

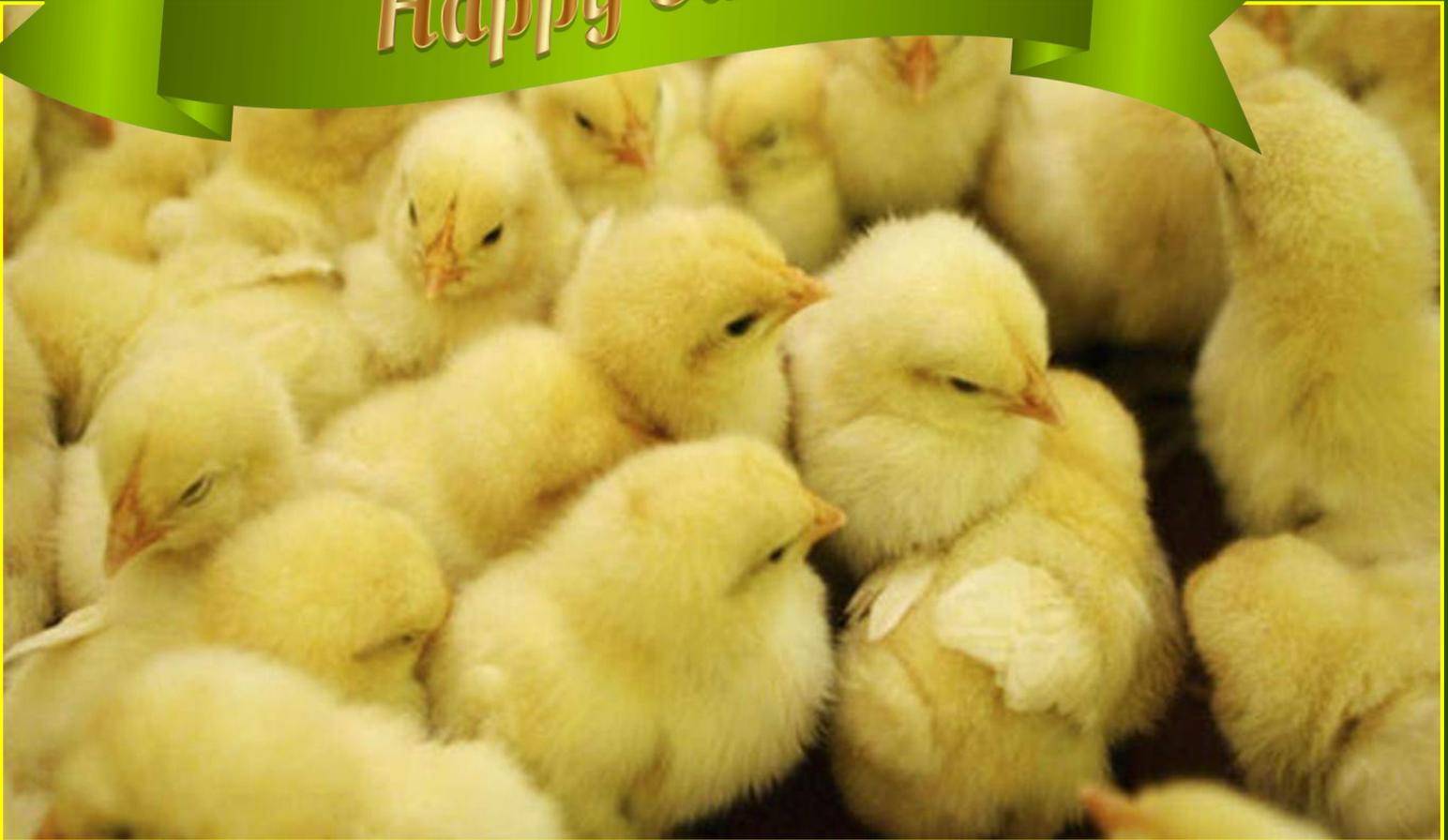
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Life in Your Locality

Happy Easter



Happy Easter, Everyone! Photo by Manjeet



Amazing photo of the circumpolar star trail on Home Farm, taken by Nick White.
Thank you, Nick!

In this issue:

Local Elections 2017, Northstowe Update, Longstanton Wildlife, St. George's Day Info, Introducing Local Business. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Hatton Park News, Memory Lane, Surgery Update and many more.

Car Logo Competition Winner and our New Competition - Easter Bunny Hunt. Make sure you don't miss it!



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VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1100	Tennis Club	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
	3rd of month	1600-1800	Messy Church	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
Monday	1800-2000	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118	
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811	
	2nd of month	1930	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)	
	3rd of month	1945	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
	Term time	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779244250
Tuesday	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1700-2000	Tennis - Junior and adult group coaching	The Pavilion	David Nation	07974 455735	
	1830-2000	Adult Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Please just turn up		
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	1900-2100	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory / Martin	07523 854251 07535 646234	
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre			
Wednesday	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-3yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762206320	
	1910-2130	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154	
	1900-2100	Bell ringers practice	All Saints' Church	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275	
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811	
Thursday	0630-0715	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	1000-1100	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	1900	Football training	Recreation Ground	Luke McAvoy	07795 321494	
	1900-2000	Ballroom Dancers, beginners	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275	
	2000-2100	Ballroom Dancer, advanced	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275	
Friday	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990	
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180	
	1800-2000	Junior Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Janet Hill	01954 261009	
Saturday	0915-1000	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6 - 12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	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 <http://community.longstantonvillage.org/village-institute/>. 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

Memory Lane, Who, Where, When and Why?

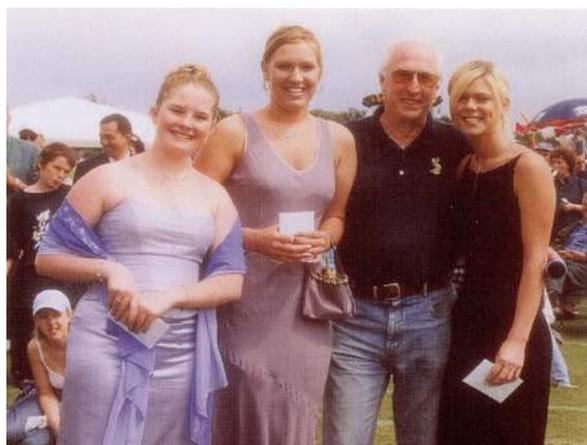


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Subtitled: 'Well, Someone's Got to Do It!'

Answers to Feb/March's W, W, W & W?

What: Longstanton Railway Station.

Where: At today's Guided Bus crossing on Station Road, looking towards the Park & Ride site & Oakington.

When: c.1930-60, before the removal of the second track that allowed trains to travel north to Manchester and south to London at the same time, the station could appear very, very busy! Both platforms would be in operation simultaneously when south and north bound passenger trains stopped in the station to allow people off. At other times, very long freight trains, carrying raw material down south or finished goods to the north, would sometimes take tens of minutes to clear the crossing.

Why: To provide an important railhead for the area before road transport had developed to its present level.



Photo LDHS via John Fletcher



LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

It looks and smells like spring in Longstanton already! Can't we all just wait to put those winter coats away and check whether there is enough fuel left from last year to power the first barbeque? Perhaps our Wildlife piece from Luke Warden (RSPB) will get you in the mood for a nice spring walk in Fen Drayton Lakes (p.9).

Because of the upcoming local elections in May, in this issue we want you to get to know all the electoral candidates and their ambitions, both for County Councillor and, for the first time, a Mayor. So if you did not get any other electoral information through your door, we are here to help you choose (p. 6 and 7).

St. George's Day Fun Day will take place on 22 April - make sure you come along to practise your best way of wanging a welly. More info on the last page.

Also, we have a very special Easter Bunny to give away - it is large, it is green, it is very shiny and it will go to one of our readers who counts correctly all the green bunnies in this issue. We are waiting for your entries until 12th April.

As usual, we would like to see more from you - photos, letters, new ideas for our magazine perhaps?

Finally, we would like to wish you a very happy and sunny Easter and good luck with counting all the bunnies!

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for Cambridgeshire

Heidi Allen



In my last newsletter, education was the key theme – this month it's all things infrastructure! Where to start...!?

