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*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July - 12.30pm*



## Hearing the right call

I have just spent an hour standing outside in the wind, (although the sun did make intermittent appearances) doing what I can only describe as wasting my time or more kindly caring for creation.

I was in my garden and I heard the distinct and close sound of a mother duck in great distress. We are fortunate to live near a chalk stream - the Bourne rivulet and tributary to the Test - so hearing ducks was not unusual in itself. But this duck was persistent in using the one distinct call over and over again.

On investigation, it was a duck who had nested and hatched four ducklings not far from our house; and she was identifiable, in that her plumage had a slight blue tinge and, joy of joys, she had a blonde duckling. We watched this family daily and were part of the traffic control, because she had to take her family up the banks of the rivulet across the road and down the other side, as the water levels were too high and they could not pass under the bridge.

Today however it was evident she had lost her family and she was patrolling up and down the water calling out to the missing youngster. She must have swum against the strong current at least ten times as I stood transfixed at her determination. Eventually one duckling appeared from the long grass, but as she made her way towards the errant youngster the current carried him past her and by the time she changed direction, I watched the little one disappear in the long grass. She called and called but to no avail. I observed that whenever she got close and went into the grass, the duckling popped out and went past on the outside of the grass island and so they kept missing each other.

Eventually I could stand it no longer (literally) and came inside hoping they would find each other before dusk.

Now what, you might ask, has this got to do with me as a trainee curate soon to be ordained Priest? Simply put, I marvelled at the mother's earnest call and the duckling's inattention, and I wondered if I had been like that duckling, ignoring what turned out to be a very persistent call to ministry?

My dear friend in Chester kept telling me to consider the possibility that I should follow the call to ministry because she felt strongly this was what God wanted. She was my priest and also belonged

to the Chester Ordinand programme and so was skilled and trained in the discovery and training of new ordinands.

The number of times I did not heed her guidance and instead listened to all the other voices around me saying 'but aren't you too old, do you really want to start studying again, what will your husband say if your head is in books and not the kitchen'. And worse of all I listened to my inner voice which insisted 'this was nonsense and just my pride wanting to stand out amongst my peers' and so on. Of course, nearly three years down the road, I realise the negative voices were nothing less than the 'fallen one' who did not want the church to have another strong believer in the midst of the world's general chaos and trouble.

Thank goodness I could hear the positive voices amongst the noise, which for a while was all I could hear. My journey through training and learning and assignments has at times been very hard, but I am so thankful to the wonderful peer group I belong to, the ministry team I now am part of, who offer support and encouragement, to my tutors, and most importantly to my Training Incumbent who has been generous with his time, experience and advice.

The poor little duckling could not hear mum because of the surrounding noise of rushing water, wind, and other ducks and drakes trying to keep her off-track. But for me, I heard a voice eventually so clear in my head, it bore no resemblance to any I had heard before. So I knew it must be God and you cannot ignore him as he will find a way to make you listen.

*Chris*

*The Revd Chris Theobald*



## Services in the Parish Churches

### July & August 2024

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

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 6

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

**Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online**

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 7

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	6.00pm	<i>Benefice Evensong</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Family Praise</i>
		<i>Animal &amp; Pet Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Family Service</i>
		<i>Animal &amp; Pet Service</i>
St James', Woodcott	No Service	

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Trinity 8

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

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#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 9

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

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 10

All Hallows, Whitchurch	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		<i>Benefice Service</i>

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#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 11

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

**Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online**

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 12

St Andrew's, Hurstbourne Priors	4.00pm	<i>Songs of Praise</i>
St Nicholas', Longparish	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St James', Woodcott	9.00am	<i>Matins</i>

**Home Zoom Service at 10.30am**

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 13

All Hallows, Whitchurch	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		<i>Benefice Service</i>
St Peter's, St Mary Bourne	6.00pm	<i>Benefice Evensong</i>

**Winchester Cathedral Zoom Service Online**

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#### From the Church Registers

##### • Baptisms

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

**Grace Olivia Clay**

Longparish - 2/6/24

**Hugo Naylor-Leyland**

Woodcott - 29/6/24

##### • Weddings

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

**Charlotte Caroline Clemesha and  
Carey Leigh Giovannini de Yong**

Longparish - 1/6/24

**Hannah Lucy Cardy and  
Michael Gregory Hughes**

Hurstbourne Priors - 8/6/24

**John Trodd and  
Kirsty Loughran**

Longparish - 29/6/24

##### • Funerals

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

**Oliver James Colman**

Hurstbourne Priors - 26/6/24

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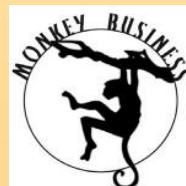
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## Continuing our sunny summer ride up the

B3048

## Highway to the North - Part 5

'There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet, / As that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet.' Tom Moore (1779-1852). The Irish writer and poet was not describing the Bourne/Test, though it was generous of another Irish writer to appropriate his words for the local confluence. Harry Plunket Greene is arguably the most internationally celebrated resident along the B3048 (as extended in 1935), certainly the most famous singer, fly-fisherman and book-author (assuming James Blunt's accomplishments do not include the latter two). He only lived at the Long House, Hurstbourne Priors, for eleven years, 1902-13 (though, admittedly, is now a long-term resident of the churchyard). His fly-fishing classic, *Where the Bright Waters Meet* (1924), ends rather dejectedly, lamenting the effect of the poisonous runoff from the recent tarring of the roads on the wild trout population. His proposed solution was to strip off the tar road surface for half-a-mile each side of the river. This did not catch the popular fancy, though the epidemic of potholes is taking us in his direction.

The historical roots in Hurstbourne Priors north go very deep. St Andrew's is the oldest church foundation of those along this road, consecrated in 802. What you see now is mainly late Victorian, however, with a few Norman touches. But its glory is the magnificent Oxenbridge tomb of the 1570s. The organ of 1906 was commissioned by Sir Hubert Parry ('Jerusalem') and later played by Sibelius! Houses run along the left for a third of a mile, tucked among them the School House (the school of 1855-1969), the Village Hall (1909), the Old Parsonage. On the right is the cricket field then the church. The extensive Hurstbourne Park estate climbs the hill behind, seat of the Wallops, earls of Portsmouth, for some 300 years.

