

# Longstanton Life

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Life in Your Locality



Our summer garden visitor! Photo by Anna Rudd

**In this issue:** Is there treasure buried in your garden? Letters, new book by a local resident, Northstowe Update. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Longstanton Wildlife, Hatton Park News, Memory Lane, Surgery Update and many more. New Competition - Food Brand Logos. Make sure you don't miss it!

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# VILLAGE DIARY

<b>SUNDAY</b>	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1100	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
3rd of month	1600-1800	Messy Church	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
<b>MONDAY</b>	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	1800-2000	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	17.30-18.30	Judo (5-7yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	18.30-19.30	Judo (8+ yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	1000-1200	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Tennis - Junior and adult coaching	The Pavilion		coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk
	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		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-3yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	16.30-17.30	Judo (5-7yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	17.30-18.30	Judo (8+ yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	0630-0715	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1000-1100	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Junior coaching and team play	The Pavilion		coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk
	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990
	1400-1600	Afternoon tea (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	16.30-18.00	Judo (8+ yrs sparing sessions)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	17.30-18.30	Judo (Adult Session/Beginner+Experienced)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180
	1800-2000	Junior Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Janet Hill	01954 261009
<b>SATURDAY</b>	0915-1000	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	9.45-10.30	Judo (5-7yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803
	10.30-11.30	Judo (8-12yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	11.30-12.30	Judo (12+ & family session)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	

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## Memory Lane, Who, Where, When and Why?

Answers to June/ July's W, W, W & W?



Photo LDHS

Clue: a feature of the village that was transient...

**Who:** This aerial photograph was taken by Francoise Close, a passenger in a light aircraft, flying over this small manmade lake, early January 2012.

**Where:** It nestles, well hidden, behind the high hedgerow, the perimeter track of the old airfield and the airfield road just approaching Longstanton from Oakington.

**Why:** Constructed by the army as a troop training facility in amphibian vehicle warfare it caused emotions to run high in the village at the time, particularly in the St. Michaels' end!

**When:** In the early 1990s.



Photo LDHS via Francoise Close



## LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

*Dear Readers,*

We have a very full issue this time, so don't be alarmed if you think your eyesight might be getting worse – some pieces had to be printed with a slightly smaller font to include as much as possible! Thank you to all our contributors and sincere apologies to those whose pieces had to be omitted this time.

Many events are coming up in Longstanton along with some new activities to take part in so make sure you don't miss out. Whether it is an Annual Ploughing Match you want to see or a choir you want to join (p.14), new judo classes for all ages to sign up for (p.8) – there should be something for everyone. A new group is forming to support St. Michael's Church (p.14) and if you ever wondered whether there is any treasure buried in your garden, now is the time to find out as you can volunteer your garden for Archaeological Test Pit Excavations (p.5).

Pia Spry-Marqués, a local resident, has written a popular science book; find out more on p. 7 - perhaps you can answer a question to win a copy! You can also win £15 of Tesco vouchers in our Food Brand Logos Competition – see p. 15 for more details.

We sadly have to say goodbye to Margaret Hunt, who is moving away from Longstanton, but at the same time we are happy to welcome Emma Wilson, who is taking over Margaret's distribution management duties (p.17).

If any of our readers would like to join our editorial team, please read p.15 for more information.

Enjoy the rest of the summer; hopefully the weather will live up to expectations! And don't forget to send us your contributions/pictures/letters for our next issue.

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## MP for South Cambs

## Heidi Allen



It's been two months since my last newsletter and in that time I'm honoured and so pleased to have been voted to remain as your Member of Parliament. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

With the election over, I was delighted to get back to it with a visit to meet the pupils and Principal, Chris Tooley, of Netherhall School in Queen Edith's. The School has worked exceptionally

hard to gain its recent 'good' rating by a local authority evaluation and during my visit I could see how passionate the pupils and teachers were about their school and their journey towards excellence. I don't think I have ever been so impressed by the standard of art work adorning the walls in a school, truly worthy of being in a gallery. The visit concluded with a "Question time" style session with a group of very politically engaged and bright students. Just as I thought hustings season was over, these were tough questions! All schools are welcome to come for a tour of Parliament, so I hope these young people and hundreds more from across South Cambs will come down. You can find more information here: [www.parliament.uk/education/visit-parliament-with-your-school](http://www.parliament.uk/education/visit-parliament-with-your-school).



In a swift move from secondary education to primary, I have also recently had the pleasure of setting off the Caldecote Primary School Fun Run, on what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year! I was more than a little relieved to be given

'opening' rather than 'running' duties and was full of admiration for those who managed to complete the course, raising vital funds in the process. How the parents and teachers completed a 3k, never mind a 10k or the half marathon in that heat is staggering! Thank you to Karen Stanton, the Head Teacher, for inviting me and not making me run! The Fun Run raised over £1,400 which will be used to buy some much needed education sports resources for the school.

I'm getting closer to my target of having visited every school in the constituency; if I haven't reached yours yet, please contact my office to check that a visit is on the cards. I love meeting our young learners and gain a great deal from speaking to the professionals involved in their care and education. The visits always strengthen my resolve to secure fair funding for our schools. I deliberately try to keep these newsletters apolitical, but please let me say, that particular battle is not yet over.

As we look into the months and years ahead, many of my priorities will remain the same. I intend to continue leading on key infrastructure projects for our constituency, including the Foxton Level Crossing, A505 upgrade (M11 to A11), A428 improvements, Oxford to Cambridge rail and a train station at Addenbrooke's. I want to work closely with local communities and our new Mayor to see what improvements might be possible to improve local transport, focusing not just on new areas of development such as Cambourne, but also connecting our rural and often isolated villages.

I'll work in partnership with councils and housing associations to deliver more affordable housing for local people and families as we need this urgently. We have to be smart about identifying little scraps of land where we can build an affordable home or two, because every home matters for those who are currently priced out of the market.

But we also have a new challenge, and that is to ensure the needs of South Cambs are listened to by those at the Brexit negotiating table. We are a very important part of UK science, innovation, academia and agriculture so have a valuable role to play in ensuring Brexit is a success for all. We draw upon so many

European and international talents in our constituency and need this recognised in the ultimate settlement.

Looking ahead to the Summer, I will be visiting local fêtes and fundraising events, so if you see me struggling to choose a tombola ticket, please come and say hi!

Finally, I'm in the process of planning my surgery dates and venues for the rest of the year: full details are on my website, under the surgery tab. Further information and news stories can always be found on my website [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk) and you can email me on [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk). As always, you can also phone my Westminster Office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01954 212707 to raise local concerns.

Heidi

## District Councillor Notes Alex Riley



### Cambridgeshire Combined Authority (CA)

The CA is now "up and running" and in June I attended its first proper meeting and, two days previously, its first proper Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Scrutiny consists of 2 members from each of the constituent authorities and with the demise of UKIP locally, the present political make-up is 11 Conservative, 3 Lib Dem and 2 Labour. More interesting than political

affiliations is whether we can function as a coherent team, given our geographic differences. The main event of our meeting was that James Palmer, the new Mayor, turned up so we could ask him any questions.

These centred around his "First 100 Day Commitments" document which he published immediately after his election. Maybe I'm too cynical but such a document is in danger of indicating delusions of grandeur and will certainly become a hostage to fortune, particularly since it appears to be hopelessly over-ambitious. To give Mr Palmer his due, being under-ambitious is the way to ensure you don't get much done.

The reality is that the CA has £20M a year to spend on all projects other than housing (which has a separate, larger, budget). But the schemes proposed by Mr Palmer are each capable of spending many times this figure. His belief is that using the CA money as seed funding will draw in much larger funds from other sources. He is very fond of saying that if the CA were a plc then going to the markets for £8Billion would be no problem. I asked him if he proposed to bankrupt the region by using Private Finance Initiative (PFI) for funds. He replied that "lessons had been learned" about PFI.

