

Longstanton Life

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Life in Your Locality



Longstanton/Northstowe groundwater collapse!

Public meeting: 7pm, Friday 24 June 2022
All Saints' Church. More details on page 5.

*Photos: Brewer's Close pond.
(left - before 2015 and below - after 2015)*



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VILLAGE DIARY

SUNDAY	09.30-10.30	Sunday School	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	11.00	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
MONDAY	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
TUESDAY	09.15-10.30	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Diane Herrington	
	10.00-12.00	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	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		
WEDNESDAY	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
THURSDAY	10.00-11.30	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
FRIDAY	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
SATURDAY	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. Email: 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

The Pavilion

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 Friday: 14.30 until 23.00
 Saturday: 12.00 until 23.00
 Sunday: 12.00 until 20.00



We would like to give a massive thank you to all of you, the staff, stall holders and visitors to this year's St George's Day celebration to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service. After the events of Sunday 9th May, it has made us realise more than ever how much the Air Ambulance is a vital service for our community. We are sending our condolences to the Bye family, who have been amazingly gracious in sending thanks to some of our customers that were in the club that day and who did not hesitate to offer their help to the emergency services. We will continue to raise money for this charity and hope everyone will get behind us, should we be able to organise an event next year. There was always uncertainty with the Covid situation, and the wind did not help us, so we would like to make the whole day bigger and better next time.

You are reminded that it is now the season for cricket and bowls (although football seems to be hanging around!), so

you are very welcome to come and join us on a Saturday afternoon to cheer (or politely clap) our cricket teams on. The bowling green is again open on a Monday evening (unless there is a match on) for people to come and have a go at bowling. All ages are welcome.

We do not have anything planned for the Jubilee weekend, but of course will be open for you to come and join us in our very large beer garden. We are afraid we will not be open until 1am as has been publicised; 11pm is quite late enough!

We look forward to a glorious summer, with just the right amount of rain overnight to keep the cricket square and bowling green looking as good as they always do.

The Pavilion Team

LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Longstanton is experiencing a serious issue of groundwater collapse, causing our village ponds to dry out. A group of concerned residents have launched a legal challenge over this, with the support of Longstanton Parish Council. We urge all villagers to read the essential information on page 5 and help out in any way you can.

We hope that with a couple of extra free days to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, you enjoy taking part in various events! Please send us some colourful photos, so we can publish them in the next issue.

Don't miss our Nature Competition, as we not only want you to recognise some British birds (and Parkhall Garden Centre will give you a prize for it!), but we would also like you to send us any interesting pictures of birds that you have photographed yourself - for the chance to be featured on our front page.

And we are still looking for editorial volunteers! Drop us an email. We are a friendly bunch in need of some extra helping hands (see page 23).

Have a lovely summer!

The Editorial Team

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council Dan delaMare-Lyon



Hello everyone. I hope that you are all well and are looking forward to a summer where we can enjoy a more familiar routine, now that Covid is now a relatively manageable problem in our daily lives. I wanted to update you on a few key points from your Parish Council in the weeks since our last update.

Tree Planting & The Queen's Green Canopy: We will be focusing our efforts in terms of this initiative towards the autumn season, where we hope to be able to add a large number of trees to our community, both in shared spaces and to help provide noise/environment barriers around the perimeter of our village. We will need helpers to plant when the time comes and would like to make this a community event, as it will provide lasting benefit for us all. More information on this in our next update!

Village Events Support: Disappointingly, we had no volunteers come forward to help support any activity over the Jubilee weekend, so we are not organising any village activities. We urgently need to form a Village Events working-group and it needs community support to help define and deliver village events. Without your support, we are unable to run any village events, so please contact the clerk and express your commitment to helping us.

Christmas Event: We had many enquiries last year about the lack of a Christmas event. This year we hope to be able to run a Christmas event as in previous years. This will only happen with support from the community. If last year you asked, "Why aren't we having a Christmas event like other villages?", now is your time to offer your support and make it happen. Community support = bigger event! Planning starts in June, so please contact the clerk (clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk) to offer your help now.

Defibrillator: We plan to install a new defibrillator in the re-stored phone box sited on the village green (next to the Cop) as there is increasing demand for one across our community. We originally had other plans for this location, but the village has expressed its wishes and we are happy to deliver on them. Subject to supplier timelines, we hope this will be operational by the autumn.

Hydrology and Water Levels: We continue to work with Northstowe Town Council on identification of the cause of the unexpected drop in water levels caused during the early stages of construction of Northstowe. Work is progressing on this, with some interesting discoveries on possible cause. We hope to have a bigger update on this in upcoming issues of Longstanton Life. That said, our community expressed significant support to taking further action against the planning decisions made by South Cambs District Council on "Phase 3a/3b" development at Northstowe, and how this work could further impact water levels in our community.

The Parish Council presented the feedback from our community at each stage of the Phase 3 planning process, including the need to consider the results of Phase 1 when considering any further development permission, though permission was granted on the grounds of process and policy. Many of the perceived failings that permitted that deci-

sion to be reached are not unique to our community, so it is our intent to work further with surrounding communities and involve our local MP and relevant government agencies to effect change in national policy. We would like to make it more considerate of the overall environmental picture and to avoid the conscious, permissible damage being done in our community to happen again elsewhere.

Clerk Recruitment: As you may recall, our long-serving Parish Clerk took a new role over a year ago now, and we have been operating with a locum-clerk service to tide us over until we are able to hire a replacement. Progress on this has been frustratingly slow, as clerks are in constant demand and well-qualified clerks are rare in the market. We will be pursuing some alternate angles to try to secure a full-time replacement for our current temporary solution in the coming weeks and months, and hope to find our new clerk in 2022.

That's all for this time. As always, if your Parish Council can help you in any way, please feel free to contact us. The Parish Clerk can be contacted by calling the parish office (01954 782323), by e-mail (clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk) or you can contact any of your Parish Councillors directly - our details are on the parish website.

Until next time, enjoy the spring weather!

*Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC*

Have you considered becoming a School Advisor (Governor)?

Hatton Park Primary School are looking to fill two School Advisor vacancies and we are looking to fill them with committed local community members, who wish to contribute to the wellbeing and education of the children in our village. The Hatton Park School Advisors work closely with the School and Meridian Trust to ensure all the children get the best education the School can provide.

Schools benefit from having School Advisors with a range of appropriate skills. Do you have skills or knowledge in any of the following areas: **special educational needs and working with disadvantaged children or adults; safeguarding; financial control or personnel; information technology; the education sector and/or school improvement; health and safety procedures; standards monitoring; proof reading; data analysis?**

Please ask yourselves four simple questions:

- Can you spare some time (approx. 3-5 hours a term)?
- Are you interested in serving your local community?
- Would you enjoy working as part of a close-knit team to benefit the children of the village?
- Do you have any relevant experience/skills that could support the school?