I had the pleasure of meeting the new chief executive of the City Deal, Rachel Stopard. You won't be surprised to hear I shared my concerns with her about the Cambourne to Cambridge busway proposal known as 3/3a, which would cut across green belt north of Coton. We must of course find an effective public transport link, but spending upwards of £140m on a guided busway that cuts through swathes of greenbelt and doesn't even connect with the city centre is sheer madness to me. Local groups are proposing alternative, cheaper options and I will fight hard to ensure they are considered fully before a final decision is made. Public money is tight and we must spend it wisely.

I've also coordinated a number of meetings with stakeholders including Highways England, Abellio Greater Anglia, Govia, Laing, Network Rail, District Council Leader Peter Topping and County Councillors to name but a few! I want us to bid for some of the Government's Autumn statement money for a number of local improvements. It may be that we can combine funds with those available in the existing City Deal and our devolution deal due to go live in May. I'm interested principally in upgrading the A505 from the M11 to the A11 including the bridge at Whittlesford (I haven't forgotten about a cycle path linking Duxford and Whittlesford!) and the well overdue Foxton level crossing. I've also held meetings to understand progress on plans for the A428 upgrade and Oxford-Cambridge rail link. Last but by no means least, I have pulled together a programme board to really move things forward with a new train station at Addenbrooke's hospital.



These projects are at various stages of progression, but I will keep my website updated every step of the way.

I'd like now to blow the trumpets of our local constabulary! They have recently launched an initiative to tackle parking issues across South Cambridgeshire. They have developed an online form for you to complete to report any parking issues in your area. I think it's a tremendous community focused idea, so please do have a look here. <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

I cannot believe it is almost a year since we tragically lost Jo Cox, my colleague at Westminster. On June 17th/18th this year, her legacy charity will be promoting "The Great Get Together" a weekend long event which aims to bring us together to celebrate friendship and community. Some of the UK's biggest organisations will be taking part including the Women's Institute, Oxfam and the Royal British Legion. You can find more details here <https://greatgettogether.org/> or on her charity website. If you are interested in setting something up, please let me know so I can spread the word, join you, or help in any way. I'd love it if we could have a number of events taking place all over the constituency.

If there is anything I can help you with more generally, please find details of my no appointment needed surgeries on my website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries. I'll next be in Cambourne on April 22nd. I can also be contacted on 01954 212707 or email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk.

Heidi

District Councillor Notes Alex Riley



New kerbside collection arrangements.

Initial teething problems seem to have been sorted out – do contact me if your bins are not being collected. Some of you have asked me why someone has messed about with a system that was working pretty well already. The answer is lengthier than you might have expected.

The quick answer is that last year South Cambs merged its kerbside collection service with Cambridge City, and the new collection rounds have resulted. I gather that there is a saving of some £100,000 annually in fuel alone. But the underlying cause is that the Government has for some years been squeezing the Revenue Support Grant, which is the subsidy it pays local councils. In South Cambs' case this has resulted in cost savings as follows:

2015/16: £850,000

2016/17: £450,000

2017/18: £700,000

2018/19: £230,000, at which point it becomes zero.



Over the past six years the total savings within South Cambs amounts to some £6 million.

Now I am very happy to see Local Government forced to become leaner and more efficient, but as this squeeze continues, it is harder and harder for it to continue to function. The Government, of course, keeps very quiet about this progressive reduction in its support grant. Perhaps that also helps explain why occasionally local services are not quite as good as they used to be.

Scrutiny Committee for the new Combined Authority (CA) I was delighted to be appointed to serve on this brand new committee. It has 14 members (2 from each constituent council), currently 8 Con, 2 Lab, 2 LD, 1 Ind and 1 UKIP. The CA for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is already semi-functioning though it will only exist properly after the new Mayor is elected on 4 May.

One of the major challenges faced by the CA is that it consists of very different sub-regions. So Cambridge City + South Cambs are in stark contrast to, say, Fenland + East Cambs. How will the CA divide up the substantial financial resources at its disposal? (We shall have to wait and see!) But a similar problem exists for the Scrutiny Committee. Will the members from each area be very critical of expenditure on other areas but very supportive of expenditure on their own? Anyhow, there was a great deal of healthy scepticism expressed at our meeting about the CA and in particular the post of Mayor, but this was countered by equal amounts of enthusiasm. We resolved to tackle the challenges facing us in a "non-party-political, non-parochial and unfettered way". Fine words! Let's see how it works out in practice.

I intend to attend every meeting of the new CA, as well as this Scrutiny committee and I will keep you updated.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor

Peter Hudson



Council Budget 2017/18

After many weeks of discussions and a full council debate, the County Council budget has been passed.

There were several options on the table, three groups wanted to raise tax by 3-5%, one group wanted a raise of 0% and one for a raise of 2% ring-fenced for Adult Social Care with a 0%

Council Tax increase.

Eventually, Adult Social Care was raised by just 2% with Council Tax 0%. This 2% raise will be ring-fenced and used only for Adult Health and Social Care which the County Council now has extra responsibility for.

This was a good result, as many of our residents within Cambridgeshire are low paid and cannot afford any excessive tax rises.

The council has continued to lobby government, and explain to them that increasing taxation locally to offset an unfair national funding formula cannot be justified. That lobbying paid off, and Cambridgeshire will receive additional transitional grant funding from government of £3.17 million in 2017/18.

It is essential that the County Council continues to change how it operates even more than it has done over the past few years. The shared Chief Executive, Director of Public Health, and other Officers, along with shared services with other Local Authorities are saving many millions of pounds. However, this has to be taken so much further to enable a slimmed down, transformed, highly efficient council, to provide the highest level of services to our residents at the lowest possible cost.

Free health checks

The County Councils Public Health budget pays for a NHS health check, where people can find out any risks of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and (certain types) of dementia. Local, friendly healthcare professionals can help you make simple lifestyle changes, such as diet and physical activity, to lower your risk of developing serious health problems. It is on offer every five years for those between 40-74 who do not currently have a long-term health issue and is a short 20-30 minute check on blood pressure, weight, cholesterol and the lifestyle factors that influence your health.

I took advantage of this County Council free health check, and it's the best thing I've done in many a year. This is a free service that can make a real difference to local people. Now is a great time to give ourselves a push to improve our health.

The NHS Health Check is an excellent way to know about your health at the moment and gives you information about where you can get further information and support for a lifestyle that will help you to maintain and improve your health in the future. In 2016, almost 20,000 people in Cambridgeshire had their check. Why wait? If you think you're eligible then book in for a free appointment at your local surgery now. Over 1,000 Cambridgeshire residents have taken up weight loss programmes since their NHS Health Check; hundreds now do more physical activity and they have led to hundreds of others quitting smoking.

Longstanton Parish Council



Youth Provision

Following two successful Youth Cafes, several younger members of the community came forward and have asked to set up a Youth Council with support from Longstanton Parish Council. It is their intention to act as a link between the younger members of the community and the Parish Council in helping to provide activities and provision for their age range. It was at this point that Longstanton Parish Council made

the decision that the Connections Bus, though a valuable asset, is not meeting the requirements of the village and will not be returning after the Easter break.

Ongoing Council Work

The Council has received confirmation from South Cambridgeshire District Council that the agreed Precept for 2017/18 has resulted in a reduction of 5.13% or £3.85 on the equivalent charge for 2016/17 on a Band D property.

Installation of new block paved footpath on the Village Green to allow easier access across the area for all users. We would like to thank you for your patience while this work was carried out.

Supporting residents with concerns on potential dewatering of Northstowe including a walk around the Phase 1 site to view areas of concern including the Kingfisher Pond. An independent drainage expert has been employed and we await his report.

Our Parish Clerk, Libby White, has attended Routine Playground Inspection training and completed the necessary examination to ensure she is qualified to carry these out on our equipment. In addition, Libby attended a two day Practitioners' Conference covering points including: devolution, youth councils, insurance, social media, etc. This background knowledge should help our Council in the months ahead.

Working with County Council to clear both Long Lane and Wilsons Road which had become overgrown and unmanageable.