The road runs up two-thirds of a mile from what had been a direct crossroads, now a staggered junction, to the first bridge on the journey so far. It is a distinctive iron bridge, though not designed by Brunel. Its railings are white-painted iron, held up by graceless concrete girders, a rebuilding of the 1859 four-arch brick construction, no doubt built for the convenience of the visitor to Hurstbourne House (1778), leading as it does to the main gate. So, for now, the river runs on the west, as the road clings to the side of a steep bank, Spratt's Down, to the right.

Soon comes Chapmansford crossroads, the Hurstbourne railway viaduct dominating the view over the water meadow and river channels. Here we cross the very ancient path of the Kent-Devon Harroway, trodden by céapmenn (Old English for merchants, mongers) from time immemorial. The traffic at this junction has been increasing over recent years, but we have right of way, as we head north towards St Mary Bourne.

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**O**n **Saturday 7th September**, please join us for an afternoon of Olympic-themed fun to raise funds for the Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Pavilion Roof.

- Cash Bar, Ice Creams, Cakes and Tea all day.
- Kids Tea **at 5pm**
- Raffle, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony, Live Music, Hog Roast and bar **from 7pm**

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## WEATHER: MAY 2024

Total rainfall for this month	77mm/3.03in
Total for 2024 (to date)	534mm/21.02in
Total for 2023	431mm/16.97in
Max temp	29°C/84f(11 <sup>th</sup> )
Min temp	7°C/44f(25 <sup>th</sup> )

May rainfall was still up on last year. We are due a dry spell...

*John Smail*

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING

**O**ur July Coffee Morning will be held by Clare Read at Hurstbourne Priors House, on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 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](mailto:sbsorby@hotmail.com))



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

**I**n 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](mailto:richard.waterman150@btinternet.com) or at the Parish Office on 01264 772460.

The dates for meetings for the rest of this year will now be as follows:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

*Richard Waterman, Parish Clerk*

## RECREATION GROUND BINS

**D**espite repeated requests from the Parish Council, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council have refused to provide us with dog waste bins in the village and specifically on the recreation ground and at the entrance to the gallops footpath.

The Parish Council therefore please ask all dog owners to put bagged dog poo into the wheelie bin by the Recreation Ground gate and NOT into the rubbish bins around the ground. These rubbish bins are emptied by members of the Parish, and it is not fair for them to have to empty bins full of dog poo.

Please can dog walkers take home their bagged dog waste if they use the public footpath across the gallops – there isn't a dog poo fairy who comes and collects bags left hanging on the fences and gates. In addition, these bags are a danger to the horses that use the gallops.

We have been told that if the Parish Council can prove that there is a need for a waste bin by the bus shelter (for the gallops) we might be able to be allocated one – at our expense. Therefore, if you see rubbish left in the bus shelter, or abandoned dog poo bags in the vicinity, please can you take a photograph and send it by email to the Parish Clerk on [richard.waterman150@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.waterman150@btinternet.com). The Parish Council will then put together another application which is totally evidence based. Typically, the council came to assess our need the Monday after we had done the village clean-up!

Many thanks,

*Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council*

## SONGS OF PRAISE

**W**e invite you to join us for a Songs of Praise at St Andrew's Church on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm**. This is an informal service with lots of hymns and our own band of musicians. If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the band, please let Ann Orr know: [annjorr@btinternet.com](mailto:annjorr@btinternet.com) As usual, we will have tea and cake after the service.





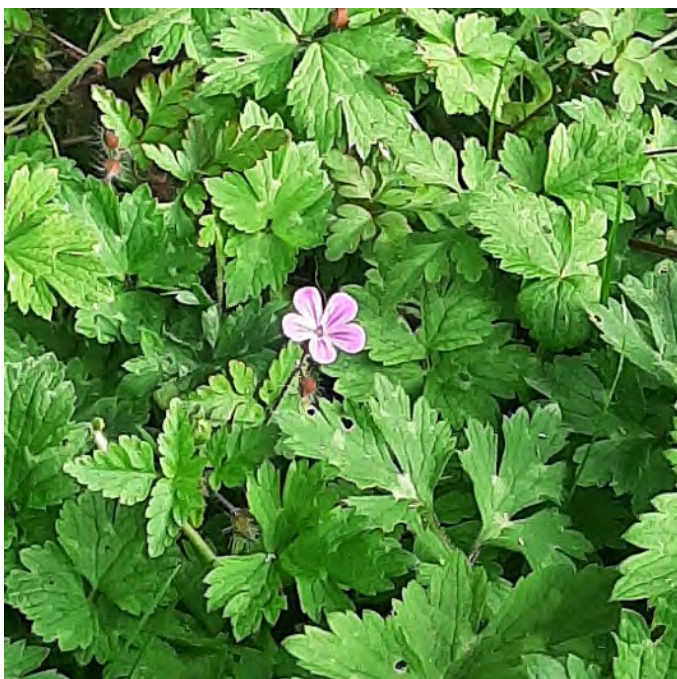
## SAVE THE DATE: ST ANDREW'S DANCE

**A** date for your diaries: St Andrew's Church are holding an evening of Scottish Reels on **St Andrew's Day, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** in the Village Hall, Hurstbourne Priors. Dust off your sporrans and more details will follow in the next *Hill & Valley*.



## CHURCHYARD WILDFLOWERS

**T**hank you to everyone who identified last month's mystery plant as ground ivy. This month there are the small pink flowers of herb robert. This is a low-growing plant with pink, star-shaped flowers and reddish stems. It has medicinal and culinary uses, and is associated with good luck and fertility in folklore. Among the long grasses, I saw a magnificent brilliant blue dragonfly sitting on a stem of grass, but didn't have my camera and I haven't seen him again. The largest plant so far is a single thistle plant standing proud above the long grasses. It has many buds so should be quite spectacular when it is in bloom.