If the answer is YES, then please get in touch with Graham, our clerk, at GWhiting@cmatrust.net. Full details and information will be given on request.

*Debbie Lienau:
Chair of SAB, Hatton Park Primary School*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

A public meeting will be held at 7pm on Friday, 24 June, at All Saints' Church in Longstanton to update residents on the latest developments concerning the groundwater collapse affecting Longstanton and Northstowe and the legal action recently launched by concerned residents with the support of Longstanton Parish Council.

Since construction work began on Northstowe in 2015, there has been a significant decline in the water levels in the Kingfisher Pond and the other groundwater-fed ponds in Longstanton, and in recent summers, some of the village's ponds have gone completely dry.

A series of reports published last year by the hydrology consultancy firm HR Wallingford confirmed that the development of Northstowe was responsible for the loss of groundwater in the aquifer and the subsequent collapse in water levels in wells and groundwater-fed ponds in Longstanton and Northstowe.

South Cambridgeshire District Council, which is legally responsible for ensuring that the environmental impacts of the development are mitigated, has acknowledged that groundwater levels in the river terrace deposit aquifer are expected to drop by another 2 to 3 meters below their current levels if Northstowe Phases 3A and 3B are allowed to progress without further mitigation measures being put into place.

However, in order to avoid its legal obligations in regard to the environmental effects of the development of Northstowe on groundwater, the district council decided to exclude effects on groundwater from the Environmental Impact Assessments on the basis that the loss of water from the aquifer, wells, and ponds in Longstanton and Northstowe was "not significant".

On the basis of its assessment that the impacts on local groundwater were "not significant", South Cambridgeshire District Council granted planning permission for 4,000 houses at Phase 3A and for 1,000 houses at Phase 3B at the end of March.

The Environment Agency has confirmed that apart from the Environmental Impact Assessment process, which was the legal responsibility of South Cambridgeshire District



Ladywalk Pond. South Cambridgeshire District Council has described that the loss of water from the villages ponds as "not significant".

Residents launch legal action over groundwater collapse

Council, there is no other regulatory process to address the loss of groundwater caused by the development of Northstowe. If local residents want the groundwater impacts of the development of Northstowe addressed, the only remaining option is to challenge the district council's decision in court.

In late April, a community forum was held at All Saints' Church to discuss the next steps forward for our village, and the consensus emerging from that discussion was that the district council needed to be challenged in court on its assertion that the impacts on local groundwater were "not significant".

Thanks to the generous support of local residents who came together to raise over £10,000 in only 4 days'

time, and thanks to Longstanton Parish Council, which generously contributed a further £2,500, legal proceedings challenging the district council's planning decision were issued in the High Court on 6 May.

Susan Ring of Hodge Jones & Allen and Jenny Wigley QC, both of whom specialise in environmental challenges to planning decisions, have been instructed by Few's Lane Consortium, which is coordinating the legal action on behalf of local residents.

If the legal challenge is successful, the court will quash the district council's current planning permission for Northstowe Phase 3A, and the district council will have to reconsider the proposal properly in accordance with the relevant environmental regulations.

As the legal action progresses in court, we need to be building a campaign to raise public awareness of this issue and to put pressure on the district council for a better environmental outcome for our village. This will be the subject of the discussion at the meeting to be held at 7pm on Friday, 24 June, at All Saints' Church. I hope to see you there.

Daniel Fulton

Daniel Fulton is voluntary director of Few's Lane Consortium. He can be reached at dgfa@fewslane.co.uk or on 01954 789237.



A garden pond, Longstanton

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Anthony Browne



Over the last few weeks, I have been on doorsteps across South Cambs talking about the issues that matter to you, like protecting our waterways from overdevelopment and keeping South Cambridgeshire moving with suitable transport programmes. These remain my focus, and you can see more on my local campaigns below.

While local issues have dominated my day-to-day work, I remain very active in Parliament holding the Government to account. This month, I found myself on a course of action I never thought I would ever consider – supporting Labour in seeking to investigate a Conservative leader. I would have liked to have been able to put on Parliamentary record that I voted for the PM to be referred to the Privileges Committee, but it went through 'on the nod'. On other issues I have put my position forward, including in debates on Childhood Cancer and funding for Cambridge City, as well as a question to the PM himself.

This month, I've also been:

- Meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport, and his Rail Minister, to discuss the future of East West Rail.
- Questioning the Prime Minister (and later Elon Musk) about online juggernauts advertisements fraudsters, and how we can stop them from doing so.
- Writing to the Secretary of State to condemn oil protesters who brought our roads to a standstill and impacted residents across the constituency.
- Assisting constituents who have struggled with the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, ensuring over 50 applications
- Visiting a number of schools, fairs, and local businesses, including attending Northstowe Day (photo above) celebrating five years since the first residents moved in.



Update on Homes for Ukraine: My team and I have been helping constituents with visa applications, with a total of 55 applications approved and 27 left outstanding, about which I will continue to press the Home Office.

As ever, if there is anything my office can do to assist you or you have any concerns about local or national policy, please don't hesitate to contact me. Find more information on my website: www.anthonybrowne.org

Anthony Browne

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Anthony Browne
 MP for South Cambs



The Over Day Centre Bike Rides

Sunday 12th June 2022

Join us for one of the bike rides and after-ride social with live music, food & drink at the Over Community Centre in support of the Over Day Centre: a charity providing professional care and friendship for older members of the community around South Cambridgeshire.



A choice of five rides – something for everyone:

- ⊕ Marked 50 mile 'challenge' ⊕ Marked 20 mile 'have a go'
- ⊕ 7.5, ⊕ 8 or ⊕ 14 mile for family & casual riders



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TIM CREAMER BENCH

Tim Creamer, a prayerful and family man who sadly lost his life to complications due to Covid in April 2020. He loved the community feel of the village and bringing people together, usually through food. This bench is to let his legacy live on. Tim loved to talk and not rush off. So when you pass the bench sit a while and talk to someone, and really listen.

From The Creamer Family



COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor

Firouz Thompson



Following local elections on 5 May, I am extremely proud of my colleagues, Lib Dem District Councillors Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson, who were re-elected for another four-year term. This is great news, as we can continue to build on the work we have done as a team over the last year.