It was pointed out to him that we were already at day 50 of his 100. Had he raised any funding so far? Answer: No. When he was asked about costings he replied that many of the schemes he has proposed have never been costed. One member had heard that the Government was not releasing funds at the promised rate. Was this true? Mr Palmer has been assured that money will be available as and when needed. I suggested that it could be very helpful if he came up with a set of objectives to be achieved in his four year term. He apparently said afterwards that he thought that maybe Scrutiny should do that, not him. One other point that was of significance was that both representatives from Peterborough said that there was very little local enthusiasm for a University of Peterborough.

Two days later was the meeting of the CA itself. The agenda papers ran to 272 pages. I do wonder how the CA members manage it. They are all already leaders of their own councils and in my view that is pretty much a full time job. They receive no additional remuneration for being on the CA.

We started with admin matters: the Mayor's allowance was agreed as £75,000 p.a. Martin Whitely was confirmed as Chief Executive.

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## District Councillor Notes Alex Riley

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Then they moved on to the first major expenditure item: Phase 2 of the University of Peterborough. This will require £6.53Million from the CA, of which £3.83Million is needed immediately and more in October. (Phase 3, still some way off, is when they actually start building anything.) They hope to have 2,000 students by 2020 and 12,000 by 2035. It was pointed out that our very own Local Enterprise Partnership was funding a Technical College at Alconbury which would compete directly for students. There was minimal discussion followed by a unanimous vote in favour. Can it really be right for such a controversial, expensive and risky scheme with serious inherent conflicts just to go through on the nod?

They agreed to setting up an Independent Economic Commission, containing local figures, to examine the financial return from investing heavily in the North of the CA rather than in, say Greater Cambridge where the wealth is generated. I await its outcome with interest.

It was all over in under an hour and a half. Every vote was unanimous. I'm afraid it left me profoundly depressed. All the available funds are being directed at the North of the CA, and the projects that have been set in motion will outlive the present mayor's 4-year term and tie the hands of any subsequent holders of the office.

### Northstowe Community Forum 19 July

The new Head of the Northstowe Primary School, Stephanie Redgate, introduced herself. They will be open from September (and Longstanton's children will be back at Hatton Park). She is particularly keen on music and talked about a future Northstowe Community Choir.

Patrick Kearns talked about a scheme to reduce single-riders in cars; this led into a discussion from the floor, including:

- 1) why are the CGB fares from Longstanton so very much higher than from Oakington?
- 2) It's currently very difficult to get on a bus at rush hour heading into Cambridge, so how on earth will it cope when Northstowe starts to come on stream?
- 3) Why don't they start creating a CGB service that starts in Longstanton?
- 4) What happened to the earlier promise that CGB stops would be served by shuttle buses from neighbouring communities?

Andy Lawson, appearing for the last time, gave us the report of Phase 1. The topsoil moving required for the Hattons Road balancing ponds has now been carried out but the landscaping conditions are still to be addressed. SCDC will (I think) initially take over looking after the ponds. This area will be operated as a wildlife sanctuary so will not be available for dog walkers. The Phase 1 Local Centre and Western Parkway are probably going to be started early next year.

We then had an extremely technical presentation on the Phase 1 Ground water issue. The Executive Summary amounted to "there is no reason why the water levels within Phase 1 should not recover fully if we start to get historical levels of rainfall." Monitoring of the situation is going to continue.

They have gone out to tender for the main Phase 2 infrastructure project. They expect work to start on site early next year. The new road should open early 2019. Horses/pedestrians/cyclists on the Airfield Road will cross the new road via a traffic light crossing. There will be no bridge and no means for motorised vehicles to get across.

Alex Riley, District Councillor

## Volunteers and Gardens needed for Archaeological Test Pit Excavations in Longstanton

Over the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the Longstanton and District Heritage Society (LDHS) in association with Access Cambridge Archaeology (ACA) as part of the University of Cambridge want to excavate small 1m<sup>2</sup> test pits in the gardens and open spaces of Longstanton village. The results will be tied into the 'bigger picture' that is currently being discovered on the Northstowe excavations by the Cambridge Archaeological Unit (CAU) prior to the new town development.



Volunteer 'digger' in 2015, excavating a 1m x 1m square

A similar event was run in the village in 2015 which found the remains of Bronze Age, Roman, Anglo Saxon and medieval occupation. The results from the excavations can be found on the ACA website here:

<http://www.access.arch.cam.ac.uk/reports/cambridgeshire/longstanton-test-pitting>

Do you want to help uncover more of the history of Longstanton? For 2017 we are looking for gardens, flower beds, allotments & even fields where we can excavate these small 1m x 1m test pits. The test pits themselves cause minimal damage and are fully restored at the end of the excavation.

If your garden isn't big enough but you'd like to take part, you can volunteer instead; no previous experience in archaeology is necessary. Whatever your physical ability there will be something to do, from digging and sieving to recording and finds washing. All equipment is provided.



Volunteer 'washer' in 2015, cleaning finds prior to layout with the other discoveries.

Please contact Rodney Scarle if you'd like to volunteer yourself and/or your garden for us to dig in, or just to find out more information, please email him on [rdscarle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rdscarle@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01954 780998.

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## County Councillor

### Peter Hudson



These past few weeks I have enjoyed some fantastic community activities:

#### End of season football awards

I spent a great afternoon at Longstanton Football Club's End of Season Awards. It's fantastic to see so many of our young people from 5-17 years involved, learning and experiencing teamwork, respect, and loyalty to name but a few attributes, and also spending so

much of their free time in training and actual matches.... This in turn affects the behaviour of our young people in and around our village. Next season even more teams are being formed: a soccer tots group, under 6s and under 15s along with the both the men's and ladies senior teams. Brian O'Sullivan and his large team of excellent enthusiastic volunteers deserve both our respect and support to encourage the teams, and our young people to be even more successful.

#### Youth Council Picnic in the Park

Another enjoyable afternoon was spent at The Picnic in the Park, arranged by our Youth Council, with music, ice cream, picnics, and bug box building. These young people are inspiring, and should be really supported on all of their future activities.

#### Launch of new solar farm in Soham will help to energise our future

A new 12MW solar farm built by Cambridgeshire County Council was officially launched in Soham on 19th June. With 45,000 photovoltaic panels across 70 acres, the solar farm will generate enough electricity to supply more than 3,000 homes each year – and has the option of sheep grazing to keep the grass low.

It will also avoid the release of 123,000 tonnes of CO2 over its lifetime. Subject to completion of final commissioning, this is the first Local Authority project in England to receive Contracts for Difference (CfD), a finance incentive for the energy generated, and will create £1million revenue a year from an initial investment of £9million.

The success of the solar farm has inspired the County Council's ambitious Corporate Energy Strategy, which can change the way services are designed and change how they manage their buildings and land assets to generate income, reducing both energy usage and carbon emissions. As a society, we need to move towards energy sustainability and self-sufficiency where possible and Local Authorities can lead by example by altering not only the way energy is supplied, but how it is used.

When I talk to our residents, they are rightly keen that we spend our money wisely and by finding a way to create income, these extra millions can be spent on much used frontline services. This County Council solar park project is a great investment as it means we are producing renewable energy and income while reducing the need either to make excessive savings, or ask our residents to make up the shortfall through additional taxes. This is just one example of the many things that we are looking at doing to make the best use of our assets.

In the future, Cambridgeshire's Corporate Energy Strategy will support the delivery of more projects and will:

- generate income and make savings for the Council;
- identify how to reduce energy consumption through service delivery redesign and policy development;
- attract investment into energy infrastructure on the Council's assets which can benefit the broader community;
- facilitate low carbon energy infrastructure to support transport, housing, waste management and smart community projects; and
- work with all partners (public and private sector) and the local community to develop projects.

Cambridgeshire County Council owns more than two hundred public buildings, 240 schools, the largest local Authority County Farms Estate in England and Wales at 13,400 hectares and manages over 2,700 road assets. They also run significant services across Cambridgeshire including transport, waste disposal, street lighting, adult and family services and education.

