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# VILLAGE DIARY

**DUE TO CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE ORGANISER FIRST**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	09.30-10.30	Sunday School	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	11.00	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
<b>MONDAY</b>	11.00-12.00	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	18.00-20.00	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	19.00-20.00	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
2nd of month	19.30	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)	
3rd of month	19.45	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.00-12.00	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	10.30-11.15	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	18.00	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	18.30-20.00	Adult Cricket Training (May-August)	Recreation Ground	Wayne Markillie	07737 313225
	19.00-21.00	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory/Martin	07523 854251/07535 646234
	19.00-21.30	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00-11.00	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	19.10-21.30	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154
	19.00-20.00	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00-11.30	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
<b>FRIDAY</b>	09.30-11.00	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Felicity Timpanist	07870588777
	14.00-16.00	Afternoon tea (over 55s)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	18.00	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	19.00-21.30	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
	18.00-20.00	Longstanton Juniors Cricket (5-16yrs) includes	Recreation Ground	Richard Jenkins	rkbjenkins@gmail.com
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00-11.00	*Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803

\*Mid week football training available, please contact Louise Gamon (Tel: 07429 317803).

\*It should be noted that the Village Institute is available for hiring for a variety of functions; provisional bookings can be made via [www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton\\_Village\\_Institute\\_Hall\\_23070.aspx](http://www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton_Village_Institute_Hall_23070.aspx). Email: [villageinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:villageinstitute@gmail.com) or telephone **01954 782323**. The Pavilion also offers private party function facilities; discuss your requirements for any family & friends gatherings - e.g.: weddings, birthdays, funerals, with **Michael Binks** on **01954 782233** or email [longstantonpav@btinternet.com](mailto:longstantonpav@btinternet.com)

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### NEW OPENING HOURS!

Monday - Thursday: 17.00 until 22.00  
 Friday: 14.30 until 23.00  
 Saturday: 12.00 until 23.00  
 Sunday: 12.00 until 20.00



A big thank you to Father Christmas for coming to see the children. They crafted and had their Christmas packed lunch before receiving their presents. Also, a big thank you to the elf who kept him in line.

This was followed by the magnificent Bob with his disco and Chris with his lights on New Year's Eve. Thanks to everyone who came. There were not as many as previous years but enough to fill the dance floor and have a good time.

We will be giving details on events over Easter. We missed out on the egg hunt last year (there are probably some still out there!). We will be advertising events and posting information via Facebook.

The next big event we are planning is the resurrection of St George's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If you would like to have a stall or contribute in any way, please contact us via our e-mail, [longstantonpavilion@gmail.com](mailto:longstantonpavilion@gmail.com), or the contact sheet on the web page. We are looking for a supplier of bouncy castles and an ice cream van is already in place; it is all coming together. The day is to raise funds for the East Anglian Air Am-

balance, as they were our chosen charity before the lockdown. If you know of any bands that might like to play into the evening, please let us know about them as well.

If anyone has any ideas for the long bank holiday and how to celebrate, please also let us know, as long as it is within reason and with permission of the Parish Council.

Longstanton residents know that we are not a members' club; everyone is welcome. So if you wander down from Northstowe, it would be nice to see you.

It is all uphill to summer now. Let's look forward to sunnier days, with dry football pitches and the sound of bowls and bowlers.

(Apologies for the week without heating. This is why I am not keen on electronics. Our digital reader said we had half a tank, but if we had stuck a stick in the tank, we would have discovered it was dry!)

*The Pavilion Team*

# LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

*Dear Readers,*

Welcome to the first issue of 2022! As usual we are full of interesting and relevant local news, from Longstanton and surroundings. Unfortunately, there won't be any Memory Lane for the foreseeable future, but Hilary will try and incorporate some old photographs into the main LDHS article.



The good news is that the Longstanton Village Market will be back this year, and some dates are already confirmed: Saturday 10am - 12.30pm on 9th April, 4th June, 17th September and 3rd December. The organisers welcome stall applications from Longstanton and the surrounding villages so for more details

contact [longstantonvillagemarket@gmail.com](mailto:longstantonvillagemarket@gmail.com).

As the Valentine's Day is approaching, Vicky wrote an interesting article about its customs and traditions, so if you are interested in Valentine's Day's quirky customs over the years, read all about it on page 7.

Also - please don't miss our Valentine's Day competition, for a chance to win a coffee and cake for two, kindly donated by Willingham Auctions Café. Good luck!

*The Editorial Team*

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## County Councillor

## Firouz Thompson



At the front of many people's minds has been the resurgent COVID-19 pandemic. If you are struggling to get to and from your vaccine appointment, Cambridgeshire County Council have agreed to pay for your taxi journey. It's called a Taxi Vaxi scheme; more details here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8fradm>

**Highways:** We are now well into the winter season; gritters were tested and made ready in mid-October.

Here are some of the activities at the time of writing (mid-January):

- **GULLY MAINTENANCE:** Since being elected in May, we have been looking into solutions for maintaining our gully system, to mitigate the risk of flooding in our communities. In September we started the process of recording while cleaning each gully. Due to a lack of maintenance over the years, the gullies have taken longer to clean; some even required a metal detector to find them through the vegetation! We have, to date, cleaned 50k+ gullies out of what we believe is around 100k. In October/November, we cleaned Longstanton and Rampton Drift gullies and provided a very comprehensive report with maps and photos to both Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council. We ask that you keep on reporting any problems on our ReportIt system.
- **QUARTERLY HIGHWAYS MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on 4 Feb with the County Highway Officer, Parish Clerks from Longstanton, Northstowe, Over and Oakington & Westwick.
- **NORTHSTOWE NEW SOUTH ACCESS ROAD WEST (SARW) TIE IN CONNECTION TO B1050:** work has been scheduled to be completed by March, temporary traffic lights are in place and a weekend closure will need to be scheduled to enable surfacing works to be completed. With the completion of this road, much of the Northstowe traffic for Phase 2 and the Education Campus incl. taxis to Martin Bacon Academy (SEN school) will be directed down the SARW towards the town centre, which will ease traffic down the B1050.