HIGHWAYS: Cambridgeshire County Council Highways team have worked hard the last year and have concentrated on the following initiatives, even with staff shortages across

the Highways division:

60,000 potholes repaired; £1.7m of new road re-surfacing; £1.4m of new money for pot holes and paths, with ring-fenced funds for paths and footways just starting; £250k of funds for 20 mph roads in this financial year, and £400k in the next 3 years; new Civilian Parking Enforcement programme; new Residents' Parking Zones programme (with Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)); new A505 study in July; new HGV strategy; delivering £35m Kings Dyke on A605; full review of fatalities and new engagement on road safety; engaging with GCP for a long-term vision on Mill Rd; engaged with Oxfordshire County Council on Active Travel, and working with GCP on road hierarchy.

A14 bumps on the bridges, on Bar Hill roundabout over A14 and on the B1050 over A1307: Cambridgeshire County Council is looking to do an emergency surface patch at this location. They will be undertaking ground investigations to determine what the soil make-up is, to try and ascertain what the issues are with this fill material, and to go back to National Highways who built these bridges and embankments (dates tbc). The ground investigation reports will then form part of a discussion between Cambridgeshire County Council and National Highways over these bridge embankment defects.

A14 trees: following our motion at Cambridgeshire County Council, we are now liaising with National Highways around this. They are carrying out a survey which will be finished by the end of May. Analysis will take a further few weeks, and we have a date in the diary to meet on 22 June to discuss the survey analysis and to agree the next steps and action plan.

HATTON'S PARK, SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE ZONE: Hours Mon-Fri 8.30 - 9.00am & 3.15 - 3.45pm, 30 mins at beginning/end of the day. No objections were received to the proposal to make this zone permanent, however, the Longstanton Parish Council (LPC) did make a point about considering mitigation for inconsiderate parking in the areas nearby the school. The statutory consultation process for Hatton's Park has been completed. Next steps are to design the sign, placement and installation; the checking of underground services, so the sign isn't installed into an HV cable, sewer or other such utility; and the manufacture and delivery of such signs, which is being affected globally by market volatility and supply availability.

I have met with residents from Thornhill Place, Hatton Park School and attended the LPC meeting. The school and the Parish Council will agree to put certain measures in place at the next LPC meeting on 13 June. Meanwhile, the school's fabulous volunteer marshals are still there in hi-vis vests. We ask that you continue to act as if the order is in place and not drive down the road. Parents who are driving to school should please ensure that you park considerably around Thornhill Place, High Street and Prentice Place. LPC has recommended "walking buses" for children from two points in Longstanton - from the Black Bull car park and the Recreation Ground. This will require parent volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact the school office.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND (HSF): During 2021/22 the Council administered the HSF scheme to support those most in need

over the winter months, primarily with food and fuel costs. This used £2.5m of Government funding. The Joint Administration's budget in February set aside £1M for a new, wider HSF scheme for 2022/23. In March, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced further funding for the HSF nationally. We do not yet know how much of that is allocated to Cambridgeshire.

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

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

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

Northstowe Community Development Officers

The Community Development Team have been busy coordinating and supporting the community to arrange "Northstowe Day" on Saturday 7th May. The celebration marked 5 years since the first resident moved in to Northstowe and it was packed with family fun events—from a bouncy castle to sports, games and food vans. Partner agencies and local community groups came together at various locations across town to showcase their great work and to offer fun and engaging activities for residents.

It was wonderful to see such energy and enthusiasm from our local groups and the residents' engagement on the day. It was a first for this type of celebration at Northstowe and, given its success, we are hopeful that the tradition will continue to make Northstowe Day a recurrent memorable event for the local community.

The Northstowe Half Marathon took place on Sunday 24th April and this had great participation from local residents. A Wellbeing Walk is being re-established at Northstowe with volunteers fully trained now; keep an eye on our social media pages for dates when this is re-commencing. Notable achievements by community groups include the Youth Hive being constituted and a recent successful trial café session which is set to continue every Wednesday afternoon at Northstowe. Rhymetime is also recommencing, plus volunteers from Sustainable Northstowe continue their great work to replenish the community larder with locally donated food daily.

Many local groups are currently looking to recruit more volunteers. Please get in touch if you have time to spare and advise what your interests are, we will be happy to pair you up with the appropriate group.

The Heritage Annexe has been granted planning consent and, as part of the steering group, we are working to ensure the community feel part of the project and we will also be working with partners regarding this.

We have been informed of alleged anti-social behaviour and would like to make sure that residents are aware of correct reporting practices. Should residents come across anti-social behaviours, please contact the police at the time of incident or the Environmental Health Team at South Cambs District Council for nuisance complaints via their contact form on their website.

If you would like to get in touch with the Northstowe Community Development Officers, please do so by popping in to see Kathryn and Mihaela on Wednesdays at Northstowe or via our email address northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

**Northstowe Community Development Officers
Mihaela Stan and Kathryn Beck**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillors' Notes



We are extremely pleased and honoured to have recently been re-elected as District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick and Northstowe. The Liberal Democrats retained overall control of South Cambridgeshire District Council, increasing our number of councillors to thirty-seven out of forty-five.

The full results were:

Sarah Cheung Johnson (LibDem) – 1326
Alex Malyon (LibDem) – 1183
Harry Challands (Conservative) – 425
Khadijeh Zargar (Conservative) – 340
Clare Wilson (Labour) – 252

It has been a privilege to serve these communities for the last four years and we are delighted to have another four years to continue with our work as councillors. Our priorities for the next four years include fighting for action to address the issues caused by dewatering in Longstanton, working with Oakington to try to secure flood mitigation for the village and pushing for faster delivery of community facilities in Northstowe that will be of benefit for the whole local community. We will of course continue to work very closely with our County Councillor Firouz Thompson on these and other local issues.

Support for Ukraine: At the time of writing, 435 visas for Ukrainians have been issued for South Cambridgeshire as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This is the highest number for any District Council area, and the seventh highest figure for any area in England which really demonstrates the generosity and openness of communities in South Cambs. A huge thank you to all those locally who have opened their homes to Ukrainians guests.

SCDC has mobilised to provide support for this scheme, including arranging payments for guests and hosts, DBS checks and in-person visits to confirm properties are suitable, and guests are settling in well. Our business team has been working with the local Job Centre Plus to coordinate offers of employment for Ukrainians looking for work.

There are further details of the support that is available for both hosts and guests on the council website: www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/support-for-ukraine/

Wild Minds Programme: Registrations are now open for South Cambs Wild Minds programme. This eight-week programme for 12–17-year-olds is designed to support mental wellbeing through small group, nature-based activities, working with support from a clinical psychologist. The sessions are for young people experiencing mild to moderate mental ill health - such as anxiety, low mood, or low confidence. Courses are starting on 7, 8 and 12 June. More information can be found via www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/wild-minds

Urban Splash: You may have seen the news that the consortium delivering the Inholm development in the first parcel of Northstowe Phase 2 (the area closest to Rampton Drift), Urban Splash, has gone into administration. At the time of writing, neither we as councillors nor the SCDC have any further details on what will happen next with this part of the Northstowe development. We have been contacted by concerned residents and will be holding a meeting with those already living in Urban Splash homes. We will ensure the wider community is updated as well as asking for this to be on the agenda at the next Northstowe Forum.

