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Hurstbourne Priors May Fair
Monday 2nd May - 12 noon to 4pm

Message from the Area Dean

Across our enlarged Benefice of Bright Waters, the Clergy team have been considering how we might helpfully engage more with families and children, especially where our churches have close links with schools.

We are working with the PCCs to enhance our worship by sensitively introducing new forms of audio visual technology and also creative forms of all age liturgy and prayers in our services. For example, when all of our churches gather at once for a Benefice service, as we will at St Peter's on Sunday 31st July this year, we will aim to start with 'café church' beginning with refreshments and hospitality and then move to an informal all age service.

Current forms of liturgy are not being replaced, they will remain with seasonal materials, as they are complimented by 'Morning Praise' and 'Communion Praise' services that are more relaxed and for all ages with hymns, songs, prayers and a short talk.

I am aware it will take time to build confidence in service structures, and thank you for your patience, our vision moving forward, as we care for our present congregations, is also to helpfully welcome as many new people to our beautiful buildings as we can.

Rev David Roche

Dear Friends,

Some of my earliest memories from my Church of England primary school in London were assemblies – often based on the life of one of the saints. I can still remember how I would listen with attention to the stories that our teachers or parish priest would tell us – the good deeds that these people had done. The stories were always exciting and seemed to come from a more colourful time with the fight between good and evil played out as if in a colourful storybook.

And this interest of mine has continued. Some of these stories are amusing and improbable – from St. Fillan of Munster, who read by the light of his miraculously glowing arm, to St Dominic of the Causeway who brought a roast chicken back to life!

Of course, the more normal lives of the saints that we read at school were intended to give us examples of what it is to be a Christian. We often had stories of more modern "saints", like Dr Barnardo or Mother Teresa – all of them showing us through their lives what it is to live out our Christian vocations. The trouble with many of these examples is that their lives were sometimes so good, that it could seem that too high a bar had been set for us. How could we possibly live up to their example?

On 29th June, St. Peter's Day in 2013, I was ordained priest. I have a soft spot for St. Peter – not only because he is the patron of one of the churches in our Benefice, but also because of his human frailty. You will remember what Jesus said to Peter: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church" (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus sets out a huge expectation for Peter to live up to – and we know that Peter did go on to live, and die, as a disciple of Jesus. But we also know Peter had great failings - Peter could be impulsive and short tempered. He was prone to opening his mouth before thinking and he was rebuked by Jesus a few times for this. He could be cowardly and because of this he denied even knowing Jesus three times. For me, the fact that such a

human person as Peter could go on to be such a great disciple and be the foundation of the Church gives me great hope. Despite my human failings, God is confident that I can live up to what he expects of me and calls me to do.

So now, when I read the life of a saint, I look first not for their most holy attributes, but for their more human failings. That is what gives me hope.

Blessings, Richard
The Rev Richard Sutcliffe



Hosting or Supporting Ukrainian Refugees



There are plenty of people in our communities who wish to support, in many different ways, refugees who may be making their way here due to the war in Ukraine. Below are some resources and ideas we can share with you.

● Hosting a Ukrainian Family

If you would like to find out more there is a meeting at St Mary's Church, Overton, 3rd May, 7.30pm – this is for those locally who are hoping to host a family or to volunteer in some other way. There will be speakers, information shared and the opportunity to connect with others who are hoping to help. Here's the link - [Overton Ukraine Support](#). There will be speakers, information shared and the opportunity to connect with others who are hoping to help.

● Volunteering Support in Other Ways

It will be good to locally coordinate matching offers of help to the people who need them eg: if someone is hosting a family with a baby and needs to find a cot, or needs an extra set of pots and pans or if someone can help with lifts to appointments. Please get in touch with one of the clergy if you would like to help; (email addresses are opposite under Services).

[Winchester City of Sanctuary](#) - an umbrella site which has links to other groups supporting refugees in the local area. They are also building a list of Meeting Spaces for refugees in Winchester, the first of which is the United Church on Jewry Street which is open Saturday mornings 10am to 12noon as a place for refugees to build community.

[Test Valley Borough Council](#) - are working with their partner Unity to coordinate those with particular skills or services they can offer to Ukrainian refugees, they are particularly interested in Ukraine nationals already living in the area. If there is something you feel you can offer then you can contact Unity on 0330 4004 116 or email Greg.alexander@unityonline.org.uk

There is also a toolkit produced by the Church of England which provides much food for thought in how we can respond well to this unfolding crisis. You can access the toolkit here: [Church of England Ukraine Toolkit](#)

Services in the Parish Churches

May 2022

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

Sunday 1st May - Easter 3

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

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Wednesday 4th May

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Midweek Communion</i>
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Sunday 8th May - Easter 4

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Communion Praise</i>
St James', Woodcott	No service	

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Sunday 15th May - Easter 5

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

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Sunday 22nd May - Easter 6

All Saints, Barton Stacey 10.30am Holy Communion with the Bishop of Basingstoke

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	6.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>
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Home Zoom service live from Barton Stacey at 10.30am

Thursday 26th May - Ascension Day

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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Sunday 29th May - Easter 7

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>Family Worship</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Morning Praise</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott	No service	

Home Zoom service at 10.30am

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost - Platinum Jubilee

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>Jubilee Service</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	9.00am	<i>Jubilee Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Jubilee Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Jubilee Service</i>

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

parishadmin@ahwhitchurch.org.uk

Rev David Roche:

revd.davidroche@hotmail.com

Rev Helen O'Sullivan:

revhelenosullivan18@gmail.com

Rev Canon Dodie Marsden:

dodie.marsden@gmail.com

☎ 01264 738211

- For details of **Roman Catholic Services** in Whitchurch or Andover
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- **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

Weddings

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

Amelia Parker and Tom Kennedy

were married on 23rd April at St Peter's

Baptisms

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

Leo Wilson was baptised on 3rd April at St Peter's

Billy Kennedy was baptised on 23rd April at St Peter's



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Dear all,

Hope you all enjoyed the sunny Easter weekend!

