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Life in Your Locality



Frozen Longstanton , photos by Anna Rudd



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VILLAGE DIARY

SUNDAY	11.00	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
MONDAY	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	09.00-10.30	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	09.30-10.30	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	15.30-16.30	Acro/Street Dance Club (Reception-Year 2)	Hatton Park School	Inspirations Dance	07565 513291
	16.45-18.45	Acro/Street Dance (5-14yrs)	Village Institute*	Inspirations Dance	07565 513291
	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	15.30-16.30	Acro/Street Dance Club (Years 3-6)	Hatton Park School	Inspirations Dance	07565 513291
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 the All Stars (5-8yrs) (April-July)	Recreation Ground	Richard Jenkins	rkbjenkins@gmail.com
SATURDAY	9.30-12.30	Longstanton Dance Classes (Variety of classes for ages 2-15yrs)	Hatton Park School	Inspirations Dance	07565 513291
	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

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 Sunday: 12.00 until 20.00



Belated Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to all who have visited us during 2022. We changed the date of Christmas Eve, having a great evening on the Friday before Christmas, but stuck to New Year's Eve, with the return of the Binkster disco.

A quick run down of events we have planned for 2023: Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, St George's Day two weeks later, end of season for both sets of footballers, start of season for bowls and cricketers, end of season for cricketers and bowls, May bank holiday, start of football season, August bank holidays, Halloween and back to Christmas and New Year. Bingo will still be running every two weeks all through the year; the dates are on our website: longstantonpavilion.weebly.com. If you think we are missing an event that we could help with, or that you would like to see, please do not hesitate to contact us. All events are subject to change.

We are happy to hire out the venue for birthdays, parties, christenings, business meetings, wakes etc. Please contact

us via our web page or longstantonpavilion@gmail.com.

Please note that the large waste bins in the Pavilion car park are for use of the Pavilion only and not for general public use. The Council have recently refused to empty our bins, and we may be fined by the Council as incorrect waste is being put into the bins. There is adequate marking on the outside of the bins, if you do have to use them, which identifies what can go in them.

Some of our furniture has been removed from the patio area. These are personal possessions, so we would be pleased if whoever (we have you on CCTV) removed them would return them. If not, we will be taking further action to find out who you are. Please take this as a reminder that we have CCTV covering both the inside and outside of the building.

Hope it is a good year for us all!

The Pavilion Team

LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first issue of 2023.

The temperature is now rising, but 10 days ago our village was still covered in frost! We hope you like the front page photos of frozen Longstanton.

Inside - the usual and more. The newly elected District Councillors, Tom Bygott and Natalie Warren-Green introduce themselves. We wish them all the best in their new roles, and hope to hear from them on a regular basis.

If you are interested in excavating the past, then you will enjoy the articles on pages 8 and 20 about Northstowe's archaeology.

Our Valentine's Day crossword is waiting for you to solve - send us the one word answer for a chance to win a box of chocolates and a bottle of Prosecco, just in time for your date. Don't delay, the deadline is short!

Happy Valentine's Day!

The Editorial Team

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council

Dan delaMare-Lyon



Welcome to our New Parish Clerk: I'd like to start by welcoming Jaymes Sinclair as our new Parish Clerk! Jaymes joined us at the start of the year and is in the process of coming up to speed on the demands of the role. It is great after over a year of working with Ben, our Locum Clerk, that we now have someone back full-time in the role. Many of you may know Jaymes already, as he lives in the

village. He's passionate about our local community and is excited by the challenge of the role. I'm sure many of you will meet him in the coming weeks as we get our 2023 agenda underway and will offer a warm welcome to his new role!

Christmas Event: I want to thank all of you that attended the Christmas Lights switch on event. We tried to be a little bolder this year, after a couple of years of Covid-enforced absence, and trust that everyone enjoyed it. Certainly, those of you that I spoke to on the night enjoyed the event, and Santa and the Carousel were well received. The event raised ~£1000 for local charities, which is fantastic news. I do want to thank the members of our community who made it possible (Moira Caborn and family, Amanda Wright and family, Lorraine Wright and family plus my family) for the tireless help making the event happen at short notice. We need more help to run events like this, so please drop Jaymes

(clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk) a line if you'd like to help or organise a summer event!

Tree Planting: We said we'd planned to plant more trees this year, with an ambitious target to take trees from the Queen's Green Canopy, and other schemes, and improve the number of trees in our village. January is here and so are the trees! We are receiving 1800+ small trees to plant around the village. We are finalising locations (land that the Parish Council owns). Some will be on the B1050 perimeter bypass to help provide a noise screen in future years. Other locations will be confirmed shortly, and we may be able to have a "planting weekend" before the end of the planting season where everyone can get involved. More details on this to come. Additionally, we've managed to secure funding originally scheduled for something else from the A14 Legacy Fund. This will be used to plant more mature trees and bulbs and securing the Village Green, and work on this will start in February.

Work continues on many other topics, but as we have been a bit quieter owing to the Christmas break, I'll provide a more detailed update next issue.

In the meantime, if the Parish Council can help in any way, please contact us by phone on 01954 782323, e-mail us at clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk or contact any of the members of your Parish Council directly.

*Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC*

County Councillor

Firouz Thompson



By the time you read this it will be February, and we will be looking forward to the days getting longer and spring approaching. Here is my summary of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) matters at the time of writing in mid-January.

Making Connections consultation: The Greater Cambridge Partnership *Making Connections* 2022 consultation closed on Friday, 23 December. Around 23,000 responses have been received, and the

Greater Cambridge Partnership expects to publish a final report on the consultation outcomes and next steps for consideration by its Board in June 2023. The consultation is about proposals for public transport improvements, and better cycling and walking options, as well as about the element which has been most talked about: a congestion charge.

Any decision on a charge for driving on roads in Cambridge, or anywhere else in the county, would be a matter for Cambridgeshire County Council. We do not yet know whether a proposal for a congestion charge will progress beyond the consultation, or, if it does, what it might look like after the public responses to the consultation have been considered. We would expect the proposals in the consultation, including the proposal for a congestion charge, to be significantly changed by the public response to the consultation. And I would want and need to know what the public, *all* the public responding to the consultation thought before casting vote.

Household Recycling Centre planned at Northstowe: In the original plans for Northstowe Phase 1, a Household Recycling Centre (HRC) was planned to comply with the size of the town. Following CCC Planning Committee on 16 November 2022, permission was granted for the Milton HRC to be

redeveloped and expanded; therefore, a site would no longer be required in Northstowe but S106 funds will still be required. Following this permission, CCC planning officers consulted with the Planning Casework Unit for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) on behalf of the Secretary of State, who confirmed that they are not calling in this planning application and are content for CCC to proceed.