The next Northstowe Forum is being held on 13 July. We would encourage Longstanton residents to attend these forums, as the issues discussed are often of interest to Longstanton or impact the village. More information, including notes from previous meetings can be found via: www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-forums/northstowe-community-forum/

Support for Local Community Groups: One of the roles of the District Council is to support community development. One way we are now doing this is through offering tailored advice to residents and community groups who want to set up new initiatives in their community. The guidance can include information about different grants that a particular project might be eligible for, the most appropriate toolkits to use, and introductions to community contacts who have been successful with similar projects locally.

If you are thinking about setting up a new group, encouraging others to take an interest in issues that matter to you, or addressing a local concern but aren't sure where to start, you can complete an online form here:

www.scambs.gov.uk/community-action

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

S. Cheung Johnson: cldr.cheungjohnson@scambs.gov.uk
A. Malyon: cldr.malyon@scambs.gov.uk

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

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HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton.
We hope that you are keeping well.

We have had a bit of a change since the last issue of Longstanton Life. Our Trust, CPET, has merged with another local one – CMAT – to form the new Meridian Trust. It has around 30 schools that collaborate for the good of the children and their learning. Local schools are Bar Hill, Swavesey Village College and our feeder secondary – Northstowe Secondary College. It is a great opportunity to work closer together.



It's been wonderful to see the school gradually getting back to how things used to be before Covid changed things. Something that we have really missed is putting on a performance for a live audience. At the time of writing, our Year 3 and 4 children are finalising their production of Pirates of the Curry Bean to show to their families. The singing and acting are going well, and we can't wait to see it finished.

It has also been good to get out and about again. Our younger children visited Hunstanton's Sea Life Centre as part of their learning, and our Year 5/6 choir were able to take part in this year's Young Voices concert at the O2 in London. It was a great opportunity, and a brilliant time was had by all. Some of our Year 5 children were also able to visit our local secondary school – NSC – to take part in an art project involving reusing waste plastics to make works of art. They had a really productive morning, and the work was put on show at a weekend event.



We continue to take part in competitions. Our netballers came 3rd place in the Plate Finals held at Comberton Village College – they played brilliantly and have grown so much since their first tournament in September. We also took part in a science event called 'Design a Plant', with two of our children winning the runner-up prize.



We are delighted to say that Hatton Park has become one of the few schools in Cambridgeshire to be awarded Platinum accreditation by Modeshift for the work that we do in promoting safe and healthy travel to and from school. We know it is never going to be perfect in managing pinch-points of car parking, but we are trying our best and are ever-grateful to the community for supporting us.

Our wonderful PTA group, the Friends of Hatton Park, are excited to promote this year's Summer Fete on Friday 17th June after school. Whether you are a Hatton Park family or not, you are most welcome to pop along and join in. It would be great to see you.



Finally, do look at the advert for a School Adviser position as part of the governance of the school. It's a great opportunity to get involved with your village school, especially if you do not have children there. If you have any questions, do get in touch with us!

Until the next issue,

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park Team

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

We're all happy to be back after the Easter holidays. Everybody seems to be enjoying the crafts, and we're delighted to be making new friends all the time. We still encourage but don't require mask-wearing, as we want people to feel safe and comfortable.

Our friendly committee is always open to new volunteers to help set up and put away toys and crafts, either on an occasional basis or every week. We would be especially keen to take on at least one new committee member

before the end of the summer term, as we will be saying goodbye to Liz, who will be leaving when her youngest son starts school in September.

Please chat to any of the committee members if you are interested. We look forward to seeing all families with children aged up to four on Fridays at 9.30am in the Village Institute.

*Felicity, Liz and Jenny
Little Leprechauns Committee*

FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL

Friends of Hatton Park (FOHP) have been busy this term organising the summer fete. We are delighted to be able to hold this event again after two years! This year, the fete will take place on 17th June and should be a really fun event for the children of Hatton Park and their families!

FOHPS has funded an exciting art workshop for the children at Hatton Park and every child will get to paint a ceramic plate in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. We look forward to seeing their creations.

*Becky Varey & Clare Braybrook
FOHPS Co-Chairs*

NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE (NSC) NEWS

Another busy half term. In bigger school news, our Trust has merged with CPET, and we are now known as Meridian Trust instead of CMAT. We are a large Trust now with over 28 schools, including one of our feeder schools, Hatton Park.

We have had a great number of our students achieve outside the classroom in gymnastics, music, ice skating, county level basketball, leading in scouting and offering to marshal for the local half marathon. Our students also led an art day for students at Hatton Park, who came to visit and participated in the Art Pavilion display during Northstowe Day; they were so proud of showing their work to the community.

I have had the great pleasure of Hot Chocolate Wednesdays with our students who have consistently shown our school values of kindness, curiosity and hard work. It is a chance to meet with a small group and chat to them about their dreams and ambitions, what they are enjoying and what they would like to change, whilst the students get to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. These are always really lovely mornings; I know we are lucky to have such fantastic students here in school.



Our students have been out on school residential this term, with students in Years 8 and 9 visiting Manchester City and training in their grounds with their coaches, as well as taking part in a number of other activities, such as a snow experience and a visit to a trampoline park. Comments from the coaches at Manchester City made us very proud, as they thought we were a fee-paying school due to the politeness and courtesy our students showed to their coaches. Our students were a credit to us and demonstrated our NSC values throughout. Year 7 are off on a residential as I write this today. They are heading to Norfolk for an outdoor activity weekend and are all very excited! For many of them, this is their first residential as many missed out on their primary residential due to Covid.

We have also had the pleasure of visiting speakers offering Inspire Lectures, thanks to the connections and support of a fantastic parent of one of our Year 8 students, with this month's being on software development. It was really interesting for the students to find out how the coding language and data storage sits behind the beautiful front end of their commonly used websites, such as the X-box

store. We have also been inspiring our students to complete Aspire challenges and stretch their thinking, with a special end of year event to celebrate those that have had a go.