I joined the practice as a partner in December 2021 after completing my training, replacing Dr Rose following his retirement last spring. My generation was the first of GPs to have evolved during the pandemic, to spearhead growing the digital aspect of general practice and the idea of 'care navigation' which follows the concept of 'Right Patient, Right Problem, Right Clinician, Right Place, Right time'. This has developed because despite government pledges to increase doctor numbers, there has been a loss in number of GPs but boom in healthcare demand and so direct access to alternative professions is now being provided at the front door of healthcare, to fill the gap and reduce waiting times. While this future will face resistance from advocates of the traditional 'sit and wait' to see your GP, it is a future coming from necessity rather than our choice.

There are many great benefits, however; for example, physiotherapists offered now for free in practice will manage the overwhelming majority of muscle and joint pains and they are better trained than GPs in their speciality, having undertaken at least a 4-year MSc just in their area. Our reception or clinicians will suggest you see them first because it will be the initial step in treatment most of us will suggest if you saw us first – why wait?

The overwhelming benefit of this is that when you have a sick child, complex breathing difficulties or struggling kidneys, the GP can see you faster, depending on the severity of your issue, and will actively pull you towards them and will have longer with you. Importantly, this is a more sustainable health service based on our population's need.

This will become clearer on our new website launching soon.

Look after yourselves, Dr Alex Prudence-Taylor



The Community Library - Club Room
Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30

Village Shop 100 Club

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

April 2022 - 1☺☺ Club Draw:

£50 - Len Mew **£20** - Jez Ahl
£20 - Lesley Sarsen **£10** - Erik Ahl

The Lunch

The next Village Lunch will be on **Wednesday 18th May** at St Mary Bourne Village Centre as usual, serving at **12.30pm**. All are welcome to come along and enjoy our monthly light social lunch. If a lift is needed, please phone Chris on ☎ 01264 738110 by Noon on the Tuesday before.



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 10th May at 10.30am

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

Jubilee Celebrations

St Peter's Church - Jubilee Flower Display

- In a pot, jam jar, cup, milk bottle, in a basket, inside a crown, mug - free choice of container. Any flower, any colour - red, whites and blues or pink, yellow and green.
- Decorate with union jacks, photos, pictures, ribbons.
- Bring your individual, family or shared contribution to St Peter's from 9 to 10.30am on **Thursday 2nd June**. We will display them around the church.
- And there will be a penny path around the church, as well as a quiz trail open all weekend.
- If your family had a wedding or baptism in June 1952 and you have a photo you would like displayed in the church - do please get in touch.

Dodie

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in St Mary Bourne

We have been working on our initial ideas and here is an outline of what we are organising to celebrate this historic royal first:

• **Thursday 2nd June: Jubilee Beacon.** Meet at 8.45pm on the Rec in St Mary Bourne to form a torch-lit procession up to Spring Hill Wild Camping site where we will be lighting a beacon at 9.45pm as one of the jubilee beacons being lit at the same time right across the Commonwealth. There will be no parking on site so anyone who needs assistance getting to and from the camp site should email karencrofts@hotmail.com or call or message **07990 514969** so we can arrange transport as we do not want anyone who wants to be there to miss out. Please do not bring dogs, fireworks or sparklers.

• **Friday 3rd June: Sports afternoon.** An afternoon of fun and games from 2pm on the Rec in St Mary Bourne to include cricket games for children in appropriate age groups, rounders and tug-of-war for all ages with refreshments and prizes.

• **Saturday 4th June: Whole village photo, parish cycle ride, jubilee display and evening drinks.** We want to try to get as many people as we can onto the recreation ground at 11am to be part of a suitably formed (probably in the shape of '70') celebratory photo that will be taken by a drone. It will only take half an hour of your day so please come and encourage your neighbours to do so too.

All the family can join in the **cycling routes** around the parish which will start and finish on the Rec in St Mary Bourne. There will be refreshment stops along the route and afternoon tea in the Village Centre at the finish.

The Village Centre will feature a **jubilee display** of royal memorabilia from the last 70 years along with entries for the children's jubilee competitions and photos of the best decorated home competition (details of these competitions will be produced shortly). Children will also be able to have an audience with our own queen and receive a personalised certificate as a memento of the jubilee. **Drinks & nibbles** will be available and we will have a playlist of music from the last 70 years and check in on the Platinum Party at the Palace being screened by the BBC.

• **Sunday 5th June: Church service** and the **Big Jubilee Lunch**. There will be a **service of**

celebration in St Peter's (or, weather permitting, in the churchyard) at 10.30am and all weekend there will be a flower festival and penny and quiz trails to enjoy.

At 1pm we will come together on the Rec for a **jubilee lunch**. The idea is that everyone brings some food and puts it out on the tables for all to share. You will need to bring your own chairs and whatever you would like to drink. We will have a **jubilee queen** for each decade of the Queen's reign (details to be announced), games and entertainment for children (and adults!), dance displays and presentation of prizes. We will also dedicate our **jubilee tree** and the celebrations will be rounded off with a special **bell ringing** from 19:52 to 20:22 to signify the 70 years.

Full details of all the events and competitions (which are still being finalised) will appear on the Community Hub

(<https://stmarybourne.org/platinum-jubilee-2022>), on the Real Bourne Valley Signpost page on Facebook and on the noticeboard on the Village Centre.

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Parish Council Elections Thursday 5th May

11 valid nomination papers for 9 parish council seats had been submitted. Therefore, an election will be necessary. Persons nominated are as follows:

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Lone Barn Farm, Finkley Road, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6AP

DAVIES, Jeanette Elizabeth

3 Riverside Cottages, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6BN

FOOTE, Patrick James John

Fourways, Church Street, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6BL

JEFFERY, Philip

3 Stud Farm, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6DU

MADGE, Oliver

Trestan Cottage, Church Street, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6BL

MAKGILL, Edward

The House, High Street, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6AY

MEW, Glenda Diane

Ponderosa, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6BG

NOBLE, Kevin Michael John

9 Denham Terrace, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6AT

PEART, David George Armstrong

7 Hirst Copse, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6ST

PERRY, Jo

Wadwick Farm, Wadwick, SP11 6ET

RANDALL, Gwen

22 Steven's Green, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6DF

Please vote on 5th May

You can chose to vote for up to 9 of the 11 candidates or less.

Your local polling station is St Mary Bourne Village Centre, open from 7am to 10pm.