CCC waste officers will now look to use the funds secured in the Northstowe Phase 1 S106 to help implement this permission for Milton HRC, and, as part of that, discuss a deed of variation to allow consideration of an alternative land use for the current proposed HRC site in Northstowe Phase 1. This item will be on the future agenda at Northstowe Delivery Group monthly meetings.

School Lane: The matter of the ever-decreasing state of School Lane has been ongoing as the state of the roads across Cambridgeshire deteriorates following extreme weather conditions last year. Patching and surface dressing will have been applied at the end of January and next financial year there will be resurfacing of the whole road.

Cost of living crisis: helpful information and advice on a single webpage about schemes run by Councils and others can be found here: www.tinyurl.com/39gmjghwa.

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

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Oakington and Westwick*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillor

Tom Bygott



Election results: May I take this opportunity to thank all those who voted in and helped with the by-election on 3 November. I am delighted to be given the opportunity to serve as your District Councillor and will work hard to represent your interests at the District level. I would like to congratulate Cllr Natalie Warren-Green, who was also elected in Longstanton ward, and to thank Sarah Cheung-Johnson and Alex Malyon for their service as your retiring councillors and to wish them well as they now focus

on raising their young families.

During the many doorstep conversations that I had with residents of the ward, three issues clearly emerged that need to be addressed:

- Ensuring that the District Council takes action to resolve the problems with the groundwater and underground aquifer that have led to the ponds in Longstanton and Northstowe drying up;
- Holding the developers and the District Council to account for the delivery of community facilities such as shops, a community centre and GP's surgery in Northstowe; and
- Campaigning to stop the imposition of a Congestion Charge in Cambridge.

Groundwater issue: At the July 2021 meeting of the District Council (when I was District Councillor for Girton ward), I asked a question about what was being done to follow up on the HR Wallingford report into the possible cause of the drying up of the ponds. In answer to my question, we were promised that an Action Plan had been written and was being reviewed by the parish and town councils and ward councillors. I asked a further question at the November 2022 Council meeting about when the Action Plan would be made public. This Action Plan took a very long time to come into the public domain, but the District Council has now created a section on its website at www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/northstowe/northstowe-groundwater-investigations that contains links to the HR Wallingford reports, and the Action Plan, and provides a description of the various issues.

I don't think that this is adequate yet, but at least it is a start, and the main issues are now in the open, where residents can read about and access the relevant documents. The text starts off by saying that it is the Environment Agency that is responsible for enforcing legislation on matters to do with groundwater. This may be true in a technical sense, but as the Local Planning Authority, the District Council is in a much greater position of leverage. Property developers who wish to continue making a profit, and who wish their planning applications to continue to be approved, need to be on their best behaviour. It is easy for developers to wriggle their way out of following regulations when no-one is watching, but it is ultimately the power to pause or stop future development approvals that will make them sit up and notice.

Congestion Charge: The Greater Cambridge partnership's consultation on its Congestion Charging scheme has now closed.

There is a petition asking for Cambridgeshire County Council to hold a referendum before implementing this new tax: www.cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccs_live/ePetitions/tabid/115/ID/60/-Petition-demanding-referendum-to-decide-on-congestion-charge-for-Cambridge.aspx.

The £5 daily charge would cover the whole city, including Addenbrooke's and Royal Papworth hospitals. I believe we need to make sure that our hospitals are easily accessible from both the city and the countryside.

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District Councillor

Natalie Warren-Green



It's been a couple of months since the by-election for two District Councillors for the Longstanton Ward, which includes Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick, and I would like to thank all those residents of Longstanton who voted for me to become the top candidate. I feel both honoured and privileged to have taken on this role.

Nine candidates stood for election to replace Cllrs Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson, both Longstanton residents, who resigned in October 2022. I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Sarah and Alex, who have fully briefed me, having themselves made the decision to step down and focus on their families after four years serving this community. Their hard work and commitment throughout their tenure has been recognised by many residents, and I have been told often while canvassing and since becoming District Councillor that 'theirs are big shoes to fill'. I am pleased to remain in contact with them to provide continuity and they are being very supportive. I also would like to thank Cllr Firouz Thompson for her support, and we are working together as a strong and coordinated team in her remit of County Councillor. Cllr Bill Handley, Lead Cabinet Member for New Towns and Cllr Tumi Hawkins for Planning at South Cambridgeshire District Council are also supporting the transition.

Personally, I am starting to apply my experience of change, transformation and transition in the public and private sector to understand how best to support the frustrations of the community and to support progress on housing and amenity development, local transport and related charges, and issues with water and environmental factors, being experienced in Northstowe, Longstanton, and Oakington & Westwick.

A key focus for Longstanton continues to be investigations into groundwater about which I am liaising with LEGG (Longstanton Environmental & Groundwater Group), SCDC (South Cambs District Council) and Longstanton Parish Council. I am pleased to share that Longstanton resident and Independent Candidate in the by-election, Debbie Poyser, is also active in the investigation and continues to work with LEGG to identify how best to resolve the issues, adding local knowledge and value to the discussions. It is good to be working with a group of people constructively trying to resolve the groundwater concerns, and I will continue to support facilitation of the process as best I can in my capacity as District Councillor.

On a very positive note, I attended events in Longstanton over the festive season including the Christmas Fayre, lighting of the Christmas tree, and on the same evening, watched the participation of Hatton Park School in the Northstowe Festival of Lights music performances. These gave me insight into the community spirit in the village, extending to participating in Northstowe events, and I look forward to attending more Longstanton events in 2023 to share the energy of the local community.

I know that to keep the energy high, residents need support from SCDC. Before the by-election, I heard that residents trust the LibDem-run District Council, but that we need to show progress on the local issues, like water, and on delivery of facilities in Northstowe, as well as about public transport. I'll be working hard with Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick Parish Councils and Northstowe Council, community groups, residents and Senior Delivery Managers at SCDC to make a difference in 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, views, or issues. I can be contacted via email below.

*Cllr Natalie Warren-Green
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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Northstowe Community Development Officer

Northstowe Community Forum 29 March: Northstowe Community Forum will take place on 29 March. There will be a diverse range of stakeholders that will provide updates and interesting topics of conversation.

Subject specific drop-in: The CDOs hosted a drop-in at the Secondary College on Wednesday, 7 December. Greenbelt were on-site to answer questions on management and maintenance of open spaces. This was from 3pm-7pm, which allowed the opportunity for people to attend after work. The Community Development team was there to answer general questions, take contact details and forward some questions to the relevant parties. We are hoping to make this a regular occurrence; we would welcome suggestions from residents on future themes.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator, which was previously located at the David Wilson show home, has now been relocated to Pathfinder Primary School in Northstowe. This was installed by a qualified electrician courtesy of JLBElectrical, and it will be serviced by a professional contractor beginning of February. The defibrillator is located on the school's external wall to the right of the building, as the site is accessed from the main gates. We will inform the community when it is ready for use.