*The mighty thistle - appropriate for St. Andrew's Church*

## RECIPE(S) OF THE MONTH(S)

**T**he cry goes out along the valley, clear as the thwack of a tennis ball hitting a racquet on Centre Court: strawberry season is upon us!

Perhaps you grow your own, perhaps you have been hot-footing it to the St Mary Bourne PYO, or perhaps you've been forming an orderly queue in a supermarket; however you get your hands on them, July is a month traditionally awash with strawberries. My semi-feral children have been plundering wild strawberries from the garden for the last few weeks – which is charming and idyllic on the one hand, and downright alarming on the other, as the baby now thinks anything red and shiny has the potential to be a delicious strawberry. Turns out, there are plenty of shiny red things you definitely shouldn't eat, but good luck explaining that to a determined one year old with a piece of red Lego in her sights.

Anyway, back to the strawberries. There are plenty of things you can do with them, but with an eye on next year's May Fair, here is a recipe for that stalwart of the Deli Stall, good old strawberry jam.

*To make roughly four jars*

1kg fresh strawberries, washed and hulled  
1kg jam sugar  
1 lemon, juice only





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- Cut larger strawberries in half. Put the strawberries and lemon juice into a large pan. Heat gently to soften, add the sugar and stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved.
- Once the sugar has dissolved and the liquid is clear, boil steadily for about 6 minutes, or until at setting point. To test if the jam is at setting point, spoon a little onto a cold plate, leave for a minute and then push the jam with your finger. If the jam wrinkles and separates without flooding back, setting point has been reached.
- Set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Spoon into sterilised jars, label and seal with wax paper and a lid.

If, even after you've made your strawberry jam, your glut of strawberries looks set to continue into August, (this is the July/August edition, after all) or if you just need a drink after making all that jam, you might like to try this easy recipe for a Rossini cocktail, the strawberry cousin to the more usual Bellini.

*To make roughly six glasses*

500g strawberries, hulled  
2 tbsp crème de fraise (optional)  
1 bottle of Prosecco

- Simply puree the strawberries with the crème de fraise, add a spoon or two of icing sugar to taste, if required, and add to the Prosecco. Stir well and serve.

## EVENTS AT THE SILK MILL

### The Sex Lives of Kings, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 7–8.30pm

This illustrated talk by former Beefeater Tony Stafford will show how, for almost a thousand years, the sex lives of England's Kings, or indeed the lack of them, have affected the day-to-day lives of ordinary people. Even today, many supporters of the Whitchurch Silk Mill start and end their day influenced by the nuptials of the Merry Monarch. Why is that? Tickets are £15 and must be pre-booked. Doors open at 6.30pm, and tea and coffee will be available for donation.

### Weftival Textiles Festival, 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> July

For the last couple of months, we've been advertising our plans for the various events that will make up our 2024 Weftival Textiles Festival, and now it's upon us. Here's the programme:

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

- a talk by Janet Phillips, handweaver, fabric designer and author of *Designing Woven Fabrics*
- a chance to meet and talk to the production skills manager from Coldharbour Mill, one of the oldest woollen mills in the country
- 'All Things Rafia' workshop

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

- a 'small craft' fair, showcasing the work of small crafts makers, with a chance to talk to them about their methods and purchase their wares
- children's craft area for those 10 and under
- workshops by Tabby and Tweed and Elka Textiles

#### Both days

- workshops and demonstrations by Silkewoman, our own weavers, and the Kennet Valley Guild
- a production tour of the weaving floor (must be booked in advance)
- a weaving exhibition

Further details and tickets for the workshops are available on our website. Please note that annual passes cannot be used for this event.

### Rotations Charity Shop

The Mill will be resident in the Rotations charity shop **from 15<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> August**. We'd love donations of clothes, shoes, books, jewellery, DVDs and bric-a-brac but do not have space at the Mill to store them in advance, so please bring them along to the shop during our residency.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> July** we'll teach you how to create a beautiful Cut Paperwork Picture. The oldest but simplest art form, cut paper-crafting is the easiest way to let your imagination run wild, from the whimsical to the dramatic. Tickets £12.50 per session including tuition, materials and a hot drink. Booking is essential as places go fast. And why not meet a fellow crafter for lunch in the café beforehand?





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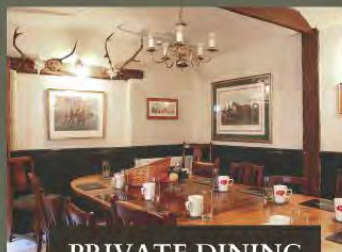
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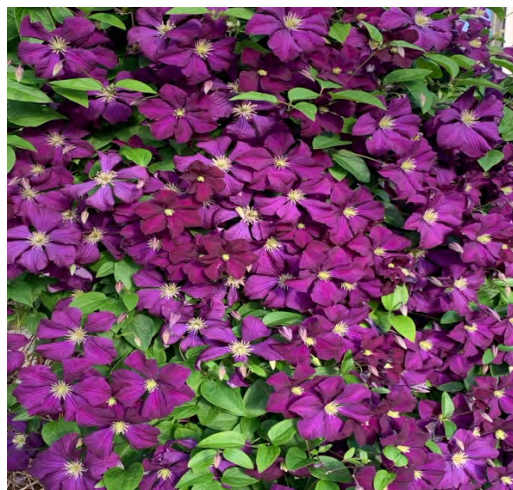
**The Animal Service**  
**Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am**



It's the Animal Service and we are hoping to celebrate with our pets but also give special thanks for all our woodland animals

There will activities for the kids, a time to catch up with other animals and their owners. And

there'll be biscuits to decorate and masks to make.



**At the end of July** two of our most experienced and well-loved Teaching Assistants are retiring. Between them they have given forty-eight years of service to the school.

Mrs Pam Hicks joined the staff in 1995, her son James was six years old, and she thought she might stay a few years before moving on to something else. Mrs Helen Little arrived in 2005 and as a parent of three young children found the school routine, work, terms and holidays suited her well. Both have worked in KS 1 and KS 2, thus helping with children aged from 4 through to 11. A wonderful 29 and 19 years respectively; caring for, teaching, instructing, helping and educating many year groups meaning that over five hundred children passed through their care.