Please keep reporting highways issues at: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

You can follow us on Twitter for updates on where we are working: - @CambsCC or @Cambs\_Traffic

**Household Support Fund:** A reminder that the County Council's Household Support Fund is still open (to 31 March). It offers:

- Support with food, household energy and other essentials for individuals and families: residents are eligible to access this support if they earn less than £17,940 per year, or are in receipt of certain state benefits

- Direct food vouchers: as in previous school holidays, supermarket vouchers will be issued to families meeting the low-income criteria for free school meals, funded childcare for two-year-olds, early years pupil premium, or sixth form students eligible for free school meals.

Further details: <https://tinyurl.com/2p97n384>

**Climate Change:** The gully maintenance mentioned above is part of a very broad range of activities that we are planning in order to tackle Climate Change:

- Further action will be taken to protect homes from flooding, caused by excess surface water and high levels of rainfall. We have committed to invest more money to support residents who live in areas at risk. See: <https://tinyurl.com/32ey577p>
- Local flood risk management strategy has been out for consultation. Feedback was due 23 Jan. See: <https://tinyurl.com/3mz477cz>
- A new Climate Change and Environment Strategy (see <https://tinyurl.com/4j5uk5mm>) will go to the Full Council at its budget meeting in February. It sets a new target for a Net Zero Cambridgeshire—2045, five years sooner than the current 2050 target. The Strategy also commits to halving the Council's indirect emissions through its supply chains by 2030.

### Other County Council News:

- Cambs residents are being asked for their views on which buildings and heritage assets, whilst not meeting the national listing criteria, are important at a local level. For more information, please visit the website - <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire> or email the Project Officer, [jessica.johnston@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:jessica.johnston@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).
- Investment of £4.2million has been approved by the Council's Adults and Health Committee to ensure continued support for social care providers to help meet the needs of people across the county. This will help with pressures such as increased costs for staffing, insurance, cleaning and PPE and the impact upon wellbeing and mental health of staff. For more details, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yug5ksv8>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions: [firouz.thompson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:firouz.thompson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

For those on social media please follow Longstanton, Oakington & Northstowe Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe](http://www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe)

*Firouz Thompson, County Councillor  
Longstanton, Northstowe, Over,  
Oakington and Westwick*

# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

**Longstanton Parish Council** Dan delaMare-Lyon



A belated Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you managed to enjoy a much more normal Christmas than last year. As we start the year and look towards everything that 2022 has in store, I thought I'd take the opportunity to update you on some of the things the Parish Council is working on.

**Longstanton Hydrology (The Kingfisher Pond) Update:** We continue to work with Northstowe Town Council on this. We have made clear representation to Stephen Kelly, the Head of Planning at South Cambs District Council, that we expect the investigation to be completed and a suitable mitigation plan developed and implemented despite the continued development at Northstowe. At the time of writing, the Phase 3 Northstowe planning may be heard before the Planning Committee in late January and we wanted a very clear position to be presented from our village as part of this. I am aware that Northstowe Town Council will be making similar representation, with both councils pushing for the problems that Phase 1 development has caused to be fully understood and corrective actions taken as soon as possible.

**2022 Budgeting and Planning:** Since last year, we have had the implementation of the Community Governance Review, with a substantial impact on the number of houses in our Parish. As a result, our overall precept that funds everything the Parish Council does for the village has gone down. The unavoidable result of this is that we will have to increase the per-person precept this year as our costs have not decreased despite the village being smaller and owing to inflation they are actually climbing. Additionally, as part of the handover of Home Farm, we are taking ownership as planned of more green areas which need maintaining. We will do all that we can to minimise this and are carefully managing all our spending.

**Village Events in 2022:** We hope to be able to run some events in 2022, at last! Many asked about Christmas Lights, and due to many factors (Covid being just one) we were unable to do much this year. That said, as it's the Jubilee Year and things are looking better from a Covid perspective we hope to be able to run events in the Summer and at Christmas. This will only be possible with help from members of the village. We need to start planning now for the Jubilee/summer and begin Christmas event planning in early July. Without help, we will struggle to provide great events - so we really need your help. To get involved, please contact the parish clerk (clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk).

**Trees:** You may have noticed Brookfield Groundcare, our contractor, working around the village on trees and hedges. Sadly, a couple of trees that we hoped to be able to save will have to be removed in the coming weeks. We will do what we can to replace them and will hopefully improve the overall tree cover in the village this year as a result of the Queens Green Canopy initiative, part of the Jubilee celebrations.

**Home Farm - Central Open Space:** We hope to shortly take ownership of the patch of land bordered by Longstanton Brook in the middle of the Home Farm development. We

have asked the current owners to conduct some maintenance on the bridges, including putting in anti-slip coverings (as requested by many members of the parish). Once transferred, we will start work on developing this into an area for all to use - including adding some play equipment (we have to do this as it is part of the original plan for the site). Expect more on this in coming weeks!

**Hattons Road Ponds:** Many of you have asked about this, and we have been working hard to agree how the village will get access to this space that many have used for walking during Covid restrictions. Despite our hard work, it seems that there is no way forward at the moment. South Cambs District Council, the landowner and the developer are still discussing ownership (which is complex and comes in phases), and transfer, and there are some complexities around how it has been built versus what was approved. As a Parish Council, we do not want to sign up to take on something that has substantial liabilities in coming years for maintenance (both the surroundings and the ponds themselves) without having clear ownership, responsibilities and funding. We will be asking our District Councillors to support us in the discussions and will try to gain another valuable asset for the village, but not "at any cost".