Welcome Packs : We have delivered the final Welcome Packs of 2022 in December and look forward to welcoming new residents in 2023.

The Winter Festival: Mihaela supported the Town Council at the Winter Festival during Light Up Northstowe and was on hand to talk to the local community. The Christmas jumper swap was a great initiative from Sustainable Northstowe, as well as the festive carols, wellness walks and running challenges from various community groups. The Winter Festival will run until the end of February. If you have an idea of an event that can be celebrated as part of this, please get in touch.

Warm Hubs: We are continuing to support the Town Council with the Warm Hubs and have recruited a number of volunteers from the community to manage the project. These started on 4 January in the Secondary College on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We would like to ask residents if they have any suitable activities (boardgames, arts and crafts) to donate or talks they would like to give.

The Community Development Team are also working with the Children's Centre to support their Family Warm Space sessions, which will take place on a Thursday morning at Pathfinder School.

Northstowe Allotments: We are supporting the Northstowe Horticultural Association to identify volunteers who would like to take over some of the raised beds they are building. Volunteers will also be needed for the Community Day on 4 February to work on the Community Garden. Please get in touch if you'd be interested in participating in any of these initiatives.

We would also like to hear from you if you have any ideas where the community can get involved and would be happy to support you to deliver these.

Kickstart Fund: Do you have an idea for a new community group or activity? We have a funding pot of £30,000 and community organisations can apply for up to £1,000 each. The Kickstart Fund aims to remove financial barriers to setting up community groups and activities and help with start-up costs, such as renting a room or buying equipment. To discuss your project and receive an application form, please email Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk. Once the Kickstart Funding application has been received, it will be reviewed by a panel and you will be informed if you have been successful.

*Northstowe Community Development Officer
Mihaela Stan*

LONGSTANTON VILLAGE MARKET



Longstanton Village Market returns on Saturday, 1st April 2023

Happy New Year from Longstanton Village Market!

2022 saw the return of the Village Markets

after a break for a couple of years. We have enjoyed meeting and supporting a variety of bakers, artists, crafters and growers. Furthermore, we have had a wonderful response from the residents of Longstanton, Northstowe and many surrounding villages.



It is encouraging to see that so many people are enthusiastic to support independent local traders.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and, on that note, we are excited to announce that our Easter Market will be 10am-12.30pm on Saturday, 1st April 2023, held on the Village Green next to the Co Op.



If you would like to have a stall, please email us.

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Hello everyone!



My name is Mark, a resident of Longstanton and the local area all my life.

On 23 April 2023, I'm taking on my biggest running challenge yet: the London Marathon!

My fundraising for this event is for The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers Charitable Foundation, which supports

multiple well-deserved causes, including orthopaedic footwear for people with severe walking difficulties; the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, that directly assists injured service personnel, and educational bursaries, to name a few! Further information about these causes can be found here: www.pattenmakers.co.uk.

Anything you can spare in these tough times, to help me reach my fundraising target of £2,000 for these great causes, will be hugely appreciated!

My Just Giving page is here, where you can donate and follow me through my training progress:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-pollyn1

Many thanks for taking the time to read this. Best wishes to all!

Mark



LONGSTANTON ENVIRONMENTAL & GROUNDWATER GROUP (LEGG)

Geography, water and some serious questions...



The Longstanton groundwater issue did not go away over Christmas. As time passes, LEGG (the Longstanton Environmental and Groundwater Group) is gaining a better understanding of the mechanisms that may have led to the loss of groundwater in our village, and we are beginning to understand where that water ended up.

We are indebted to Google Earth. Really! Among its many functions, it can display an altitude profile of the land along any line you draw on the map. We have used it to plot the profile of the northern swale in Northstowe, along a line from the Kingfisher Pond to the northern end of the Phase 1 lake. The results were instructive.

The altitude of the Kingfisher Pond and the area immediately to the east of it is 10 metres, the same as most parts of Longstanton. Travelling east, past Claudius Walk, the level falls gradually as far as Stirling Road, then more steeply down to the Northstowe Phase 1 lake, whose altitude is around 6 metres - drop of only 4 metres, but those 4 metres are crucial. The lower levels, which include houses adjacent to the lake and the Urban Splash development, lie in areas which, in past years, regularly flooded in the winter.

Building on a flood plain is generally not recommended, but for various reasons, we do a lot of it in England. To make it possible, building land levels have to be raised artificially and wet areas have to be drained. The land on which Northstowe is built drains first into the lakes and, when the level in the lakes rises, into ditches and drains that lead eventually to the River Great Ouse.

And here lies the problem. Northstowe is built on top of the same gravel aquifer that underlies Longstanton. The aquifer is the source of the water in our ponds and wells; it also prevents drying of the subsoil and possible building damage. When the aquifer is full, the water floods to the surface, but if you drain the aquifer sufficiently to protect low-lying areas of Northstowe from flooding,

you also deplete the water that feeds Longstanton's water features and protects its buildings.

Accident or intent?

When work began on Northstowe in 2015, one of the first side effects noticed was the drying out of the Kingfisher Pond. At that time, developers assured us that the loss of water was only temporary and the pond would soon return to normal. We do not see how there could ever be a normal water level in the pond - at 10 metres - if they were draining the aquifer to a level of 6 metres to protect new housing.

LEGG has convened a meeting with representatives of Longstanton Parish Council, South Cambs District Council and Northstowe developers to seek answers to this and other questions.

We will be asking:

- **whether the Northstowe swales were specifically designed to drain the aquifer, to what level and whether or not this was intended as an on-going process;**
- **why local residents were repeatedly told that the reduction in the water level would be temporary, when any competent engineer with an understanding of the land's hydrology must have known otherwise;**
- **what action is to be taken to remedy damage, both present and future, done to Longstanton, and who will meet the costs of such action;**
- **whether or not SCDC agrees that proceeding with Phase 3A, which may well involve further interference with the aquifer, would be profoundly unwise before the outstanding issues with Phase 1 have been resolved.**

It will be interesting to see whether SCDC's recent interest in matters of the environment at least result in a serious expression of intent to take positive action.

We will keep the village informed of progress! Follow us on www.LEGGinfo.co.uk.

SUSTAINABLE NORTHSTOWE

December updates

The Community Pantry toured to Longstanton Village Market on Saturday, 3 December. With the market well attended, all food



was given away! We also regularly link with the food bank, the Community Library Bus and any relevant community events.

We held a toy stall at the Pathfinder School Christmas Fayre, which was a great success! We had amazing donations from the community that found new homes at the fayre, and that also helped raise some funds for community projects. We will most likely run another one later this year.