Community Safety

The Clerk and myself will be attending a Community Safety Day being held by Cambridgeshire Police. This will include items such as Neighbourhood Watch, Speedwatch, avoiding scams and frauds and looking out for the vulnerable in the community. It is intended that there be a report following this at our Annual Parish Meeting (meeting of the electors) on Wednesday 10th May 2017. Please do join us to discuss in further detail.

Planning Matters

Longstanton Parish Council received a planning application during December 2016 for 10 Self-Build dwellings in Mills Lane. At the time members recommended this application for objection for various material planning considerations and to support residents who attended the monthly meeting with their concerns. Since the initial application, the applicant has changed the application to be 9 dwellings. This change from 10 to 9 dwellings has meant that he has no obligation to provide S106 money to the village.

On several occasions the applicant has contacted both neighbouring residents and the Parish Council since this time with a monetary offer of £100,000 for the village. However, I wanted to make it clear, that Longstanton Parish Council has not engaged with the applicant and will not consider this offer.

Northstowe

Northstowe work continues, all parcels of land are secured by developers and the first residents will have moved in at the time of publication. May I take this opportunity to welcome them to the parish.

Council Vacancies

We continue to have three vacancies for Councillors on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact Libby White, Parish Clerk by email parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org or 01954 782323. This position would only be until May 2018 as Parish Elections will be held next year.

Ending Notes

Longstanton Parish Council is working hard on all aspects of village life for Longstanton. We are looking to run some further events this year and we will have a stall at the St George's Day event at the Recreation Ground (22nd April) so please come and support us. We have also secured the A14 mobile Visitors Centre to visit this event where you can ask any questions you may have about the A14 upgrade.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2017

On 4th of May 2017 there will be elections to elect our local County Councillor. To reflect population changes, Longstanton will be part of a new division called Longstanton, Northstowe & Over, which also includes Oakington & Westwick. Willingham will now be with Cottenham. UKIP are not standing a candidate for this division. Below is a short introduction to each candidate, in surname alphabetical order:

Sandra Archer Green Party



I have lived only a few miles from Longstanton, Willingham & Over for the past thirty years. I have been interested in & concerned about the environment for even longer - that is why I am a member of The Green Party. I am standing because I want everyone to have the opportunity to vote Green in the coming election. I believe we need to take a new political direction. The Green Party has a complete programme full of common sense policies that outline practical ways of achieving real

quality of life.

Green policies offer new hope - a 'steady state' economy not obsessed with more for the sake of more. Policies that will reduce dependence on global trade, and curtail the production and use of fossil fuels while really reining in the excesses of banks and the financial sector.

I want real power returned to local councils. We should be able to define the type and the quantity of housing built in our villages and set sensible traffic speed limits through the villages without county council compromise.

I would fight to improve public transport and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. We should have the cycle path networks found in Holland and the clean energy infrastructure seen in Germany.

Sarah Cheung Johnson Liberal Democrats



As a mum, wife and daughter of elderly Longstanton residents, I will work every day to protect local services, from social care to transport. Cuts to children's services and funding for health visitors have already directly impacted my daughter - so when I say I care, it's not just me paying lip service. These things matter to me because they directly affect my family, home and community.

I moved to Longstanton 3 years ago, after a decade in Investment Banking IT, latterly as an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs. We live near my elderly parents and have loved making this village our home with our 2 young children. I actively want to give back to this community and make it better by using my skills and experience gained from my 12 year Project Management career and Community Charity Trustee and have begun already by being approved as a Governor to Hatton Park School.

If elected I will:

- Be a strong voice for our Community at County Council. I'm not afraid to make a fuss or stand up for what is right for us as a village
- Hold monthly surgeries so I can listen to residents concerns face to face
- Provide regular, concise updates on what is happening at County Council
- Ensure local bus services meet demand - I have campaigned for & got assurances from Stagecoach of extra peak time buses on the Busway by May
- Provide a strong voice for local concerns on Northstowe

Simon Down Labour



I have lived in Longstanton since 2013. I work as a senior academic manager at a local university. I have previously worked as an academic in Newcastle, Wollongong Australia, and Plymouth, but began my working life as an entrepreneur in the independent music sector before working for London Underground. I joined the Labour party for

the first time two years ago as a result of its return to a more properly Scandinavian-style, social democratic outlook and I'm excited by the growing mass political movement that Labour now represents. I believe that current Labour values represent the best chance that Britain has of reversing the damaging rise in inequality and lack of opportunity that successive governments have unwittingly supported and encouraged.

Peter Hudson Conservative



Peter Hudson, with his family, moved to Longstanton 25 years ago on his last posting with the regular Army and has been a County Councillor for the past three years.

"My favourite part of being a Councillor is the requests from residents for help. I find this case work very rewarding, and working with parents managing to find a place at the correct school for their children. One particular case concerned separated parents with a child requiring special educational needs; I am pleased to say

that this was quickly resolved and the special educational package involved both parents.

I have over the past two years, campaigned tirelessly for a cycle path from Longstanton to Bar Hill. This will now happen, including a cycle bridge over the A14."

Conservatives will increase funding for pothole repairs, services and cracks by an extra £2.15million. This will enable us to do an extra 67,500 pot holes and repairs a year.

We will increase Gulley Clearance, grass cutting and visibility splays by £200k. This will increase cuts from two to three a year, help prevent some of the costly emergency response work we do and address concerns of residents.

A further £300k will be invested in sealing and improving pavements

We will prepare £50million of congesting busting projects that will help alleviate those delays in our work and social journeys that have such a negative effect on our lives.

It is by our financial expertise that we know we can deliver these at no extra cost to our residents.

On May 4th there will also be elections to select our first ever **Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**. Please find more information here about the Council's overview of the Mayor's remit: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution> Below is a short introduction to each candidate, in surname alphabetical order. Julie Howell of the Green Party did not provide a statement in time for publication.

Paul Bullen UKIP



As a UKIP politician, I am not under a party whip like the old parties' politicians are. UKIP politicians are truly independent and are free to represent the people that they serve not the party that they belong to.

I will offer the people of Cambridgeshire what they deserve, more power for local people and local communities and more say over what happens in their street, village, town and city. I'll offer an alternative of direct democracy and empower our residents to influence every-

thing that I do by putting democracy back into local government.

I believe that local homes should be prioritised for local people but, at the same time, our green spaces should be protected. I will do all that I can to protect food security and farming.

I will direct new housing to brownfield sites wherever possible and will not

allow any special treatment for special groups such as travellers - rules should apply equally to us all and not favour one individual over another.

New housing must be affordable as our children find it more difficult to buy or rent as costs escalate. I will ensure that all new housing built in Cambridgeshire will be social housing that will provide real homes for our young and old alike.

Partnership is the only way to get things done and I will work closely with everyone involved in transport and infrastructure. However, improving road maintenance will be my priority and mending potholes is more important than council vanity schemes.

I will upgrade public transport, especially maintaining and reinstating rural bus routes that many communities depend on and which feed town centre businesses and markets. I will increase the provision of free parking to regenerate town centres and boost business. Notwithstanding the above, I will fight to reduce local government and bureaucracy whenever possible.

Candidates continued on next page...

LOCAL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2017

John Peter Dawe Independent



A Revolution in Local Government

The council process has failed. I can lead a revolution in how local government services are prioritised and delivered. I will transform it into an engine that makes life in Cambridgeshire better.

The world has totally transformed over the last 15 years. Councils still use 19th century technology to address 21st century problems.

* A Revolution in public transport. A door-to-door service that takes you to your destination quickly and in comfort.

* A Revolution in housing. Where homes are manufactured to a consistent high specification and transported to service rich new towns where everything is a few minutes walk away.

* A Revolution in Skills and education, where students are taught by the best lectures available on-line, tutored by people who can access the worlds teaching resources.

* A Revolution in democracy, where everyone can vote on the important local issues through "digital democracy"

* A Revolution in delivery, where local services are integrated, rather than centralised ever further from the community.

* A Revolution in Leadership, where community leaders, bring community together to make their community a better place to live.

* A Revolutionary 21st century local government delivers better services more cost effectively, The Revolution is needed

I, Peter Dawe was a leader in the Internet revolution, I believe I can lead the revolution in local government . Make Peter Dawe your first choice on May 4th.

Rod Cantrill Liberal Democrats



As Mayor I will be a strong voice for residents and businesses, battling hard for additional funding and power to address our area's challenges.