All parish council meeting minutes and reports can be viewed at www.stmarybourne-pc.gov.uk

Details of all Planning Applications for the Parish can be accessed on the B&DBC website: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning

Newly registered Planning Applications

Parish Council - Objection **x** / No objection **x**
May 2022

- Request for a screening opinion for a proposed solar farm - **Lower Wyke Farm** - 22/00949/ENSC - 29 March 2022
- Erection of single-storey garden structure in east corner at the rear of the property - **2 Springhill** - 22/00928/HSE - 13 April 2022
- Construction of side dormer extension - **The Old Police House, Stoke Lane** - 22/00909/HSE - 25 March 2022 - **x**
- Removal of conservatory, replacement porch, addition of single storey bay and installation of p.v. panels - **Springhill House** - 22/00896/HSE - 1 April 2022 - **x**
- Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of loft - **1 Old Manor Farm, Doiley Bottom** - 22/00778/LDPO - 14 March 2022 - **x**

Recent Local Planning Authority Decisions

- T1 Cypress: Reduce 10m leaving a finished height of 10m with spread of 5m retaining shape - **St Peters Church** - T/00116/22/TCA - 4 March 2022 - **Raise no objection**
- Erection of a timber framed conservatory - **Binley House** - 22/00598/HSE - 22 February 2022 - **Granted**
- Erection of enlarged front porch, single storey side extension and rear veranda - **Burry Hill Farm, Stoke** - 22/00460/HSE - 15 Feb 2022 - **Granted**
- Construction of a domestic in-ground swimming pool - **Middle Wyke Farmhouse** - 22/00239/HSE - 1 February 2022 - **Granted**
- Variation of conditions of planning permission 21/00162/ROC to allow amendments - **Methodist Chapel, Stoke Road** - 21/03759/ROC - 14 December 2021 - **Granted**
- Erection of stable building - **Danebury House, Upper Link** - 21/03301/FUL - 22 October 2021 - **Granted**

Next Full Parish Council Meetings:

Tuesday 10th May, 14th June, 12th July - 19.30
Village Centre Club Room - Public welcome

Possible Community Bus Service from St Mary Bourne to Whitchurch & Overton

Would you be interested in a weekly bus service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays travelling from St Mary Bourne to Whitchurch, Laverstoke & Overton and return?

A key factor for the provision of this service would be the number of people who express an interest in using it.

Please contact our Borough Councillor Sam Carr by email Cllr.samuel.carr@basingstoke.gov.uk or our Hampshire County Council Councillor Tom Thacker by email tom.thacker@hants.gov.uk.

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The Boundary shop & cafe

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I'm not going to talk about the shop in its present form this month. There is a far more exciting thing to discuss! You may have heard about the shop's plans to expand so I thought I'd fill you in on its ethos and what it's all about. We are opening up Share Offers this month so here is what it's all about...

This idea of a café to join the shop was born over 3 years ago... it certainly cannot be accused of being a flash in the pan! During these last 3 years we first had to establish that the shop on its own was a sustainable entity and that its future was secure. We then had to think about whether the community actually wanted a café and if it did, whether the shop was the best place to put it; plan and design its layout (ensuring all trees were accounted for), to get a group of people with the right skill sets and enthusiasm to join our team, get planning permission and finally... where we are now... To raise the funds. It's been a long journey so far, but in fact the hardest bit is still to come. Making our vision, your vision, reality. We have embarked on a massive project. It has taken, and will continue to take hard work, determination and a good measure of frustration... so why bother?

Apart from the obvious convenience of having a fantastic café attached to a really good shop within walking distance for many or a short drive for some, there are a huge range of benefits.

The shop on its own has gone as far as it can within its existing walls. We are bursting at the seams and need more space to give the community a wider range of products including selling items with zero packaging and from more local producers all the while extending and continuing our range of everyday items. Through surveys and word of mouth we have ascertained that the addition of a café to the shop would be hugely popular within the village and surrounding areas and if we're going to do it... let's do it really well!

I am a true believer that a village shop (and the café attached) is bigger than the sum of its parts. It's not only there as a convenience when you run out of bread or milk, or if you want to grab a latte.

It's also a hub of a community. It's a place where you have morning banter with those whom you live amongst when you collect your morning paper, or hot bacon sandwich.

It's a place to meet friends and chat over village life with really great tea or coffee and cake. It's a place to find out what's happening in your area and local services on offer.

It's a place where young people can participate in work experience and get to know the older generation. It's a place where new people to the area can get to know more people and make friends.

A proper village shop and café has heart. And this shop and café will have the community at its heart. It will know when Phyliss, who was 90 this year hasn't been in for a while and will go and knock on her door to make sure everything is OK. It will know that Gloria has just come out of hospital after an op so will give her call to see if she needs anything delivered and it will coo and make a fuss of 2-month-old Grace who has just been born to single mum Emma and will know that secretly Emma's finding it tough.



That's what a community hub does... it cares. And that is worth all the money, effort and frustration in the world. It makes the difference between a village and a community.

Not only do we intend to make this a really great village hub serving and selling delicious things... we intend to do it really well and we intend to do it with heart. For all of us. No matter age, income or how long we've been here... this is for everyone, and we really hope you feel as much a part of it as we do. We really hope that you consider buying shares and being part of our new adventure!

Share Offer for The Boundary Shop and Café Now Open

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THIS IS AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO INVEST AND BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

In buying a share in St Mary Bourne Shop and Café you will be:

- Helping to build a Community Café
- Helping to expand the Village Shop so that it can carry eco products
- Providing local employment. Creating a hub for people to meet, drink, eat, chat and shop in an environmentally sensitive way
- Providing support for the Village Post Office

Subject to conditions, there may be an opportunity to earn interest payments on your investment and enjoy tax benefits.

Holding a minimum of £25 worth of shares makes you a member of St Mary Bourne Shop and Café Limited (trading as The Boundary), a Community Benefit Society which means you can attend the Annual General Meetings and be involved with electing the Management Committee and vote on issues concerning the business.

Types of Shares: **Interest bearing and withdrawable community shares**

Price Per Share: **£25**

Investment Limits: **Minimum £25 per person / institution Maximum £25,000**

Share Offer Target: **Minimum £120,000 / Maximum £250,000**

Share Offer Dates: **Open from 25th April 2022 – 3rd June 2022**

How to apply for shares

We would love for as many of the community to be part of the new shop and café as possible... this is for all of us.