**B1050 Cycle Path:** Related to the ponds, the promised cycle path from the top of Hattons Road to the new Northstowe roundabout on the B1050 is still under discussion. The proposed route of the cycleway is now through the land on which the ponds are built which adds additional complexity to the situation. We believe that this will impact both the timeline and the scope for delivery of the cycleway, which is very disappointing as this has been overdue for years, however we will continue to push SCDC and the developers L&Q to resolve their present issues and deliver on their overdue commitments.

**Community Engagement:** We are always keen to get feedback from the village on issues - positive or negative - and on things you would like to see happen in your community. We also appreciate that sometimes you might want this to be on an anonymous basis. You can at any time drop a note in the post-box on the outside of the Village Institute with your comments and feedback, and we will review and respond accordingly. If you want to remain anonymous, please look out for an update here, on the Parish Council website, meeting minutes or via an update on our Facebook site (depending on which is the most appropriate way to respond).

**Hiring a Full-Time Clerk:** Clerks are in demand and supply is short, so we are still looking for our next Parish Clerk. More information will be published shortly on this and we will widen our horizons to explore people considering a change of career path. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the parish clerk for more information. We have some flexibility around skills and training and are keen to find the right person to help drive our community forwards!

That's all for this update. As always, please let your Parish Council know if we can help in any way - our Clerk is available via e-mail (clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk) or by phone 01954 782323.

*Dan delaMare-Lyon  
Chairman, LPC*

# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## District Councillors' Notes



We hope that all residents are healthy and safe as we start 2022. As we go into the New Year, we are again beginning to see Covid restrictions relaxed but cases locally are still high. If you still need your Covid vaccine or booster dose you can make an appointment online or attend a walk-in centre. More details can be found here:

[www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk)

**Water Issues in Longstanton:** We have reported several times on the issues with water levels in Longstanton but are aware of ongoing concerns from residents. The District Council is working with residents and the Parish Council, Northstowe Town Council, and other agencies to develop an Action Plan to address the water issues. The action plan is based on an independent report from HR Wallingford which identified that reductions in water levels in local ponds and wells, including the Kingfisher Pond, was a result of dewatering during the first phases of the Northstowe development. If residents would like to read the full report it is available on the Parish Council website.

We have worked since our election in 2018 for action on this issue, including requesting this independent hydrology report, and remain committed to seeing action taken. Concerns were first raised by residents and the Parish Council in 2015 regarding reducing water levels in the Kingfisher Pond and other ponds and wells in the Parish. Unfortunately, the concerns raised by residents were not acted on at the time by the previous administration at SCDC or our predecessors as District Councillors.

We are also aware of ongoing community concern over the granting of permission for work to start on Phase 3 at Northstowe. The developers (Homes England) have been asked by the Council to provide an assessment of the impact of their development on groundwater. The assessment provided indicates that groundwater levels within the site may change because of new roads and homes, but it is not anticipated that there will be any reduction in groundwater levels across a wider area as a result of the plans. The developers have already begun monitoring groundwater levels on the site ahead of any development on Phase 3 so that mitigation of any impact can be explored if their modelling assumptions prove to be incorrect. The report prepared by the developer will be considered by the Planning Committee. At the time of writing the planning committee is scheduled to take place at the end of January. We hope to report on the outcome of this in the next edition of Longstanton Life.

**Developments at Northstowe:** At time of writing, final work to join the new Northstowe Southern Access Road West to the B1050 at the Bar Hill junction on the A14 is progressing. This will provide direct access into Northstowe or onward to Longstanton via a new roundabout. We have been working closely with our County Councillor,

Firouz Thompson, to ensure that the developers comply with the permit conditions for this work and that the lights are monitored during peak times to minimise delays.

Our previous Northstowe community development officer, Jon London, recently left his role, and we have been pleased to welcome two new officers, Mihaela Stan, who will focus on Phase 1 and Kathryn Beck, who will focus on Phase 2. Homes England also now have a Community Development team in place as we welcome the first residents to Inholm, the first development on Phase 2. We hope to see these teams working more closely with the existing communities and Parish Councils, as Northstowe grows to develop community initiatives and facilities that will benefit us all.

The waterpark in Phase 2, around the education campus should be opening soon - parts of this waterpark will be available for water sports and open water swimming.

**Update on Bin Services:** We thank residents for their patience while the green bin service was suspended over the holiday period. Collections have now been reinstated. More information can be found here: [www.scambs.gov.uk/return-of-green-bin-collections/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/return-of-green-bin-collections/)

We would like to remind residents that additional blue recycling bins can be provided free of charge if you need additional recycling capacity. South Cambs accepts a huge range of materials for recycling, including plastic carrier bags, cling film and other types of plastic. For details, please go to [www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/). Tesco Bar Hill also now has facilities for recycling crisp packets, pet food pouches and other soft plastics, as well as clothing and textile recycling.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these, or any other matters.

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*Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson  
District Councillors for Longstanton,  
Oakington and Northstowe*

## Longstanton Church Allotments

There are several plots available on the allotment site near the Busway on the Willingham road.

For further details please contact me by email:  
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# Valentine's Folktales and Traditions

Though perhaps not commonly celebrated, and more likely to induce an eye roll over a feeling of holiday spirit, Valentine's Day certainly has had some quirky customs over the years.

There are lots of theories as to where the origin of Valentine's Day comes from, but it is widely believed to be a mix of Pagan, Christian and Ancient Roman traditions with a central figure, St Valentine associated with the day.

