty of customers, whilst next door to that children were busy making hedgehogs out of teasels and finding out how to help hedgehogs not just survive but prosper in the valley. And of course the huge number of plants ebbed and flowed throughout the afternoon, with people bringing some to swop or else to just buy. Information was available on the Unity Bus Service, getting a free home energy survey and/or survey of gardens for wildlife. Thanks to all the support and enthusiasm from those who came to help and/or to learn.

KD

Hard Plastics Recycling Update

Unfortunately, Regenthill recycling centre have been overwhelmed by the public's enthusiasm for bringing their hard plastic to them. The company did it as a voluntary extra to their business contracts. Now we must help by sorting it ourselves. If we stick to two common and obvious types, this will be easy. I am going to have two bags for mine labelled 1 and 5, so I can tip them straight into the relevant bin on arrival.

Number 1 is the more lightweight crackly clear plastic used in fruit, vegetable and meat trays.



Number 5 is the harder usually white or opaque plastic used in yogurt pots, margarine and ice cream tubs and lids.



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Finding Mac

Many of you will know that my son, Mac, died when he was knocked off his motorcycle at the age of 16, in 2016. In the couple of years that followed, I began to write down my memories of Mac. It really helped me to process the loss of my son - initially just to gather the memories together for family and close friends - to help Mac's memory to live on.

But as I shared the stories, some people told me that it would be worth sharing these more widely as they told a loving and affirming story. I didn't do much about that, but then after my wife died in 2020, I decided that I would really like to bring all of these memories into a book – and the result was *"Finding Mac"*.

We adopted Mac when he was eight. As is not uncommon of a child adopted at that age, he had passed through a number of homes in his short life. *"Finding Mac"* tells the story of how our wonderful little family came together, and the ups and downs as we got to know and love each other and become a successful family unit. Although our family came together by adoption, I hope that the book will resonate for all sorts of families as they enjoy and struggle to help their healthy, gorgeous, funny, moody and intelligent children grow into wonderful adults. I know that for me the greatest achievement of my life was to see Mac grow into a kind, loving, thoughtful (and hilarious) young man.

Of course, the story also deals with the experience of losing a child, and recounts my memories of the aftermath, and how I have found ways to cope with his untimely death. But I was determined that this shouldn't be a sad book. Overall I think it has a positive message of love and the positive affect that has on our lives.

In the end, *"Finding Mac"* is all about love - the pure unconditional love between a parent and a child is the most precious thing and I am so glad to have been lucky to experience it. Love is the most important thing:

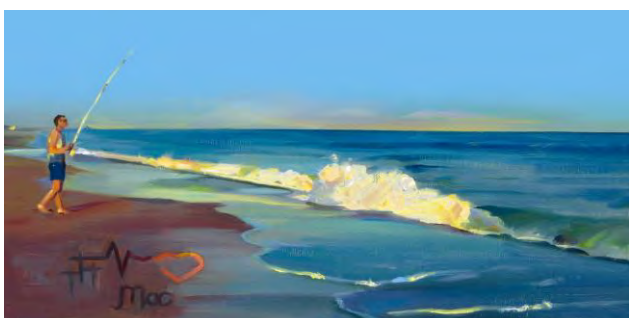
"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres...."

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

(Extract from St. Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13)

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REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 14 OCTOBER

PLANNING

No applications to consider.

OPEN SPACES

The PC approved works to the football goal posts which will be carried out on a clean-up day. The PC instructed a contractor to cut the inside of the hedge in the cemetery. The PC approved the selection of village notice boards at the Village Shop and the Village Hall, a grant from TVBC has been received to contribute towards these and we are looking into other grant money. A brief is being created for companies to tender for the grass cutting contract for 2025.

HIGHWAYS

The PC had a response from the HCC Countryside Team regarding the trees on Sugar Lane – they don't accept responsibility. The PC is trying to contact the HCC Highways team for a response.

The PC is still liaising with Southern Water in order to get more advanced notice of any road closures and also different signage to state that businesses are still open in the event of road disruption.

The PC is also contact HCC Highways regarding the pumping of sludge into the drains on the A303 junction.

RESILIENCE

The PC resilience working party in partnership with LCPL are investigating quotes for installation of the gas generator at the Plough.

Recruitment for a new Parish Clerk

The PC has recruited Hayley Thomas. Hayley is currently Clerk, also on a part time basis, in North Waltham so her knowledge and experience will be invaluable. We welcome her to the team!

