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Longstanton's Living Advent Calendar 2017, photo by Steve Bailey

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VILLAGE DIARY



SUNDAY	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
MONDAY	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	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
TUESDAY	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 (May-August)	Recreation Ground	Wayne Markillie	07737 313225
	1900-1945	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	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 (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt
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
THURSDAY	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
	1900-1945	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	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	0930-1100	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Jane Hordern
1400-1600		Afternoon tea (over 55s)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
1800		Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
1900-2130		ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180
SATURDAY	0915-1000	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	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?



Photo LDHS via Tony Cowley

Where is it?



Photo LDHS via Tony Cowley, 24 January 2004



LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Not long until Christmas, everyone! We always hope it will be white and picturesque, but the reality is often brown and muddy. To start getting you in the festive mood, in this issue you can read all about snow and the science behind the making of snowflakes - Manjeet explains it all in the Science Zone. We also have two Christmas competitions for you, one for the under-10s and another for everybody else. Take part and win a festive hamper!

Also in this issue and not to be missed - our Remembrance Day celebration, a beautiful event attended by many villagers; for the story and photos go to page 7.

If you haven't posted your Village Questionnaire yet, the deadline for sending the hard copies is 30th November. Don't worry though, you can still submit your online form until the end of the year. Check out page 6 for more details.

We are looking for a magazine distribution coordinator so if you are thinking of a new challenge in the New Year, why don't you drop us an email? Also, we are still waiting for an editor or two to join our team. Please read about it on page 15 and come back to us if you are interested - we are really keen to hear from you!

Thank you all for another great year, and for your letters and contributions. We are hoping to hear even more from you in 2019 - please help us make this magazine to be what you want it to be!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2019!

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Heidi Allen



It really doesn't seem possible that we have reached November – where has this year gone!? Don't even tell me how many days there are until Christmas!!

October was a very busy month and as my newsletter can only ever provide a snap shot of my work, I would always recommend that you keep an eye on my website which is updated regularly with information about my work locally and in Westminster – www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk. Over the last month, I have uploaded information about Brexit, local infrastructure projects and a range of news articles, including my speech in the Budget debate about Universal Credit. You can also hear my recent questions to the Prime Minister about Brexit and also sleep-in shifts in the care sector.

As you will know from my last newsletter, I held a public meeting to discuss the state of play regarding Brexit. More than 150 constituents attended, making for a lively and passionate discussion. This type of engagement away from the Westminster bubble is invaluable for me as it helps to ensure I do my very best to represent you. If you were unable to attend, but interested in the debate, you can find video recordings on my website at www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/brexit. Whatever your views on Brexit, it is important for me to know what you are thinking. As the negotiations with the EU reach their inevitable conclusion, I will let you know about any further meetings I plan to hold.

Digital connectivity is vital to all of our local businesses. The Government's Gigabit Voucher Scheme is offering small and medium sized businesses vouchers of up to £3000 to cover the cost of installing Gigabit-capable broadband.

Businesses can claim against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group. Residents can also benefit from the scheme as part of a group project which includes businesses, and can claim a voucher of up to £500. One gigabit is the same as 1,000 megabits – so it's a big leap forward in connection speeds that could benefit your business into the future. To check if you are eligible for a voucher and find a local full fibre broadband supplier, visit: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next "drop in" surgery is on Saturday 1st December in Sawston at the Parish Council office, Link Road, CB22 3GB 10.30am - 12.30pm. If you'd prefer a particular time slot, I'm holding a "by appointment" surgery on 11th January 3pm - 5pm at my office in Hardwick. If you would like an appointment, please do call my office. You can find more details on my website here: www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037. See you next month!

Heidi

County Councillor

Peter Hudson



Quarterly Highways Meeting This meeting took place on the 9th November and included Parish Clerks/Chairs from Longstanton/Northstowe, Over, Oakington and Westwick, along with representatives from Highways. Highways issues were reported and discussed by each Parish. It was great to see that the footpaths around Ladywalk and Brookfield Drive are being repaired and upgraded after such a long fight for funding.

Longstanton and Northstowe Child and Family Centre

It's really fantastic to see so many more of our families using our new County Council Child and Family Centre at the Pathfinder School. This is proving to be very successful, with families from all over our community using this great facility. Get registered (you only have to register once) and join in the fun.

Our new Education Campus is on the way – who pays? The County Council has received the go ahead to develop Phase 1 of the Northstowe Education Campus. The first phase of the campus, which will cost around £45m, includes a secondary school, a multipurpose school hall, theatre space and drama studios, a sports hall large enough for four tennis courts, a gym, two dance studios, an all-weather floodlit football pitch and a 110-place Special Education Needs School.

I have been asked by many of our residents how this will be funded and how much will it cost the County Council. Well, so far, funding is as follows: £7.5m from the government, £12.5m from the Education and Skills Funding Agency towards the Special Needs School and £8.8m in Section 106 funding, which is provided by the developer. Therefore, this leaves the County Council with a bill of just under £16m!