So, they were asked what they had done, what they had enjoyed and what had happened in those years. The school had had four heads and two interim heads during that time, two additional classrooms had been built along with a library. The kitchen had been closed by HCC and reopened, the office was upstairs and then downstairs. Both had led after-school clubs and worked in all five classes.

They noted that in the early years very few dads were seen in the playground, the children lined up at the beginning of the day to go into school and they both loved the opportunity to really get to know the children when they were away on their residential week.

Over and above the daily routine they visited the Houses of Parliament, the Millenium Dome, Sky Studios and the British Museum. They helped at Sports Days and shared meals at the Family Fun Days. 'In all those years,' they said, 'everyone pulled together – it was a lovely place to work.'

Both finished with comments that reflect their love of children and the school: Helen loved watching the wonder and amazement in KS 1 and Pam spoke of seeing a child achieve the best and at the end of Year 6 are ready to move on.



Now it is time to say goodbye. And as we do, we want them both to know of our gratitude and thanks for all they have done for so many of our children. So, in looking at all the above,

what has been done, what has been achieved, how the school has adapted and changed over these years and with so many more experiences and events – all of which Mrs Hicks and Mrs Little have been involved in, we want them to know we are deeply grateful. Thank you, Mrs Hicks, and thank you Mrs Little, thank you so much. We wish you both a happy retirement.





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# News and Views

## Parish Council Activities



The St Mary Bourne Parish Council met on Tuesday 11th June.

Following the meeting on 17th May with Kit Malthouse MP, representatives of Southern Water, the Environment Agency, Hampshire Highways and the Flood and Emergency Group ( of which the minutes are on the website ), we can expect work to start soon on rectifying the various problems identified along the sewer and also damage caused to roads and verges during the months of tankering. Work will also start at the end of June to repair the children's play equipment in both St Mary Bourne and Stoke.

Meanwhile the long-wet spring has led to rampant growth of brambles and nettles along many of the footpaths in the parish. While the Council will do its best to cut these, please let us know of any that are particularly bad, and if practical carry some secateurs with you to deal with the worst!

### Planning:

29/05/2024	T/00228/24/TCA	St Peter's Church	Work on trees
28/06/2024	24/01238/HSE	Hurdler's Cottage, Binley	Car Port
28/06/2024	T/00269/24/24	Garston, Stoke	Work on trees

Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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## Stoke Picnic Tea Party

Kindly hosted by Rosie and Mike Case at Whitefield Cottage, Crabtree Lane, SP11 0LX on 14th July between 2 - 4:30pm



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- Use of the unheated pool is welcome but is at your own risk.

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## Stoke Coffee Morning

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## The Boundary – Update 3.

It seemed to me that I was writing update number 2 - but what is the old saying? Time flies when you are having fun! I can assure you that Vicky and I are having lots of fun putting new ideas into place. Hopefully you are all getting used to the new layout of the shop – we love it and find that it is so much easier to navigate. The new range of gifts are selling well and includes everything from memo pads, pens and candles to luxury chocolate and sweets.

June saw the return of Laryssa, and we are thrilled that she has come back. Her stories of life in Ukraine make us all grateful that we live in this beautiful valley. Happily, we won't completely lose Kate who did such a sterling job while Laryssa was away – she is going to continue to lend a hand with her skills and expertise.

Volunteers are such an Important part of running the shop. We have a real core who do the most amazing job, but we could always do with more. It is great fun and full training is provided. If you would like to discuss the possibility, please call Caroline de Penning on 07786 264421.

Vic and Sandra.

### A reminder of opening hours.

(Times may differ due to staff holidays or illness).

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## Summer Activity: Write a Chalk Stream Poem

With their captivating beauty and incredible wildlife, our local chalk streams are great places to find inspiration. As we head into summer, it's the perfect time to try creative writing by penning a poem! If you can, visit a public stretch of stream and look for a quiet place where you can explore with all your senses.



Study the stream with your eyes - what shapes and colours can you see? Notice how the water moves, and how the plants sway in the wind. If there are animals around, what are they doing?

Investigate textures - what do the plant leaves feel like? Try gently touching soil, grass, or pebbles. If you can safely reach the water, how does it feel on your fingers?

Take in the sounds of the stream - can you hear birds chirping, people talking, water flowing, or wind blowing? What sound does the ground make when you step on it? Pay attention to the scents in the air - if there are flowers on the stream banks, what do they smell like? You could even catch a whiff of the water on a hot day, or the soil after heavy rain.

Next, use your imagination. Put yourself in the place of a chalk stream animal - what might its life be like? Pretend that you're interviewing the stream and ask it to describe the world around it. Think about the people who visited 100 years ago, and what they could have been doing there. How might the stream be different 100 years from now?

When you're ready to start writing, choose a word that you want to use and think of other words with a similar meaning (synonyms). How do these words change the tone or meaning of your poem? You could also use words that start with the same sound (alliteration), contain similar sounds (assonance), or describe noises like "splash" or "buzz" (onomatopoeia).

Have a go at crafting a metaphor (when one thing "is" another), simile (when one thing is "like" another), or juxtaposition (how things are different from each other). Play around with your poem's structure (form), rhythm (metre), or rhyming pattern (if it has one). Before you know it, you'll have your very own piece of amazing nature writing!

## Poetry Competition

If you're aged 7-18, why not enter your poem into our competition? You could win up to £75 in National Book Tokens and be included in our Wildlife Trust poetry booklet; simply enter for free by 31<sup>st</sup> July. For more information, visit [hiwwt.org.uk/tales](http://hiwwt.org.uk/tales). The Watercress and Winterbournes scheme is made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

## Free Online Talk

'Enhancing Chalk Stream Habitats'

25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

Join us to learn techniques for improving the health of chalk streams. Our speaker is Neil Swift, who was the River Keeper at Mottisfont Abbey and now works in river conservation.