To apply for shares please complete the Share Application Form on The Boundary website:

<https://www.stmarybourne.org/village-shop/the-boundary/share-offer/>

You will also find many other documents and information to help you. The PDF form may be completed digitally or printed out blank and completed by hand, but in either case you will need to print the form and add your signature to the printed copy.

BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM, YOU SHOULD:

- READ THE SHARE PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY
- READ THE BUSINESS PLAN
- CONSIDER WHETHER YOU NEED TO TAKE FINANCIAL ADVICE

Please return the completed Share Application Form with a cheque for the full amount or the reference of your BACS transfer before the Share Offer closes on Friday 3rd June. This can be posted to:

The Treasurer, The Boundary, Bourne Meadow, St Mary Bourne, Andover. SP11 6BE.



Light Touch The Latest Hard Plastic Recycling News

The **plastic writing materials** recycling collection box is back in the church again. Look for a labelled wooden tray on the square table on the right when you enter by the main door.

St Mary Bourne School are also going to help by collecting them this term. I will be taking them on to the local Terracycle centre at the Rising Fives in Whitchurch. All biros, felt tips, highlighters, correction fluidpots and tape, mechanical pencils and eraser pens are recyclable and sponsored by BIC. They cannot accept glue sticks, rubbers or rulers as these damage the machines.



Beauty products are another popular item to be sponsored. Andover Superdrug, sponsored by Mabelline, will recycle all plastic make up containers except nail varnish, aerosols and brushes. There is a box at the back of their shop. Andover Boots will take all plastic beauty, health and dental products and has a reward scheme giving advantage points if you register. Look for the green bin. The Body Shop has been recycling for years and now concentrates on the hard-to-recycle packaging such as mascaras, lip glosses, pumps, pipettes, pouches and tiny bottles less than 50ml, but not perfume bottles. All empty and clean of course.

Terracycle collections go on at Whitchurch, as before, at 16 Queens Road; and check the Sustainable Bourne Valley website <http://www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk/>.

Just to say they no longer take crisp packets which are now classed as soft plastics so can go with the carrier bags etc. (see last month's magazine). Vernham Dean is pausing Terracycle collections for now due to family circumstances.



Tackling the species invading our chalk streams

Around 10,000 years ago, a land bridge connected Britain to what is now mainland Europe. The end of the Ice Age allowed wildlife to cross, until rising sea levels formed the English Channel. All the plants and animals that were present at this point are now classified as native species.

Non-native species, by contrast, are those that have been transported outside their natural range by human activity. This isn't always a bad thing – sheep originated near the Caspian Sea and the apple tree comes from Kazakhstan, but neither poses a problem for native wildlife.

When a species negatively impacts the environment, the economy, or human health, however, then it is classified as invasive. These species might hunt native ones, or out-compete them for food and habitat. They might carry new diseases or have the ability to hybridise.

This impact is a top cause of worldwide biodiversity loss, and costs our economy £1.7 billion each year. Our precious chalk streams - globally rare havens for many endangered species - are badly affected by invasives like Himalayan balsam, American mink, and signal crayfish.



American mink © Tom Hibbert

Invasive Species Week (16-22 May this year) reminds us that this remains a pressing issue. But we can help to tackle it all year round, with a few simple actions:

- 1) Some species can survive long periods out of water and may hitch a ride on your damp clothes or equipment, so follow the 'check, clean, dry' procedure.
- 2) Plants are natural escape artists, so choose local species for your garden or take steps to stop non-native ones from 'jumping the fence'.
- 3) There are websites and apps for recording species sightings, so let them know even if you're not completely sure what you've seen.

For more detail, visit

www.nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do.

The Watercress and Winterbourns scheme is also tackling invasive plants and American mink across the Test and Itchen headwaters; to get involved visit www.hiwwt.org.uk/winterbourns/volunteering or email winterbourns@hiwwt.org.uk.



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Postcard from Binley - May 2022

Those of us that live under straw do so knowing the inherent dangers, but nothing could have prepared us as a community for the devastating fire here in the village last month. Our hearts go out to the family concerned. I personally found it very difficult as we had moved in to the village on the same day all those years ago. We had made homes for ourselves and raised children who had become friends. The emotional damage must be as bad as the material one. I know I speak for everyone here in Binley when I say we are here to give unconditional help, love and support.

The daffs have been and gone. I'm not going to say anymore on that subject because I've rambled on about them these last two years and I'm fearful of becoming a daffodil bore, which is only one level below a golf bore, the pinnacle of boorishness. Already one wag in the village refers to me as "Wordsworth" and it's the same individual who, when I first turned up at the Hurdlers Arms 37 years ago driving a red Porsche 911 named me "Postman Pat". So he has form. What I do find rather touching though is the number of elderly couples who still make an annual pilgrimage to Binley at this time of year despite the gardens no longer opening. They park up on the verge and sometimes wander down the lane hand in hand. With the lambs gambolling to their left, the daffs swaying to their right and spring sunlight filtering down through the leaves above it's a scene rather reminiscent of a "Pure Cremation" advert or one of those other ghastly funeral plan jobs we are bombarded with nowadays. I must admit I did chuckle at the one running on Sky News at present selling a funeral plan from a company called "Dead Happy"! Gallows humour at it's finest!

But Spring is springing out all over. My home office juts out in to the garden and I am surrounded by nature at its most industrious. Everywhere I look there is nest building, young being fed, Bumble Bees bumbling and pigeons..... well, you know what they are doing. I wouldn't mind but they make such a racket doing it and it offends my delicate ears. It puts me in mind of a time when I lived in a flat in West London with paper thin walls and ceilings. The woman above me would entertain gentleman friends well into the early hours, I think on a commercial basis, and was terribly vocal. Frustrated and unable to sleep I would eventually crack and scream "He can't be that b****y good!" Sadly, this only encouraged her. Some people have no shame.