*Peter Hudson*

## Longstanton Parish Council

### New Councillor

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sarah Cheung Johnson as our newest Councillor for Longstanton Parish Council.

### Youth Council

On behalf of Longstanton Parish Council, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Youth Council for their Picnic in the Park held on 25th June. The weather was not as sunny as it had been in the week prior to the event, but it was lovely to see so many families enjoying

our recreation ground and supporting the activities the youth council had put on. It was also great to see our MP, Heidi Allen, joining the picnic with her husband and listening to the youth council's plans.

### Ongoing Council Work

Highway Safety signs, designed by some students of Hatton Park Primary School, have been manufactured and will be rotated around the village. Their purpose is to highlight to drivers the need to reduce speed through the village.

The relaunched SpeedWatch group will have been out monitoring the speed of vehicles through the village which will in turn be passed to the police for any necessary action. Should anyone wish to join the team, please contact Dan delaMare-Lyon, our village SpeedWatch co-ordinator, by email [csw.longstanton@gmail.com](mailto:csw.longstanton@gmail.com).

Installation of a new bus shelter on School Lane should have been completed by the time this report is published. We trust it will provide a little more shelter than the one that was in place previously.

Ongoing liaison with developers on the adoption of Home Farm roads. This includes the roads in Phase 2 which have been outstanding for 10 years.

### Community Events

Longstanton Parish Council has been approached by a resident asking for a village market. Having posted this on Social Media and with engagement of over 1,900 people, it seems to be something the village would support and would like to see. However, it should not be run by the council. Therefore, we are looking for some willing volunteers to help set this up. A lot of background work has been done by the Clerk and she will provide support to get this up and running. Please contact her by email [parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org) or by phone 01954 782323 for more information or to volunteer. We will need help to run this event!

In addition to the market, the Parish Council discussed the potential for the reintroduction of the 'Longstanton Feast' or similar. Again, this should not be run by the council and would need to have a group of people to organise the event. The Clerk and I would be happy to be involved in the first year to help a team take the project forward. It seems that Longstanton is one of the only local villages without an event of this type. Once more, I ask you to contact the Clerk for further information and to volunteer your time.

The Christmas Light Switch on will be held on Saturday 2nd December 2017 on the Village Green. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for updates.

### Northstowe

The first new residents of Northstowe have moved in and to welcome these residents to the parish, our Parish Clerk and the Northstowe Community Working Group members have been delivering Welcome Packs in the absence of a Community Project Officer for Northstowe.

You may be aware that there is to be a 'Local Square' off the B1050 opposite the new Bloor homes. Longstanton Parish Council have been asked to facilitate the collection of suggestions for a name for the square. Therefore, we would like to open this up to the local community. If you have any suggestions for a name, please forward these to the Parish Clerk at [parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org) before 31st August 2017\*. These will be taken to the next Council meeting on 11th September for 3 names to be taken forward for consideration by South Cambridgeshire District Council. (\*Any name deemed to be offensive, inappropriate and/or misleading will not be considered.)

### Council Vacancies

We continue to have 2 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](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org) or 01954 782323.

### Closing Notes

Our Parish Clerk, Libby White, is currently studying Higher Education: Level 4 in Community Governance. One of her assignments is to research one aspect of the Parish Council's communication methods. She has chosen to review the effectiveness of the website. In order to complete this assignment, she has written a survey which is available for completion by residents on both the website and the Facebook pages. Alternatively, please contact Libby and she can supply you with a paper copy. It would be appreciated if you could support her by completing the questionnaire by the end of August.

*John Street  
Chairman LPC*

# NORTHSTOWE UPDATE

**Welcoming new residents** – all new residents are being welcomed to Northstowe with a personal welcome and information pack put together by members of the wider community. If anyone would like to help welcome the new residents please contact the Longstanton Parish Council Clerk.

## What's happening on site?

**Phase 1 progress** – the earthworks at Hattons Road ponds are now complete and soft landscaping around the ponds will soon begin. Some snagging of the primary roads is taking place and the format of the proposed play areas should be able to be shared at the next Forum in October.

**Groundwater monitoring** – Alex Gallagher of Wardell Armstrong gave a detailed presentation to the Community Forum on the groundwater levels at Northstowe, which had been requested following concerns of local residents. Alex outlined the topography of the area, the works that have been carried out and details of the climate and rainfall levels over the period. It was concluded that in Alex's view, as a hydrogeologist, that climate factors are very likely to have been the cause of low water levels in the Kingfisher Pond and RTD aquifer, but that further monitoring should continue.

**The Pathfinder C of E Primary School** – Headteacher, Stephanie Redgate, let us know that all staff needed for September have now been recruited and are getting ready for the new children starting – there are a number of children now confirmed to be joining the school and numbers are increasing daily. The school is determined that it will become a focal point for the new Northstowe community and an afternoon tea is already being planned for the wider community. Stephanie hopes that one day there will be a community choir running from the school! .



## Planning News

Permissions for approximately 650 homes have now been granted and the Phase 2 Design Code is now at formal consultation as part of the planning process. Longstanton Parish Council is to receive a presentation on the Design Code at its next meeting.

**Phase 2 progress** – approximately 500 people attended the recent archaeology open day and there was lots of good feedback received. The next open day will be held in September, which will also include a community dig.

Work on the Education Campus is progressing well, with the process for appointing builders and contractors to the project underway. The

Campus will include a secondary school, primary school and Special Educational Needs school, and the first students will start at the secondary school in September 2019 as planned. Tenders have also recently been returned for the main infrastructure contracts for this Phase, which include utilities, roads and drainage, for example. Work should start on site by late 2017 / early 2018.

A Heritage Group has now been set up as required within the S106. The Longstanton and District Heritage Society is represented on the group by Hilary Stroude.

Andy Lawson - Projects Director, Gallagher Estates will be leaving in the Autumn. Andy has been working on Northstowe for over 20 years. At the last Community Forum, he was thanked for his work on Northstowe and wished well for the future. The Forum gave him a warm send-off with a couple of speeches and a round of applause.

All planning applications can be viewed by visiting the Planning pages on [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) .

**Travel Planning** – All new households are entitled to claim a £50 voucher for walking or cycling equipment and a one-month bus pass. More information on this can be found in resident Welcome Packs or on the travel plan page. The Phase 1 travel plan is aiming to reduce single-occupancy car trips from the site and achieve a higher than expected uptake of walking and cycling. New residents can also get involved in a travel plan steering group that will have access to further funding of £15,000 per annum to allocate towards sustainable transport measures and initiatives.

## Community news

The Community Wing at the school is taking shape. We are now working on fitting out the kitchen area and finalising access arrangements with Pathfinder School.

If you would like to join the NCWG or are involved in any groups interested in using the community wing facilities or would like to volunteer for any community activities or projects, please email [northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk).

Don't forget to come along to the **next Community Forum and drop-in will be on Wednesday 18 October** at The Pathfinder School, Northstowe (access off Station Rd B1050) to get the latest updates and information. Drop-in from 6pm followed by the Forum 7 -9pm.

**Any queries please contact: 01954 713070 or [Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk) or**

## Pig/Pork— A POPULAR SCIENCE BOOK FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT!



Local resident Pía Spry-Marqués has just published a popular science book, *Pig/Pork: Archaeology, Zoology & Edibility*. Longstanton Life met up with her to find out more.

### What is *Pig/Pork* all about?

It's about our interactions with pigs (and wild boar) through space and time, from Spain to Japan, from the Palaeolithic to the present day. *Pig/Pork* shows the many ways in which pigs are more than just pork: they have played a major role in the advancement of, for example, the medical sciences and have helped find cures to many of our diseases; they have both

triggered wars and united groups...

### Why did you decide to write a book about pigs?

I spent my childhood years in Spain, one of the world's top consumers of pork. I ate a lot of it growing up, but, funnily enough, I never got to see -nor knew much about- the pigs it came from. A few years ago I began wondering why the Spanish are so obsessed with pork and whether this might have something to do with the Catholic-driven Spanish Inquisition and its Jewish and Muslim targets. One thing led to the next and before I knew it I had written a popular science book about not only all things pork, but also all things pig in history, medicine, cooking science... you name it.