Book your ticket at [hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes](http://hiwwt.org.uk/winterbournes).



The summer term has many exciting events planned. KS2 children are currently rehearsing for the school production of Pirates of the Curry Bean, and we are also welcoming our new families for September for visits. We are re-accrediting



our International Schools Award and this year have developed a link with a school in France. The children have sent cards to a pen pal and were thrilled to receive responses.

The children at the school enjoy art and Silver Birch class invited their parents into school for a shared art project. In class the children have been finding out about Pointillism and they shared their learning with parents, creating a fantastic school logo together.



The school also took part in Walk to School Week which was a great opportunity to talk about road safety and



the benefits to health and the environment of walking or cycling to school. The children also were encouraged to take part in a county cycle safety poster competition, with the important safety messages of wearing a helmet and be bright, be seen.

## The Big Breakfast



Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed a Big Breakfast with us on Father's Day. £1,185.40 was raised to add to our fundraising for our Mighty Hike in Yorkshire on 29th June to support MacMillan Cancer Care. We are also very grateful to all our generous sponsors who have helped us smash our target to raise funds for cancer care in memory of Mike Crofts, with donations exceeding £4,300 as of 20th June. Marvellous! Mike's Marvellous Mates

Many thanks,  
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## Summer pudding recipe

*You will need:*

750 grams mixed fruits (raspberries, currants, chopped strawberries etc)  
150 grams sugar  
1 loaf thick white sliced bread (slightly stale)

### Method

Heat the berries with the sugar and 3 tablespoons of water until softened.

Meanwhile, cut the crusts off the bread and line a 2-pint pudding basin with the bread slices. There should be no gaps and it doesn't matter if the slices are not all the same size.

When the fruit has cooled a little, pour it into the pudding basin on top of the bread. Then cover the top with bread, leaving no gaps. If there is some fruit left over, keep it to cover the pudding when you turn it out.

Put a weight on the pudding and leave overnight so the bread can soak up the juices.  
When ready to serve, put your serving dish over the pudding and turn it upside down and give it a firm shake. The pudding should be red all over but there may be some white areas which you can paint with your spare juice. Serve with cream or crème fraise.

## Some summer verse.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometimes declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;  
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:  
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

*William Shakespeare*

Summer is a coming in,  
Loudly sing, cuckoo!  
Groweth seed and bloweth mead,  
And springeth wood anew,  
Sing, cuckoo!  
Ewe bleateth after lamb  
The cow lows after the calf.  
Bullock starteth buck, too, verteth,  
Merrily sing, cuckoo!  
Cuckoo, cuckoo, well you sing, cuckoo;  
Of cease thee never now,  
Sing cuckoo now. Sing, cuckoo.  
Sing cuckoo. Sing cuckoo now!

*Anonymous*



As part of 'Bournefest' in early June the village was invited to the D-Day picnic on the rec on the Saturday. Photo: BURLISON





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Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Michelmersh & Timsbury 2nds League match	H 13.00
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Andover – Friendly match	H 13.00
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Andover Bobcats – T20 Cup	A 18.00
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	East Tytherley - League match	A 13.00
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Oakmount – League match	H 13.00
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ramsdell – Friendly match	A 18.00
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thrupton Thunder – T20 Cup	H 18.00
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dammerham – League match	A 13.00
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ashford Hill – Friendly match	A 13.00
	<b>August</b>	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Breamore Davidian 2nds – League match	A 13.00
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Longparish – Friendly match	H 13.00
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Old Tauntonians & Romsey 4ths League match	H 13.00
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Steeple Langford 2nds – League match	A 13.00
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Collingbourne – Friendly match	H 13.00
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	East Anton – League match	H 13.00
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Hursley Park 4ths – League match	A 13.00

## Interesting history about July and August

**July** is named after Roman dictator Julius Caesar (100 B.C.–44 B.C.). Caesar developed the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today. July 1 is Canada Day, a Canadian federal holiday that celebrates the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867. July 3 brings the start of the hot and sultry Dog Days of Summer! The dog days or dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of summer. They were historically the period following the heliacal rising of the star system Sirius, the 'Dog Star'.

The month of **August** was originally named Sextilis in Latin because it was the 6th month in the original ten-month Roman Calander under Romulus in 753 BC. In 8 BC, the month was renamed in honour of Emperor Augustus. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt. Commonly repeated lore has it that August has 31 days because Augustus wanted his month to match the length of Julius Caesar's July, but this is an invention of the 13th century scholar Johannes de Sacrobosco. Sextilis in fact had 31 days before it was renamed, and it was not chosen for its length.

### CALLING ALL UNWANTED CHINA!

Have you any unwanted china lurking around the house? We are collecting again for another Plate Smashing Stall for the 2024 Flower Show and Fete on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. We welcome donations of any sort of china, especially plates and saucers but also chipped mugs, cups, teapots without lids or spouts etc. Please leave donations on our doorstep at Bourne House, St Mary Bourne or we will happily pick them up from you if that is easier. Just call 738551. Many thanks. *The Redfern Family.*

## The Stoke Plant Sale



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**1. A reminder of article in the April issue of Hill & Valley:**

Food trays and pots, plant pots, screw top lids and any other rigid plastic take them, CLEAN to Regenthill Ltd on Fyfield Road in Weyhill SP11 8DN. Also recyclable here is Polystyrene or Styrofoam, but it needs to be bagged separately. Open to the public for drop off Mondays to Fridays 8.30am to 4.30 pm but check first by telephone 01264 771519.

**2. B&D BC advice on recycling is as follows:**Plastic bottles

These can be recycled in your green recycling bin. Please ensure they are empty and clean. Lids can now be left on, but bottles **MUST BE WASHED AND SQUASHED** first. Loose lids should be put in your grey waste bin.