As an entrepreneur and business owner, I know what it is like to start a new venture, to be motivated to succeed, to be determined to overcome challenges. I couple that with my experience as a Cambridge city councillor where I've managed to effect real change

for residents such as delivering over 50% affordable homes on the council housing development in the south of the city. I achieved it by rolling up my sleeves and working hands-on with the community, and ultimately doing what was right.

Like many people living locally, I am fed up of politicians not listening. I want to use my knowledge, skills and experience to listen to and work with local communities like Longstanton to improve people's lives on key issues like housing and transport. Importantly, I believe that the Mayor should be a beacon for the region on the key issue of Brexit, fighting to protect the area's economy.

I believe that it is so important that politicians stop taking short term, irresponsible decisions. I will work with residents and businesses to take long term sustainable decisions boosting our prosperity and quality of life.

I will prioritise:

- Skills & Training: Increasing the number of quality apprentice training places

- Housing: Provide local families with more affordable and sustainable homes.

- Transport: Ensuring we have a transport system fit for our future needs.

Stephen Goldspink English Democrats

I was a local Councillor (2002-2012) and run my own project management business, and my record in both shows that I deliver results.

I will ensure that the people of Cambridgeshire know the areas of policy and delivery that I can influence, and will encourage all electors to approach me with ideas. I will promote the advantages for business that Cambridgeshire offers and build on the existing initiatives to bring in high value, high wage industries wherever possible.

On housing, I would like to see any financial allocation spent creating starter homes to get people on the housing ladder and perhaps provide

some tailored accommodation for the elderly, but we also need to run a programme to bring derelict and unoccupied property into use to maximise use of the existing housing stock.

On transport and infrastructure, I believe that bringing this into the Mayor's sphere allows opportunities to fully integrate transport plans and rub out the local authority boundaries that have previously led to poor decisions; in particular I would seek the views of residents about the problems that they see locally and their ideas to solve them. I am in favour of the car as the pre-eminent means of transport in our largely rural County and will resist attempts to demonise the car and motorists. However, there are great opportunities to improve public transport that remain untapped, and I intend to promote these very hard. Underused stations, poor timetables and ill conceived bus routes are my prime targets.

James Palmer Conservative



I am James Palmer, Conservative candidate for the role of Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

A Soham man, I have lived and worked in Cambridgeshire all my life. My business background is agriculture and dairy and my company delivered milk in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. I sold my business in 2014 and now concentrate on my role in politics.

This new position of Mayor has been created to allow greater control over local services – such as roads - for local people. The Mayor has a fund provided by Government of £770m for housing, infrastructure and skills. I will work hard to be a voice for the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, enabling business growth through improved infrastructure whilst using the skills agenda to promote apprenticeships and a Peterborough University. I am convinced under my leadership the whole county can begin to benefit from the Cambridge Phenomenon.

I will bring forward the building of new road and rail infrastructure to eliminate pinch points and alleviate pressure on rural villages. I will secure funding for larger scale improvements.

As leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council I have driven through projects such as the Ely Southern Bypass, East Cambs Leisure Centre and the new cinema – I am no stranger to 'getting things done'. One of our major policies is Community Land Trusts – creating affordable housing for local people. I hope to spread CLTs throughout the county should I be elected Mayor.

You can keep up with my campaign by following @CllrJamesPalmer on Twitter or at www.jamespalmer4mayor.co.uk.

Kevin Price Labour



Councillor Kevin Price is the Deputy Leader of Cambridge City Council where he also holds the Housing portfolio, dealing with strategic housing and the council's role as a social landlord managing over 7000 homes in Cambridge. He led for the City Council in devolution negotiations to secure a landmark housing deal including £70,000,000 for new council homes. He started work in the print trade and has been active in Trade Unions for the past 42 years. After serving as a Cambridge city councillor in the mid 90's he took time off to raise a family, returning to front line politics in 2011 when he was elected again as a Labour city councillor for King's Hedges ward in Cambridge. Outside of politics he has worked as a porter at Clare College, Cambridge since 2006, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and lives with his partner in Cambridge.

Kevin has put tackling poverty and inequality as his core priority and will do this by: using the £70m for new council housing in Cambridge and the £100m for affordable housing across the Combined Authority area to provide genuinely affordable homes for those who can't afford high private sector rents or to buy a home: improving poor road and rail transport links through projects like new stations at Addenbrookes, Fulbourn and Wisbech and on key roads such as the A47 and A10, and using the bus franchise powers in the Bus Services Bill to ensure cheaper, better bus services; improving skills and using apprenticeships to help our young people access good jobs.



Strong demand for homes

To date, homebuyers have reserved 17 plots off plan with Bloor Homes. More will be released gradually over the coming months.



The first 5 home owners are expected to move in during April with a further 5 completions to follow in May. The first street is taking shape and you will be able to take a closer look when the show home opens in April.

works are ongoing. The main focus of the work is now on the installation of the BT and Virgin Media network with the Gas, Water and Electric virtually complete. Due to the weather conditions no earthworks are being undertaken except for trimming and tidying of verges.



Planning News

All five Phase 1 house builders have now had their first parcels approved. Barratt Homes will commence development on 135 homes (approved in January) in early summer and continue with pre-application discussions on three further parcels during 2017. Taylor Wimpey are expecting first occupations on the smallest of their sites (40 homes) in September with plans due to be submitted for another 150 homes this month. Linden, who will be developing the largest Phase 1 parcel (271 homes), are due to start on site soon with a view to first occupation in September. Similarly Bovis, who had the first of their plans approved (84 homes) at the end of last year, are working towards third quarter occupations. Submissions for their two further parcels for approx. 250 homes in total are expected later this year.

Following agreement on the revised proposal for affordable housing, planning permission has now been granted for Phase 2 of Northstowe which covers 3500 more homes, the town centre, secondary school, two primary schools, sports facilities, recreational spaces and the southern link road plus £73m of community benefits. The HCA and the District Council are currently in negotiations around the Design Code which sets out the design principles that will determine the look and feel of the town and ensure a cohesive and high quality development is provided at Northstowe. Full public consultation will be carried out later in the year. All planning applications can be viewed on the SCDC Planning portal.

What's happening on site?

The surface water and foul drainage systems are mostly complete except for minor finishing works. All kerbs have been installed and the roads and busway have now been blacktopped although some

Community News

Preparations are underway to welcome new residents next month. A community welcome pack prepared with the help and local knowledge of the Northstowe Community Working Group (NCWG), is nearing completion. It contains information that could prove invaluable in



those early days ranging from local walking and cycling routes, travel and transport options, education, local health services, the nearest pub and even tips on how to sort your recycling! The Longstanton & District Heritage Society have also put together a keepsake booklet that sets out the site's past and history of the neighbouring villages. A copy will be distributed to all residents of Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick. The NCWG, our resident-led volunteer group, will help deliver the packs to give all new residents a personal welcome.

Plans for the community wing at the school are coming along too including the setting up of a pop up café, a self service micro library, children's and other activities in those early months of opening. If you would like to join the NCWG or are involved in any groups interested in using the community wing facilities or have any ideas for new community activities or projects, please email northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk.

Don't forget to come along to the next Community Forum on **26 April, 7 - 9pm**, drop-in from 6pm at The Pathfinder School on the Northstowe Phase 1 site (off Station Rd B1050) to get the latest updates. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Nutan Patel

Project Officer – Northstowe

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Email: northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Monday the 20th February we welcomed Margaret Blanchard who gave us an insight to why the Giant Leatherback Turtle is on the critically endangered list.



Margaret and her husband first became aware of the giant leatherback turtle whilst on holiday in Tobago, where the turtles come to lay their eggs. They then researched the turtles and realised that people needed to be educated on the plight of these creatures. The females may lay between 80-100 eggs but only one of these may get to adulthood. The main reason for their near extinction is pollution of the oceans.

Longstanton WI meets at the Institute on the third Monday of each month at 7.45pm. We have a craft group, book club and walking group. If you are interested in joining us then please just come along.

Lindsey Marsden

Ball Room Dancing

We are still all resolved to improving our dancing skills with our ball room and Latin American, however 'Strictly' quality is out of our reach. We meet twice per week, we have a teaching session in Cambridge on a Tuesday and practice Thursday evenings at our local primary school.