A number of our students in Year 9 gave their HPQ presentations this month. The HPQ is a qualification that allows students to set and answer their own question. Students had to learn how to research, write and present their findings, whilst recording on a log book what they had been doing. The presentations were varied, covering fashion in the 1960s, with a dress made as the end product, to a study on Instagram and its impact on mental health and self-image. It was wonderful to see our young people really delve into issues and ideas that mattered to them. They all presented, answered questions from the audience and laid out a stall and answered more questions from invited guests. In addition to our HPQ qualifications, we also have a student sitting a Spanish GCSE exam this summer. She has worked after school with Miss Viana getting ready for the tough exam and the different elements on each paper. She has completed the speaking exam and has the other three exams to come. She has worked so hard, and we are very proud of her and wish her all the very best of luck.

We have also had great success in maths. A large number of students entered the national Maths Challenge, with 80% achieving a gold, silver or bronze award and two of them have been invited to compete in the national final. Another four Year 9 mathematicians have recently entered the Edge Hill University Mathematics Challenge as part of "Dolphin Speak Calculus" and after a successful first round, they have been invited to compete in round two. It's amazing what young people are capable of if they are given the right opportunities. We couldn't be prouder. PE fixtures are also back on and our students are enjoying the competition and challenge of playing against other schools.

Our kitchen was inspected and passed with flying colours, getting a 5-star food rating thanks to their hard work!



So, the NSC family continues to grow and stretch its wings, with another 127 students joining us in September. There is a lot more still to come.

Carole Moss, Headteacher

ANNUAL REPORT No. 15

(1 April, 2021- 31 March, 2022)

LDHS is an independent society, launched at an inaugural meeting held at Longstanton Village Institute on 11th May, 2007. Governed by our constitutional obligations, LDHS is run by a committee elected by Society members. 50% of the committee must stand for election at the Society's AGM, held each September. The AGM for 2021 was held as a remote Zoom meeting due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

Membership prior to renewals on 1 April 2022 stood at **71**, a number which includes family memberships. The number of named individuals at renewals was 97. Once again, we are delighted that Northstowe residents are increasingly engaging with LDHS, and this is beginning to be reflected in the membership demographic.

Heritage Facility - As described in our report last year, the coronavirus pandemic has continued to impact this project. However, with additional financial support coming forward from Homes England, via the Section 106 agreement for Northstowe Phase 3, a new design has been put forward for planning permission. All being well, the application will be approved in April and this will be followed by construction out on site. Currently, it is expected that the Heritage Facility will open to the public in September this year.

Prior to opening, the LDHS Archives will move to a store room within the building, subject to the necessary agreements being put in place with the County Council.



Artist's impression of the Heritage Facility to be sited on the former RAF Oakington site, adjacent to the Homes England offices.
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LDHS Archives - Over the last year, the Heritage Society has begun work on cataloguing the archives. Over this time, we have been well supported by the County Council Museums Officer as well as by Longstanton Parish Council, through its heritage representative Cllr Neil McPhater. This year has seen communications with the Northstowe Town Mayor and the Town Clerk strengthen, which has helped develop a good working relationship with both communities. LDHS has continued to develop proposals for our display within the new building, and ideas have recently been submitted to the design team. Over the last year, we have continued to add information to the archives, and we now have at least one full set of Longstanton Life magazines going back to its launch, and we are hopeful that we may be able to put together another complete set. If we can, then one of these sets will be donated to the Cambridgeshire Collection in due course. Additional

photographs and information on RAF Oakington and Longstanton have also been added to the collection this year, and we continue to archive the Northstowe News magazines on behalf of the new town. It is worth reiterating that the Heritage Society aims to protect and promote the rural, social and military heritage of Longstanton, Northstowe and Oakington and Westwick, and this joint remit is allowing significant progress to be made towards an integrated approach to our heritage.

Northstowe / Longstanton Heritage Stakeholder Group (formerly the Heritage Steering Group) has continued to meet over the last year, with additional stakeholders being invited to join this important group. New Terms of Reference have been drawn up, and LDHS is pleased to see that many of our objects are being supported by this wider group of organisations which, in addition to LDHS, includes representatives from the County Council, SCDC, Homes England, Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council. LDHS is also pleased to see that the new Terms of Reference allows for wider participation in the future, which will enable other parish councils to join if they wish to do so.

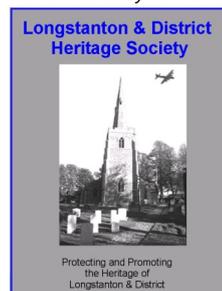
Looking Forward - 2022 is a milestone for LDHS and the opening of the Heritage Facility, on the former RAF Oakington site, will represent the culmination of over 15 years' work for village residents and the Heritage Society. However, once the move to the new building is made, a new era will begin, and LDHS will need considerable support from members, local councils, residents and others. The potential for this building, and the LDHS Archives role within it, is enormous, but to realise that, volunteers are needed to help take the Society forward. Residents are encouraged to join LDHS now, with the new membership year beginning on 1 April, and we welcome volunteers who have some time on their hands. Administration and/or computer skills are particularly useful to the Society so please do get in touch if you feel you can help. Once again, we thank everyone who has helped make this year another successful one for the Heritage Society.

Hilary Stroude (Secretary)

NEWS UPDATE!

Since the LDHS 2022 Annual Report was written, planning permission for the heritage building has been granted and the modules are currently under construction. LDHS is continuing to work alongside other stakeholders including Cambridgeshire County Council, Homes England, Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council to make this Heritage Facility a fantastic asset that the three communities of Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe can be proud of. We have a wonderful shared history, and this building gives us the opportunity to tell the story; not just about our communities but also how they fitted together with other villages and communities along the old A14, which was in parts an old Roman Road.

LDHS has recently met the content designer, and we look forward to being able to display some of the LDHS Archives locally on the former site of RAF Oakington. Currently, the expectation is that the heritage building will open in September. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more about this project or have some spare time and wish to get involved with the work of the Heritage Society. The establishment of this Heritage Facility is just the first step - placing heritage at the centre of Northstowe's on-going development is an important task that will take many years to achieve.



Secretary, Longstanton & District Heritage Society, c/o The Manor, Woodside, Longstanton, Cambridge. CB24 3BU

For more information please visit our website at <https://ldhs.org> or contact us by post, Facebook message or by e-mail at ldhssec@hotmail.co.uk

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES



In the last edition, we were days away from playing in our second cup final as a club. Unfortunately, on Friday 25th March, we were unable to get our hands on the silverware. In an intense, fast paced game, we were second best, losing 3-2 to Exning.

This set a bit of a pattern for the club over the coming weeks, with the Sunday team losing both their quarter final matches. Although this wasn't how we wanted it to pan out, reaching another cup final and two quarter finals was a great achievement for our senior teams.



Attentions turned to the league. We had a promotion and a potential league title to play for... We had six games left to play and were playing catch up over the league leaders Exning.

Getting back in action after the final, we were away to Wimblington. On a warm afternoon on a hard pitch, we won 2-0. We were back to winning ways.