Plastic carrier bags

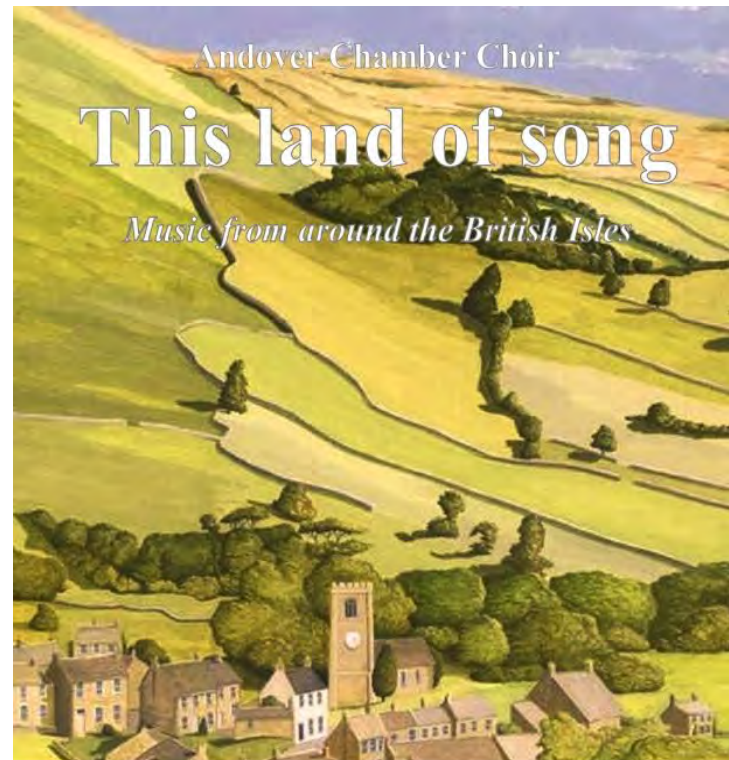
We recommend residents use a Bag for Life, which are available from supermarkets. These are a durable option which helps reduce the amount of rubbish you produce. They are also often replaced free of charge when they are no longer suitable for use. Reusing plastic carrier bags and saying no to unnecessary bags (SNUB) will also help. Plastic carrier bags can be recycled at most major supermarket chains including Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Tesco. Alternatively, they can be placed in your grey waste bin.

Plastic food trays

Please place in your grey waste bin. This will be sent to the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) to produce electricity, which is fed back to the national grid and is still the best option, environmentally, for non-recyclable waste.

**3. SBV website.**

[www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk](http://www.sustainablebournevalley.org.uk) has a huge section on recycling.

**St Peter's Church - St Mary Bourne****Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm**

Tickets £12 (incl. refreshments) on the door or £10 in advance from The Lights (online or in person), St Mary Bourne Village Shop or from choir members. Under 16s free.

Proceeds in aid of Yellow Brick Road Projects

[www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk)

The programme title is **"This Land of Song"** and features an enticing selection of songs from around the British Isles interspersed with instrumental items and readings of poetry. Familiar numbers such as 'Loch Lomond' and 'Greensleeves' rub shoulders with lesser known pieces such as 'Lisa-Lan' (a beautiful Welsh melody) and 'O can ye sew cushions' (a Scottish lullaby).

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Parish Clerk: Sally Lawman

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### REPORT FROM PC MEETING ON 10 JUNE

#### PLANNING

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

- Rear extension with French window and balcony at **St Nicholas House**

#### COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Mr Dave Harris (who is also the Parish Tree Warden) was co-opted onto the council at this meeting. Dave has agreed to look after Open Spaces & Footpaths alongside Peter Hull. The PC is also in the process of recruiting a replacement Clerk. The closing date for applications for the Clerk position was 14 June. Two councillor vacancies remain, and anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the clerk for more information. We welcome with open arms anyone who wants to get stuck into projects, is willing to join working parties, produce reports, monitor, and research, with the aim of making a difference for the good of the community.

#### OPEN SPACES

The PC has a new grass contractor following Clive's retirement at the end of March. With the winter being very mild, wet, and prolonged, together with the delay in engaging a new contractor, grass in the open spaces managed by the PC (particularly the cemetery) has become overly long, and the contractor is working towards getting this to a sensible level where it can be maintained more easily. The PC is monitoring this process closely.

#### HIGHWAYS

The pothole at **Mill Lane** has been repaired, however there are still issues relating to a broken pipe in the hedge line. Hampshire Highways are expected onsite to make an assessment, and once the river weed cutting has been completed, flooding in this area should improve. The PC is trying to determine the landowner responsible for a verge running alongside **Sugar Lane**, where overgrown saplings prevent the road from drying out properly and are also interfering with power lines. SSE and HCC have been contacted for advice, with neither currently accepting responsibility for management of the trees. Residents are requested to report (repeatedly if necessary) any road defects, or power outages, and the PC will continue to make enquiries about the ownership of the land. The Lengthsman has established that the pipe in the

direction of the sports field outside **The Withies** is broken but has been marked by Highways for repair. The Wait has been repaired, but the pipes have not yet been rodded, although this has been reported to HCC. The area around the **junction with Upper Mill** has been reviewed, and the Lengthsman is on stand-by to carry out remedial works; digging out the ditch down to the river, rodding, and clearing the gully at the side of the road, once the water has drained away, if Hampshire Highways do not carry out this work beforehand.

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Monday 8 July**.

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.

Clerk: Miss Sally Lawman - Tel 01264 738716, or email [clerk@longparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@longparish.org.uk)

*Minutes of all previous meetings are available on the Longparish website [www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council](http://www.longparish.org.uk/parish-council)*



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Longparish Gardening Club

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

The field for the June race was the highest for more than two years. We welcomed new runners Hayley Halford and Mark Johnson. We also had a new venue, The Plough, and a new route including the spinal path and Tracy's Dell.



As often happens, our new runners underestimated their speed so they finished in the top two places. Mr Handicap will sort that out next month. First home off a genuine handicap was Alexander Kidd (accompanied by his Mum, Camilla) who became our Rising Star. Next was Most Improved Woman, Rebekah Searle followed by Most Improved Man, Mark Curtis. Well done all!



The new route is much hillier than the previous one with over 300 feet of climbing. We enjoyed the challenge and the last kilometre, gently down the Middleway, was a wonderful relief.