Please feel free to contact me by email on

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Mike Cartwright

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Telephone Appointments The surgery is getting an increased level of patients requesting telephone appointments. Please make it as easy as possible for the GP's to get hold of you and keep your mobile/land line telephone to hand. If you do miss the call you will need to phone reception and book another telephone appointment.

Travel Vaccinations If you are travelling abroad this summer please remember to check if you need any travel vaccinations. You can book an appointment with one of our nurses who will be happy to check for you. If you need a Yellow Fever vaccination this can be done at the surgery but there is a charge for this vaccine.

Patient Parking Please respect our Disabled Parking bays at the surgery and only use these if you hold a blue badge.

Monday Morning Surgeries Monday mornings are extremely busy times for both surgeries. Please try to phone the surgery after 10am with routine matters.

Out of hours cover Please remember to phone Urgent Care Cambridge on 111 if you require medical attention when the surgery is closed. Please remember that Accident & Emergency is intended for life threatening conditions or if you are likely to need an X-ray.

Carers Support Meetings Our next meetings are being held on Wednesday 5th April, Wednesday 3rd May and Wednesday 7th

June. Please feel free to pop along and get some free support and advice.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics – The next hearing Aid Clinics will be held at Willingham Surgery on Wed 19th April from 2-4pm, Wed 17th May and Wed 21st June. No appointment necessary, just pop in for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

The Foot Care Clinic at Willingham Surgery is every Monday and some Wednesday mornings. For appointments please telephone 01480 301337 or 07807 505534.

Relate at Willingham Surgery Relate offer counselling for couples or individuals and have appointments on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30. For more information or to book an appointment please telephone Relate on 01223 357424.

Dr Hunt Is Moving On - Dr Hunt has enjoyed nearly 17 years at Willingham Medical Practice and is now looking forward to a new challenge. He is moving to a smaller GP Surgery where he will be able to teach medical students and be involved in medical research. His last working day here will be Thursday 20th April.

Sharon Unwin – Practice Manager - April 2017

“PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IF YOU NO LONGER NEED IT!”

LONGSTANTON WILDLIFE

In this Spring issue we have a wildlife article from Luke Wake, Assistant Warden at RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes. Our thanks to Luke and the RSPB. Fen Drayton Lakes is a RSPB reserve located off Fen Drayton Road between Fen Drayton and Swavesey. It is open at all times and there is no entrance charge, although donations are appreciated to help continue the work at

the reserve. Why not go and spend some time there this Spring and see if you can hear and spot the species Luke mentions in his article below?

We hope to bring you more from the RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes in future issues.

Manjeet Bolla



Mute swan and cygnets

I am writing this article during early March and there really is a feeling of Spring in the air. Today I heard the following species singing in the afternoon sunshine: dunnock, chaffinch, song thrush, bullfinch, mistle thrush, robin, skylark, blackbird, chiffchaff and Cetti's Warbler. It is exciting to think that this beautiful symphony is only the beginning, with species such as sedge warbler, reed warbler, blackcap, whitethroat and nightingale yet to arrive and complete the early morning masterpiece of a dawn chorus. These songsters will then be joined by summer arrivals such as swallows, house martins and swifts which are a delight to watch as they dart through the air gobbling up insects. However, it is not only bird song and the arrival of summer visitors which points toward summer being underway, as wild flowers and invertebrates are a true sign of longer days and warmer temperatures being on the horizon. Late March should see the emergence of butterfly species such as brimstone, small tortoiseshell and red Admiral. These

butterflies are the first to be seen on the wing as they overwinter as adults. As soon as they emerge they can be seen fluttering by in search of food sources and mates, with this adding a dash of colour to still, warm, early spring days. This is also a great time of year to keep an eye out for spring flowers such as wood anemone, violets, lesser celandine and primrose which add a splash of colour to woodland edges and countryside lanes. Furthermore, the first dragonflies and damselflies will begin to emerge in May, adding a splash of colour to the party.



Small tortoiseshell

Beautiful banded demoiselles rest on vegetation by slow flowing rivers and lakes, whilst male hairy dragonflies can be seen fighting over territories. This adds an element of excitement and wonder to a relaxing visit to many wildlife hotspots.

All in all, April and May are a fantastic time to be out and about enjoying all the delights that Spring brings to a nature reserve such as Fen Drayton Lakes. If you have any interesting sightings or just want to get in touch then please feel free to send me an email to: luke.wake@rspb.org.uk.

*Luke Wake
Assistant Warden, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes
(Photo credit: Luke Wake)*

HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to all of Longstanton. At the time of writing, Spring has definitely sprung and all of the new shrubs and trees that were planted at the Pathfinder site in Northstowe are coming into bud. Our dedicated Gardening Club are also seeing their daffodil bulbs coming into flower. These will be left as a great surprise for the new owners of the school building next Spring.



As usual, we have been busy at Hatton Park. An integral part of learning is the curriculum enrichment that we offer. Since January, the children have had some great experiences. Emily Ryley, from the University of

Cambridge Archaeology Department, came and spent three days at the school working with the children from Year 1 to 6. The children had a wonderful time learning about the past, exploring artefacts and picking their way through rocks and soils. Emily commented on how the children “were a delight to teach.” Our



Year 1 classes had the opportunity to visit our local Tesco store in Bar Hill, going behind the scenes and learning about how our food comes from ‘Farm to Fork’. Year 3 visited the Ely and Prickwillow Museums as part of

their learning on Rocks and Soils. They had a great time finding out about local farming through the ages. The Year 4 children went to visit Cadbury World as part of their learning on chocolate. I was fortunate enough to accompany them and was so proud of their attitudes and behaviours. The children were excited and interested yet kept the same standards of behaviour that we expect at school. All that plus free chocolate too.



Our Year 5 and 6 children had the chance to display their skills and talents at Impington Village College’s Dance Share. Janette Norman, our dance teacher, took the children to perform the dances that they had been learning at school. They were very excited to see a range of other dancers from infant age to Year 11. Both classes did the school proud. They have also got a trip to the University of Cambridge’s Chemistry Department for a lecture on ‘Fire and Flame’ coming up. Exciting times!



Our Reception children have just completed a unit of learning around Superheroes. This ended with a fantastic Superhero Day where the staff and children came dressed up and performed some good deeds. Those of a certain age will also remember the Superman song by Black Lace. The children loved learning the dance moves. Sadly, some of our teachers were not actually born when the song was released but the rest of us enjoyed the trip down memory lane!



The build back at Hatton Park’s usual residence is continuing to progress well. At the time of writing, the brickwork is being built up around the timber and the whole structure is really looking like our new home! Once again, we are very grateful to Kier for working so well with us and for being so respectful to the community.



Enjoy the Springtime and I will update you all again in June!

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher



NEWS FROM LONGSTANTON BREAKFAST CLUB, PRE-SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Out of School Club has been making the most of early spring and the lighter and slightly warmer evenings this brings. The children have been producing some very elaborate assault courses and ball runs (as pictured) and there have been lots of bat and ball games to take part in.



Pre-school has recently introduced a set of Home Learning Packs to support parent-led learning at home and these have been very positively received. It is hoped that this initiative will re-enforce the importance we place on Parents’ participation in their children’s learning journeys.



We recently had a visit from one of our parents, Paula Armstrong, who very kindly led the children in super creative activity enjoyed by all those in attendance (see picture).

At the time of writing this the staff team are getting ready for our Spring Event to be held on 25th March just before we close for the Easter break. We hope it will be as successful as last year’s event. Other plans for the ½ term include planting activities and talking about all the different types of mothers and their babies.

Longstanton breakfast club, pre-school and after school club is an established childcare service located in Hatton Park Primary School managed by the Pre-school Learning Alliance. We provide high quality sessional care for children aged 2 years to 11 years old. We are open term time from 7.45am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. If you would like to discuss your childcare needs further, please feel free to visit during our working hours or you can contact the manager on 01223 491623 or by email at longstanton@pre-school.org.uk

Tracey Leach, Manager

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

The first signs of warmer weather hopefully mean that Spring is upon us, so get those trainers on and join us down at the tennis courts. The 2017/18 season has just started, so now is the perfect time to join the club to really make the most of your money. Visit <http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk/membership/> for further information on how to join. The draw for Wimbledon tickets will be taking place soon, so make sure you've paid your membership to ensure you're included in that.