We also ran alongside Northstowe Arts, a great and fun upcycling crafts stall.

At the Northstowe Secondary College, we installed a Christmas jumpers' rail for swaps, which was very active.

Plans for 2023

Community litter picks with Pathfinder Church will continue on the third Sunday of the month.

Super Saturdays will move to the 4th Sunday of the month, to align with the Town Council indoor market events during January, February and March.

Our group annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on 16 February. We will decide location/online in January's group meeting. At the AGM, we will be electing Committee officer roles (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary). Our Secretary is stepping down and we need help in running the group (e.g. writing articles like this one!), so do get in touch if you would like to take up a role.

We have a date for the postponed Community Action Day on recycling: 17 June (2nd Saturday of Great Big Green Week). We will have recycling skips for wood, metal, small electrical items and more side events.

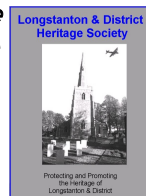
More details to follow. Our new website is now live and online: www.sustainablenorthstowe.org.uk.



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LDHS is delighted to have been asked to support the *Northstowe Arts Sculpture Project for the Heritage Annex*. This project will use broken shards of pottery from the Northstowe site to create a work of art for the new heritage building. In order to help local residents understand the historical context of the material being used, this LDHS Update has kindly been written by Dr Oscar Aldred of CAU and we thank him for his contribution. Dr Aldred has worked extensively on the Northstowe site for a number of years and the discoveries made by archaeologists not only explain the history of the Northstowe site but also add to our understanding of how local communities interacted with each other, the Fen Edge and the wider local area.



Excavating the past: a short history of Northstowe's archaeology

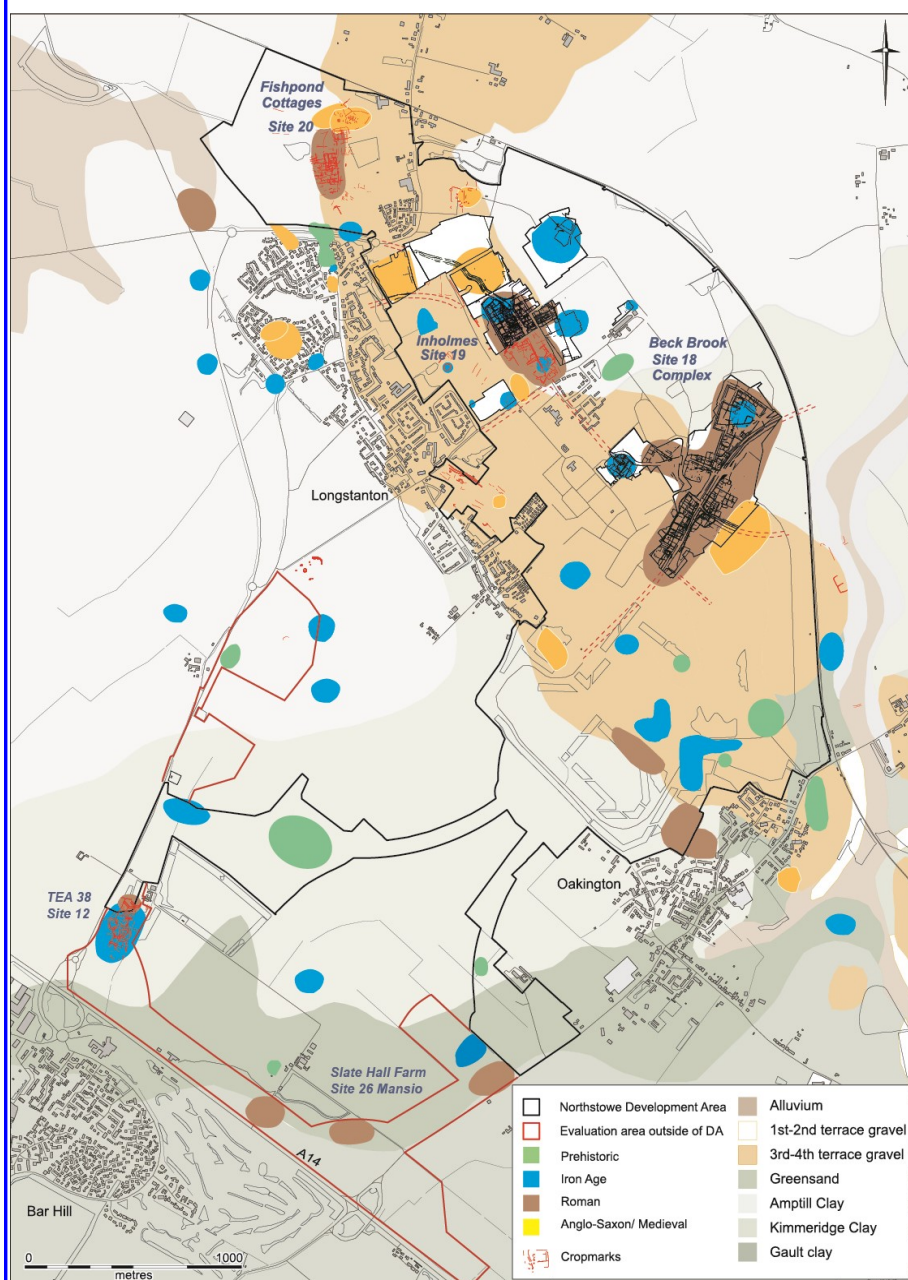
Dr Oscar Aldred, Cambridge Archaeological Unit, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge (ora20@cam.ac.uk)

The long-term history of the communities that lived within the area covered by the Northstowe development is told through archaeological features and finds. Fortunately, the evaluations and excavations

conducted by the Cambridge Archaeological Unit, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge between 2004 to 2007, and 2014 to 2019 (principally Phases 1 & 2) recovered a lot of amazing material to tell

this story. Starting in prehistory, artefacts, such as small flint blades from the Mesolithic period (c. 10,000 years ago) were found in later features, along with Late Neolithic (c. 6,000 year ago) objects, such as a Cornish Greensand polished axe. The objects were connected with seasonal and temporary activities. However, in the Middle to Late Bronze Age (c. 3-4,000 years ago), field systems comprising large, co-joined ditched enclosures were established, within which animals such as cattle and sheep grazed. These field systems covered the area known as Inholmes and Purcell fields (Northstowe Phase 1). In addition, localised pitting dating to the Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age (c. 2,800-3,000 years ago) occurred, suggesting seasonal activity with camping amongst the fields, rather than fully developed settlement. Occasionally, during this seasonal work, people died. They were buried amongst the fields, connected with a few Middle to Late Bronze Age un-urned cremation burials.