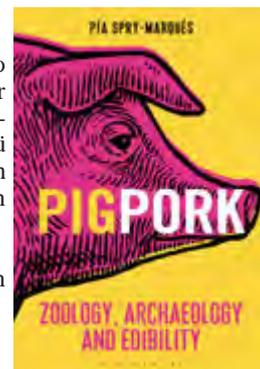
### Tell us a surprising fact about pigs or pork?

Pig by-products are found all around us, in the glue that holds books together, the added calcium in some yogurts... Another surprising one is pig skin. Food-wise we tend to think of it as pork scratchings, but it can be more than just that. For example, it's used in acellular dermal matrices (ADMs), a type of surgical mesh that looks like thin leather. It is used to create support for breast implants to give the breast a more natural look.

### COMPETITION

We have a copy of *Pig/Pork* to give away to the first person to submit the correct answer to the following question: In which modern-day country can you find the sites of Çayönü and Nevalı Çori, two of the locations in which pigs are thought to have first been domesticated?

*Pig/Pork* (Bloomsbury) out now. Available in hardback, Kindle, and audiobook versions. <http://amzn.eu/i6Pn8MP>



# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



Longstanton Grasshoppers Under 13s cricket team, having already beaten Wilburton, Cambridge St Giles and Wisbech, played in the county cup final at Burwell on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Despite the fact that they were playing against hot favourites Granta, historically the strongest club team in Cambridgeshire, the boys and girls fielded, and bowled, brilliantly to restrict Granta to 97 in their twenty overs. Pick of the bowlers were Harry Boston with 2-8 off his 4 overs and Tom Newman with 2-16.

The Longstanton batsman then showed no fear in proceeding to knock off the required runs, with 5 overs to spare, without losing a single wicket.

Openers Richard Bramley, 32 not out off 28 balls, and captain Tom Newman with an unbeaten 31 off 26 balls, led the way leaving Sam Markillie to hit the winning boundary. A large number of Longstanton parents and families were there to celebrate.

In truth it has been a real team effort with every squad member contributing significantly in one or more of the rounds leading up to the final. We are particularly proud of the fact that we have had three girls play in the team on merit contributing fully to our success.

Eight players out of the squad of twelve (Nilanshu Mukharjee, Steff Jenkins, Tomos Jenkins, Hazel Bailey, Greg Say, Maya Collinson,

Sam Markillie and Tom Newman) live in Longstanton and have been coached and developed by the club. Seven of the team currently represent Cambridgeshire at age group cricket. This is a remarkable achievement for a small village club and something that should be celebrated.



**We believe that it is the first time that a Longstanton junior team have ever been county champions and they will now represent Cambridgeshire in the last 32 of the National Competition. If they win their next match on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July against either the winners of the Suffolk or Norfolk county cup they will play in the Eastern Region finals day at Oundle School.**

The club has a growing reputation for high quality coaching which encourages participation for all as well as excellence. Youth Cricket manager Janet Hill deserves particular thanks for the dedication she shows which enables between 50 and 60 children to regularly practice and develop their skills in an enjoyable, family friendly environment at the Rec on Tuesday and Friday nights.

*Jonathan Newman*

## LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB



courts did eventually get their top paint coat and are now looking magnificent. And, more importantly of course, they are beautiful to play on! Do you like the new colour scheme? Make sure you come and look for yourself. Many thanks to Longstanton Parish Council for funding the painting works.

To celebrate the completion of the new court surface, we held a tournament in place of our usual Sunday morning club session. The lucky members playing in the competition also saw the courts being formally re-opened by none other than our local MP Heidi Allen. Heidi and her husband unfortunately weren't able to stay for a game of tennis, but they certainly knew a thing or two about the sport and enjoyed chatting with everyone about their form!

Matches in the Business Houses League have been progressing well,

What a June we've had; one of the hottest on record but interspersed with bouts of very heavy rain and sudden downpours! The wettest week of them all was when we were due to get our lovely new courts painted. Thankfully, without too much further delay, the

with most resulting in either a win or a draw in both the men's and mixed. Both teams have played Swavesey; a local derby fixture that we all enjoy, with familiar faces each year. The matches are a great way to spend an evening; a few sets of light-hearted competitive tennis followed by a drink and some snacks in the local pub. Thank you to everyone who has represented Longstanton in these matches – you have done us proud. David Nation's coaching continues to go from strength to strength, particularly for the juniors. We are all really looking forward to the first ever junior tournament at the club, which will be held on Wimbledon Men's Finals Day (July 16<sup>th</sup>). A full report will be provided in the next issue of Longstanton Life, so watch this space! If you are interested in tennis coaching or any other aspect of the tennis club, please have a look at our website:

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

Hope to see you on court soon!

*Sarah Ballard*



## LONGSTANTON JUDO



SJ Judo Club is a family business established in 2016 by Judo Olympian, Szandra Szogedi. The judo club offers a professional and friendly teaching environment that caters for individuals looking to keep fit. In addition, we cater for the training needs of world-class athletes. The aim of the club is to promote the sport of Judo and

develop friendships, leadership and self-esteem, sincerity, honesty, courage, compassion, respect, perseverance and loyalty. The club runs grading, competitions, fun days, team building activities and fund-raising events.

2016 Olympian, SJ Judo Headcoach, Szandra Szogedi:

"I used to be shy and unsociable. Judo allowed me to gain confidence and allowed me to learn some fundamental skills for life.

"I dreamt of the Olympic Games at the age of 7 for the first time,



and with many years of dedication and perseverance I was able to achieve my dreams and compete on the biggest sporting event in the world.

"I have been working as a coach for many years, across the United Kingdom. I worked with different groups from young children to

adults, visual impaired and children with disability. There is nothing more rewarding in life than being able to inspire and make a positive impact on someone's life."

Club address: Hatton Park Primary School, Longstanton. We start on 6th September. For the timetable see the Village Diary on page 2.

*Szandra Szogedi*



# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



**England Manager Gareth Southgate congratulates Longstanton Football Club on their funding success!**

Longstanton Football Club are celebrating after being awarded a £1,500 Grow the Game grant, something that has attracted praise from England Manager Gareth Southgate.

The grant, which will provide a boost to grassroots football in Longstanton, has paved the way for the men's team to become established, extending the football opportunities to our youngsters as they grow out of Colts football and offering football to the adults in our community.

England Men's Senior Manager and Football Foundation Ambassador, Gareth Southgate, said: "I am so pleased that Longstanton has secured this Grow the Game grant. The club has worked very hard with Cambridge county FA and the Football Foundation to get more local people playing football so that they can enjoy the many physical and mental benefits that come with playing regular sport.

"Grow the Game is mainly funded by The FA and delivered by the Football Foundation. This is money that is flowing from the very top of the game down to the lowest levels, to help clubs at the grassroots to bear the cost of starting up a new team, whether it be for a new kit, pitch hire or sending volunteers on FA accredited coaching courses."

Grow the Game is a £2.5m programme funded by The FA and the Football Foundation. It awards grants to grassroots football clubs that wish to create new teams, especially amongst under-represented groups.

£1,500 is available to help FA-affiliated clubs with the cost of creating a new team, which might include the cost FA coaching courses; FA league affiliation costs; referees' fees; first aid kits; and even football kit & equipment.

Louise Gamon, the Treasurer for the club, said: "It is great to see our children grow from boys to young adults and still playing

football with their mates. The creation of a men's team will be a huge benefit to them and the community as a whole"

For more information contact: Louise Gamon at [louise.gamon+football@gmail.com](mailto:louise.gamon+football@gmail.com)

### About Grow the Game

Grow the Game is delivered by the Football Foundation, the nation's largest sports charity. Last year the scheme achieved:

- 2,159 new teams.
- 8,787 female footballers.
- 23,332 male footballers.
- 5,715 new coaching qualifications.