With the matches coming thick and fast, next up was second placed Needingworth. We travelled there for an evening game under the lights. With Needingworth having league aspirations of their own, we needed to be at our best. With what can only be described as one of our best performances of season, given the situation, we secured a fantastic 5-1 win!

Next up was Exning on Easter Saturday. Unfortunately for Exning, this game was called off due to an outbreak of Covid in the Exning squad on the sunny bank holiday weekend... This match was rearranged to 3rd May, for a potential Tuesday evening shoot out for the league. For this to be the case, we had to win our remaining fixtures.

After another week off, we played again on St George's Day, welcoming Needingworth to Longstanton. This game wasn't to be a repeat of the away match, and after a close fought encounter, we came out on top with a 3-2 win.

Another step closer, and for the first time this season we were in second place. A win on Tuesday evening away to

Stretham and promotion would be confirmed. After a nervous start and going behind, the character of the team showed. On a poor pitch against an agricultural team, we scored four goals to get the win and promotion!

Two games to go and both at home, with Burwell visiting Longstanton on Saturday, 30th April. As like the Stretham game, we went behind early on, but as per the previous match, our strength and quality prevailed, ensuring we got the much-needed win, coming out on top 4-1 winners.

This set up Tuesday evening's visit of Exning to the Rec. For the first time all season, we were top of the league by 2pts. This was also the first time Exning hadn't been. The repeat of the cup final: an Exning win and they were champions; for us, a draw or win and Longstanton were champions.

The game started in the same high intensity as the cup final, with both sides having chances and wanting to win. 0-0 at half time. As the large crowd reassembled after the break, it happened: we scored. Exning needed two goals.

We had some unfinished business to settle, and after our only league defeat and the cup final to lose to this team, it was our turn to shine. Coming minutes after our first goal, we scored a second: 2-0 up and Exning needed 3.

We weren't finished. A 3rd goal was scored; now we could enjoy the evening. 10mins to go and with Exning needing 4 goals, the final whistle couldn't come soon enough...the final whistle blew! Played 18, Won 16, Drawn 1, Lost 1.



Longstanton FC are League Champions!!!

This is an unbelievable achievement for this group of lads and fully deserved. They are a great group to be involved with and manage. We can now enjoy a great summer and come back rested and ready for what Division One has to offer.

Well done everyone involved with our club.

*Ben Lee
1st Team Manager
Longstanton FC*

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

Please don't just wave the summer goodbye without giving lawn bowls a try. Bowls is a sport renowned for companionship and creating lasting friendships. The sport can be played by all generations (an age range of 8 to 108 is a good guideline). Longstanton Bowls Club is part of Longstanton's Sports and Recreation Complex on the Over Road, and the bowls green is located between the Pavilion and the tennis courts. If you're free on a Monday evening between 6pm and 8pm, or on a Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4:30pm, we would love to see you. All we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes.

The summer leagues are now underway, with our teams playing in The Ely and District Afternoon League, the Cambridge and District League and the Cambridge Business Houses evening leagues. 'Longstanton A' are setting the pace in Division 4 of the Cambridge and District League, winning all four of their opening matches.

Unfortunately, it's a different story in Division 2, with the team losing their three opening matches. Hopefully as the season moves on, our luck will change. Our green is looking good and bowling well and is the envy of many visiting teams.



Credit is due to our green team for their time and efforts caring for the green. It's so very much appreciated by all our members.

My goodness how things have changed. A little over twenty years ago, there was a very formal dress code: bowlers were required to wear blazers, white or grey trousers; ladies wore white or grey skirts, a white shirt or blouse, and a club tie or scarf. All bowlers wore polished brown bowling shoes. Blazers could be removed at the start of the match, but ties could only be removed with the consent of the home captain. Thankfully things have moved on. These days players wear coloured polo shirts in club colours, trainer style shoes and grey trousers, shorts or a skirt. Even the bowls (also known as woods) have changed, with multi-coloured ones replacing the traditional black ones. These are especially popular amongst the younger generations of bowlers.

For more information about the Bowls Club, please visit our website: www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk, or ring Marion (Membership Secretary) on 01954 780118. Remember membership is only £10 for your first season. Happy Bowling, from "Rob the Bowler".

Rob Page

NEIGHBOURLY SHOUT OUT!

Tell us about the village residents who brighten your day! Send you thank you by emailing longstantonlife@hotmail.com, using "Thank you" as the subject line, and we'll print it here.

BORIS (THE DOG) IS SUCH A DIAMOND

During these hard times of COVID and lockdowns, like so many others living alone, I have taken to doing a daily walk. Over the last two years I have had the very good fortune of meeting Boris. This tiny bundle of fur has given me so much joy. Boris is a very puppy-like four-year-old terrier, with a tail that never stops wagging. He loves people and insists on attracting the attention of as many humans and canines as possible. He is certainly one of the

most beautiful dogs I have ever seen; it makes my day so complete just seeing him. I am sure from what I have seen and heard from other villagers that he does exactly the same for many of them. His owners are like Boris - always so cheerful, so willing to give you their time - exactly what is needed in these times. What a fantastic trio! Boris is surely the best tonic anybody could wish for. Thanks, Boris, for giving everyone so much pleasure.

A Northstowe Pensioner

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



As we try to get things back on track, Longstanton WI has begun to welcome back speakers into our meetings and reinstated the walking group as well as the book club. It feels good.

Cake is going down well, and so far we've learned

about being a female bomb disposal expert, life as a female plumber and travelled through a thousand years of fashion. Coming up, we'll learn about Cambridge stations, complete a treasure hunt, have our annual BBQ and learn about Cambridge's literary history.

If you fancy any of that, you're more than welcome to join us—just show up at the Village Institute on 3rd Monday of the month from 7.45pm.

Debbie Lienau

By May, spring has reached its peak and the warmer weather tempts more of our colourful butterflies on to the wing. Between them, they cover every colour of the rainbow and add eye-catching interest to any walk in good weather.

The source of the name 'butterfly' likely comes from the Brimstone butterfly which is a bright yellow colour. This species flies for much of the spring and summer so keep an eye out along the trails as they float past.

Fen Drayton Lakes is a great place to see butterflies of many forms. To date, half of all the known species in the UK have been recorded on the reserve – 27 species. This includes some wonderfully gaudy types such as the Peacock with its false eyes on each wing and Red Admiral with an orange-red stripe down each wing.

Several less commonly seen species have occurred from time to time, which include the beautifully marked Marbled White and the more subtle Grizzled Skipper. The latter is a specialist of open ground with wildflowers such as members of the rose family for the caterpillars to feed on.