A change from seasonal occupation to permanent settlement occurred in the Middle Iron Age to Late Iron Age period (c. 2,100-2,300 years ago). In the latter part of the period, there was an increase in the size and density of occupation – about thirty settlements have been identified so far – ranging from small, single farmsteads with single enclosures, to more complex settlement and field arrangements. This also included interconnected settlements, which were joined by long linear ditches. Large amounts of material culture were found, including pottery (used for cooking and eating food, but also for food storage), and food debris in the form of animal bone.



Map – Archaeological 'sites' identified across Northstowe with excavation features and airborne transcription, with main sites named.

Worked bone tools, loom weights for weaving, worked stone such as querns, as well as precious objects such as brooches and local tribal and Roman Republic coins were also found. Communities at this time became much more organized, creating long ditches and trackways between settlements, probably helping to harness communal spaces for growing crops and grazing animals.

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL



It's been a while since I last updated you about our successful village football team. Firstly, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year from everyone at Longstanton FC.

Both teams started 2023 with wins. These were on Sat 7th & Sun 8th January, setting us up nicely for the remainder of the season. With the fixtures now coming thick and fast

for both teams, we will be playing every Saturday and Sunday until the beginning of May. With both teams still competing for the league and cup success this season, and with our improved squad depth and quality, this is a very achiev-

able target and one all of us will be doing our best to achieve.

We play our home games at the Rec in Longstanton on a Saturday afternoon and a Sunday morning. I know the lads appreciate the village support they receive, and we always welcome new faces to come along and enjoy a good standard of village football at the weekend while cheering the team on.

We train on a Wednesday evening at Northstowe Village College 3G from 6:30pm, and we're always interested in meeting anyone who wants to join us. We are currently in our 6th season after reforming and have enjoyed major success in that time, moving through the leagues to our current positions in Div 1 on a Saturday and Div 2 on a Sunday.

*Ben Lee
1st Team Manager, Longstanton FC*

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



Welcome to 2023, which marks our 38th year at the Over Road Green. At this time of the year, we start to campaign to attract new bowlers, both young and old. Did the World Indoor Bowls Championships, shown

on television in January, inspire you to take up or try the sport of lawn bowls? If so, any prospective bowlers thinking of joining for the new season, which starts in April, should contact our Membership Secretary (Marion Edwards) on 01954 780118. Remember, it's only £10 (adults) and £5 (juniors) for your first year's membership.

Girton Golf Club hosted our annual dinner in November, serving an excellent seasonal meal followed by the presentation of trophies; a raffle, which raised £168 for club

funds, and Paul Aspinall's legendary quiz, which concluded the evening.

At the club's AGM in November, John (Jodder) Hodson, a very loyal and devoted kingpin of the club, decided it was time to step down as captain of both the Business Houses and Cambridge and District Division 3 teams. His successors are Paul Aspinall (Business Houses captain) and Rob Page (C&D Division 3 captain).

Since the end of last season, our green keeping team have been busy working on the green ready for next season. The whole green has been scarified, spiked, over-seeded, fed and treated. The mild weather up until mid-December provided ideal conditions for seed germination, and the grass is continuing to grow. Mowing is being done when the weather and underfoot conditions allow. So, everything is looking good for next season.

For more information about the Bowls Club, please visit our website: www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk.

Happy Bowling, from "Rob the Bowler", Rob Page.

LONGSTANTON LIMPERS



The Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers have started the New Year as we mean to go on, with group training plans for anyone wanting to run the Cambridge Half, Cambourne 10k or Northstowe Half! We have in-person sessions in the plans, but we will also share details with members who are unable to attend group sessions. Even if you're not planning on

running any races, our training plans are designed to help build your fitness, endurance and speed and are a great way to improve your running.

Anyone comfortable running 5k, at any pace, can participate. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact us (details below!) for more information or to join the club. Those of us who like longer distances also enjoy monthly away runs to further afield parks and countryside. After the

run, we always finish with a cup of tea and a cake in a local café before returning home!

For those who are new to running or not wanting to commit to a plan, we have weekly opportunities for a more relaxed run. Our Monday social runs are open to both members and non-members and are organised so everyone is able to run at their own pace. We also continue to run our beginners' sessions on Wednesdays for those who want to progress from walking to running or build a base level of fitness. We enjoy welcoming new faces to these groups and would love to have you join us! Keep an eye out for one of our popular and friendly Couch to 5k groups in the spring...

If you're interested in attending our sessions, we meet at Northstowe Green every week. Monday social runs and Wednesday beginners' sessions start at 7:30pm and are open to everyone. If you have any questions or want to have a chat before you come along, you can find us on Facebook or email longstantonlimpers@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Chris Poultney

HATTON PARK SCHOOL

Hello to all Longstanton citizens!

A belated Happy New Year to you all. At the time of writing, we have been back at school for a week and a half. The Spring Term is always a busy one, with lots to teach and learn in a shorter amount of time!



We recently participated in some great sporting events around the county. Lots of our children represented the school at the annual Cross-Country event at the Wimpole Hall estate. It was a great day, with nearly 1000 children running in their year

group races. We also had a great time at the football and netball tournaments too. Other upcoming events include our choir attending the Young Voices event at the O2, the Raptor Foundation visiting our Reception classes and our Year 6 classes visiting the Department of Engineering in Cambridge! Our Eco Council have been active too, getting behind Meridian Trust's drive to use less energy. 'Captain Carbon' encourages everyone at school to turn it off, turn it down, keep it closed and keep it under control. These are all simple measures that we can all use to benefit both the environment and our pockets.

Hatton Park was proud to learn that we had been nominated for Team of the Year for our efforts to promote safe and



active travel to and from school. The National Modeshift Awards recognised how much we have done towards this. We have now been put forward for the School of the Year and have been invited to London to see if we are successful! This is the second time that the school

has been nominated and it is testament to all the great work that children, staff and our community have done. Remember, not everything is in the school's power to control, so please help us by all working together to park and drive sensibly and respectfully around the village.

Applications for Reception Class 2023 have now closed, but if you, or someone you know, would like a place at our lovely school, please still apply and it will be processed in round 2! Enjoy the springtime when it arrives!

Mr Aguda, Mr Canavan and the Hatton Park Team



Squirrels

Wild about the outdoors?
So are we.

1st Bar Hill Scout Group are welcoming the newest Scout section to our group.

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too.

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Nessie Free Parent Online Support January – March 2023 Positively Supporting Parents of Children with Self-Harming Behaviours

Nessie is funded to support parents/carers of children and young people who self-harm to explore and develop a positive and more confident approach to keeping young people safe and offer a chance to identify useful strategies and resources.