Coming over the top by Woodcott church the other day, I came across four brace of partridges taking a dust bath in the middle of the road. It was a warm spring afternoon and they preened and contorted themselves into odd positions, a leg stuck out here, a wing there. It was quite comical to watch as they kicked and flicked the gravel in the air; but as soon as they sensed my presence, off they trooped in a sulk as partridges are inclined to do. And the fallow deer are back. Tony Duddington saw a herd of about thirty in Egbury, and here in Binley I watched five bucks and three does enjoying Jeff Harrison's roses! The bucks are large and

quite magnificent, and it is always a heart stopping moment when you come across them. By the time you get to read this the females will be giving birth to young. The first few weeks are perilous as the young are very frail and unable to keep up with the herd. As such they are hidden by the mother amongst vegetation and cover. She will not be far away and remains vigilant however. It is easy if you are out on a ramble and come across one to assume it has been abandoned or orphaned. This is very much not the case, and it is imperative that dogs are controlled, and the animal is not touched and left alone. She will return. The same could be applied to leverets (young hares) who you may stumble across tucked into forms (scrapes). They may be left on their own all day until dusk when the mother returns to feed them. But they are safe, or as safe as they can be. Having said all that, the decline in numbers of hares from last year here in Binley alarms me greatly. This spring I have not seen anything like the numbers of last year and one worries about fox predation or a reoccurrence of the awful myxoma-type virus. The hare is a noble animal that has inspired a rich vein of folklore and poetry. I do hope they will prevail.

You know when sometimes you do someone a favour and it backfires on you? So, I was passing through Stoke and there is a little colony of collared doves that live in the middle of the village. You'll often see them by the crossroads pecking around. Well, I came across this little fellow sitting in the middle of the highway and not budging. I got out of the car and went over to him, but he was unsteady on his feet and looked a little bewildered as so many Stoke residents do (Just kidding!!! Just kidding!!!). He didn't appear damaged, so I picked him up and popped him on the grass verge by Bag End. As I got back in my car, I looked back at him and all I saw was a cloud of feathers! Some raptor of sorts had obliterated the poor chap. Ruined my day. NA

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 11th April 2022

The **Annual Parish Meeting**, the first in person since 2019, took place on 11th April. The Chair of the PC presented her report, accompanied by a specially prepared visual presentation. Reports from the Finance Working Party, and the Communications Working Party were also presented. Other contributors included representatives from the Village Hall Committee, Longparish Community Association, Longparish Community Pub Limited, Longparish School, Longparish Little School, and the Longparish Greening Campaign. It was satisfying to hear that things are returning to normal now that Covid restrictions are lifting. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for the contributions made by organisers and volunteers, many of whom were given a personal mention, allowing the community of Longparish to continue to thrive. All reports will be available to read as part of the Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, to be published shortly. Villagers are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity of attending the APM to discuss community issues in a broader forum.

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

Planning

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

- Change of use of agricultural land for use for exercising dogs including perimeter fence at **Land adjacent to Bucks Garage;**
- Replacement fence and retention of gate, and installation of rotary spikes (alternative scheme) at **Land west of Mill House, Longparish;**

The Parish Council will submit an **OBJECTION** for:

- Replacement fence and retention of gate at **Land west of Mill House, Longparish**

COMMENTS will be submitted in relation to an application for a lawful development certificate for loft conversion at **120 North Acre**, but no decision made.

Council Vacancy

A vacancy exists for anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. For further information, please contact the Clerk or the Chairman.

The Plough Inn

Following receipt of quotes for repairs to the roof of The Plough Inn, the Council voted to engage a roofing contractor and finance the repairs from reserves. The cost of repairs is far lower than anticipated. Repairs could be carried out as early as May.

Village Clean-Up Day

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers for turning out to participate in Clean-Up Day on 2 April, and to Jo Clare for organising the event. Some 24 volunteers turned out to tidy the cemetery, weed and cut back vegetation on footpaths, tidy the playground, litter-picking, and to re-seed the stream bank, enjoying lunch and refreshments at The Plough Inn afterwards courtesy of the Parish Council.

North Acre Parking Survey

The results of the survey, which were collated by TVBC, have just been received by the PC. The Council agreed to form a Working Party to disseminate the results and suggest solutions with a view to gaining support from HCC/Aster who manage North Acre. ***Any residents wishing to join the Working Party should contact the Clerk for further details, with the aim to conduct the first review before the next PC meeting in June.***

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 9 May.**

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.

Chairman: Mrs Christian Dryden - Tel 720398, or email christian.drydenpc@longparish.org.uk

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

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Friday 3rd – Sun 5th June 2022

Plans are well underway for a weekend of fun and pageantry to celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**; an event that most of us will not see in our lifetime again! Please come along to some of the events organised by Longparish Community Association and FoLS. Tickets are selling out fast for the **Summer Ball**. Details of the **Jubilee Street Party** opposite.

We of course encourage as many of you that would like to participate, to put flags and bunting up on your houses, so the village looks as festive as possible. We hope it will be a sunny, joyful weekend when as many members of our community as possible can come together to celebrate!



Friends of Longparish School



May Fayre: All are welcome to join us at our annual May Fayre on Saturday 21 May from 12-4pm. You can look forward to: BBQ and cake stall, beer tent run

by The Cricketers Inn, giant inflatable and bouncy castle, plant stall, traditional games including a coconut shy, welly wanging, and lots more!

We will have stalls selling second-hand children's clothes, shoes, books and toys. We are happy to take donations for these stalls – please contact us to arrange drop off. We have some fantastic raffle prizes including the Grand Prize of a Fortnum & Mason hamper, kindly donated by Phillips Solicitors.

Thank you to everyone that donated items for our Bottle Tombola. Any final donations can be left at school reception or contact us to arrange a collection.

Volunteers needed: If you are able to help out at the May Fayre, we are always grateful for volunteers! You can sign up at volunteersignup.org/JHLP7

Jubilee Street Party & Picnic: Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with us on Sunday 5 June. We are holding a street party and picnic in the school grounds from 1-3pm. Entry is free and open to all Longparish residents and the school community.

Bring a picnic, spread out your blanket or pull up a chair to celebrate with friends and neighbours.

Longparish Choir will be providing entertainment.

Enter the raffle to win a red, white and blue-themed hamper. Feeling extra patriotic? Why not wear red, white and blue clothes!

Make a Crown Competition: All ages are challenged to make a crown fit for royalty. Decorate a cardboard template or an old hat, or even upcycle your recycling – the choice is yours.

Volunteers needed: Can you make or buy cakes for our refreshments stall? Please bring them along on the day (no nuts, thank you). We will also need volunteers to help set up and tidy away after the event – please let us know if you can help. Limited parking is available – please walk or car share if possible. Sorry, no dogs allowed on site. This event is part of Longparish Community Association's weekend of celebrations.