Children's Change programme starts from 1 November From this November, the way the County Council organises its services for safeguarding and supporting vulnerable children is set to change, with improvements backed by revised council funding. To recognise that these changes are focused on making radical improvements to services, and not at delivering an immediate financial saving, myself and colleagues of the General Purposes Committee unanimously agreed to invest £3.4m from the Council's smoothing fund into the children's services budget to allow the change to start with a clean sheet.

Changes in the service from this November will see:

- + Social work teams based in districts led by non-case holding team managers, who can provide more support and challenge, linking in to early-help teams who already work in this way and are working well with our partners in schools and health to meet the needs of vulnerable children at the earliest stage.
- + Easier referrals into the Council's contact centre, with trained call handlers able to make faster decisions on all clear-cut cases, referring only complicated or unclear issues on to social workers.
- + Lower caseloads for social workers overall.
- + Two new dedicated teams focused on adolescents in the North and South.
- + More Child Practitioners focused on working with children in need and able to undertake more sustained and in-depth work.

Investment programme delivers additional £1.9m for frontline services

The purchase of a purpose-built student accommodation block in Cambridge will allow the County Council to plough up to £1.9m a year back into vital frontline services. The Council's investment of £38m in the 251 bed Brunswick House on Newmarket Road is the first acquisition in its strategy to build a portfolio of investments that both support its objectives and help to safeguard the future of vital services for people across the County.

The Council has a strong asset base (County farms etc.), and is involved in the long lease of buildings for student accommodation elsewhere (at Castle Court and North Cambridge Academy), but this is its first venture into direct ownership and operation - a relatively small investment in terms of the balance sheet, but a sizeable income stream to support public services and investment in the Cambridgeshire economy.

With rising demand for our services, the Council is determined to consider all opportunities to invest in schemes that will help us maintain and improve our service levels and stand on our own feet financially. Our ethos of transformation, commercialisation and sound financial management means we are better able to deal with financial pressures.

Peter Hudson
County Councillor

Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington and Westwick

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council

John Street



Double Yellow Lines There has been a mixed response to the double yellow lines installed outside the Co-op. Though an excellent idea to increase safety for users of the zebra crossing and the car park, many road users continue to ignore the traffic restrictions.

We have been in contact with the police who, due to reduced staffing numbers, are unable to put resources into enforcing these areas. At our recent meeting Sergeant Hilson stated that all 106 parishes in South Cambs have parking issues and the police physically cannot cover these areas and they have to prioritise where the officers are deployed.

When companies have been seen parked on the lines, the parish office has passed the relevant information to the company involved (including registration number).

Remembrance Sunday On behalf of Longstanton Parish Council, thanks to everyone who took part in the preparation for Remembrance Sunday (making poppies, putting up the poppies and cargo nets, etc.) and attended the various activities on Remembrance Sunday itself to commemorate the end of World War 1. It was a lovely poignant day and we were pleasantly surprised at the number of residents who took part in the parade.

Longstanton Big Weekend You have asked us for a weekend of events - 28th to 30th June 2019. The open-air cinema is provisionally booked again for 29th June 2019. If you would like a larger community event, we need your help. Please contact the parish office to express your interest by the end of December 2018.

Ongoing Council Work In addition to normal Council business, we have been undertaking:

- + Working on Northstowe matters including notification of planning applications and welcoming and helping new occupiers.
- + Adoption of the Central Open Space within the Home Farm development due early 2019.
- + Continuing to liaise with developers on the adoption of Home Farm roads. This includes the roads in Phase 2 which have been outstanding for 10 years. Due for completion January 2019.
- + Supporting the community group which is working on the Community-Led Plan - presentation of results to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting (April 2019).
- + Working with various parties regarding the dewatering of Northstowe and Longstanton.
- + Ensuring compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations which came into effect from 25th May 2018.
- + Working with various residents on community events: Living Advent Calendar and Christmas Lights.
- + Continuing to support Speedwatch in their activities.

Northstowe At the time of writing, over 215 houses are now occupied. The Community Wing is open for various groups including Little Learners on a Monday morning. Work continues into the setting up of the allotments - please contact Jon London (jon.london@scambs.gov.uk) for further information.

The January meeting of Longstanton Parish Council will be held at the Community Wing of the Pathfinder School on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7:30pm.

Youth Council Please don't forget that the Youth Council's club for secondary school aged children. '@ The Hind Out' continues to meet every Tuesday afternoon during term time, 4pm til 5.30pm (doors open at 3.30pm) at the Village Institute. They are appealing for more adults to help by being in attendance for safety reasons while the club is taking place. If there is anyone who can spare some time on a Tuesday afternoon, please contact the Parish Clerk at parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org.

New Website Work is continuing on our new website which should be up and running by 21st December 2018. Please keep an eye out for more news as it comes.

Again we must reiterate how much work Steve Smith has contributed, towards both the parish and community websites for the last 6 years. Thank you Steve - it is much appreciated.

Don't forget to sign up to our new-look email newsletter: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPCCContactConsent



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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillors Notes



Northstowe Tour Sarah attended the Northstowe Tour hosted by Homes England. Key points were:

- + Progress has been made with the Southern Access Road, with completion anticipated in Spring 2019.