Club nights are Wednesdays and Fridays from 6pm and Sunday mornings from 11am, and are popular in almost any weather. We also run club sessions for more competitive players on a Thursday evening, plus coaching with our resident coach David Nation on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can book a court any time outside of these sessions; members book for free or you can simply book to use the courts on a 'pay and play' basis. Full details are on our new-look website <http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk/book-a-court/>

Coaching at the club continues to go from strength to strength, particularly for juniors. David has run Easter training camps as well as the weekly term-time sessions. To get your child's name (or your own) down for the next coaching sessions, email:

coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk We will be supporting the St George's Day celebrations as usual by manning the welly wanging stall, so do come and say hello then and join in the fun.

Happy playing and see you on the courts soon.

Sarah Ballard 07985 938959



LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING



We are a friendly and enthusiastic group of mixed ages and abilities who meet once or twice a month in the pub to natter and share our appreciation for everything yarn related. We love to share and admire each others' projects, patterns and yarn-related purchases. The conversations continue between sessions on our Facebook group (see below) where we share ideas, news and plans. Once again, members of the group have arranged to go to the Knitting and Stitching show together

this year.

We meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday in the month in the Black Bull Pub, Longstanton. We also often meet for an extra charity knit night on at 8pm on the fourth Tuesday, where we have been

making hats for premature babies and twiddle mitts for dementia patients.

There is no need to make an ongoing commitment and no charge for attendance - just buy a drink or two from our hosts at the bar. Whatever your skill level, if you already share our hobby (or would like to learn) then we'd love to meet you!

If you are a beginner there are often plenty of people who will give you some pointers and get you started if you turn up with the equipment. If you need some pointers on what to buy then ask on our Facebook page and we'll help you out!

The group continues to be grateful to the Black Bull for hosting us.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet/>



Your enthusiastic knit-committee,

Alice, Samanta & Sarah

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

Little Leprechauns runs on a Friday from 9.30am - 11am during term time in the Village Institute. The group is aimed at 0-4 years old with their parents/carers. The session starts with free



play, then we have a story time with a fresh fruit snack for the children in individual bowls. After story there is time to try the weekly craft activity. We like to involve glitter and paint as much as we can, and we've recently made bird-feeders, glittery lanterns (with electronic tea lights), flowers and snappy crocodiles (made from pegs). The children are now working on art for a spring display on the boards inside the Village Institute. The grown-ups are not forgotten with tea, coffee and the odd sneaky biscuit during the session.

There is no need to pre-book or make a weekly commitment -

just turn up on the day. We ask for a £1 donation per family.

If you will be attending the group with a child and feel you could lend a hand, the committee always welcomes offers of help, from regular commitment to organising a one-off craft activity. If you are interested please speak to one of the current committee: Charlotte, Felicity, Emma and Alice.

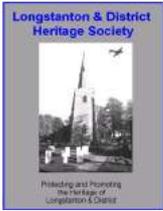
The group wishes to thank Longstanton Co-op for its continuing donation of fruit for the children.

Please see our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/littleleprechauns/>



Alice Burrell



Very Warm Welcome as First Residents of Northstowe Arrive!

Bloor Homes have announced they expect their first finished homes within Northstowe Phase 1 to receive their first residents in April. In which case, by the time this issue is distributed they will, hopefully, have become readers of the LLife so, **on behalf of all LDHS members, may we**

extend a very warm and sincere welcome to you.

After years of planning, numerous public consultations, financial disappointment, planning applications and creation of infrastructure, this marks a very significant moment in our local history when Northstowe takes on a human face. May you be able to find time to read the **Welcome Pack** and the **LDHS**



Examples of Bloor's first homes

Heritage Guide contained within and embrace the richness of our local recent and distant past. It's more than possible that your home stands close by a Roman, Anglo Saxon or Iron Age settlement!

Quoting from the SCDC Spring Community Magazine, under their heading, A Place to Call Home, "Over 500 people pre-registered interest with Bloor Homes who are developing 92



Aerial image of Gallagher's Phase 1 Footprint

properties at Northstowe, so there was no surprise when the first properties released were snapped up and sold off plan within two weeks of launch.

The show home opens in April and more plots will gradually be

released over the coming months.

Other house builders including Bovis, Taylor Wimpey, Barratt Homes and Linden Homes have all now had planning applications approved, so the pace and momentum of construction will grow over the next few months as all five house builders move on site.

When it is complete, residents of the first 1,500 home phase of the new town will enjoy a three form entry primary school, a local centre square surrounded by shops and community facilities, a sports hub with numerous pitches and a pavilion, community allotments and a variety of recreational spaces."

The same magazine goes on to say:

First Finds Beneath Phase 2...

The Cambridge Archaeological Unit (CAU) is now on site and will be carrying out excavations until 2018. Although there is evidence of people living on the Northstowe site in several periods of the past, the main periods expected to be found are the Iron Age (from about 800BC-AD50) and the Romans (around AD50-AD450). Excavation is just getting into full swing on the first area, but **remains of dense Iron Age and Roman settlement are already clearly visible, with roads, a crossroads** and a series of enclosures with buildings and evidence of pottery manufacture and metal working within them..."

First 2017 LDHS Spring Talk, Friday 3 March

'Changing Face of the Public House', by Mark Donachy
Mark gave a very entertaining, appropriately illustrated, and well presented talk. Referring briefly to his notes he sketched the early history of the pub from its embryonic start in medieval times before 1500, through to just after WWII to his talk's main focus, 1950 -1970. He covered the pub's development during recent memory touching on its finances, names and future. Mark finished his presentation by taking many questions from his enthusiastic audience.



Mark relaxing before his talk

Happy 10th Birthday, Longstanton & District Heritage Society

We have been engaged in helping to raise awareness of heritage issues, that are relevant to the district, now for 10 years from 11 May! Our archive also has grown and now contains thousands of photographs, letters and images that tell the story of the area's recent past, both agricultural and military. In addition, we provide a website, six free talks annually together with the annual newsletter report, plus other benefits for our members. Our hope is that the LDHS archive can become an important part of a future Northstowe museum that can also display the rich variety of finds beneath the area's phase 1 & 2 footprints.

Haven't already joined LDHS? Every member is vital - it's our membership that provides the mandate for all the work that we do. If you are interested in joining the society please e mail ldhssec@hotmail.co.uk for a membership form, or visit our website on <http://www.ldhs.org> Single annual fee is £10, family membership is £15. If you haven't got a computer, please ring **Hilary Stroude** on a new number **07595907300** to request a form. Please leave a message with your name, address and telephone number. A membership form will then be sent out to you.

Tony Cowley



LDHS Remaining Public Talks Spring 2017

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE IN ORDER FOR APRIL'S TALK, NOW MAY'S

Friday 7 April: **'Wimpole a Complex Landscape – Archaeology and Records'** by Michael Coles

Friday 5 May: **'Suffragettes and Votes for Women'** by Mary Dicken

All talks/ AGM to be held at 7.30pm in the Village Institute, High Street, Longstanton.

Everyone welcome: members free - non-members £2.00. Talks followed by tea, biscuits and chat.

Hilary Stroude, Secretary, Longstanton & District Heritage Society, The Manor, Woodside, Longstanton, Cambridge. CB24 3BU
For more information on any of the above, please contact us on: Tel: **01954 782560** or e-mail hilarystroude@hotmail.co.uk



All Saints' Church Longstanton Bell Ringers and friends Coach Trip Wednesday 31st May 2017

Introduction

The church wardens asked me as tower secretary to produce a recent inspection report on the condition of our bells and bell frame. Checking with Taylors bell foundry, the last visit was in 1915 so we are somewhat overdue.

Taylors foundry has existed for over 600 years and all of our 8 bells were cast and hung by the company. Originally the tower was a peal of 6 and in 1914/15 two more bells were added.

This gave us the Taylors 8 that we have today. In speaking with Taylors, I found out they have tours around the foundry and the museum. So here we are on a coach trip to see where our lovely bells originated.