Since it was launched in 2010, the Grow the Game scheme has attracted a total of 161,285 new football players into playing regular football.

### About the Football Foundation

As well as delivering Grow the Game, the Football Foundation delivers the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund on behalf of the Premier League, The FA and the Government, through Sport England. Since 2000, the Foundation has supported over 15,000 grassroots projects worth more than £1.4bn.



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## LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



We are half-way through the season now, so time for me to report on the league progress so far. Our two teams in the Cambridge & District Bowls League both gained promotion last season, so we started the 2017 season in divisions 3 and 4. The division 3 team got off to a very shaky start and only scrambled 12 points from the first 6 matches. They got back on track however, and doubled the points total in the next two matches. They currently have 31 points and are lying 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10. It is a similar story for the division 4 team – they only managed 9 points from the first 5 games, then doubled the score to 18 in the next two games. Unfortunately this was followed by a run of 4 losses, so their table position is a precarious second from bottom with 32 points. The good news for this league is that Longstanton is once again through to the quarter final stage of the Gilbert Cup, the knock-out cup competition between clubs. We stand a better chance of winning the next round this year because Melbourn is at least in the same division as us (even though they beat us 5-2 in the away leg of the league).

We have 3 teams in the Cambridge Business Houses Pairs Bowls League – one men's team and A and B mixed teams. The men's team is not doing as well this year compared to last year and are currently lying 16<sup>th</sup> out of 19 with 12 points. They do however have one or two games in hand over some of the higher placed teams. The Longstanton Mixed B team narrowly missed promo-

tion last year, and is continuing to perform well this year, lying second with 28 points. The Mixed A team narrowly missed relegation last year, but is doing better this year, lying just below mid-table with 18 points.

Also this year for the first time we joined the Ely & District league. This is an afternoon rather than an evening league, so is very popular with our players who are no longer working. There is even a break for tea and biscuits half-way through! The team is doing well and is currently 5<sup>th</sup> out of 13 with 54.5 points.

We play an annual charity match against Cambridge University Press for the Fred Pearman cup. The honours are slightly in favour of CUP over the years, but this year for the first time the match was drawn, so Longstanton are joint holders of the trophy.

If you think you would like to try bowls, then please come along to one of our Monday evening club nights at 6pm. There are bowls you can borrow and people there to help you. We just ask that you wear flat-soled shoes. Alternatively if you have some experience you might like to try the Thursday afternoon roll-ups at 2pm. This has an informal league table where you get points just for playing and extra points if you win! If you would like more information please contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email: [marionedwards1@btinternet.com](mailto:marionedwards1@btinternet.com).

Also visit our web site [www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk](http://www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you!

*Corinne Walsham*

# HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to all of Longstanton! It has been a very busy time here at Hatton Park. As I write this, we are nearing the end of our stay at The Pathfinder site in Northstowe, and are getting ready to move back to our lovely, newly extended building at the centre of the village. I must extend a huge 'thank you' to the Local Authority who allowed us to use the building and also to the newly formed staff of The Pathfinder for sharing it over the last half term of school.

The children have, once again, done the school proud in lots of different areas. Their attitudes and behaviour when out and about on trips and visits is always commented on favourably. This term, we enjoyed trips to Hunstanton Sea Life Centre and the beach, Woburn Safari Park, Sacrewell Farm and Grafham Water. Sports have been celebrated though our attendance at the Year 4 Mini Olympics with all of the other Year 4 children from the Cambridge area. We also hosted a wonderful Sports Day recently, where the children showed off their sporting attitudes and school values. We had lots of positive comments from the parents who thoroughly enjoyed the event. Well done to Red House who won the trophy! We are looking forward to entering into lots of sporting competitions next year! The children have also wowed us with their performance skills. The Year 5 and 6 children put on a truly amazing performance of Matilda. The acting, singing and stage presence were brilliant and we were all so proud of them.

We all joined in with a great art project based on the illustrations from 'You be You' a book by Linda Kranz. The children all painted a pebble fish which will be created into an art installation when we return to Hatton Park. Lastly, the children across the whole school have put so much effort into their

learning. Even when we were melting in the temperature highs, they stayed focused. From Reception to Year 6, I am proud of them all.

It is both a sad and exciting time of the year for our Year 6 children. They have now left us for secondary education. The school misses all of its Year 6 cohorts, each with their own personalities and strengths. This year's class will be missed for their dedication to being the best that they can be. They are truly ready for the next phase of their school life, and I, along with the rest of the school community, wish them all every success.

We now look forward to opening up Hatton Park in its 'forever home'. We are hoping to have an opening event sometime in September/October when we can officially say we are back and a central part of the community. You would all be most welcome to come and visit, just look out for the posters nearer the time.

Lastly, due to the size that the school is growing to (we are expecting over 270 pupils in September), the school has taken the decision to close the school gates during the morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up. The safety of the children is our priority and we are asking as much of the school community as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Those that need to drive are encouraged to do so part way and walk the rest. We are also asking families not to drive down Hatton's Park to the school as it will be difficult to turn around. I know you will all support me in ensuring that the flow of children around the village at these key times is as safe as possible.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to reporting from Hatton Park in the Autumn Term!

*Anthony Aguda, Headteacher*



## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL



Back in June we had our Summer Fete at the Pathfinder School. We were lucky enough to have some beautiful sunshine and everyone had a wonderful time. We raised an amazing £1,200 so there are lots of people we want to say thank you to. Thank you to the Co-Op who kept everyone fed with their barbecue skills, the Westenders and the Hatton Park gymnastics club who entertained everyone with their wonderful performances.

Also to everyone who donated raffle prizes on the non-school uniform day, helped behind-the-scenes and on the day. Finally, we would like to give a special thank you to Susan Meah for doing the refreshments for the last 13 years!

The school is preparing to move back to our original building in September.

The children and the staff have been busy preparing to decorate the new classrooms. A big thank you to Melanie Worgan for organising the Only One You art project and to all the volunteers that helped out. The children and staff painted pebbles that will be made into a path once we are back at Hatton Park School.

Finally, Karen will be stepping down as chair of Friends of Hatton Park. In September, we will be forming a new committee and if anyone would like to take over then please get in touch. Karen has done an amazing job over the past year and we are so grateful for everything she has done.



*Thank you,  
Karen*

## LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP



Little Leprechauns have had a super summer term with lots of special crafts. If you have seen the excellent (and ever-changing) artwork on the walls of the Village Institute then you can thank our tiny artists, ably led by the inspiration of Emma! To our excellent country scene we've added a foot-painted tree and beanstalk, and, pretty dragonflies. We've also made (and played with) some fantastic glittery magic fairy wands. The children have also decorated mugs for Fathers' Day and made sun-catchers. They've even made Elmer, the patchwork elephant, out of milk bottles.

By the time you read this, we'll have had our customary bring-and-share end of term party with rice crispy cake making. We'll bid a sad goodbye to some of our big children who

will start school in September, but would love to welcome new friends when the group starts again in September. If you have a little one then do come and join us!

The group would like to thank the Co-op for its continued support, and also thank Charlotte Poole for all her help on the committee. This will be my last time to write an article on the Little Leprechauns as I too leave the committee. Therefore if you have a child attending the group and can help out by joining the committee, please speak to the remaining members: Emma, Lucy and Felicity. The committee also appreciates all one-off offers to help, either practically on the day or by running a craft activity.

*Little Leprechauns Playgroup meets every Friday morning during term time from 9.30am to 11am in the Village Institute. Ages 0-4 welcome. We have free play followed by a fruit snack, a story, and a craft. Tea and coffee available for adults; baby area available for tiny tots. Only £1 per family.*

*Alice Burrell*

# RAINBOW BABY CLUB

This group has been running for many years now and many children in the local primary school are aware of the fact that they (and their mums) met at Baby Club. It is a welcoming group and it doesn't matter if you don't make it to the start of the session – just arrive when you are ready. We meet in the Village Institute from 10-11am on Thursday mornings. It is a place where mums can support one another and learn together as the babies grow up.