100+ Club: The winners of our April draw are: 1st H Halford, 2nd P&G Motley, 3rd E Chamberlain.

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FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB Friday 27th May



Platinum Jubilee Lunch

Longparish Village Hall
12.00 - 2.00pm

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We serve a light lunch for just £3

To book a place and transport Andrea Harris
720 457 or
Christian Dryden 720398

LITTER FREE LONGPARISH for 2022

Longparish Friday Litter pick Friday 13th May - meet behind Village Hall 9.15 am and free coffee at the LCA Coffee Shop at the Plough.



The Parish Council can provide litter picking sticks, hoops and bags. For information Tel Christian Dryden 720 398

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

After an unavoidable cancellation last month, the next race will be held on Sunday 8th May, 9am at the Cricket Ground. New runners are always welcome.

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

Jeremy Barber
01264 720459 mrjeremybarber@gmail.com



GARDENING



LONGPARISH GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday, 24th May
Afternoon Garden Visit to
MALVERLEYS, East Woodhay, Newbury, RG20 0AA

Due to limited places this visit will be for LGC Members only.

Any enquiries please to:
Rosie Lowry 01264720325 Or Marion Bell 01264720205
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Fri 17 June 7pm

Longparish football field

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by Danielle Pearson

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Tickets £8 in advance and £10 on the day (£4 and £5 for school age children) available from Acre Stores (aka The Shop!) or online at:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Longparish%20> (no booking fee)



Gates will open at 6pm. Refreshments and toilet facilities available in the Plough.

Bring your own seating (and your own picnic if you like) plus clothing appropriate for the weather and don't forget your torch.

Running time: approximately 90 minutes including a 20-minute interval. No vehicular access or parking in Sugar Lane. Please do not attend if you or any of your household have Covid symptoms or have tested positive in the last 7 days.

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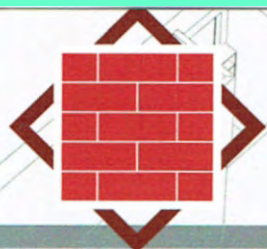
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LOCAL BUSINESS - USE IT OR LOSE IT

- Comments taken from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022

We are lucky to have so many businesses in Longparish, selling everything from groceries, newspapers, beer, wine, meals, venison, gin, to takeaways, repairing lawnmowers and much more. They have survived the pandemic and have been invaluable during the last two years. Longparish is hugely grateful to the service they provide to our community. Now more than ever we must support our local businesses.

Here are some reasons why we should think big, by shopping locally.

1. Good for the planet

Instead of ordering online, and having it shipped across the world, or travelling to shop, look for it locally! Reducing our environmental impact, while increasing our community impact.

2. Supporting one business helps support another crucial service such as the Post Office.

3. Local business owners invest in the community.

By shopping at the small business around the corner, we indirectly make an investment towards the enhancement of the community.

4. We enable more jobs to be created.

Local small businesses do not operate themselves! They create jobs for local people.

5. Our voices matter and can be heard.

When you walk into a small business, you are seen as a person instead of a pound sign. Ask for something that is not available and they may well be able to source it.



The first Public Meeting to introduce **Phase1** of the scheme was held on 23rd March.

Look out for the pledge cards bearing this logo dropping through your letter box in early May, to be displayed in your window ready for counting. The number of cards counted will be sent for a calculation as to how much energy and money Longparish can save if we undertake to change our behaviour in just small ways.

Phase 2 will be exploring what you can do to retrofit your home and looking at using Nature to benefit the biodiversity in the village. This Phase will be supported by The Sustainability Centre and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Reducing our waste particularly our use of plastic is a big concern for many and if anyone is interested on looking at ways for Longparish to reduce their waste please get in touch.

Dates for the Diary –

Sunday 8th May 10- 5pm - South Downs Green Fair, hosted by The Sustainability Centre, a truly eye opening, zero waste event, where you can connect with other people involved in practical sustainability.

More details

at <http://www.southdownsgreenfair.org>

Saturday 25th June 10- 3pm - A Longparish Green Day full of activities and information in the Community Hall

Contact green@longparish.org.uk if you would like to be involved.



Spring time at The Plough!

So far, it's been a pretty lively Spring at The Plough! The grass is growing, the trees in the tubs are in leaf and the magnolia was magnificent – before the frost got it...

The Easter sunshine brought out our customers in the hundreds. We served over 600 covers over the Bank Holiday weekend, with record-breaking takings on Good Friday. It was really fabulous to see everyone, gathering and chatting, drinking and eating, inside and outside The Plough.

On Saturday it was as if we'd woken up in another era: we were visited by a series of beautiful old steam engines which stopped at The Plough for breakfast in the morning as they passed through Longparish, then dropped in again in the afternoon so the drivers and their teams could take some refreshment in the sun. At one point, and by contrast, the old engines were joined by a beautiful, vintage Rolls Royce, when its owner stopped and popped into The Plough for a quick glass of lemonade.



Photo: Steam engine outside the Plough

The Pub Quiz on Easter Sunday, devised by Steve-the-Landlord, was a big hit again. The inaugural quiz at Christmas had challenged teams to fashion a reindeer out of tin foil. This time the teams had to create their (foil) version of the Humber Bridge. There was some controversy about whose creation was the best, but it's not about the winning; it's about the taking part. (It's also about raising money for the Countess of Brecknock Hospice).

May promises to be just as busy at The Plough: On Saturday May 7th Longparish Choir and friends will be presenting a Concert for Ukraine at St Nicholas Church at 7.30. We would be delighted to welcome concert goers to The Plough afterwards for a drink.

Now onto the business-like stuff: On the 18th May we will be hosting a Zoom meeting – one of our regular updates – on how things are going at The Plough and what our plans are. We will also discuss our second Share Offer. Since we re-opened, we've had lots of people asking how they can be part of The Plough's story, so this is a second chance to buy a piece of the action – and join our existing 240 shareholders. If you'd like to find out more about what's going on at The Plough, or about purchasing shares, please email public.meeting@lcpl.org.uk for a Zoom invitation. We'd love to see you (remotely).