By managing the trails and keeping them open for visitors, our work directly benefits butterflies. The trails act as glades, or passages through thicker habitat, which they like to move along to find flowers.

Every week during the flight season volunteers go around the reserve counting and documenting the butterflies which occur. They collect important information which feeds into a nationwide monitoring scheme that has been running since the 1970s.

The survey has shown that following several decades of steep decline, many species have stabilised their populations. This is encouraging but in the longer term it would be thrilling to reverse the trend and see more of them in our landscapes.

Butterflies can thrive in gardens with the right plants for them to feed on. The classic buddleia is a magnet for these winged-insects, earning the plant the name of 'butterfly-bush' amongst many gardeners. Other plants which are popular with the butterflies include Cuckoo-flower, Garlic Mustard, Mint, Wild



Brimstone – the likely inspiration for the name 'butterfly' with its yellow wings. Photo credit: RSPB

Marjoram, Scabious, Lavender, Rock Rose, and Red Valerian.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday. To see details and book, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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Wednesday 29th June 2pm – 4pm

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Join David Chandler one of our expert volunteers, for a walk around the newly flooded reedbeds to look at all the wildlife that is starting to colonise. At this time of year, the reserve is alive with all sorts of sights and sounds which our knowledgeable volunteer will be able to show you.

David is a freelance writer and wildlife guide, the author/co-author of 17 books including the RSPB Children's Guide to Bird Watching, Kingfishers, and A Beginner's Guide to Dragonflies & Damselflies, and a regular contributor to Bird Watching magazine. He worked for the RSPB and BirdLife International for almost 20 years.

To book please go to <https://events.rspb.org.uk/ousefen>

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LONGSTANTON BELLRINGERS



The Longstanton bellringers have been enjoying ringing together in the newly reordered space upstairs. We would be delighted to see more people joining us, whether you already know how to ring or are interested in learning. We practise on a Wednesday evening, and have recently adjusted our start time to 8pm - if anyone has turned up to a deserted church at 7.30 on a recent Wednesday based on the previous information, our profound apologies! If you would like to know more before you come, my email address is longstanton@elyda.org.uk. Over the Jubilee weekend we hope to spend some extra time in the ringing chamber, partly for some extra ringing to mark the occasion and partly to meet anyone who would like to learn more about the bells and have a taster session. If you see us in the church, come and say hello.

Fiona Rutter

Longstanton Village Market



Thank you to everybody who came to visit our Spring Market on 9th April. The weather was perfect for a spring day. We had a lovely mix of stalls with amazing crafts, bakes, flowers, homeware and lots more. Also the charitable and community stalls had a great day raising awareness and meeting new faces. Most of the

cakes were sold out before the end of the market!

Our next date is 4th June, on the Jubilee weekend, the same time of 10am till 12.30pm. We will have some of the same lovely stalls and a few different ones too.

We also are still welcoming new applications from local crafters, independent producers, community groups and charities - if you would like to join us on the green, please email longstantonvillagemarket@gmail.com

Upcoming dates:

- Summer market, 4th June, 10am - 12.30pm
- Autumn market, 17th September, 10am - 12.30pm
- Christmas market, 3rd December, times to be confirmed

Longstanton Village Market, The Village Green, Nelson Crescent (next to Co-op), Longstanton.

Follow us on Facebook/longstantonmarket for the latest event updates.

Last minute addition: we would like to thank Ali for her tireless effort and determination to get these markets up and running again. Without her support, this amenity would not have been available to the village. Thank you, Ali.



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For further information please contact Stella the Secretary. Email:

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New baby registrations New parents are advised to register their baby at their earliest convenience. Your baby will need an 8 week check with the GP, therefore registration as soon as possible after birth is advised in case your child requires GP treatment in the meantime. You can collect registration packs from reception or request postage to your home address. Forms can also be collected before birth when you attend your next midwife appointment.

Covid19 Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 If your child is aged 5-11 yrs old, they are eligible for a vaccination. You can book your appointment via the National Booking System. You can do so through www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or by calling 119. Some clinics in our area now also offer vaccinations on a walk-in basis for children aged 5-11. Clinics are available for 1st doses for children aged 5+ at: Chesterton indoor Bowls club - Thursdays 8:30am - 7:30pm and in Grafton Centre - Tuesdays and Wednesdays - 8:30am - 7:30pm. We advise you to check www.thevaccinators.co.uk before visiting to ensure these times have not changed.

Extended Access Appointments Our patients have access to evening and weekend appointments at Nuffield road Medical Centre in Cambridge, Comberton Surgery, St Mary's Surgery in Ely and Royston Health Centre. **You can book an appointment through our receptionists** who will give you the time, date and venue for your appointment. These are for **non-urgent, routine** appointments only. You will be given a choice on when you would like to book your appointment and information on where to go. Services offered within the Extended Access are: GP Consultations, Advanced Nurse Practitioner consultations, Nurse appointments offering dressings, asthma and diabetes reviews, contraception reviews, etc., Health Care Assistant appointments offering ear irrigation, wound care, blood test, etc., Phlebotomy: Routine blood tests are available within Extended Access Clinics, Cervical Screening.

Please note that your consent for their clinician to view your medical record will be required in order for an appointment to be booked for you. Extended access appointments **are not** suitable for patients identified with a potentially life-threatening medical condition which required referral to urgent or emergency care settings. Walk-in patients are also not accepted. For support with the management of minor ailments, please contact your local pharmacist or visit the NHS Choices website.

Missed appointments This April, **55** people did not attend their GP appointment, and **45** people did not attend their appointment with the Nurse. This includes missed telephone consultations where the GP has tried at least twice to speak with a patient throughout the agreed clinic session. This equates to over 20 hours of clinicians time over the month, which could have been spent on other patients struggling to get an appointment. If you are no longer going to be available for your appointment, please contact us to cancel as demand for clinician's time is extremely high.

Carers Meeting - FIRST MEETING DATE If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting **on Weds 8th June** at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting **between 2pm and 4pm**. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely **FREE!** Face coverings are advisable. Meetings will then be held on the first Wednesday of every month at Willingham Surgery. Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager

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Out of the ashes: the power of crowdfunding



It is now over two years since the Australian 'Black Summer Fires' ripped through so many east coast communities razing homes and businesses and causing unprecedented loss of wildlife. The scale of loss was hard to comprehend. Australia perhaps was not the 'lucky' country it likes to think it is.

The disaster prompted the global community to launch various fundraisers....little did we know what was on the horizon. Covid hit us all in the following March and so our own Wildlife Fundraiser was

cancelled. None of us imagined hitting the 'pause button' would last so long. Finally, we are pleased to release the 'pause' and start hosting events at St. Michael's again.