Visit Programme

1. Leave Longstanton at 8am - Arrive Loughborough about 10am. Two-hour tour.
2. Visit to the Carillon Tower, 1pm. The Carillon is another form of bell ringing played by hitting wooden keys with both hands. It also houses a small World War I Museum. We should also remember our last two bells were hung at the start of World War I.
3. The mystery tour (not bell related) is an enjoyable experience for all ages. This tour will only be known to me and the coach driver when we arrive.

I would ask everyone to bring a packed lunch to keep costs down however, there will be opportunities to buy small items during the day.

The cost of this trip would be: Adults £35 & Children £26.
This includes entrance fees, coach costs, and of course the mystery tour.
Contact Mike Cartwright. for bookings: mikec321@btinternet.com
or 01954 781275.



SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS) DIARY OF EVENTS - SPRING-SUMMER 2017	
WEDNESDAY 19 TH APRIL 2017 Meet at 2.15pm for 2.30PM start	THE BLUEBELLS OF BRAMPTON WOOD Walk led by George Cottam Volunteer at Brampton Wood (Meet in the car park at the wood at 2.15pm sign posted Nature Reserve which is on the narrow road to Grafham village from Brampton High Street about 1.5 miles outside Brampton)
SATURDAY 13 TH MAY 2017 2.15PM	VISIT TO THE FLOWER MEADOWS - OVER With TREVOR GRANGE Meet at Car Park next to Over Windmill At 2.00pm
SATURDAY 3 RD JUNE 2017 10.30AM-12.30PM	SUMMER COFFEE MORNING BRING & BUY SALE OF PLANTS, PRODUCE & CAKES 10.30am - 12.30pm BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDDLEWATCH SWAVESEY CB24 4RP EVERYONE WELCOME! - BRING SOME FRIENDS! PROCEEDS TOWARDS FUNDING OUR WINTER PROGRAMME (Entry & Refreshments £2.50pp)
THURSDAY 15 TH JUNE 2017 7.00PM	EXPLORING TRUMPINGTON MEADOWS With Iain Webb Meet at the turning opposite Addenbrooke's Road (off Trumpington Road going towards Cambridge from the M11 roundabout) at the entrance on the left of the traffic lights at 6.45 pm
FRIDAY 7 TH JULY 2017 6.30PM	EVERYONE WELCOME TO A 'BRING & SHARE' SALAD SUPPER IN THE BARN AT STRIPLANDS FARM - LONGSTANTON Donation: £5 per person or a contribution of food and drink and a raffle prize! (Please telephone Christine Shephard on 01954 781625 to see what she would like!)
THURSDAY 13 TH JULY 2017 6.15PM	A visit to the Countryside Restoration Trust At BIRDSFARM, HASLINGFIELD ROAD, BARTON to include a tractor ride and walk Meet at the farm at 6.00pm
<small>Lifts available if required - PLEASE PHONE: Trevor Grange: 01954 230119 or Pat Miles: 01954 780465 GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MAILING DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE. IN ORDER TO SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE DIARY OF EVENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT SOCS BY EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT: frparish@ntlworld.com Admission Free unless otherwise stated; however a donation of £2 per indoor meeting towards overheads & refreshments would be much appreciated PLEASE NOTE: OUR AUTUMN MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AT OVER TOWN HALL AT 7.30PM, FULL PROGRAMME TO FOLLOW NB: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 19/09/17: 11/10/17: 08/11/17: 13/12/17: 10/01/18: 14/02/18: 14/03/18</small>	

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100 CLUB



A small lottery that has been set up to help raise money for the proposed re-ordering project in All Saints' Church, Longstanton. You can take part in the project's realisation. Have the chance to win some money back like our previous winners.

100 Club Winners so far:

February: 1st – No.15, 2nd – No.41
March: 1st – No.15, 2nd – No.32

A donation of £2 per number per month (for a year) will buy you entry into the lottery. The lottery will be drawn monthly with a chance to win £40 (based on 100 members). For more details and a full set of rules please contact: Louise Gamon at louise.gamon@gmail.com or 07429 317803 Details about our re-ordering project and the "100 Club" can be found on the Friend's website at: <http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk>

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Longstanton
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EASTER BUNNY HUNT COMPETITION

In this issue we have an Easter hunt competition with a difference! No more hunting for eggs, this time we're hunting for cute green Easter bunnies!

Hidden on the pages of this issue of the magazine are cute green bunnies. Find and count them all, and then send us the **total number of bunnies** that you find. Hint: the bunnies may be different sizes. To help you start we've given you the first one here!



To enter the competition, send your answer to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com

before Wednesday 12 April. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answer (or closest) will receive a large John Lewis chocolate Easter bunny (just like the one you will be looking for on the pages of this issue), donated by the Longstanton Life magazine.

The winner will be announced in the next issue.

So get hopping around the pages of the magazine to find them all and good luck!

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CAR LOGOS COMPETITION WINNER

Judging by the number of entries for last issue's competition there are many petrol heads in the village! The lucky winner of the car logos competition was **David Buttolph**. Congratulations David!



We'd like to extend our thanks again to New Maroué Cars for donating the prize.

Here's the answers to the competition:

1) Hyundai, 2) Mitsubishi, 3) Chevrolet, 4) Mercedes-Benz, 5) Renault, 6) Bentley, 7) Citroen, 8) Toyota, 9) Tesla, 10) Ferrari, 11) Audi, 12) Vauxhall, 13) Subaru, 14) Honda, 15) Peugeot.

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There is definitely a touch of spring around, the football season is drawing to a close and the mowers are coming out for the bowls and cricket. The men's football team has now met a few times so it is looking good for the new season, it would be great if we could get support when the season starts.

A quick rundown of events in the near future:

- ◆ St George's Day
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Colts End of Season
- ◆ Monthly quiz nights with cash prizes
- ◆ Open Mic nights and Karaoke

We recently had a bandeoke where customers got to sing their favourite songs with a live band.

If you are thinking of hiring out the Pavilion we now have our own resident disco, and we would like to say a big thank you to all the people who continue to support us.

We are looking for pool players for the summer season, we generally play one game at home and then one game away mostly only up to 5 miles away. Please let a member of the bar staff know if you are interested so we can have your details and arrange for you to have some practice games.

Let's hope for a great summer with lots of sun. Don't forget we will be opening at 12 on a Saturday once the football practice has finished.

Michael, Suzanne and The Pavilion Team

The Five Pub Challenge

2017 edition!

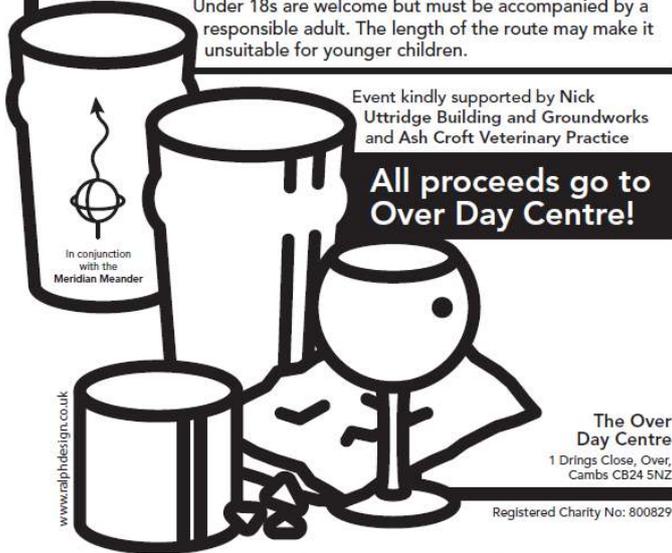
Sunday 14th May

Meet at Over Day Centre for bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and 11am start, then an 11.5 mile walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to The Pike & Eel, then The Ferry Boat (for free soup and a roll), and on to The Three Tuns (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and The White Horse (free choc ice to cool you down) before returning for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate at Over Community Centre. £8 entry fee in advance, or £10 entry on the day from 10.00am. Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from www.overdaycentre.co.uk or telephoning 01954 231807. Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

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The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 14th May 2017

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Both routes follow the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and its picturesque surrounding villages.

Start between 8.00 and 9.00am from The Over Day Centre, where hot bacon rolls and a cuppa can be bought to help you on your way.