Finally, with things getting so busy, and the garden being prepared ready to open for the summer, we are looking for more staff to help us out. Do you know any young people who might be looking for a job after their school or university exams? Please ask them to get in touch, we'd love to hear from them – or anyone else looking for a job! Email: careers@lcpl.org.uk or call Steve or Lucy on 01264 720069.



The Cricketers Inn

Hello, what a fabulous April and Easter weekend we have had! A huge thank you to all of our customers and the fantastic team here at the Cricketers Inn. Our pizza oven is now operating on a Sunday evening, 5pm – 7.30pm

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LONGPARISH WILDLIFE By Chris Bowman

THE TOAD

Common toads vary from dark brown, grey-olive green to sandy coloured. They have broad, squat bodies and warty skin. They tend to walk rather than hop. Toads are widespread and common in the mainland Britain.

Common toads excavate a shallow burrow that they return to after foraging for food. They secrete an irritant substance from their skin and puff themselves to deter predators. Toads tend to live away from water, except when mating. During the winter months they hibernate in deep leaf litter, log piles and burrows. During mating the male clutches the female from behind in a tight embrace. He then fertilises the long triple-stranded string of eggs as she lays them among the water weed. Tadpoles hatch after 10 days and gradually change completely into toadlets over 2-3 months. Common toads can live up to 10-12 years. Their food is insect larvae, spiders, slugs and worms.



All the local toads would like to thank all the people who helped them across the road this year.

I saw my first Swallow on the 29th March; 10 days earlier than last year. As of the 18th April I've not seen a House Martin or heard the Cuckoo.

GBQUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEEGB

I would like to invite you to decorate your window and/or make a scarecrow to add to the village festivities.

The theme is: 'red, white and blue', royalty or the 1950's.

Please email your entries, including your address, to me and I will put together a map for people to walk around the village and view.

Laura Harding
lpadvent@mail.com



The clubhouse has been cleared of overwintering spiders. The geese have been chased off the square. Cricket whites have been located and washed and Longparish CC's summer season has started!! The ground is looking fabulous as ever and there are plenty of new comfortable benches for spectators to while away a pleasant afternoon watching some exciting cricket. Do come along and join us!



The club runs three senior teams playing league cricket on Saturdays, as well as midweek 20:20 team and Sunday friendly team. We also run junior teams at U11, U13 and U15 age groups, who compete in the local junior cricket leagues. New for this year is All Stars cricket for school years 1-3 which is one hour a week of cricket fun for boys & girls. The first session is on Monday 9 May 2022 at 5pm. Further details, including the enrolment process, can be found via this link to the central on-line portal: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>



Longparish 1st XI(2021)

Outdoor Training for seniors and juniors are on our website: <https://longparishcc.hitscricket.com>

If you are interested in joining Longparish CC please contact Justin Jackman, Junior Coordinator, jackmanjustin@aol.com

Mark Benzing
Chairman and Treasurer

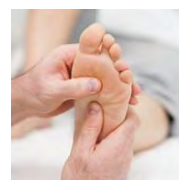
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Rainfall same month last year	55mm	2.16in
Total for 2022	205mm	8.07in
Total for 2021	265mm	10.43in
Max temp (on 24 th)	22C	72F
Min temp (on 31 st)	-4C	25F

It has been the driest spring for 180 years and with a dry spell of 15 days, we had a drought in March!

John Smail

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LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning this month will be on Thursday,
12th May at Bourne House, 53 Hurstbourne Priors)
with Susie Sorby from 10.15 am to 12 noon. Tel
892665. All welcome!

If you would like to host a coffee morning in the
future, please contact Susie Sorby
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Susie Sorby

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**Thursday, 2 June at 2.30pm**

All Hurstbourne Priors Villagers are invited to our
Platinum Jubilee Celebration on the Recreation Ground
with fun for everyone:

Single Wicket Cricket Competition – for all ages.

If you would like to enter please email:
fenella.williams@btopenworld.com by Friday 27 May.
You don't need to be in a team - just let me know if you
would like to take part. If you don't play cricket, then
come and enjoy an afternoon on our lovely Recreation
Ground and cheer on your favourite competitor.

Crown Competition – everyone (0 – 99) is invited to
make and wear a suitably regal crown

Fancy Dress competition for the under 10s – Come
dressed up as a King or Queen.

4.30 – A Royal Tea fit for a Queen at the Pavilion.

So that we can plan catering, please email
fenella.williams@btopenworld.com or
clareread@aol.com or by Friday 29 May.

If you would like to help with the tea (sandwiches and
cakes), please contact Fenella and keep a look out for
more information via the Village email in May.

Fenella Williams and Clare Read

BENEFICE EVENSONG - 5th JUNE AT 4PM

To wind up our Jubilee celebrations, there will be a
Benefice Evensong at St Andrews at 4pm on
Sunday, 5th June, followed by tea. All are welcome.

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 25th May 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
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**Mill Café up for an Award**

We were surprised and delighted to be nominated as a finalist for the Museum Café of the Year Award. This is a testament to all the hard work our team of Mill Hosts have put into making the café a go-to destination for locals as well as providing appealing refreshments for the Mill's visitors. The other nominees will be stiff competition but we're happy to be in their classy company: Manchester Jewish Museum, English Heritage's Stonehenge café, Kiplin Hall in Yorkshire and the Black Watch Castle and Museum. The winner will be announced at a ceremony on 11 May and some of our team will attend.

A Real Buzz around the Mill

- In February we had 1530 paid admissions, 540 free visitors (using Friends Membership or Annual Passes) and 734 solely café users. In total these visitors spent nearly £16,000 in the café and we served them 2,804 drinks!
- Whitchurch Silk now makes up over 40% of shop sales and we're selling a scarf nearly every day; a really rewarding result of the hard work of our weavers in designing new product, and making it beautifully.
- A volunteer recruitment campaign has resulted in many new faces, and we're very much looking forward to working with them and getting the benefit of their many and varied talents.
- Our half-term Lego Brick events were really popular: 98 children attended and all sessions sold out. The Make & Take sessions were popular too, and lots of families came back to the Mill using their Annual Passes.
- And for a buzz of a different kind, we have all sorts of new products in our shop, including seed-growing kits for your garden, patio pots or window box. The kits contain the seeds of flowers that when in bloom will provide food for pollinating insects, so will help them and the eco-system at the same time.