## 'From Your Valentine'

This well known sign off for Valentine's cards is rumored to have originated from St Valentine himself (or at least one variation). The heroic Valentine was imprisoned by the Romans for helping Christians escape persecution. Before being executed, it was said that he wrote a passionate love letter to the jailor's daughter who visited him during his capture. He signed it, 'from your Valentine'.

## Wearing your 'heart on your sleeve'

Became a popular tradition and saying originating from the Middle Ages. Young people drew the name of their Valentine from a bowl, wearing these names on their sleeve for a week to show their feelings.

Other traditions involved peeling an apple and throwing the skin over your shoulder, the shape formed would either be the first letter of the name of the man you would marry, or something delicious for the dogs to eat.

## Keep your eyes open

If you see any of these when out for a walk on Valentine's Day, the following may happen:

- If you see a bluebird you will marry a happy man.
- If you see a goldfinch on Valentine's Day, you will marry a millionaire.
- If you see a sparrow, you will marry a poor man.
- If you find a glove on the road on Valentine's Day, your future beloved will have the other missing glove.

## Ok Cupid

The official mascot for Valentine's Day is named after the Roman God of Love, son of Venus. Known in Greek Mythology as Eros, the son of Aphrodite, who used golden arrows to make people fall in love or leaden ones to spark hatred.

## Roses are red?

As the most common gift on Valentine's Day (after chocolate perhaps), it's useful to know what the meaning behind roses could be.

Red Roses = Passionate Love (not too dark, as that means death).

Pink = Friendship.

Yellow = Trust.

White = Purity.

And the numbers count too!

1 Rose = Love.

12 = Gratitude.

25 = Congratulations.

50 = Unconditional love.

500 = They have money.

## The gift of chocolate

Since 1849, Cadbury have been producing Britain's favourite chocolate. It was the Victorians' love of giving gifts to friends, family and admirers which influenced Richard Cadbury to start selling promotional boxes for Valentine's Day from 1868. Boxes from the Victorian / Edwardian era are now collectors items. I'd like to suggest keeping this tradition alive, by buying yourself or other loved ones some chocolate this Valentine's Day!

*Vicky Stevens*



## Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club February and March 2022

We meet in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club, between 2pm and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea and cakes. Getting together with friends for fun and games. ALL OF THIS FOR ONLY £2 PER PERSON. The bar will be open if you want something 'extra'.

We are looking for new members to join us so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and give us a try!

If you give us a try and decide that it's for you, you will also need to join the BHSSC which is £5 per year.

## Coming up in February and March:

4th February: Bingo and a Quiz  
11th February: Valentine's Day  
18th February: Raffle and a Quiz  
25th February: Pancake Day  
4th March: St David's Day – Welsh theme  
11th March: Bingo and a Quiz  
18th March: St Patrick's Day – Irish theme  
25th March: Mothering Sunday

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# HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton.



I hope that you are keeping well.

It seems crazy to think that the last time I wrote was in November, ready for the December issue! We are currently halfway through January and lots has happened.

Before we ended the Autumn Term, we were able to safely allow a special couple of visitors to the school. It was great to see Father Christmas, and it really set the mood for the holidays. We also were able to join in with the Northstowe Lights Switch-On. Our choir sang beautifully!

We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the cross-country running event at Wimpole Hall. We were able to take 8 teams (over 40 children) to complete the challenge. It was a bit cold and rainy, but our children had a great time. It was wonderful to be at a safely run event. Well done to the Sports Partnership for organising it.

Recently, we have been able to enrich the curriculum with some safely planned trips out. Our Year 6 children were able to benefit from visiting Cambridge's Department of Engineering and took part in a rocket designing and



launching workshop. They all had a great time, learned new things and were able to apply their skills to a new situation. Thanks to Launchpad for inviting us. Our Year 3 and 4 children are looking forward to visiting the Museum of Zoology soon as part of their learning on skeletons. Exciting stuff.

We were really pleased that the Local Authority extended our temporary road closure for half an hour in the morning and another in the afternoon. The parental feedback was overwhelmingly positive, as was that from the children. Our huge thanks go to Mrs Morley and her small team of road marshals that put the barriers out daily. Many families



have commented on how friendly they are. We are desperate for a couple of 30-minute shifts to be covered, so if you think you would like to help out, even for one session a week, we would love to hear from you. Sadly, the Parish

Council's yellow deterrent signs have been stolen. These were used on the high street. Thank you to everyone who has continued to be sensible and respectful if they have to park there.

Finally, I want to say a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Hatton Park community for continuing to pull together and keeping our children at the centre of everything that we do.

Until the next issue,

*Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park Team*

## FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL

FOHPS has been busy raising money to benefit the children at the school. We held a bake sale in October and were lucky to have some wonderful cakes donated by parents, which sold like hot cakes in the playground! We raised a total of £483.83. We had a non-uniform day for the children just before October half term. The children loved coming to school in their own style! This raised £345.38.

The children got creative and designed some beautiful Christmas cards, which were professionally printed for families to buy. This has raised £631.95 for our school. FOHPS has funded Reading Eggs, a reading tool for KS1 children for 12

months, which is going to help support children to progress in their reading.

We have also funded playground markings, which will be a vibrant play resource for the children to use during recreational times. All of the children across the school will no doubt benefit from this.

In the term ahead, we will be busy planning more fund-raising events, and we are liaising with Mr Aguda, Headteacher, to decide on future projects and resources needed to support teaching in KS2.

*Friends of Hatton Park School*

## LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

Happy New Year from Little Leprechauns! We're looking forward to seeing our friends after a fun Christmas break. We plan to offer crafts this term, which we hope you will enjoy. We're still following Covid precautions such as wearing masks (except when eating or drinking) and keeping windows open. We would also like to encourage parents to take a lateral flow test before attending, although this is not a requirement.

Because of the costs of hiring the hall, the weekly contribution will be returning to the pre-Covid price of £1 per family.