Event	Date and time
Online workshop Helping Parents & Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours	Monday 30 th January 10.00-12.00
Online Peer Support Group A closed confidential group running for 6 weeks	Tuesday 21 st February 12.30 – 14.00
Online workshop jointly delivered with Pinpoint Supporting children with Neurodiversity (pre or post diagnosis) who self-harm	Tuesday 27 th February 12.00-13.30
Online workshop Helping Parents & Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours	Tuesday 28 th February 10.00-12.00
Online workshop Helping Parents & Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours	Tuesday 21 st March 18.30 – 20.30
Online workshop jointly delivered with Pinpoint Supporting children with Neurodiversity (pre or post diagnosis) who self-harm	Monday 27 th March 12.00-13.30

Places MUST be booked in advance.

Please scan the QR code, or visit our website:
www.nessieined.com/cambridgeshire-parents



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NORTHSTOWE ARTS

What a busy winter we've had!

It was fantastic to work with Northstowe Town Council on **Light Up Northstowe**. We had great fun making lanterns in Longstanton and Northstowe's schools, with community groups and at workshops open to all. The parade, with such a variety of beautiful lanterns and led by Devil's Dyke Morris and Father Christmas, was full of families and just brilliant! Thank you to you all for taking part: NTC, Pathfinder Church, Cambridge 105 Radio and Emmanuel Church for your partnership work; the local schools for performing so brilliantly and of course our wonderful funders and sponsors, all listed at northstowearts.co.uk.

Northstowe Winter Festival (northstowewinterfestival.co.uk) has again been a focal point for the community, making it easier for everyone to find out what's happening in Northstowe over these cold winter months. And what a breadth of activity there has been! From faith festivals to toy swaps, challenges to get active and of course *Light Up Northstowe*, we hope you've found something new to try in Northstowe? The Festival continues until the end of February, so do check out the website.

Looking ahead, our focus over the next few months is the **Northstowe Heritage Art Project**:

Would you like to find out more about the history of our area, and work with Willingham-based artist **Chloe Leaper** to create a piece of art for the courtyard of the Heritage Annexe? We're thrilled to have been awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Homes England for this project and to be working in partnership with Homes England, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Longstanton & District Heritage Society.

Chloe is developing a series of workshops for you to hold, play and experiment with the Roman pottery and other spoil that will be used in the project. But what will the finished pieces of art look like?! Well - that's up to you!

Come along to a workshop and share your stories of life in Longstanton, Northstowe and the surrounding area. Let's weave *our* history into *new* artwork, using *ancient* materials!



Get hands on with Roman pottery found right here in Northstowe!

Bring your stories of life in Northstowe, Longstanton and Oakington to help Chloe Leaper design mosaic sculptures for Northstowe's Heritage Annexe

FREE workshop open to all ages
Monday 13th February at
Northstowe House, Rampton Road

More details at
northstowearts.co.uk/projects/heritage-art-project

In partnership with:



Longstanton & District Heritage Society

Join us at Northstowe House on Monday, 13 February for a community workshop: more details at:

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Online Consultations using Patient Triage We are very excited to announce we have now gone LIVE with our new online consultation service.

This is a great way for you to contact our practice for non-urgent medical or admin requests. You can request results, sick notes and medical advice. It is a very simple form to fill in online and submit straight to the GP, without having to sit in a lengthy phone queue. Please do give it a go if you need to contact us.

Although the character count is limited on the form, please try to give as much specific and concise information as possible. We really think it is easier for most people than waiting on hold to speak to a receptionist but would love to hear your feedback.

If you do not have access to the internet or find it difficult to use a computer or smartphone, you can call reception instead and they will complete the triage form on your behalf.

You can access the new patient form via the NHS app or from our website. (Link available on our home page)

Please note - The practice will respond to your enquiry within 2 working days. If you need urgent assistance for an acute problem, please continue to call our reception team for an on the day appointment. Continue to use 111 for medical help when we are closed, or 999 for a life-threatening condition.

Phone System Upgrade We know the queue to speak with our team can take some time. we have therefore listened and upgraded our phone system to help us manage calls more efficiently.

Patients now have the option to request a 'call back'. Your place in the queue will be held, and the surgery will automatically call you back when you get to the front of the queue.

If you want to cancel your appointment, you can now select option 3 and leave an answerphone message for our reception team so you no longer have to stay on hold.

Repeat Prescriptions Please allow 3 working days for prescriptions. Did you know you can order your repeat prescriptions using the NHS app?

You can also order repeat prescriptions using Systonline and ordering via the practice website.

If you need to register for online access, please contact our reception team.

Carers Meeting If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting on Wednesday, 1 February 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!

Meetings are 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

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS



We're back after Christmas, and we're delighted to welcome more friends to the group. So far, we've enjoyed winter crafting and our usual snack and story time, along with free play with our wide variety of toys. Younger siblings enjoy

our baby corner, with a soft blanket to lie on and lots of baby toys and books to explore. We also offer hot drinks and biscuits for the parents. Every family with children younger than 5 is wel-

come to join us at the Village Institute at 9.30am on Fridays during term time. There is no need to book or make a regular commitment to attend, just drop in when you want to. The cost is £1.50 per family. We look forward to having you in our toddler group.

*The Little Leprechauns committee:
Felicity, Jenny, Stephanie, and Kelly*

FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL (FOHPS)

Friends of Hatton Park had a busy Christmas! Father Christmas came to visit the children at school, with his helper elf, and all the children were given a gingerbread tree to decorate and eat. Each class also received a gift to help with their learning, anything from fun games to beanbags for reading areas. A bake sale was held before Christmas alongside a competition to guess the

name of the giant cuddly elf! One lucky family had the elf move in just before Christmas!

A big thank you to all the parents and families who continue to support FOHPS events and raise money for our school.

The FOHPS Team

SWAVESEY CAMERA CLUB



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**Photographic Exhibition
Saturday 25th March 2023**

From 10 am to 4 pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall

After our successful return to the Memorial Hall last year, Swavesey Camera Club are back at the end of March for their 2023 Photographic Exhibition. This event is one of our major opportunities to demonstrate our photographic skills to the public. Visit us and vote for your favourite image. In addition to the beautiful prints on display, there will be a continuous display of projected images and AV presentations. Some of the images will be available as greetings cards, with all the proceeds from the card sales going to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Coffee, cake and other refreshments should also be available.

As in previous years, we host an Open Photographic Competition within our Annual Exhibition. Our aim is to encourage photography

amongst everyone in the local community. The Competition is open to any non-professional photographers and can be on any subject (but no selfies). Prizes will be awarded in three categories: junior school age, senior school age and adults.



Photo - Mary's Shell Cleveley's Beach by Maggie O'Moore

Visit our website www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk for further details.