There will always be coffee, tea and biscuits! There are baby toys and we finish the session by singing. This term we have had some

visitors come to the group. We have had taster sessions for baby yoga, baby massage, and, sing and sign. These have been well received.

Finally I should point out that we continue to run through the school holidays. So if you have a baby (up to 12 months) and you'd like somewhere to go in the village, do come and join us. There is no need to book, but if you have any questions then please get in touch with me at [susanmeah@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmeah@hotmail.com) or 07704 377051.

*Susan Meah*



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



This term the staff team have been concentrating on Healthy Living. We have monitored the levels of physical activity in the setting to ensure we are offering a large proportion of the recommended daily three hours for young children. We have also updated our noticeboards to advise parents on healthy lunch boxes and ideal portion sizes. The children have enjoyed planting and growing peas, potatoes and beans. They have especially enjoyed watering!

A huge interest for the children this term has been to dig for dinosaurs outside in the garden and this led to a child's parents kindly coming in to hold a wonderful activity where the children were able to practice their archaeological skills in chipping away clay to discover dinosaurs and making dinosaur hats. Another parent came in to share her profession with us and explained what it was like to be an air stewardess. This visit was very much enjoyed by all the children and many of them went on to use this event to inspire their role-play.



The summer term is also the term when we have to say goodbye to many of our children who will be leaving us for big school, so we have been busy with all sorts of transition activities and liaising with the school to ensure this transition will be as smooth as possible.

Out of School Clubs have been enjoying the good weather too, and, being allowed to paddle at afterschool club recently went down really well! However, after snack, very competitive games of Top Trumps or building collaborative structures with Lego remain the most popular activities.

*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 (we will be returning to Hatton Park during the summer break) or you can contact the manager on 01223 491623 or by email at [longstanton@pre-school.org.uk](mailto:longstanton@pre-school.org.uk)*

*Tracey Leach, Manager*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Dear Longstanton Life,*



When is Longstanton not Longstanton? The answer must be: "When it is Northstowe". How can you go from Willingham, on the B1050, towards Bar Hill into Longstanton, then Northstowe, then back again into Longstanton within a mile?

Surely the new houses to the west of this road should be a part of Longstanton with Northstowe starting to the east! Is it planned that Longstanton will eventually become Northstowe or will the boundary be changed to Crabtree Corner?

*Alan Taylor  
Hatton's Park*



It is with complete dismay that I read Alex Riley's "District Councillor notes", in the June-July addition of Longstanton Life. Why does "our" councillor not focus on important village matters rather than concerning himself with his ego. How is the Vance Wells case relevant to the village and the community? Was it not him that engaged the services of Mr Wells in the first place?

*Yours sincerely,  
Henry Moran*



I see Cambridgeshire County Council is due to cut £1 million from Children's Services across Cambridgeshire. As a nurse for many years I can tell you from experience this will impact our most vulnerable families and children the most. As a mother and someone who suffered from post natal depression I found having access to this service invaluable in my times of need. This is a crucial service for all parents. Why is this government so determined to cut all our core services and put children at risk?

The public is invited to a consultation on the proposals. I got this from another source - however the source I should hear this from is our County Councillor Peter Hudson. How have we ended up in 2017 with a Councillor representing us who is not on social media nor have an email distribution list (as Cllr Riley or the Parish Council do) or a method of informing residents of important issues like this? I note he has a column in the Longstanton Life but given this is only every 2 months and with a public consultation launched already we need more timely notice of this. And since he has only been bothered to provide a report in 4 of the last 15 Longstanton Life issues published since 2015 (I checked) we can't guarantee he'd advise us of this himself.

*Yours Faithfully  
Stephanie Ness*

# LONGSTANTON WILDLIFE



Poplar Hawkmoth

Now in the height of summer and with the glorious weather, we have been seeing many more insects such as butterflies and moths. Moths are related to butterflies and both belong to the order Lepidoptera. But what are the differences between moths and butterflies? One of the main differences is that a moth's antennae are feathery or saw-edged whilst butterflies have thin, long antennae with a club at the end, which the moth's antennae do not have. Butterflies usually rest with their wings closed while moths have their wings open when they're resting. Butterflies use the sun to warm them up whilst moths move their wings to generate warmth! Also butterflies make a chrysalis whilst moths make a cocoon. Butterflies are mostly active during the day whilst most moths fly at night. But there are some species of day-flying moths, such as the Cinnabar and Six-spot burnet. In some species, for example the Emperor moth, the male moths fly during the day, whilst the females fly at night. You can set up a moth trap to catch night-flying moths (see also RSPB article below). Moths navigate by flying at a constant angle relative to a distant light source such as the moon, this behaviour is called transverse orientation. However, an artificial light source such as that from a lamp in moth trap or torch light means the angle to the light source changes and this confuses the moth. So moths are not actually attracted to light, they navigate by it!

Some of the common night-time flying moths include the Elephant Hawkmoth, Poplar Hawkmoth and Buff-tip. The Buff-tip is a

medium-sized moth that looks just like a little twig when its wings are tight against its body. The buff patch on the tip of their wings (which they get their name from) looks like the inside part of a twig, whilst the main silvery-grey wing looks like the outside of a twig. Great camouflage! Moths vary considerably in size. Small or micro moths have a wingspan under 2cm, one such moth called *Pyrausta nivalis* was caught during the moth trapping event at the Fen Drayton Lakes. The larger or macro moths have wingspans greater than 2cm. For example, a



Buff-tip

common species in the UK is the Poplar Hawkmoth which has a wingspan of around 7-9cm. Did you know the world's largest moth, the Atlas moth, can have a wingspan of around 25cm?

Moths have differing lengths of proboscis. In some moths the proboscis is very short, in others it is very long and tightly coiled up when they are not feeding. Did you know the Hummingbird Moth has a proboscis that is longer than its whole body? Other moths don't have any feeding mechanism! Such moths acquire the energy needed during their short adult life from the fat stored in their body during the caterpillar stage of their life-cycle.

Next time you go out especially in the evening, see if you can spot any moths.

Enjoy the summer and make sure you look out for the wonderful wildlife around wherever you maybe!

*Manjeet Bolla*



## AN UPDATE FROM FEN DRAYTON LAKES

### What's been happening?

This summer we have been installing a new pond dipping platform. The new platform is directly opposite the car park, which will give visitors easier access to explore what creatures live in the waters of Ferry lagoon. We have also recently opened our new seasonal trail and viewing shelter on the northern edge of Ferry lagoon. This new viewing shelter will give visitors a different view across the lake, and also allow views onto the new scrapes and pools which were created in the winter of 2016.

### Wildlife

During the first weekend of July we held a moth trapping event at the reserve. We caught a number of different species including elephant hawkmoth, poplar hawkmoth and the absolutely stunning peach blossom.

As we move towards autumn we will start to see waders passing through the reserve as they head south on their post breeding



Elephant hawkmoth - Gordon Langsbury (rspb-images.com)

migration. Species which regularly stop off to feed at the lakes include ringed plover and black-tailed godwit. However, we are occasionally graced with a little stint or a curlew sandpiper. Dragonflies will still be whizzing around the reserve and a day of good weather can see impressive numbers around even the smallest of water bodies.



Four-spotted chaser dragonfly - Luke Wake

### Get involved

We have a busy programme of events and activities this summer, including willow weaving, guided walks and lake dipping for the kids.

Please visit our website or give us a call for booking details. Lake dipping and bug hunting are FREE this summer.

Visit: [rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

Phone: 01954 233260

*Luke Wake*

*Assistant Warden, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes*

## LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING



A knitted dress by Sarah

We have had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from other counties (Suffolk & Essex) to our knit group recently as friends have brought friends to join our friendly and enthusiastic group of knitters and crocheters.

We 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.