We hope to see you all soon, on Fridays at 9.30 am at Longstanton Village Institute.

*Felicity, Liz and Jenny  
Little Leprechauns Committee*

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES



Coaching continues on Thursdays with four sessions, each for different ages/skill levels. Sessions run in 6 or 7-week blocks during term time. If you're interested, please contact David Nation directly: [coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk](mailto:coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk). Coaching is open to both members and non-members, with members benefitting from a reduced rate.

Two men's teams and one mixed team are competing in the winter leagues and despite injuries are managing to field a team for all matches, and we have also entered teams for the summer league. Team members are usually getting a coaching practice on Thursday evenings.

If you are interested in joining the club or finding out more, please have a look at: [www.longstantontennis.co.uk](http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk). Alternatively, pop down to one of our club sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 pm, and Sunday mornings from 11 am.

Despite the chilly weather, the courts have been in regular use with club sessions proving very popular.

The courts are available to book via our online booking system, available on our website. Once you've booked a court, you'll be given a code to access the key safe to open the gate. Members can book courts for free, whilst non-members pay a £5 'pay and play' fee per hour.

We have several 12-month membership packages available, with a 3-month introductory trial membership for use by new members. Membership packages now begin on the date they were purchased and expire on the same date the following year. With longer days and nicer weather approaching, it is the best time to start or get back to tennis!

Floodlights (available only during club nights for now) are somewhat aged and need replacing, but we hope to be able to replace them with much more energy efficient LEDs soon.

We hope to see you on court soon!

*Longstanton Tennis Club Committee*

## LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



Let's fast forward to **EASTER SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL at 2pm** (Covid permitting of course). That's when we swing into action for the 2022 outdoor bowling season with our **OPEN** day. The club always welcomes new members, inviting both novice and

experienced bowlers to join one of the friendliest Bowls Clubs in Cambridgeshire. Longstanton play in three different leagues: Cambridge and District, Cambridge Business Houses, Ely and District. The Cambridge leagues are evening matches. The Ely League is played on Monday and Friday afternoons. Fixtures for all matches begin late April and finish in early September. Club Roll-ups are held on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Internal club competitions are played from mid-May and conclude

with finals day in early September. "That's a lot of Bowls," I hear you say. Membership for new joiners in their first year is a mere £10, and junior members, up to the age of 18, pay just £10. There is also social membership available, for non-playing members, at only £5. For further information, contact the Membership Secretary/Treasurer Marion Edwards (Mrs Money Penny) on 01954 780118 or Chairman David Slights (The Controller) 01954 203231. On **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (St George's day) from 2pm**, we're planning to hold a Family Bowling Fun afternoon, open to villagers of all ages, to enjoy some fun events on the bowls green with an opportunity to win prizes. An afternoon of joy and fun, hopefully bowling in the sun. Rain or shine, we'll be bowling on the "green, green, grass of home".

So, lets get bowling again! The dates to remember are 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm. Happy Bowling, from "Rob the Bowler".

*Rob Page*



With 2022 just getting going, football returns to Longstanton. As we kick off the second half of the season, our Sunday team have acquitted themselves well over the first half of the season and currently occupy 2nd place in the league. This gives them a great platform to attack their remaining fixtures, pushing for promotion and a strong finish to the season.

Our first team have had a great first half of the season, sitting 5pts off the top of the league in 3rd, with a game in hand and the top two still needing to visit Longstanton. This season is shaping up nicely to be another great campaign for the lads. Going into the final few months of the season, Longstanton find themselves still fighting on two fronts, with the strong league position and a cup Quarter final to come.

This is a massive achievement for the club, only re-entering the Cambs league four & a half years ago. Since then, we have managed to progress back up the leagues year on year. As we push towards the top divisions of Cambs football, our squad needs to grow. We are doing better than a lot of other villages currently and fortunately manage to field two teams every week. For this to continue next season, we need to grow the senior squad. We train on a Wednesday evening at Northstowe VC 3G and play Saturday afternoons & Sunday mornings. If you would like to join a successful, friendly and well-run football club, please either pop along to training at 6:30pm on a Wednesday or contact me on 07557 973621.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Ben Lee, First Team Manager, Longstanton FC*

# GIRTON GOLF CLUB



Girton Golf Club, set in the middle of Girton Village, is a member's club that welcomes players of all standards including total beginners to join, or play as visitors.

Our clubhouse is open to all for coffee and lunches every day, and social membership is also available for those who

would like to have a place to go regularly and receive discounts on food and drink.

The Head Professional Sam Beckett is an excellent coach and he and Finn, our Assistant Pro, offer lessons both out on our extensive practice field and indoors in

our fully equipped swing studio. We welcome juniors to join, and learn how to play our great game, and also run Ladies only coaching sessions – for more information call our Pro Shop.

The 18 hole course is easy walking parkland with a mix of tight tree lined holes, tricky par threes and long par 5s where you can really open your shoulders and go for distance. Lots of competitions with all our majors for both men and women are held at weekends, so everyone has the chance to enter, and win.

Come down to Girton Golf club during the day for a coffee and a look around – who knows, you might like to join us.

*Girton Golf Club*

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# SUSTAINABLE NORTHSTOWE



**Who are we and what do we do?**

Sustainable Northstowe was set up in September 2020 and formally constituted in May 2021. We are a group of residents with interests in sustainable living, the environment and wildlife in and around Northstowe. We are open for everyone to attend and participate. We

coordinate with other local community groups and are always looking for other people to share interests and bring new ideas. Here is a summary of what we have been up to in the last year:

**Monthly Refill Station and eco-home stall** (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at The Green)

**Egg boxes collection**, which were donated to a local chicken farm.

**Halloween costume and decoration Swap & Share:** set up at the Community Wing during October. It was great fun seeing costumes coming and going!