Fifties Fete, Friday 3 June, 12–4pm

Take a step back to the 1950s at the Silk Mill's Fifties Fete. Historical interpreters Pedlars and Petticoats will be bringing history to life, performing in character throughout the afternoon, and there will be live music, games and entertainment to enjoy. We're offering free entry to this fun community event.

New Podcasts

Our podcast series launched in February across all our social media platforms. It follows the fascinating journey from thread to woven cloth at the Mill, focussing on the weaving process, our efforts to preserve traditional silk weaving skills and our design process. All episodes will include chats with the weavers/tacklers and interviews

from experts on the wider topics of weaving and silk, sustainable textiles, and how silk made at the Mill is used.

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. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. **We'll be Platinum Jubilee wreath-making at the 5 May session.**

Exhibition: Works in Silk, 2 April–3 July

This is silk ribbon weaver Robert Ely's first solo gallery exhibition outside his home county of Devon and brings together weaving from all areas of his work, including stunning one-off and limited-edition wall panels and silk costume ribbons used for film and television including the BBC's 'Poldark' series.

Friends Membership

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ANDOVER FOODBANK

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated items over the past few weeks. Your help is greatly appreciated, as always.

The Andover foodbank is in need of the following food items:

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Jenny Lelean

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WORD OF THE MONTH



My for May is INFLORESENCE being the process of flowering and the arrangement of stems, stalks, bracts and flowers, which follows on from the mode of bursting into leaf (Frondescence).

We were certainly given the chance to APRICATE over Easter, a true gift from above.

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NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

As the Spring term draws to an end, our Year 11s have worked incredibly hard during the March mock exams. The students are now very familiar with the routines and regulations and have met our high expectations throughout. Our superb team of invigilators have commented repeatedly on how well prepared the students are and their behaviour has been impeccable.

They will now have the opportunity to reflect on their performance in the mocks, identify areas which need further revision and use the forthcoming Easter break to use retrieval and past paper practice to prepare for the final GCSEs. The summer term will go incredibly fast for Year 11 with practical moderation and exams starting in the second week back. We wish them the best of luck for these final few weeks of preparation and look forward to the celebrations later on.



On a different note, the Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) of Testbourne Community School is nearing the goal to provide pupils with a shelter for the school playground. The shelter is needed to protect pupils from the elements – wind, rain and sun! Our goal is £15,000 and we have reached £13,000.

If you would like to help these are the ways you can support the shelter for school fundraiser:

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If you would like to volunteer with the committee on a fundraising event, please email ptfa@testbourne.school. Thank you to all who have already donated!

Testbourne Community School
www.testbourne.school admin@testbourne.school

CHURCH, CHURCHYARD AND VILLAGE CLEAN UP

An enthusiastic band of dusters, polishes, sweepers, litter pickers, bonfire burners gathered on 2nd April for the Village Spring Clean. Fortified with Clare Read's famous brownies everyone worked with a will. The litter pickers gathered up a load of rubbish to take to the dump, mainly fast food containers and drinks cans, but there was also the traditional car bumper too. In the church the team hoovered and polished making everything gleam for Mothering Sunday and Easter.



While the mothers were busy in the Church, Megan and Alfred worked in secret in the churchyard making posies to give to mothers in Church from daffodils kindly provided by the Sorbys from their garden.

In the churchyard, ivy was removed from the trees, debris from the winter storms gathered and fed a very satisfying bonfire.



Charles Ekins organised an enthusiastic team from Chapmansford, Apsley, Cressington and New Barn Farm who did a clean up along the Harroway and around the cross roads.

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Extravaganza**

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"Dress Theatrically"

7:00 pm Drinks and
Canapés at The Barn
House, 50 Hurstbourne
Priors
and afterwards in the
village Hall

4-Course Dinner with fund-raising raffle
on behalf of
St. Andrew's Church, Hurstbourne Priors
With Live Entertainment featuring
Songs and music from the cinema and
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Saturday 10th September 2022



STEAM ENTHUSIASTS VISIT HURSTBOURNE PRIORS ON EASTER SATURDAY



St Mary Bourne

- 5 7am to 10pm - Borough Council and Parish Council Elections - Village Centre
- 10 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn
- 10 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre
- 17 7.30pm - 'The Film' - BELFAST - Village Centre
- 18 12.30pm - 'The Lunch' - Village Centre
- Saturdays** 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library** - Village Centre Club Room
- 'The Boundary' share offer open 25 April to 3 June**
- 2 June** 8.45pm - Jubilee Beacon torch-lit procession - Recreation Ground
- 3 June** 2pm - Sports afternoon - Recreation Ground
- 4 June** 11am - Village photo event - Recreation Ground
- 5 June** 10.30am - Service of celebration, 1pm - Jubilee Lunch

Andover Artisan Market
Sunday 15th May 2022
 10am to 2pm - High Street

Longparish

- 7 7.30pm - **A Concert for Ukraine**, Longparish Choir - St Nicholas Church
- 8 9am - L2SOTM Race - Longparish Cricket Ground
- 9 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- 13 9.15am - Friday Litter Pick - Village Hall
- 21 12 Noon to 4pm - FoLS May Fayre - Longparish School
- 24 Longparish Gardening Club, Garden Visit to Malverleys, Newbury
- 27 12 Noon - Friday **Lunch Club**, Platinum Jubilee Lunch - Village Hall
- 3 June** 7.30pm - Longparish Jubilee Summer Ball - Longparish Primary School
- 5 June** 1 to 3pm - FoLS Jubilee Street Party - Longparish Primary School

Andover Choral Society

Westminster Chamber Orchestra
St Mary's Church, Andover
Saturday 7th May, 7.30pm
 Tickets £20, available from choir members and from The Lights box office on **01264 368368**
www.andoverchoralsociety.org.uk

Hurstbourne Priors

- 2 12.00 Noon to 4pm - **May Fair** - Recreation Ground
- 12 10.15am - Ladies Coffee - Bourne House (no 53)
- 2 June** 2.30pm - Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Recreation Ground

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Tackling Invasive Species on the Test and Itchen - 10 May, 7 to 8pm, Online
Hear how Wessex Rivers Trust is tackling invasive non-native species on two local chalk rivers.

Claws for Thought: The Plight of Our Native Crayfish - 19 May, 7.30 to 8.30, Online
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