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 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*

## WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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**August Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Surgeries Closed.**

**Normal Opening, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Stay Safe in the Sun** We are all hoping for good weather this summer, but if you are out and about in the sun please do remember to use adequate sunscreen to prevent skin cancer. Ask our pharmacy staff for advice on the best products to use. Take particular care with children and make sure they wear high factor sunscreen, a sunhat and drink plenty when out in the hot sun.

**Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations** Going to University in September? We would like to invite all teenagers born **between 01/09/1998 & 31/08/1999** to make an appointment for this vaccination. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment with a nurse.

**Vitamin D** Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and we get some vitamin D from a small number of foods, including **oily fish** such as salmon, mackerel, herring and sardines, as well as **red meat** and **eggs**. In the UK from around late March/early April to the end of September we get most of our vitamin D from sunlight exposure. Find out how to get enough without risking sun damage by visiting the NHS choices website. [www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Pages/vitamin-D-sunlight.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Pages/vitamin-D-sunlight.aspx)

**Pharmacy** The Pharmacy at Willingham Surgery can help with many of your travel essentials, so pop in for some free advice and get stocked up for the summer.

**Citizens Advice Bureau** We are very excited to announce that the Citizens Advice Bureau now offer free advice and support meetings at both Willingham Surgery and Longstanton Branch Surgery. Meet our in-house Citizens Advice Advisor and get help with: \*Budgeting, \*Benefit Issues, \*Dealing with Debt, \*Other

issues such as employment and housing.

Please contact the surgery for further information as to how you can access this service.

**Carers Support Meetings** Please note there **will not** be a carers meeting in August due to annual leave. Our next meetings at Willingham Surgery are on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. We will put you in touch with other agencies who can advise on benefits, and offer support and relief when you most need it. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at [susan.lawson7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.lawson7@nhs.net) for more information.

**Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics** The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are 16<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> October. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

### Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the families and friends of Mrs M Wallis for their generous donation to our surgery equipment fund, in memory of their loved one who sadly passed away recently.

*Sharon Unwin – Practice Manager – August 2017*

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

## LONGSTANTON WOMEN’S INSTITUTE



The ladies of Longstanton WI have been very busy these summer months. The annual BBQ allowed us to relax, chat and eat magnificent desserts, whilst a trip to the Adenbrookes archives was just fascinating! Records from way back when, members were able to look at the birth records of some of their family, not to mention some of the 'attachments' for



your artificial limb which included a potato holder! Dinner to finish at The Wok & Grill. Brilliant!

If you fancy joining us for such fun our next meeting is September 18th at 7.45pm in the Village Institute. Come and give us a try: whether a young mum, working or retired, we have space for everyone!



*Debbie Lienau*

## The Pavilion

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The weather has been wonderful so far this summer with no cricket fixtures cancelled as yet (fingers crossed). We are already planning for the end of season get together for the Grasshoppers, so let's hope that no rain is on the horizon. Both the 1st and 2nd Saturday teams are also playing very well and we would be pleased to see villagers coming down on a Saturday afternoon to support them.

We are hosting a monthly quiz night on the last Friday of the month starting on 25th August. Details to be posted soon.

There was a great turn out early on Saturday mornings for the duration of the British Lions tour of New Zealand. We sold out of bacon rolls at an amazing speed. Please let us know if you have a sporting event that you would like to hold in the Pavilion and we will see what we can do.

The new men's football team appears to be all fired up and ready for

### OPENING HOURS

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Friday: 17.00 until 23.30  
Saturday: 12.00 until 23.30  
Sunday: 12.00 until 22.30



the new football season, we are looking forward to seeing all the pitches used for the whole of Saturday once again.

We would like to say a big thank you, on behalf of Hanna, Tom, Ruby and Lucy, to everyone that come to the Family Fun day to raise money for the Oxford Children's Hospital, especially the helpers who did a great job. We believe that the amount of money raised was well above their expectations.

If you would like to book the conservatory for a function please either drop in, e-mail us at [longstantonpavilion@gmail.com](mailto:longstantonpavilion@gmail.com) or via the web page [www.longstantonpavilion.weebly.com](http://www.longstantonpavilion.weebly.com) where you will find a "contact us" form. We do NOT have membership, so everyone is welcome.

*Michael, Suzanne and The Pavilion Team*

## St. Michael's Church Needs Your Support!

Longstanton is very fortunate to have two wonderful churches: All Saints' and St. Michael's. Beyond their religious significance, church buildings such as these provide an important visual link to the past whilst remaining valuable focal points for our growing village today.



St Michael's church, July 2017

The different styles of these churches add to their special significance for our village, and even beyond. In particular the small thatched church of St. Michael has been used as a template on which to model other churches, most notably the Church of St. James the Less in Philadelphia, USA. Although St. Michael's is not used for regular worship, it has been part of the lives of many Longstanton residents. Its recent re-opening in the summer months has seen an increase in visitors who bring with them stories of their connections to the church. However, like many old historic buildings, St. Michael's is in need of considerable care and attention. Having a thatched roof means regular maintenance yet, sadly, this has been neglected to the extent it now requires a costly repair. The Churches Conservation Trust, 'the national charity for protecting historic churches at risk', has limited funds to maintain the 350 buildings in its care. The Trust is therefore encouraging the residents of Longstanton to become involved in greater use of this historic building. To this end we are forming a group, the **Friends of St. Michael's Church**, with the aim of maximizing community use and raising funds to help maintain this building as a part of village life.

If you are interested in joining this group please email us at [fosm2017@gmail.com](mailto:fosm2017@gmail.com). Any participation, through volunteering or providing ideas for future events, is very welcome.

### Future dates to keep in mind:

Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>: Cream Teas in St. Michael's Church, 2-5pm  
 Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>: Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 10.30

*Narelle Hassell*

Saturday 26th August

### Cambridgeshire Vintage Tractor Club are holding **ANNUAL PLOUGHING MATCH**

on land in Ramper Road, Longstanton by kind permission of Mr Neil Stroude of PL & WS Stroude.

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## Do you enjoy singing?

Maybe you've sung in choir before – or maybe you only sing in the shower! Research shows that singing is good for you and especially singing in a group. For the last year people have been venturing to the Village Institute once a month on a Friday evening to "Sing for Joy".

Our next Sing for Joy will be on Friday 22 September from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Kate Woolf gets us started with some warm up exercises which usually involve a lot of laughter. Then we get stuck into singing and we sing all sorts of different songs: show songs, pop songs, songs in other languages and fun songs!

We finish with refreshments and time to chat. This is an event run by the church for the community. If you would like to know more contact Kate Woolf on 200975 or Susan Meah on 781258.

## 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:**

**June 1st – No.74, 2nd – No.12**  
**July: 1st – No.49, 2nd – No.56**

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](mailto: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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## Coffee Morning

*In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support*

**Tuesday 26 September 2017**  
10am – 12noon

**The Dale Community Centre**  
Longstanton



All welcome! Come along for a drink, cake & a chat, all proceeds will be donated to Macmillan! Donations welcome!

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# FOOD BRAND LOGOS COMPETITION

In this issue we have a logo competition that may tickle your taste buds! The logos are food/drink related and all you have to do is identify the Company/Brand names that use the logos below:



To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: [longstantonlife@hotmail.com](mailto:longstantonlife@hotmail.com) before **Friday 25th August**. 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 £15 Tesco Gift Card, kindly donated by **Tesco Bar Hill**.



The winner will be announced in the next issue. Good luck!

## SUMMER WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION WINNER



The lucky winner of the summer word puzzle competition was Samantha Amos. She is pictured here with her partner, Michael Stoner, and their plant of choice, a Forsythia. Congratulations! Our thanks again to the Oakington Garden Centre.