Maggie O'Moore

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



We are now enjoying a second year of making good use of the re-ordered church building. You are most welcome to pop in. It is a delight to share the space with the village community in various ways. Mini Jaffas preschool group runs on Tuesday mornings and the weekly café is on Wednesday mornings. Plus we have a few Saturday morning pop-up cafés each term. We host the New Cambridge Singers for their 'Songs of Springtime' concert on Saturday, 25 March at 7.30pm. For further details see: www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk.

In 2023, we are due to restore some of the church windows with the help of a £3000 grant from Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CamHCT). The Trust offers grants and loans to help congregations look after their historic places of worship. Details of the Trust's work can be found at www.camhct.uk. We are most grateful for their support with

this £10000 project, as well as many pledges from local residents. The Meeting Room in All Saints' Church is a bespoke and cosy space. It is available for hire at £10 per hour, including the use of a fully fitted kitchen. If you would like to book it for a small group meeting, contact our administrator: Colin Smith admin@5folds.org.uk, 01954 203459.



*Rev'd Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar in the 5folds Group
Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Swavesey and Willingham
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**Services take place in All Saints' Church, Longstanton at 9.30am: 1st Sundays All Age Worship,
2nd & 4th Sundays Communion, 3rd Sundays Morning Praise .**



My family and I have lived in Longstanton for over 5 years and we've been part of Emmanuel for most of that time. When the church began in April 2018, we moved from our previous Cambridge city centre church to be part of a new local church family. Both churches have been brilliant at pointing us to Jesus and teaching us faithfully from the Bible but being part of a local church community has been particularly wonderful, giving us more opportunities for friendship and providing practical help to each other.

My husband Rich and I have two children, aged 7 and 3, and it's great to see them meeting so many people through church: people who are different in age, race, nationality, and background but all with Jesus Christ in common. We are

blessed by the Sunday morning children's work at Emmanuel too, various groups for primary aged children and, further down the line, I hope my kids will enjoy Ignite, the youth group for 11-14 year olds.

I also hugely value the fellowship with other mums in the church. A group of us meet each Thursday morning in a local home and look at the Bible together and pray for each other. With various preschool kids there too, it's pretty chaotic but still valuable!

I'd encourage anyone to come along on a Sunday morning to hear more about Jesus and God's plan for us from the Bible. We'd love to see you.

*Jenny Hunt,
Emmanuel church member and Longstanton resident*

Emmanuel Church Northstowe meets every Sunday 10:30am Northstowe Secondary College. Including music, children's groups and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Find more details of our activities on our website: emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Contact Pastor Josh Monteiro by email: josh.monteiro@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

PATHFINDER CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

It was an honour to mark the Christmas Season, with all its joys and challenges. We are grateful for the support and prayers of the villages around us. Northstowe and Longstanton residents, of all religious and non-religious beliefs, joining with many excellent community groups and organisations, made the **Northstowe Winter Festival** a real delight. Thank you to our friends at Northstowe Arts, in particular, for all their efforts!



We loved joining in with the Lantern Parade and sharing our painted 'put your face in the picture' board at the Switch On. We gathered friends from across the area, together with the fantastic Punting Players Brass Band, to lead pop-up Carols at the Pathfinder School Fayre. The brass band were also back for snowy carols around the Christmas Tree, which we were able to dub Beer and Carols having been joined by Northstowe Foodies food and drink trucks, as well as many community groups.



We look forward to more fantastic partnership opportunities, working with other churches and community groups across Longstanton and Northstowe, including hosting a special joint service for the local churches in the 5folds group (Longstanton, Over, Willingham and Swavesey) to celebrate Candlesmas at the end of January.

Visit our website to find out more, and read about our midweek activities: the Monthly Chicken Soup for the Soul (poetry, silence, and Compline); Food and Faith (a fortnightly group for those in their 20s and 30s-ish), a weekly no-prep book group, and our Thursday morning Little Explorers group: time for you, your baby and God. See www.northstowe.church. And find out about special events for Lent and Easter, including a Pancake Afternoon Tea, at www.northstowe.church/Easter.

If you aren't already part of a church community, then you are most welcome to join us praying, exploring, and sharing. And if church is already your thing? We need your support in prayer, from right where you are!

Rev'd Dr. Beth Cope



see our website

Coming up @ Pathfinder Church

15/01: Join us: Praying @ 3.30pm

22/01: Wild Church @ 3.30pm
Join us: Sharing

29/01: Candlemas Celebration @ 3.30pm
A special service with our friends from 5Folds

05/02: Join us: Exploring @ 3.30pm

12/02: Charities Sunday @ 3.30pm

19/02: Afternoon Tea @ 3.30pm
with pancakes!

@ Pathfinder Primary School

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praying, exploring and sharing

PATHFINDER CHURCH NORTHSTOWE: praying, exploring, and sharing

Northstowe's local Church of England Church, supported by Churches Together to give an inclusive ecumenical welcome to those of all Christian traditions and none. Revds Beth and Stephen work closely with Rev'd Lucy at our sister church of All Saints' Longstanton. If you aren't already part of a local church, why not join us at community events, or for faith-based gatherings at 3.30pm on Sundays in Pathfinder Primary School



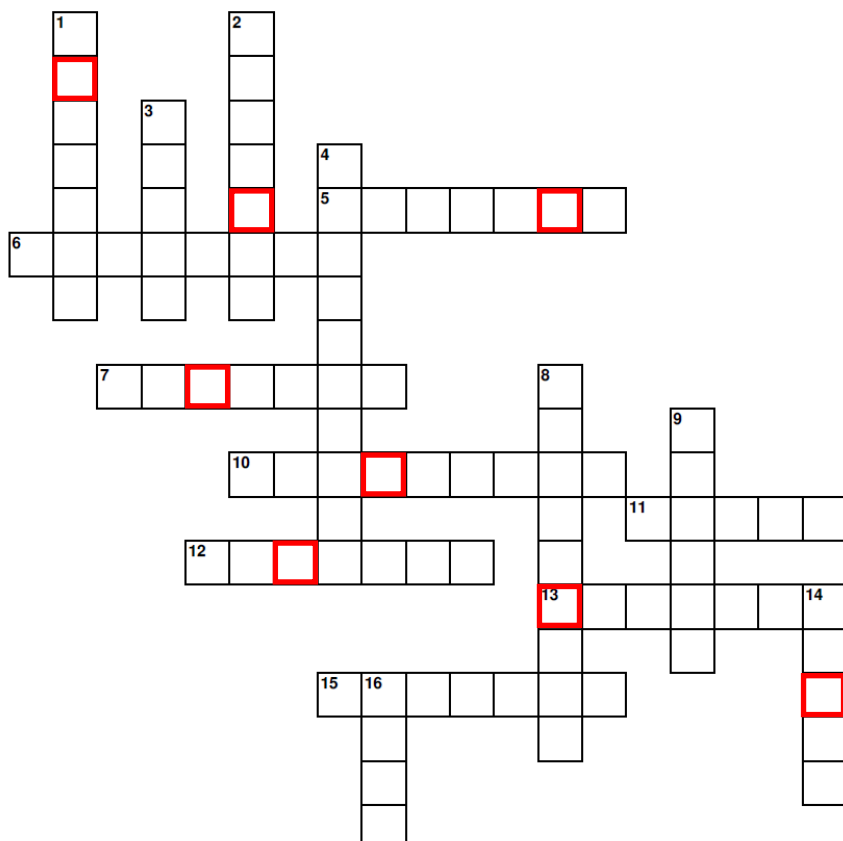
Valentine's Day Crossword Competition

Valentine's Day competition time! Test your knowledge of romantic movies by solving our crossword. Once solved, rearrange the letters in red squares, to form a word connected with Valentine's Day.