The PC would like to take this opportunity to thank Sally Lawman for all her hard work, dedication and for stepping in to assist the PC during this recruitment process!

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 18th November.**

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

Minutes of all previous meetings are available on the Longparish website

www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council



Friday Lunch Club

**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, 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.

End of the Year dates 2024

- **Friday 29th November**
- **Friday 20th December** – Christmas Lunch
It is essential to book early as numbers will be limited.

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



Tuesday Talks

our first of the season is on
Tuesday 12th November 2024

And will be given by

John Dawson

“The Antarctic including the Falkland Islands”

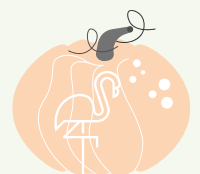
The talk will begin at 7 p.m.

Village Hall doors open at 6.30 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are welcome to offset the cost of hiring the Hall. There will be a cash bar.

Longparish Garden Club

Tuesday, 26th November 7 pm
Longparish Village Hall, SP11 6PB



“Christmas Party and Gardening Quiz”
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There will be no meeting of the LGC in December.

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

We welcomed two new runners: Martin Crawshaw and James Brighton to The Plough for the October race. Conditions were good and no fewer than 11 of our 19 runners recorded their best ever time for the new route.

Martin underestimated his speed and was first home by nearly three minutes, but James was spot on to the second; the first time that has happened.

Kerrie Sait in second place was Most Improved Woman, Megan Brunwin in third was our Rising Star and Gareth Brearley in fourth was Most Improved Man. Close behind him in 5th place was Mark Curtis in a new course record time. Well done all!



Afterwards we enjoyed a convivial chat over coffee and bacon rolls.

Thank you very much to Maggie Barber, Megan, Gareth and Mark for marshalling, Andy Smith for doing the signs and to David Gould for processing the results.

The next race is on **Sunday 10 November**, starting at **9am at The Plough**. There is plenty of time to run and change in time for the Remembrance Day service. New runners are always welcome, and you don't have to be fast. It's a handicap race so everyone, whatever their pace, has a chance of winning.

Please do give me a call or drop me an email if you'd like to join us.

For more information, please see

<http://l2sotm.longparish.org.uk/index.php>

Jeremy Barber

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LCA Coffee Morning

Friday, November 8th at the Plough.

10 am – 11:45 am

Come along for coffee, biscuits, and a chat on the

2nd Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

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WALK AND LITTERPICK- best way to keep fit!



Thank you again to lots of people who pick up litter when they see it, especially to those who litter picked on the Village Clean-up Day. In October, 3 of us picked up two very full bags, from the Middleway, and from the B3048 Flyover up to the Cricketers.

If you would like to adopt a section of road, please get in touch and you will be provided with a stick and bags.

Next Community Litter pick is on **Friday 8th November 9.15am**, meet at the Village Hall with free coffee afterwards at the LCA coffee morning at the **Plough from 10.00am**.

Tel Christian Dryden 720 398 or email christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk

**Longparish Wildlife
Lesser Redpoll**

This is a bird to look out for on your feeders. It is about the same size as a House Sparrow, only more slender. Lesser Redpolls has streaked brown along the upper body and a buff colour under. It usually features



prominently streaked flanks, a red forehead, and small black bib. These feathered friends start nesting in late May – early June. The nest site will be in a tree or shrub at varying heights. The nest is a foundation of twigs of spruce,

juniper, birch with an inner layer of roots, grass, moss and flower heads, and thickly lined with plant down, hair, wool, and feathers. Each clutch averages 4 to 6 eggs. The eggs are bluish white to pale blue green with rusty red coloured blotches, purple-brown specks and scrawls at the larger end. The eggs are incubated 10 to 12 days before they fledge in 9 to 14 days. Their diet is mainly seeds, especially birch and invertebrates in the summer. In the winter they are often found in flocks of Siskin and Goldfinches. The typical life span is two years, although the oldest recorded is 6 years.

The summer migrants have mostly gone, and the winter ones are already arriving. I have seen quite a few Redwings feasting on yew berries.