Having just recently returned from my first trip to Australia since those bushfires, and my first being allowed back into the country, it was refreshing to see how optimism, and community goodwill, can win out and overcome.

Revisiting the previously charred landscape, it was wonderful to see how quickly nature and communities can pull together to achieve some form of recovery. Bountiful rainfall...and floods, had now resulted in a lush green landscape as far as you could see; it was hard to imagine it was the same environment we saw two years ago. Wildlife recovery, sadly, takes much, much longer and those challenges remain.



The charred remains of St.Mary's, Mogo

Small communities working together can show incredible strength and generosity; this was obvious in seeing the rebuild of a small rural re-purposed church, St. Mary's, in Mogo. Proudly seen as a building of historic importance (originally built in 1867) the local community launched a GoFundMe page and with extra public donations were able to build, in 18 months, a replica of the original church. All original features were crafted by specialist tradesman.

More can be read about the project via this link: www.aboutregional.com.au/mogos-new-old-church-complete-18-months-after-bushfire/

So, here we are relaunching the Friends fundraising efforts in the hope that we may be able to action the much needed thatch repair - to help preserve the fabric of a building so fundamental to life in this community since the 13th century. **Drawing on the optimism of Mogo we hope that the local community will understand the importance of maintaining the history in our midst. And so we look forward to welcoming the community support that is crucial to our Friend's group mission, of providing and protecting an historic part of Longstanton.**

The Friends of St. Michael's Church
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



Come and celebrate!

People come to their local church to celebrate various occasions. Some for the baptism or dedication of a new child, other for a marriage. Many join together for worship in church at Christmas and Easter. In these two Christian festivals, we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus -

born as one of us, who walked this earth, then died and rose again for us and our salvation.

June 2022 is a month with special cause for joy as we mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It has been really encouraging to witness a range of celebratory events being planned and hosted over the bank holiday weekend and throughout the year, including tea parties, tree planting and much more.

Here at All Saints' Church Longstanton, we have designated the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday as a festive weekend, with floral decorations, bell-ringing, refreshments and a Songs of Praise. It is a great opportunity to open wide the church doors and share our recently re-ordered church building with you. This renewed facility is for all in the community to enjoy and experience be that in the context of personal, prayer, services of worship, hospitality or small group activities. We are thankful for the

opportunity to re-engage and re-connect with the village now that pandemic restrictions have eased.

It has been a delight to resume the pop-up café in All Saints' Longstanton on an occasional basis since March. Folk gathered in the new meeting spaces on Saturday mornings to prepare for Mothering Sunday. Also to celebrate Christian Aid Week and the Platinum Jubilee whilst enjoying some delicious refreshments. Into the future, we are exploring the possibility of a midweek pop-up café, running one morning each week. We are looking for different teams from the village to host it, each on a monthly basis. Do be in touch if your local club, charity or group of friends would like to get involved.

Saturday 10 June happens to be the day when the worldwide church remembers and celebrates St Barnabas. An apostle and follower of Jesus in the early church, Barnabas was known as the son of encouragement. His was a ministry of building up local worshipping communities. Perhaps we can follow his example in inspiring and encouraging one another in the months ahead, as we continue to invest in various activities across the village and celebrate all that is good.

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Pathfinder Church Northstowe is drawing together people from many Christian traditions, as well as those just starting to consider faith: together we are pilgrims on a journey, asking questions and exploring the connections we find between everyday life and our spirituality and faith.

At the recent Northstowe Day celebrations, we shared a large labyrinth, offered Deckchair conversations about how people came to be part of this new town, and where we might make a difference, and supported the Eco Art event at the 3 Pavilions.

Our main focus is on praying, exploring and sharing through the week, putting down roots into our new town as well as our ecumenical Christian Heritage. Our Sunday gatherings complement what happens in our sister churches in the 5folds team, including All Saints', Longstanton. Like any group of pilgrims, we expect that we'll be changed by the people and places we meet, and as God works in and through us. If you'd like to be part of this journey... Come and walk a while with us as we follow Jesus Christ — The Pathfinder.

Rev'd Dr Beth Cope

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, NORTHSTOWE

This year, we have been looking at the book of Exodus in the Bible. It tells how the Israelites, enslaved in Egypt, were rescued by God. We've seen God's miracles in the plagues of Egypt, and the parting of the Red Sea, and the provision of food in the wilderness. But just as importantly we've seen God's heart. He has compassion on the enslaved Israelites. And that heart of compassion is one he wants the people he has made to share.

Here is what God says through Moses to the Israelites. ¹⁷ *For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.* ¹⁸ *He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.* ¹⁹ *And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.* (Deuteronomy 10:17-19)

So as inflation hits family finances at home, and refugees flee war in Ukraine, we at Emmanuel Church (like many others) want to show love and provide help. We want to continue loving the lonely and needy already living here, for example through Christians Against Poverty courses. And we have taken the opportunity to love the needy from overseas, as several church families are now hosting Ukrainian refugees.

Our experience is that the Bible is not just an old book about events long ago, but is God's word to us today, the ancient events still speaking about God's heart of love for us. Why not join us one Sunday (10:30am Northstowe Secondary College), or get in touch to join a course on Christian basics or ask for a Bible.

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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:

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NATURE COMPETITION!

NAME THE BRITISH BIRD

Now we are starting to see better weather and a return to something close to normality, we can start to enjoy what nature has to offer again. You might recognise some of these birds from your garden. They are all birds that can be found in the UK. Can you name all eight?

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 22nd June. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry.



The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive a prize, kindly funded by Parkhall Garden Centre in Somersham - £25 to spend in the shop.

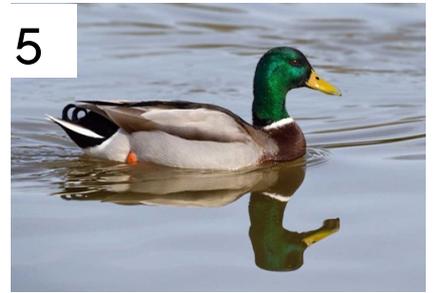
We would also love to see any photos you have taken of birds around the area. Send us your photo by 10th July for a chance to have it on the cover of the next issue of Longstanton Life!

Good luck!

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EASTER CROSSWORD COMPETITION WINNERS!

Lucy and Zach Wright are our Easter Crossword Competition winners, congratulations! The winning answers were: 1. DIAMONDS 2. LENT 3. CREME EGG 4. GERMANY 5. THE WHITE HOUSE 6. RESURRECTION 7. LINDT 8. WHITE LILY 9. JACOB 10. MAUNDY 11. EARS 12. SHROVE 13. OEUF 14. EOSTRE. Children's egg search was HAPPY EASTER. The prizes we funded by the local Co-op.



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