Afterwards many of the runners took advantage of the Plough's new breakfast offer and tucked into a well-earned full English or a bacon butty or just enjoyed a nice sit down.



Thank you very much to Maggie Barber, Roger Bradley and Mike Dukes for marshalling, Andy Smith for doing the signs, to the adults who accompanied

juniors and to David Gould for processing the results. The next race is on **Sunday, 14 July** starting at **9am** at The Plough. New runners are always welcome, and you don't have to be fast. It's a handicap race so everyone, whatever their pace, has a chance of winning. Please do give 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>

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## LONGPARISH VILLAGE FETE

September 7<sup>th</sup>



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## Countryside Club

### Summer Countryside Club for families

Greening Longparish are holding a series of countryside events this summer, to encourage children to be confident in the countryside and to learn how to identify the rich variety of plants and animals in the village. Parents and children are invited to come along. A donation towards

the cost of refreshments would be appreciated. Each event will run from **10.00-12.00**.

These were very popular last summer so please book your place.



### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Looking at Chalk plants and insects.

Meet near the top of Southside Hill, at the Radio Mast entrance on the left. There will be signs out. You can park in the field. Nearest Postcode SO21 3QS

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### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July Pond Dipping

Meet at the village green, at Long Bridge at the Cleaves. Grid Ref SU 443 449



### Wednesday 7th August -

### Looking at Chalk plants and insects.

Meet near the top of Southside Hill, at the Radio Mast entrance on the left.

See directions above.

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All children must be accompanied by their adults. Some refreshments will be provided but do bring your own water and snacks. Please wear appropriate clothing and slap on the suncream.

For more information or to book places for either date please [phone](mailto:green@longparish.org.uk)

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## Longparish Little School

We had a wonderful afternoon at Longparish park recently. We enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch and

then had lots of fun playing on the swings, roundabout, train, and climbing equipment. We spotted a fearsome dragon wandering around, but the knights quickly drew a picture of him and scared him off.



We also visited the bug hotel that we constructed for the park last autumn.

If you would like to come and have a look around Little School, please call us on **01264 720455**.



## Longparish Cricket Club



After a long cold and damp start to the

season, summer finally arrived towards the end of June. Surprisingly few matches were lost to the weather both at senior and junior level. To date the senior teams particularly the 2nds & 3rds have had a challenging first half of the season with the 1sts being more successful in their fixtures. At junior level, the Club has been delighted with the continued success of Allstars and the success of the newly formed U9s squad. Excellent numbers of players in the U11, U13 and U15 squads have enabled plenty of matches to be played and several of the U15s have played up in the 3rd team on Saturdays in League games.



The Club is planning a further social event in the autumn and would like to thank everyone who attended the recent Village Day and John Woodcock Cup match at the ground for their support of the club.

Alison Allen



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### Friends of Longparish School Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone that came to our Summer Fayre. We had a wonderful afternoon and are

delighted to say that the event raised **£6,754** for Friends of Longparish School and Longparish Little School. Thank you to everyone that supported the event and all our volunteers.



### The Longparish Run

The postponed Longparish Run will now take place on **Sunday 15 September**. Bookings remain open on our website.

### More information:

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

The Goldcrest is our smallest bird along with its close relative the Firecrest. Goldcrests only weigh six grams or in old money 0.211 ounces. Plumage olive above and buff white below, with two white wing-bars. Black edged yellow, orange-centred crown and they have an exceedingly small black beak.

Nesting season starts in late April-early May. The nest is suspended on the end of a conifer branch usually Spruce, Fir, or Yew but I have found them in ivy. The nests are almost a spherical cup shape made of cobwebs and moss lined with hair and feathers. The cobwebs are used to form a link between twigs. Most small birds lay a lot of eggs because survival rates are low. The Goldcrest lays on average 9 to 11 buff white with exceptionally fine speckles of purplish or greyish brown eggs. They are incubated for 17-22 days which is long compared with other birds and fledged in another 17-22 days which is also longer. Goldcrests can only eat tiny insects, as well as, moth and butterfly eggs.



It has been a funny old year so far, the migrants overall were two weeks later than usual. People with nest boxes have been telling me the Tits only fledged one or two and some fledged none. The experts are saying the ones that nested incredibly early were fine but the later ones the parents had trouble finding enough food. It was not a good year for the oak tree moth caterpillars which many birds feed their chicks on plus the heavy rain washed them out of the trees, okay for ground feeding birds but not for the tree feeders.

**Chris Bowman**

### Thanks, from the Darrah's

Thank you so much to all those who organised our farewell tea party with such a delicious spread, to Jeremy for his speech, to all those who came giving us a chance to say goodbye and to those who sent cards. The beautiful watercolour of Longparish by Alison Cooper is the perfect reminder of our 64 happy years in Saddler's Cottage and all our friends. We are now settled in our perfect flat in Winchester.

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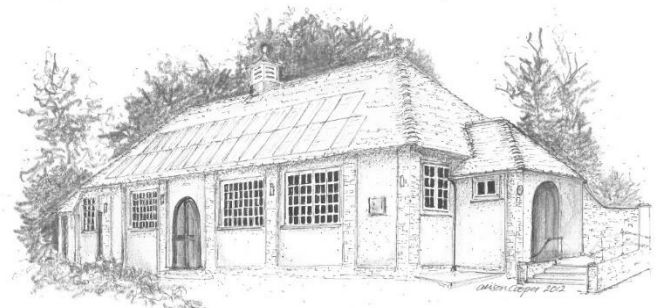
When I became treasurer, I had a young family and commuted to London. So, family and work commitments need not stop you from volunteering. Please don't hold back.

It's just a matter of keeping control of the finances (almost all electronic nowadays), reporting to the committee three or four times a year and dealing with the annual accounts and the Charity Commission. Are you new to the village and looking for a way to give some time to our community? A few hours a month is all it needs.

Can you help, please? Or do you know someone who could do the job? To find out more please contact me on 01264 720459 or email [villagehall@longparish.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@longparish.org.uk)

Thank you.