If anyone would like to get in touch with me, you can reach me by email cfb64@gmail.com

Chris Bowman



Greening the Country, Community by Community - A blueprint for Communities to take local action against Climate Change. For more information on the Greening Campaign please see: <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

Longparish joined this Campaign in 2022, and a small group was formed. Talks, activity days and workshops have been held, based around the pillars of the Campaign - **Making Space for Nature, Making homes warmer and more energy efficient.** Recently we haven't been so active but are always looking for new ideas and if you would like to be involved in any way, please do get in touch: green@longparish.org.uk or **01264 720 398**

Latest news

It is the perfect time to make use of the thermal imaging camera to identify cold spots in your house. Get in touch if you would like to borrow the Greening thermal imaging camera, compatible only with Apple phones, I'm afraid, but happy to come out and take photos for you.

Some useful websites and videos to help you work out the best way to make your own home more energy efficient and carbon neutral.

1. **Home Energy series on YouTube, 6 episodes**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7Fvn_kPZcU
2. **Centre for Sustainable Energy**
<https://www.cse.org.uk/advice>

How to find out the energy rating of your house

Find an energy certificate - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) From here you can find a local energy assessor and how to improve your own energy efficiency

Increasing biodiversity and improving habitats for insects and small mammals in the village - Paul Knipe and volunteers have been busy planting up wildflowers, to increase the biodiversity of areas in the village including the playground, the stream verge by the Ashburn Rest, the village green, the pocket nature reserve, the churchyard, the hedgerow at the Plough. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Paul 07941 756259**



Longparish Cricket Club

Winter for LCC is a time to regroup and renew. The committee spends a

considerable amount of time discussing improvements to both the ground and the organisation of the club and then actioning the decisions made. It is important for the future of LCC that the Club both moves forward with technology at the ground and continues to build on the junior section to solidify the playing side of the Club in the coming years. Indoor cricket has just started and LCC have 2 teams in the Leagues at Dummer Cricket Centre with matches being played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. An update on results will be provided in next month's issue once a few more fixtures have been played. We are hoping to replicate our success from last season with both teams.

Alison Allen



Longparish Little School

At Little School, we have been exploring all things autumn and harvest time.



We had a fantastic visit to Jeremy and Maggie Barber's Garden, where we pressed apples and made delicious apple juice. We also used some of the apples to bake our own yummy apple flapjacks.



During Forest School, we had the opportunity to cook

sweetcorn on the cob over our campfire using some of our own home-grown produce. Additionally, we enjoyed walks around the village, collecting conkers for our play and discovering some large puddles to jump in.



We visited the church to deliver food for the Andover Food Bank, where Sarah told us about Harvest Time and the importance of being thankful for the food we have. The children also listened to a story about a helpful hedgehog and engaged in some creative apple printing activities. It is so lovely to be able to give the children the opportunities to learn about their local environments.

We are now carrying out viewings for September 2025. If you would like to come and look around, please call us on **01264 7202455** or visit our website <https://www.longparishlittleschool.org.uk/>



Friends of Longparish School

After a busy year, our AGM took place on 2nd October, and we are thrilled to welcome so many new

members to join the committee. Our special thanks go to the brilliant Jo Allam and Beccy Witcher who have both stood down as Chairman and Treasurer respectively, and to Gail Hunt and Bryony Mitchell who similarly stood down as committee members.

Upcoming The FoLS committee elves are focusing on some exciting Christmas activities for the school. Construction work on the Longparish Lookout is underway (have a look over the fence if you are passing!) and we and the children are getting excited for this to open for use hopefully next term. Thank you to all those who have supported FoLS in our Lookout Appeal and our other fundraising activities over the past year.

Tesco Blue Tokens: We are delighted to say we



have been chosen for the customer vote for Tesco's Stronger Starts scheme – otherwise known as the blue tokens! When shopping at Tesco branches in Andover, please use your blue token to vote for Friends of Longparish School. Votes from October through to mid-January could raise up to £1,500 for our Lookout Appeal. Thank you!

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Update on the Longparish CE Primary School Lookout Lodge and Timber Trail

Following a year of fundraising, work has finally started on the School's Lookout Lodge and Timber Trail.

We are still busy fundraising - as it is our intention to have this fully funded by grants, sponsorships and donations - and not from the school budget. Additional costs have pushed the budget up to a point where we are still short. The challenge of raising the money for this project, at a moment in time when all schools are sailing into fierce funding headwinds, was always going to be fraught. However, we are driven, at Longparish, by a desire to innovate and to constantly create exciting learning opportunities for our children.