**Tree of Promises– COP26:** We collected promises for the planet and to stop climate change in leaves, and the beautiful tree is now in the Wing. You can still add your promise!

**Crisp packaging unofficial collection point** (by the entrance of the Wing). We bring collected packaging to the Northstowe Secondary College (official point), helping them to get additional points for funding. Get in touch if you want to help out in the collections/sorting.



**Xmas jumper and decorations Swap & Share:** at the Community Wing throughout November and December.

**Upcycling craft stall** at the Northstowe Craft Fair to make wrapping paper, gift bags and decorations with reclaimed material from residents and from the Cambridge Community Scrap Store.

**What are we planning ahead?**



We are continuing with "Super Sustainable Saturdays" on the Northstowe Green with the eco stalls and side events, the recycling points and we have **Seed Swaps** already coming up on 15<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February. We will also set up a **sport clothes swap rail** at the Community Wing during January and February too.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January we will held the first ever Group AGM, where we elected officers and discussed other projects and events in 2022, which may include **community kitchen, composting, toy library, repair café, trees, tree spotting, recycling and reusing events...** Do you have an idea you would like to take forward to make Northstowe and Longstanton more sustainable? Do you want to get involved in the group? (e.g. newsletter, website, grants). **Drop us a line, or come to our next meeting!**

Best wishes for 2022!

Contact us at [sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com](mailto:sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com)

FB page: @sustainablenorthstowe

You can also join Facebook group where we exchange ideas [www.facebook.com/groups/222328512892967](http://www.facebook.com/groups/222328512892967)

*Carla, Chair of Sustainable Northstowe*



The winter is a busy time on the reserve as we go around the different habitats carrying out work to maintain and improve them for target breeding species. Come the spring this work must finish to prevent disturbance to the wildlife. So, it is always a bit of a race against time and the weather to get to as many areas as possible.

As in previous years, the reedbeds on Holywell and Elney Lakes have been a priority for our volunteer work groups. We go in to remove willow trees growing amongst the reeds. This is to entice one of Britain's most secretive and rare species, the bittern, to call Fen Drayton Lakes home.

Bitterns are medium-sized, brown herons and are reedbed specialists. They are very secretive and difficult to spot as they stalk silently through reeds looking for fish. Bitterns are one of our conservation success stories. In 1997 there were just 11 territorial breeding males in the country due to loss of habitat. Following a concerted effort to save this species, that number has increased to around 200 in the UK with 2 of those being with us at Fen Drayton Lakes.

Working in amongst the reeds by Holywell Lake can be a bit treacherous as there is standing water and you are presented with a wall of reed stems to push through. Surrounded by vegetation taller than you, it is easy to lose your bearings! But it is a unique experience spending time in the habitat of a bittern.

During our work, occasionally you spot the thin trunk of a willow. These are then targeted for removal. If they were allowed to grow tall it would mean that less reeds would grow.

Over on Elney Lake we have also removed spindly willows from one of the islands to open up new reedbed. You may notice the eastern half of the lake is quite open now. Thanks to this work, bearded tits have also colonised and were confirmed to breed on the reserve for the first time last year. Listen out for their pinging call if you are at any of the lookouts surrounding the lake. You'll be very lucky to see them though as they blend in with the golden-brown reeds very well indeed.

Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers, Fen Drayton Lakes will hopefully be home to a growing number of these rare reedbed specialists in the years to come.



Eurasian bittern, *Botaurus stellaris*, standing in reedbed habitat – Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)

## Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of the month.

To see details and book, please visit:

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## Cambridge Mobile Library Service

Cambridgeshire Mobile Library Service are reorganising the routes and local visits for this Spring, and we'd like to incorporate a regular monthly stop in Northstowe. We are aware that there is a small volunteer run library on Wednesdays at the cafe, but we would like to provide a wider public service, on the second Thursday of every month at 3.20pm - 4.20pm. The times mean that people coming home from work, or coming out of school would be able to access the service. We would hopefully contin-

ue until the planned permanent library is completed. Is there anybody who would like to speak with me about this, and suggest a possible stopping place? My email is [leoni.alexander@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:leoni.alexander@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). The Mobile Library is a much loved asset to many communities throughout Cambridgeshire, and I'm really looking forward to being able to make this happen. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Leoni Alexander*



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**Staff Changes** Lynda Few retired at the end of December after 30 years working in the Longstanton Dispensary. We would like to thank Lynda for all her hard work and years of dedicated service looking after the needs of patients in Longstanton and beyond.

Rhea Brown will be our new Dispensary Manager at Longstanton. Rhea has worked with Lynda in the Dispensary for a number of years and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Dr Gilbert left for her maternity leave in December, her clinics will be taken over by Dr Bhandari until she returns.

**Hospital Waiting Times – Patient Helpdesk** The Covid19 pandemic has added to the strain on all NHS services. As a result of this, waiting list times for outpatient and specialist appointments and procedures have increased for everybody. We appreciate that this can cause worry and uncertainty about when you will eventually receive an appointment. The practice has no direct access to the hospital appointment lists. If you have been referred by your GP/are waiting for:

- An outpatient appointment
- An appointment for hospital tests (eg scans)
- A date for an operation or other treatment
- A follow-up from your hospital team

and you have a query about what is happening, please contact the Patient Helpdesk on **0800 048 5800**. The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. **Only call the practice if your condition has genuinely deteriorated**, when you will be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken in regard to your care.

**Vaccination Centres** If you are due to have your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or booster vaccination, visit [www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk) for details of all centres in the local area where you are able to receive a walk-in vaccination.

Please be aware that Willingham Medical Practice is not offering COVID-19 boosters and is unable to book appointments for you.