Jeremy Barber



Please help our lovely village hall



## Barton Stacey WI

We are a friendly group who meet on the last Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, from 7.30pm. We enjoy a variety of interesting presentations from external speakers, as well as fun, hands-on creative activities.

Our May meeting was our statutory Annual meeting, and we made the sharing of important, necessary information more fun by enjoying some tasty cocktails. These were colourful, with a variety of flavours, including an alcohol-free alternative. It was a social evening, and once the formalities of the Annual meeting were over, we enjoyed lots of chat and laughter.

For our July meeting on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will be welcoming Sarah Blocksidge who will be sharing with us her 10 Minute Mindfulness Formula, with some useful tips and exercises on how we can bring some calm into our lives, take control of our emotions and practice some self-care.

We are a welcoming group of ladies and encourage guests to our meetings to see what becoming a member of the WI can offer. For more information, please contact Sue Atrill (email: [bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceypres@hampshirewi.org.uk)) or Donna Oliver ([bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:bartonstaceysec@hampshirewi.org.uk)).



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**Water Quality in the River**

As you have all experienced this winter it has been exceptionally wet and according to the EA Monthly Hydrology Report for the Solent and South Downs it's been the wettest 12 month period on record since 1871. Whilst it has been good to recharge the aquifer which feeds the Test and supplies Southern Water boreholes with a lot of local drinking water it also overwhelms the ancient sewage systems through our villages causing pollution as dilute wastewater enters the river system.



Photo courtesy of Richard Wills

In the 2023 Rivers Report by the Test and Itchen Association, it quotes that spill performances from Southern Water worsened in 2023, even before the wet winter we have just come through. According to the data, the total hours of untreated sewage into the Test and Itchen Catchment amounted to 18,500 hours (770 days) in 1365 separate incidents, this is clearly unacceptable and probably

the biggest threat to our rivers. The last time Southern Water pumped sewage into the river directly at Middleton was in 2014 and 10 years on, things have not improved.

Even before the incidents over this past winter 14 farmers along the Upper Test, Bourne, Anton and Dever have got together, along with the Environmental Farmers Group (EFG) and Rothamsted Research, to sample the river on a weekly basis for Nitrates (N) and Phosphates (P). This will progress onto silt sampling and other pollutants. This partnership is mirroring one that has already been going for a year now on the Wylde in Wiltshire and is supporting farmers to test the river so they have their own independent data that can withstand scrutiny.

This data will then be used amongst the members of the group to pinpoint areas of pollution, speak to the party responsible for it, and help them stop it happening. It may well be the person is unaware it's even happening as it could be a septic tank that has broken or that run off from a field is making its way to the river causing a spike. By working together, these incidents can be reduced, and the water quality improved benefiting the whole river ecosystem. By being in control of our own data, we can sort these local issues out and then challenge the water company and the Environment Agency (EA) to deal with issues resulting from sewers and wastewater treatment works as we have the data to prove the incidents are happening.

JTE June 2024

Estate Manager of Middleton Estate and Chairman of Test and Itchen Environmental Farmers Group.



**St Nicholas  
Church  
100 Club**

**Results of the  
May Draw 2024**

The draw was made on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

First prize:	No. 28	£73.00
Second prize:	No. 32	£43.00
Third Prize:	No. 04	£15.00

To date, we have a membership of 60. We would like to get up to a minimum of 100 numbers/members. You can join at any time, and it works like this:-

Membership is set at £5.00 per number per month. There is no limit to the numbers you can purchase. If you would like to join, you may well have the letter and application form still at home, but if you require another one, please let me know:-

Or, if you have any other queries, please contact:-

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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.

**Thank you from Matt James**

A great big thank you from myself and David, to all who donated to our gifts, for all your support over the last 4 years, and a fabulous evening. A special thank you to Pauline Dale for organising, Richard West for his superb woodworking skills, and Bev for making the nibbles. I have been astounded by all your generosity and support during my time at The Cricketers. Thank you all so much!





**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS**

**23 Jul** - 10,15 Ladies Coffee Morning Hurstbourne Priors House

**18 Aug** 4pm - **Songs of Praise**, St Andrew's Church

**7 Sep** from 2pm - Hurstbourne Priors Olympics, Cricket Pavilion

**ST MARY BOURNE & WOODCOTT**

- 6 Jul** 10am to 12 noon - Repair Café - The George Inn  
**3** 10 to 11.30am - Stoke Coffee Morning - Summerbee Meadow  
**5** 7pm - Music for Upper Voices - St James's Church, Woodcott  
**9** 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
**9** 7.30pm - Parish Council meeting - Village Centre  
**14** 2 - 4.30pm - Stoke Picnic Tea Party - Whitefield Cottage  
**17** 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre Main Hall  
**20** 7.30pm - Andover Chamber Choir - St Peter's Church  
**27** 12.30 - 4.30pm - **Flowershow and Fête**
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- 3 Aug** 10am to 12 noon - Repair Café - The George Inn  
**13** 10.30am - Coffee at The George Inn  
**21** 12.30pm - **'The Lunch'** - Village Centre Main Hall

**Saturdays** - 10.30am to 12.30pm - **The Community Library** - Club Room

**LONGPARISH**

- 6 Jul** 10am to 12 noon - Greening - Looking at Chalk Stream Biodiversity - Nr South Side Hill  
**8** 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall  
**9** 7.30pm - LCA New Villagers Event & AGM - Village Hall  
**12** 10 to 11.45am - LCA Coffee Morning - The Plough  
**14** 9am - L2SOTM Race - The Plough  
**23** 5.30pm - Garden Club visit to Gardens on Winchester St  
**26** 12 noon to 2pm - **Friday Lunch Club** - Village Hall  
**31** 10am to 12 noon - Greening - Pond Dipping - Long bridge, The Cleaves
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- 7 Aug** 10am to 12 noon - Greening - Looking at Chalk Stream Biodiversity - Nr South Side Hill  
**9** 10 to 11.45am - LCA Coffee Morning - The Plough  
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