This Lookout Lodge will enable children to develop a far greater awareness of their local environment and build on the golden thread (that is woven throughout our curriculum) about climate sustainability. Nature, and being out in nature, is proven to be very beneficial to mental health and

wellbeing. Having all sorts of lessons out there will help regulate children, inspire children and enhance learning. All our children will spend time in the Lodge looking out through the narrow window on the river view, spotting the local wildlife.



It may be that some children pass through all 7 years of being in our school diligently looking out for a Kingfisher, never to see one. However, it may be that one of those children reaches the giddy age of 40 something; and are walking their own family along a similar stretch of river when a flash of colour catches their eye. And they see, for the very first time, a kingfisher in the wild.

They will bend down to their own children and tell them of the years in their primary school spent looking out for Kingfishers without ever seeing one. And they will look up and smile wistfully at the memories.

They will remember all that they learnt about animals that might live along the river by their school and how that links with a wider knowledge of rivers.

They will learn through our curriculum an even wider knowledge of climate change; and how not to fear it but how to do something about it. And they will remember the magical looking Lookout Lodge. It will be a place of magic because that is where

seeds of awe, and wonder, and inquisitiveness will be planted in the hearts and heads of children in the school. Those seeds will stay with them always.



Our pupils are also getting excited about the timber trail that is part of this project. With adult support and guidance, they will learn to overcome fear; to push themselves and challenge themselves. They will learn to share and support each other. They will learn about plants and grasses through what we grow in the timber planters. Those with sensory needs will be encouraged to touch and feel the long grasses as they sway in the wind. Younger children will develop gross motor skills from the apparatus that is proven to support fine motor skills; thus, supporting them to grip pencils and improve their handwriting.

It is all very exciting, and we know how much the community around us has supported us in this project. We want to extend our thanks to you all and hope we can open it up for others to use too.

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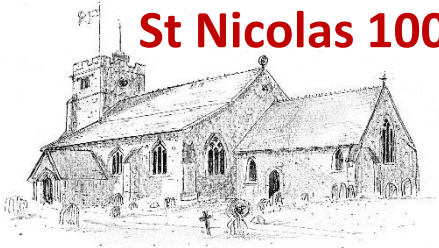
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P.S. If you're interested to learn more about the finances of the church and how it is funded etc., or any other aspect of church life, I would be very happy to have a conversation with you any time. Please give me a call.

Barton Stacey WI



It may be a little early for some, but the festive season is fast approaching, and the WI are always keen to be well prepared. Our members enjoy the opportunity to get together on regular basis to socialise over a simple craft activity. These gatherings are separate to our monthly members meetings and in October we learnt to make some useful gift boxes and bags, ready for presenting gifts to our friends and families. These will also be great for gifting the sweet treats we will be making at our monthly meeting in December.

At our next meeting on **28th November**, we are looking forward to an interesting talk by Nick Saunders on the

role of the Special Operations Executive during World War 2.

We are a small group of ladies who meet on **the last Thursday of each month** in the Barton Stacey Village Hall, from **7.30pm**. We enjoy a variety of interesting presentations from external speakers, as well as fun, hands-on creative activities. We offer a warm welcome and encourage guests to our meetings to see what becoming a member of the WI can offer.

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

Pumpkin Muffins



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Recipe is for 12 muffins

- Preheat oven to 17C, line a muffin tin with paper or silicon liners.
- In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt.
- In another bowl, mix the sugar, pumpkin puree, eggs, oil, and vanilla until smooth.
- Gradually mix the dry ingredients to the wet, stirring until combined
- Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups.
- Bake for 20-25 minutes
- Let cool and enjoy



December 7th 2pm – 4 pm
In the Community Hall at the School

Santa will be there and lots of lovely stalls for you to enjoy including the delicious tea and cake stall.

We could really do with some help, either running a stall or helping set up or pack away. We are looking for raffle items suitable for an adult's tombola and a children's tombola please.

For more info or to volunteer please email
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Hello from Chelsea!



I'm excited to be the new Manager at this lovely and welcoming pub! I know this area well, having worked at various prestigious locations in the Bourne Valley and surrounding areas, and am looking forward to meeting you all.

Please come and say hello, enjoy one of our famous pies, try a cocktail, sit by the roaring fire and relax with your friends.

Save the date: Friday 15th November!

Join us for a Plough Anniversary Party to celebrate 3 years since re-opening as a community owned pub. We're planning a marquee event with a delicious home-cooked meal and live music. Keep an eye on the blackboards in the pub and on social media as the details emerge.