To enter the competition, send this word to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to longstantonlife@hotmail.com before 12th 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 a box of chocolates and a bottle of Prosecco (over 18yo only). The winner will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!



NORTHSTOWE YOUTH HIVE: Treasurer needed!



Already, young people living in and around Northstowe, supported by a great team of local residents and professionals, have started to make the new town of Northstowe a place where young people of all backgrounds, beliefs, genders, sexualities and

cultures can have fun, develop, learn from each other and work together to shape our communities. They have set up the Northstowe Youth Hive, piloting a pop up café, establishing the weekly Pop-Up Youth Club on a Bus, joined the lantern parade... and started to dream big. To grow this, we need a new treasurer:

- ⇒ Would you enjoy being part of a diverse group of volunteer trustees helping to make strategic decisions, alongside Northstowe's young people and youthwork professionals?
- ⇒ Do you have experience or transferrable skills to bring to charity governance, especially in the areas of finance?
- ⇒ Can you work as a team, challenge constructively and contribute to collective decisions we will all stand by?
- ⇒ Are you able to maintain integrity when handling sensitive and confidential information?
- ⇒ Do you have time to offer, with the self-awareness to know when to say yes and when to say no to commitments?

Get in touch: youth@northstowe.info or message our chair, Beth, on 07720330272

Across

- [5] The Sweet Home is in this US state
- [6] There were four of them, together with one funeral
- [7] Sleepless in this US city
- [10] ... of Notre Dame
- [11] He met Sally
- [12] Ill fated sea journey
- [13] Romantic London Hill
- [15] Gentlemen prefer them, according to this movie

Down

- [1] ... Jones's Diary
- [2] It wasn't as dirty as the title suggests
- [3] Robbed banks with Bonnie
- [4] The most romantic airport goodbye in Morocco
- [8] It was brief
- [9] Fell in love with the Beast
- [14] A spirit helps with pottery making
- [16] ... Actually

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulation to Heather Harman and to Brooke (age 7) who won a lot of tasty treats in our Christmas Competition. We hope you enjoyed your prizes!



Saturday DANCE CLASSES

@ Hatton Park
Primary School,
Longstanton

9.30-11.30am
Mini Dancers
(Ages 3-6yrs)
Dance Morning

*Full Morning Mix of Dances -
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£10 Per Morning
Termly Booking

9.30-12.30
Juniors & Seniors
(Ages 7-15yrs)

Dance Morning
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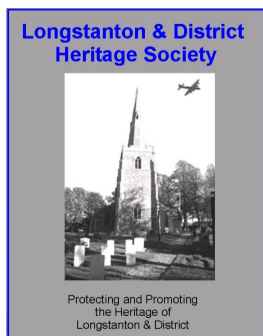
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The Roman invasion of Britain in the first century CE was arguably more of a cultural invasion than one involving the mass migration of people (besides the military).

However, across Northstowe, it produced a change in the organisation of local settlement spaces, with a clear up-take of

Roman material culture (things like pottery and precious objects, such as coinage and brooches).

Across the Northstowe development area, three large Roman period settlements were established, two of which we know were on top of earlier Iron Age ones.

These three were Site 18 (Beck Brook), Site 19 (Inholmes) and Site 20 (Fishpond Cottages). A fourth settlement (Site 26) was a high status settlement, possibly a villa or Mansion. These settlements shaped the surrounding landscape for the next four hundred years or so.

Like the preceding Iron Age settlements, they were also connected but by a series of trackways, linking the settlements to each other but also to grazing areas (e.g., towards the fen-edge and the clay uplands), main communication routes (e.g. via devana) and other settlements (e.g. North-West Cambridge hinterland, Cambridge small town, Arbury Camp and King Hedges villa, Fenstanton, Cottenham, Over, Willingham, and the Earith 'port' of Camp Ground).

Locally made pottery (as well as imported), animal bone, worked stone, bone tools, metal objects (e.g., coins, brooches, toiletry sets), and a complex infrastructure of drainage ditches were found at Sites 18 and 19, along with two main cemetery areas, houses, shrines, and small-scale industrial remains (e.g., corn drier oven, kiln, cistern and wells). Some special objects were found, including a copper alloy stag's head for a sceptre used in religious practices, the spout of a face flagon – the 'Northstowe lady', a Barnack stone altar, and a pewter plate; see photograph.

As the settlements progressed into the fourth and fifth centuries CE, the Roman administration that kept the systems of exchange and trade in place failed.

This created opportunities for new communities to emerge (possibly the ones that occupied the Roman period settlements, but also new ones too).

This period is called the 'dark ages' because there is little surviving, or it is hard to identify. However, at

Northstowe, there is a relatively well preserved 'dark age' presence connected with early-fifth and sixth century CE settlements and burials.

This evidence sits alongside new styles of pottery and metal working, especially brooches. In many ways, these new settlements, which were open clusters of structures and pits, reverted to an Iron Age type of settlement: dispersed small farmsteads, located at the edges of the former (Roman) settlements.

Eventually, from the late-seventh to eighth century CE, another period of re-organisation occurred: centrally placed and permanent settlements, with enclosures and hall-like buildings. This community began the start of the medieval village of Longstanton.

Probably from this time, the former prehistoric Iron Age, Roman and 'dark age' field and settlement areas were turned into Longstanton and Oakington's fields and trackways, with its familiar nineteenth century field names: Stanwell/Stanhill, Inholmes, Purcell, and Mill Field and trackways called Great More Balk, Moor Way, Broad Way and Stanwell Way.

The Cambridge Archaeological Unit was commissioned to undertake the Phase 1 excavations by Gallagher Estates, and Phase 2 excavations by Homes England. These excavations were monitored by the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Team (CHET) at Cambridgeshire County Council.

Hilary Stroude



Above – a selection of 'special' Roman objects from Northstowe: (left to right clockwise): stag sceptre head, face flagon spout 'Northstowe lady', late Roman pewter plate, 3rd to 4th century CE stone altar.