There are checkpoints on the route where free light refreshments will be provided. Finish at Over Community Centre for a free piece of cake!

Detailed route instructions will be given when registering on the day. Entry fees are £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18). Entry forms can be downloaded from www.overdaycentre.co.uk/events.html

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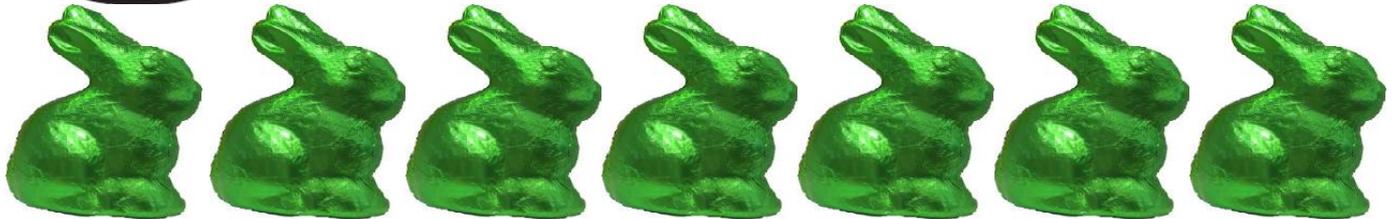
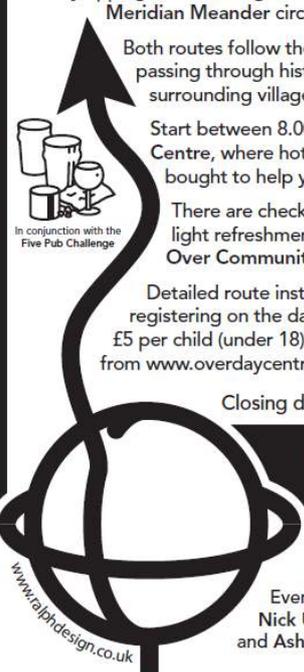
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INTRODUCING LOCAL BUSINESS: JEFF HUNT – CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Jeff Hunt in Longstanton is your friendly neighbourhood carpet cleaner. Here Jeff tells us how he got started 37 years ago and one of the jobs he did not charge for!

Why did you start your business?

"I've always had a strong work ethic and desire to do a great job whatever I set my mind to. Back in 1980 I saw a niche in the market for a good quality professional carpet cleaner. I actually thought I was the first person to come up with the idea!"

What does a typical day look like for you?

"Luckily I rarely struggle with rush hour as most people prefer me to arrive once the children are packed off to school! Many of my customers work of course and they leave me with the key, so I can clean their carpets while they are out and lock up after I'm done. Trust is very important and it is something I pride myself on. Each day can be different from lounge carpets, suites and tile and grout on kitchen floors!"

Any bizarre jobs?

"Yes, plenty! I've seen almost everything over 37 years! There was one job I went to, that the client had tried to remove the stain themselves. It is important to analyse a stain and understand what has caused it to correctly and safely remove it. Upon investigation, I realised this was actually a shadow caused by a vase at the window. Once I moved the vase the "stain" moved too! There was no charge for this job!"

You have very loyal customers, how do you achieve that?

"Unlike big corporate firms, it is just my wife and I. Customers really appreciate knowing that it is always me personally who turns up at the door and my wife who they speak to in the office. When you are in someone's home they really have to feel very comfortable.

The other thing is I often end up doing extra little odd jobs, especially for my senior clients - like changing light bulbs, etc. and of course, this is free of charge, as I'm happy to help while I'm there."



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON

It seems like 5 minutes ago that we were wishing you a Happy New Year and we're now almost at Easter! As I write this on International Women's Day, we recall that it was the women who followed Jesus from Galilee and saw him crucified and buried, and, who were the first to see him alive on Easter morning. They were the first to tell the others (mostly men) about what they saw, including a figure they didn't recognise at first, but who they realised was Jesus raised to life. The other disciples came to believe – sometimes against their better judgement – what the women told them. The fact that the women's testimony is so prominent in documents that come from a culture that would not have valued their evidence is a mark of authenticity at the heart of the Easter stories.

Do join us on Good Friday at 'An hour at the Cross' at 2pm and on Easter Day for an All-Age Communion Service at 9.30am.

Regular Services

We hold services every Sunday at 9.30am with Sunday School for the children. On the 2nd Sunday of the month we have an All Age Service where the whole church family worships together, but more informally. We would love for you to join us. There's also Messy Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Village Institute at 4pm, where crafts, story, celebration and a hot meal awaits you.

Events coming up for your diary

We have prepared a calendar of exciting events for the coming year so make a note in your diary of the dates below and be sure not to miss anything.

The Friends of All Saints' are organising the **St. George's Day Fete** which is on Saturday 22nd April. We are always looking for helpers, so if you would like to join in the fun then please contact Louise

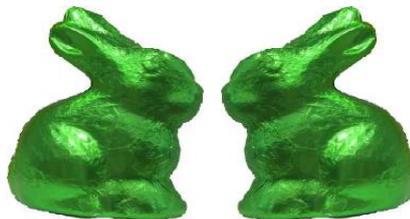
Gamon on 07429317803 to see where your talents can be best put to use. We are raising money to pay for improvements to the church, in particular toilets and a new kitchen.

On June 17th there will be a Church Garden Party at the New Rectory with 'Cream Teas' and Teddy Bear Parachute jumping from the Church tower – should be fun! So make a note of the day in your diary.

Why not join us on Monday afternoon for tea/coffee and cake in the church. We are open from 2-4 pm during term time, so come along, enjoy a piece of delicious home-made cake and a nice cup of tea or coffee at only £1 for a pot of tea and £1 for a large piece of cake you can't beat it. An ideal place to meet with friends and catch up on the week's events. Toys are available for the little ones.

If you would like more information on any of the above or have questions about baptism, marriages or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact our Administrator, Gillian Beal 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk or one of our two vicars: Rev. Julie Anderson 01954 231496 julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk or Rev. Lynda Davies 01954 202912 relyndadavies559@gmail.com. Or, you can contact one of the Church Wardens Ann Shaw 01954 7780074 shawann49@hotmail.com or Sue Gamon 01954 782371 sgcouples64@gmail.com

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Fun Quiz Night



Once again, the **Friends of All Saints Church Longstanton** Fun Quiz Night held at the Black Bull on Friday 24 March was a huge success and a great evening's entertainment. The brainteasers were the cause of much discussion and excitement as fourteen teams contested the coveted first prize, as the Quiz Team that knew an awful

lot of trivia and meaningless information.

The Quiz Master (who was always right) kept the pace moving with a range of entertaining and at times some tricky questions, covering general trivia, news items, brainteasers, music as well as a picture section.

Half way through, we enjoyed an excellent Chinese supper and the opportunity to mingle. The second half of the evening was a little more serious and tense, as quizzers sought to build upon their first-half scores. The *'Deal or No Deal'* box came out, and the team with the lowest points at half-time took the

option to deal or no deal. Their gamble paid off as they were awarded 5 extra points, lifting them out of the bottom spot.

There were winners for the 'true or false' quiz questions as well as for the correct answer to the tough Sudoku conundrum. Towards the end of the quiz, the competition was tough, with only two points separating the first and second place teams. But it was a team from Willingham, who from a possible **134** available points, amassed an amazing **101** points to become the winning team. Well done to them.

The whole event was in support of the continued work associated with the conservation, maintenance, and proposed modification of All Saints Church Longstanton.

As well as having a great evening, we raised over **£320** towards the work of the Friends and we would like to thank everyone who organised and ran the event and most importantly those who came along on the evening and made it such a great success.

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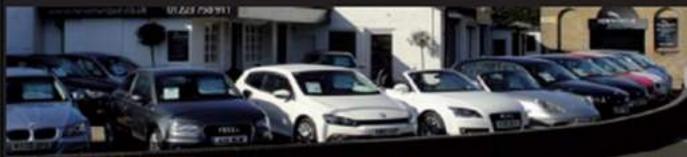




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St George's Day Fun Day

Sports & Recreation Ground

2 - 5pm

Welly Wanging

Games

Stalls,

Music,

BBQ,

Refreshments,

Grand Draw,

& other

Fun Events



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