If you are eligible please visit [www.nhs.uk/Covid-Vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/Covid-Vaccination) or call the National Booking Service (NBS) on 119 to book an appointment in advance.

**Updating your NHS records with vaccinations received abroad** If you were given vaccination(s) overseas, and they are one of the 4 x MHRA approved vaccines, these can now be added to your NHS Vaccination records via the overseas vaccination validation service, which is now live via the National Booking Service (NBS). Patients need to book in and take ID and their vaccination evidence to an appointment. You can use this service if you:

- Are aged 18 years old or over
- Have an NHS number
- Have received one of these MHRA approved vaccines outside of England – Oxford/AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), or Moderna (Spikevax).

Details: [www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass#residents-in-england-who-have-received-covid-19-vaccinations-overseas](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass#residents-in-england-who-have-received-covid-19-vaccinations-overseas)

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**PLEASE NOTE – OUR GP SYSTEMS DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO UPDATE VACCINATION INFORMATION ON THE NHS APP. YOU MUST CALL 119.**

**Carers' Meeting** Due to the pandemic, the carers' meetings are still cancelled until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at [susan.lawson7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.lawson7@nhs.net) or 01954 260230.

*Lisa Smith – Assistant Practice Manager*

## EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

Life throws plenty of challenges at us. Often we feel ill equipped to face them. It is hard to face these challenges alone. The CAP Life Skills group is a friendly and fun community that provides helpful information and space to discuss some of the challenges of life. The new courses include parenting, cooking on a budget, and child life support. All ages welcome. For more info or to book your free place, contact Jo (CAP Life Skills Coach). Text: 07770884570 Email: [johannascoones@capuk.org](mailto:johannascoones@capuk.org)

*Pastor Josh Monteiro*

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Emmanuel Church Northstowe gathers for our main weekly meeting 10:30am every Sunday at Northstowe Secondary College. Everyone is welcome. Crèche and children's groups (primary age) run during the second part of the service. There are refreshments after the service.

For more information, please go our website: [emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](http://emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org)

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11 February	Cooking on a budget
4 March	Child Life Support (with Rosie, NHS emergency medic)

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



16 years ago, the Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church Longstanton made the decision to embark upon a programme of significant improvements to the interior of the church building. It was a decision driven by a long-held vision that sought to make the building more functional, open, and accessible to the local and wider community.

Without modern public facilities the church building had its limitations, and it was recognised that in today's social setting and expectations that for the church to grow within the community there was a need to significantly expand the use of the building beyond its historical usage.

Modernisation of the building would not only make it fit for purpose, but also allow the church to facilitate a whole range of creative community activities and events such as concerts, musical and craft groups, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and much more.

The vision was to install toilets, separate community meeting facilities as well as a fully functional kitchen. It also included the installation of a mezzanine, additional storage space, much improved electrical and lighting facilities, and the reordering of the bell ringing tower.

Whilst the Church PCC held a strong desire to pursue its change agenda, it could not have done so without having in place the required funding as well as well-thought-out plans and a Project Team consisting of knowledgeable and able volunteers who were willing to give of their time, skills, energy, and expertise to see the project through.

The building works, the most extensive since 1886, were carried out in two distinct phases, consisting of several strands of work that included agreeing what changes needed to be made to the church building and how those changes would achieve the original vision.

Critical to the success of the project was the churches' ability to raise and secure the £250,000 funds to finance the proposed works and associated costs.

Fortuitously funding for the first phase of the project came entirely from individual financial gifts, donations, and contributions from within the local community. The remaining funds to complete the project came from grant funding and the sale of some church assets.

Without church and grant funding and the amazing local support and financial generosity of so many, as well as the diligence and oversight of the works by the Project Team, the church reordering project recently completed well within budget would not have materialised.

The new and significantly improved amenities now installed within the church building have been universally admired and welcomed by all who have visited the church. They provide the church with much enhanced resources as well as a new lease of its spiritual life. Please see the front page of this issue for photos of the completed project.

Hopefully when the current Covid 19 restrictions imposed upon us are eased, you will take the opportunity to call in and take a look; it will be our privilege to welcome you.

**Rev'd Lucy Cleland,**  
Team Vicar (Designate) in Longstanton,  
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## PATHFINDER CHURCH, NORTHSTOWE

Have you wondered who we are? We are..

- Made up of people moving into the area: rooted and growing in our new town
- From all traditions and none; those just starting to explore their spirituality and pilgrims dusty from the journey.
- People who love to get involved in our local communities.
- Northstowe's Church of England church community, offering weddings, funerals, and thanksgiving or christening services to anyone who lives in Northstowe.
- Praying, exploring, and sharing.

### Advent & Christmas highlights

**Praying:** Where is your favourite place to find refreshment? For several of us at Pathfinder Church, our monthly "Chicken Soup for the Soul" evenings help us rest and recharge, through contemporary wisdom and poetry, ten minutes of silent meditation, and the beautiful ancient monastic poetry in the Night Prayer service of Compline.

**Exploring:** How much of Northstowe have you explored? Thank you to everyone who took part in Northstowe's Advent Windows this year! The theme of Festive Food led to a rich variety of international cuisine, presented in a myriad of different ways. See highlights: [bit.ly/NorthstoweAdventWindows](https://bit.ly/NorthstoweAdventWindows)

**Sharing:** What was your favourite partnership event? Northstowe's winter months could be summed up by the word "community". Those from all faiths and none shared traditions and customs from around the world, and made new ones, under the banner of Northstowe's Winter Festival. So many great partnerships were formed! We can't decide between the Switch On event, Christmas Craft Fair (where our carols, refreshments, and Listening Post helped raise funds for the antislavery charity

International Justice Mission), Carols Round the Tree, the Art Pavilions displays, or one of the Campfire Celebrations. Can you?