Not to be missed, essential pre-booking required!



Christmas Menu

Book now to enjoy a Christmas Feast without the faff! Our Christmas menu is available from the end of November to 23rd December.

3 gorgeous courses at £37.95 per head (£33.95 for 2 courses) including coffee and a mince pie!

Gather friends and family together and we'll fill you with festive fun! See our website for menu details, or ask when you drop in to say hello at the pub.

See you soon!

Chelsea

Call us on 01264 720069 or book via the website

www.ploughinn.org

Email: info@ploughinn.org

Lantern Decorating

On the **30th of November** we will be holding a lantern decorating event in the **Longparish Village Hall** between **3:30 and 4:30pm.**

Adults and children can decorate their own lanterns for just a minimum charge of £1 each, all donations welcome.

The lanterns can then be used for our lantern walk on **Sunday, 1st of December 4-30pm** from the Plough to the church to switch on the Christmas tree lights and sing some carols around the tree. Then inside the church for mince pie and refreshments.

If you able to help with this or the Christmas Fayre please get in touch. Either via Facebook or lpchristmasfayre@outlook.com



HAMPSHIRE MEDICAL FUND

Hampshire Medical Fund Christmas Fair

Come and enjoy two days of festive shopping at Hampshire Medical Fund Christmas Fair on **14th and 15th of November** at **Black Chalk Winery.**

Browse a fantastic variety of stalls offering gifts for all ages, ranging from home and garden finds to gadgets, toys, treats, clothing, jewellery, art, accessories and quirky treasures. There is also a delicious on-site café so you can shop and eat with friends!



The event opens the evening of the **14th of November** with the option of drinks, supper, and shopping. Or join us on **Friday the 15th of November** for a full day of shopping from **9:30 am to 4 pm.** 10% of sales to benefit the charity.

Tickets and further information available online at <https://www.hampshiremedicalfund.org>

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- 6 10.15am to 12 noon - Coffee Morning - 1 Cressington
 10 10.50am - Remembrance Sunday - St Andrews Church
 20 7.30 to 9.30pm - St Andrews Reels Practice Session, Village Hall
 30 7.45pm - St Andrews Reels - Village Hall

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- 2 10am to 12 Noon - Repair Café - The George Inn
 5 7.30pm - Welcome Drinks for New Villagers - Village Centre
 6 10 to 11.30am - Stoke Coffee Morning - Honeysuckle Cottage
 11 6.30pm - Armistice Day lecture - Village Centre
 12 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
 12 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre Main Hall
 13 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre Main Hall
 19 7.15pm - 'The Film' - THE FALL GUY - Village Centre
 22 3 to 6pm - **Christmas Fair Binley** - Mayfield Farm
 30 2 to 4pm - **Christmas Bazaar** - Village Centre
Saturday mornings - 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library** - Village Centre Club Room

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- 8 9.15am - Walk and Litter Pick - Village Hall
 8 10 to 11.45am - Coffee Morning - The Plough
 10 9am - L2SOTM Race - The Plough
 12 7pm - Tuesday Talk - John Dawson
 "The Antarctic including the Falkland Islands" - Village Hall
 18 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
 26 7pm - Garden Club - Village Hall
 29 12 noon to 2pm - LCA Lunch Club - Village Hall
 30 3.30 to 4.30pm - Lantern Decorating - Village Hall



Every year the foodbank gives **Christmas Hampers** to families and individuals who are struggling. These hampers make an enormous difference to the festive season, alleviating financial pressures and allowing people to celebrate the season rather than exist through it.

If you would like to help by making up a hamper, there is our **12 days to Christmas** list for 2024. You can shop in one go or follow along adding items on specific days shown below to a bag for life.

Please deliver your hamper to the foodbank (open Monday-Friday 9.30-12.30)

by **Sunday 24th November** when we will also be open 2-4pm. **Thank you**

- 1 Nov Jam or marmalade
 4 Nov Hot chocolate and marshmallows
 6 Nov Custard - 8 Nov Coffee
 10 Nov Crisps - 12 Nov Tin of ham
 14 Nov Stuffing or gravy - 16 Nov Box of biscuits
 18 Nov Chocolates or sweets
 20 Nov Cheese biscuits - 22 Nov Pickle or chutney
 24 Nov Mince pies (use by after 25 December)

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