The answers to the puzzle were:

**Across:** 2. Seaside, 3. Sunshine, 4. Picnic, 6. Strawberries, 8. Lemonade, 9. Barbecue.

**Down:** 1. Tennis, 2. Sandcastle, 3. Swim, 5. Flower, 7. Beach, 10. Wimbledon.



## VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED to join our editorial team!

Would you like to join the Longstanton Life editorial team? We are looking for an extra person or two, who are enthusiastic about local issues and stories, to help put the magazine together. If you are familiar with using Microsoft Publisher and could spare 2-3 hrs every couple of months, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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**All Saints' Bell Ringers**

*I mentioned in my last report that we did better than we thought we would in the Ringing Competition. Since then not much has happened, however the quality of the ringing has improved, not quite A\* but getting there. I am pleased to say we do have a dribble of new young ringers joining. Some stay, others drift away - it would be fair to say bell ringing is not for everyone. Anyone who would like to give it a try - young or old, male or female - please contact me on:*

**[mikec321@btinternet.com](mailto:mikec321@btinternet.com)**  
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*Mike Cartwright*

**Ball Room Dancing**

*There is no doubt we as dancers are getting better each term. We pick up new steps quickly instead of looking quite blank and dancing steps that are not what we are shown - getting into a right mess, ending up not talking to your partner and both claiming they are dancing the right steps but not necessarily in the right order!*

*The opportunity to ball room dance outside of our practice nights and class nights are few and far between. However, with some of our Latin and Jive steps these can be useful at Christmas and holiday times. We meet twice per week, we have a teaching session in Cambridge on a Tuesday and practice Thursday evenings at our local primary school. If you are able to dance a little and you would like to improve, please feel free to contact me by e-mail on: [mikec321@btinternet.com](mailto:mikec321@btinternet.com) or tel. 07768 735910.*

*Mike Cartwright*

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON

Saturday, June 17th was a beautiful English Summer's day just perfect for cream teas, Teddy Bear picnics and parachute jumps. 55 intrepid cuddly toys, ranging from bears to giraffes, were given a full health check before donning their parachutes and being hoisted to the top of the church tower ready to make that all important jump. Despite some rather rough landings everyone received a certificate and final 'all clear' from the medical team before heading off to the Rectory garden for tea. £230 was raised to help the work of the church and a really good time was had by all. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you next year!!

Our next event will be a Treasure Hunt for all the family going around the village searching for clues and finishing with a BBQ. This will be on Saturday September 30th starting from the church at 3pm. Keep your eyes open for further information on face book and posters in the village.

Harvest Festival this year will be at our All Age Service at 9.30am on Sunday October 8th. On the evening before there will be a Harvest Supper. Make a note in your diary and see the next Longstanton Life for all the details.

Prior to our All Age Services on the 2nd Sunday of the month we are now serving a breakfast of fruit juice, croissants, jam and bread with fresh coffee or tea. So come along for 9am and enjoy some fellowship with friends before the service.

The Cake Club continues on a Monday afternoon from 2-4pm in the church but will break for holidays in August, re-opening on Monday 4th September. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy delicious home made cake, good company, and a nice cuppa.

Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am, do come along and join us.

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](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk) or one of our vicars: Rev. Julie Anderson 01954 231496 [julie\\_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk) or Rev. Lynda Davies 01954 202912 [revlyndadavies559@gmail.com](mailto:revlyndadavies559@gmail.com). Or, you can contact one of the Church Wardens Roger Valentine 01954 230519 [rvalen6199@aol.com](mailto:rvalen6199@aol.com) or Sue Gamon 01954 782371 [sgcoutures64@gmail.com](mailto:sgcoutures64@gmail.com)

*Lynda Davies, Team Vicar & Sue Gamon, Church Warden*



*Is it a bird? Is it a plane?*



*A relieved toddler receives her intrepid teddy back.*



*How high?*



*Church turned teddy medical centre.*

## Church Times

### All Saints' Church Longstanton

For exact dates and details of activities being held please refer to the church notice board or go to the website: <http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk//>



# All Welcome

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### The Salvation Army Silver Street, Willingham

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Emma Wilson (left) and Margaret Hunt (right)

We sadly have to say goodbye to Margaret Hunt, who very soon is becoming a grandma and, together with her husband Jeff, is moving away from Longstanton. We would like to thank her for all the work she has done for Longstanton Life over the years as our distribution manager; please join us with wishing her and Jeff all the very best for the future. We would also like to thank Emma Wilson for coming forward to take over Margaret's job and welcome her to our team!



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## The Over Day Centre Photographic Competition

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OWLS Community Car Scheme provides a valuable and much needed service to those people living in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey who need to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys, but are unable to access other means of transport.

In the last few months there has been an unprecedented demand for the OWLS service and the coordinators have sometimes struggled to find available drivers to undertake all the journeys.

We desperately need new drivers. Are you newly retired or have a few hours a week you could spare to help maintain this very important and expanding Community service? Drivers offer particular times/days when they are available – in practice about 4 journeys a month is very helpful

Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile (30p from the customer +15p from C.C.C). Additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council. Volunteers also have to undergo a DBS (formerly CRB) check.

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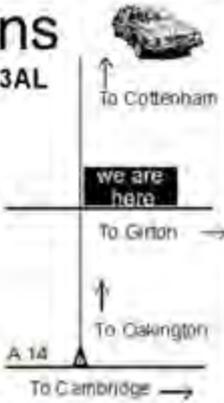
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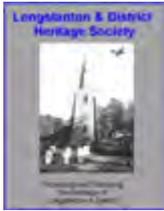
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*Blue skies, professional displays of the finds so far and appreciative local residents ...*

The event attracted large numbers, the young and not-so-young, including visitors from outside our local communities. CAU staff accompanied groups

around the excavations, providing expert interpretation of features cut into the underlying gravels and answering a multitude of questions about this thriving community of 1600 years ago. The groups could also observe work underway on the excavation of the footprint of an Iron Age round house.

There was an excellent display area beside the excavations. Information boards explained the development of the settlement. Some of the many artefacts giving clues about the buildings and daily lives of this place were on show, all clearly labelled. CAU staff from the finds team were on hand to provide more insight.



*Roman ceramics - head from jug or flagon and dishes either side*

A forgotten settlement from long ago died out and disappeared under centuries of ploughing. Eventually these medieval field systems were swept away by the WW II airfield. This day was memorable because it was humbling to experience the dawn of a new cycle of settlement in an ancient landscape.”

*Dr Rodney Scarle (LDHS Advisor/ Member)*

“On getting there, a large number of people were being shown around the site in groups with strict instructions not to take photos of the skeletons of which there were many. Some of the finds from the dig were displayed in cases



*Previous Image: Roman ceramic roofing tiles* and information boards surrounded them with maps and diagrams. The site has been always in use from Pre Roman times. Groups were led around the dig site and shown where the round house and ditches would have been along with the large number of skeletons of all ages, some with their heads removed to be placed at their feet for unknown reasons.



*More Roman ceramics, left, top off an amphora and right, a mormartium*

The area open on the day was restricted to the boundary fence and represented a small fraction of the total area with a lot more still to do in future years. This area had been a very busy area and a lot more remains to be found. It would be nice to think that the finds discovered here stayed here on public display.”

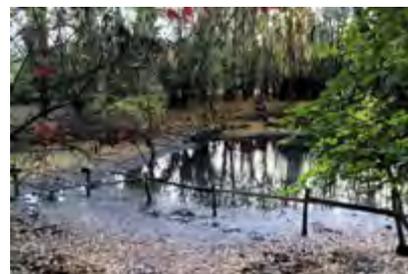
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The Interim Report suggests that water levels are low because of low rainfall and that the report anticipates that ground water levels will return to normal once we get sustained and normal rainfall. We will look forward to confirmation that this is indeed the case and that the water levels in the village normalise and the kingfisher and other ponds (also wells) retain water again...



*Hatton House pond, 11 November, 2016*



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- Friday 6 Oct: ‘**Basket Making in Cambridgeshire**’ - *Gill Shapland*
- Friday 3 Nov: ‘**Bricks in West Cambridgeshire**’ (17th and 18th centuries) - *Michael Coles* (back by popular demand)



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

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