**Rev'd Dr Beth Cope**

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ADVENT WINDOWS

Pathfinder Church Northstowe is a Church of England Church, with an inclusive ecumenical welcome. Rev'd Dr Beth Cope is the Pioneer Minister for Northstowe, working closely with Revds. Lucy and Simon from the 5folds Family of Churches which includes All Saints' Longstanton. She is available to talk through the Big Questions of life, as well as for Northstowe's weddings, baptisms, and funerals whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. Contact her at Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe (01954 261 181) [contact@northstowe.church](mailto:contact@northstowe.church)

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## VALENTINE'S DAY COMPETITION

Whether you celebrate Valentine's Day or not, you can't beat a classic romantic movie. To the right are 8 movie stills taken from 8 classic romantic movies. Can you name the movies?

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Thursday 13th February. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive coffee and cake for two at the Willingham Auctions Cafe, kindly donated by Willingham Actions. The winner will be announced in the next issue. Good luck!

Happy Valentine's day!



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## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION WINNERS!



Charlie, age 4, and Savannah Carway are our Junior and Senior Christmas Competition winners, congratulations! We hope you have enjoyed the hampers, kindly donated by G. Webb. The winning answers were: Merry Christmas Everyone, Fairytale of New York, Rocking Around The Christmas Tree, Silent Night, Santa Claus Is Coming To Town, Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow, All I Want For Christmas Is You and Last Christmas. For Juniors there were 30 candy canes to count.



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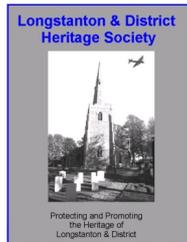
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# LDHS UPDATE: LONGSTANTON - Feb / Mar 2022



2022, will be an interesting year for the Heritage Society as we meet with the County Council Museums Officer and others to discuss how best to protect and display the LDHS Archives, so that future generations can enjoy this unique and

historically important collection. The last 15 years have been spent collating historical information to ensure that the rural, social and military histories of Longstanton and Oakington will not be forgotten. However, the next challenge is to realise our ambition of providing the archives with a safe, secure and long-term home in a way that enables our extensive collection of memorabilia, photographs, digital images and film to be better accessed by our communities and the general public. This will be our work over the coming months and we will provide updates as and when there is any progress to report. In the meantime, I would like to introduce you to an on-

line resource that has been put together by veteran local historian, Mike Petty. Having worked for the Cambridgeshire Collection for many years Mike's extensive knowledge, indexes and collections are an important historical resource. Over the years, we have been delighted that Mike has been able to share much of this knowledge with LDHS members and non members alike through our annual series of talks. Sadly, the pandemic has led to the suspension of these face to face meetings for the time being. To help us plan for the future we would be grateful if both members and local residents could complete a short survey. You can access the survey using this link to our website: <https://www.ldhs.org/forthcoming-events/local-history-events/>

Below is an Introduction to Mike Petty's 'Longstanton Scrapbook' in his own words and a few extracts from it. There are plenty more interesting snippets so please do take a look. One extract that I have included dates from 1900, and outlines the close social ties that linked Longstanton with Oakington and Westwick. LDHS has always championed the shared history of our two communities, whether that was through family ties, transport and business links or in the 20th Century, the military history brought about by the construction of RAF Oakington and its later transformation into Oakington Barracks. To illustrate this article I have selected a couple of postcard images from the LDHS Archives which I hope you will enjoy.

## Longstanton Scrapbook, 1897-1990

Extracts from 'A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook' by Mike Petty.

### Introduction

*These stories are from issues of the Cambridge Daily/Evening/Weekly News of 1897-1990. The full set of articles, numbering over 3,000 pages is available at [bit.ly/CambsCollection](https://bit.ly/CambsCollection). The newspapers are held in the Cambridgeshire Collection together with other Cambridge titles back to 1762. They have a variety of indexes including a record of stories for every village in Cambridgeshire between*

*1770-1900 and newspaper cuttings files on 750 topics from 1958 to date. For more details on other sources for Cambridgeshire history see my website [www.mikepetty.org.uk](http://www.mikepetty.org.uk). This index was produced as a part of my personal research resources and would benefit from editing. Check everything!*

Mike Petty



*Above: Longstanton St Michael's (c 1906) via H Stroude*

*Below Right: Longstanton High Street / Over Road junction via the Swann Family collection. Image date unknown but it will be early 20th Century*

**1899 03 01** The hitherto quiet little village of Longstanton has been engaged in a labour struggle, a battle between farmers and farm servants. The cause of dispute was originally the hours of labour, but at a later stage the question of wages was brought in. It was decided to ask to work from 7am to 5pm – a ten-hour's day, with half an hour for breakfast and an hour for dinner out of it. Four out of five farmers refused to make the concession. The result was

that nearly 40 agricultural labourers "came out" on strike.

**1900 07 25** The plan adopted in the villages of amalgamating for the purposes of holding horticultural shows is one to be commended in order to secure friendly rivalry between them. The parishes of Oakington, Westwick & Longstanton followed this course when the society was inaugurated ten years ago and the exhibitions arranged since have met with a measure of success that has continually stimulated its members. The exhibits were a very level lot. The peas, horned carrots & potatoes might be singled out for special mention. A small dish of curious peas of the Ashley Duke variety caused a sensation. Thurston's steam horses were in attendance & in the evening the villagers thronged into the ground in large numbers.

**1902 01 02** Chesterton RDC received a resolution from Longstanton All Saint's parish meeting that members of property in the parish should provide their tenants with water. In every case the landlords had agreed. The Clerk: "We supply water by water carts; the contracts expires at the end of the month & it is thought that the owners should now provide it". The council agreed to continue the water cart system for three months to give landlords the opportunity to supply their tenants with water.

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