- + The developer for Phase 2B will be announced in the next four-six weeks. This is unlikely to be one of the major house builders. Developers will have to meet minimum room size requirements for this Phase.

- + Further parcels of land for sheltered housing and SME builders are anticipated.

- + Many major trees will be protected by fencing, considering advice from tree experts.

- + Consultation workshops with SCDC are planned for the Town Centre and Community Centre.

- + Planning permission for the Secondary School was granted at the end of October.

Northstowe Community Forum (17th October) Work on the temporary footpath to the busway from Northstowe is due to complete by mid-November. The surface will be compacted stone, suitable for bicycles and pushchairs.

Regarding Phase 1 works, a contractor has been appointed to begin work on the local square, which will be named 'The Green'. Planning permission was submitted in July for the main formal park, 'Pioneer Park'. Construction will begin in Spring and take approximately six months. The southern sports pitches have begun to be seeded but will not be available for use for some time.

Regarding Phase 2, the piling operations to Wilson's Way Bridge are scheduled to take place in late November, lasting two to three weeks. There is no intention to use driven piles which would have a noise impact. The deliveries will be coming directly off the B1050, avoiding disruption to the village.

Sisk are keen to be a 'responsible contractor'. They are particularly concerned about Rampton Drift residents and have asked that residents report any problems.

Construction Noise There have been breaches of planning conditions on Northstowe Phase 1, including Sunday working on the Linden site. These incidents have been reported to the authorities, who have issued warnings and will act if the housebuilders continue to breach conditions.

If there are further issues, please contact us or report directly to planning enforcement via SCDC website: www.scams.gov.uk/report-it/website

Local Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Our Community Policing team remind residents of the need to report crime and anti-social behaviour, either via 101 or online at www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report. Reporting will help them to target existing resources and make a case for further policing locally. There has also been increasing interest in Neighbourhood Watch. Please contact us if you are interested in getting involved.

Stagecoach and Guided Busway Go Whippet are cancelling their Busway service C from 10th November. This means that Stagecoach will be the only operator on the Busway. Residents continue to raise concerns about the quality of the service provided, including buses not arriving or being too full to pick up passengers. We will be campaigning for improvements to the service, including meeting with the Managing Director of Stagecoach and writing to the Mayor.

If residents are affected by any issues with the Busway services, please let us know.

A14 Highways Good progress is being made on the Bar Hill bridge and the dual carriageway section to meet the B1050. The local road is likely to be opened in Spring 2019 but will become the A14 temporarily as they work on the existing A14.

Complete Your Village Questionnaire A reminder to complete your village questionnaire - your chance to share your views and help to shape the future of Longstanton! The deadline for paper copies is 30th November but you can complete online questionnaires until 31st December at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LVQ2018. A huge thank you to the team of Longstanton residents who put this questionnaire together!

Finally, we would like to wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for helping to make our first months as your District Councillors go smoothly - we look forward to 2019!

Do contact us if you have any questions:

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See our Facebook page, for frequent updates:

www.facebook.com/LongstantonOakingtonNorthstowe

Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson

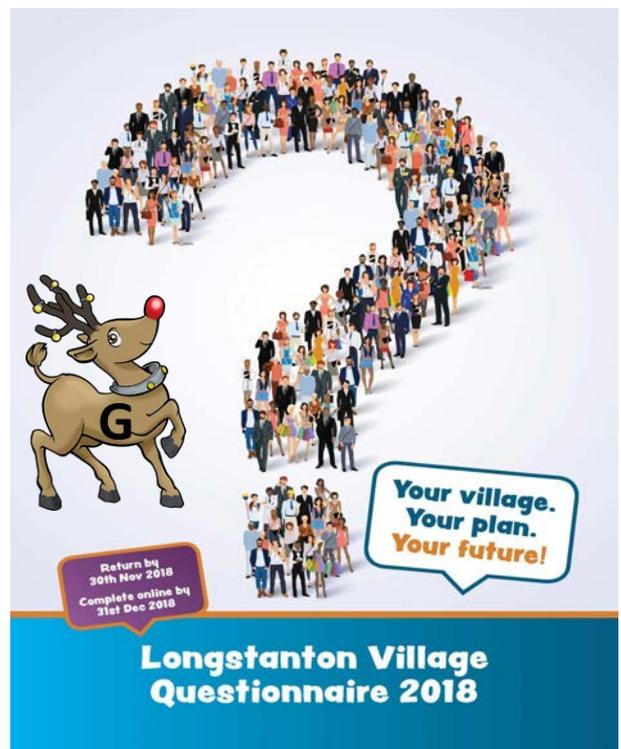
REMINDER TO COMPLETE THE LONGSTANTON VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Back in October, you should all have received a paper copy of the questionnaire for the Community-Led Plan through your letterbox. The plan involves all sectors of the community and provides everyone the chance to comment on issues affecting their lives. The plan will map out existing services and facilities and identify any gaps. This should help to provide a plan of action (to last a minimum of 5 years) to protect what is valued, deal with problems, and grasp opportunities. We really need your input to help identify the areas you feel need addressing and prioritising in our village over the next few years.

The questionnaire will help us shape our village's future. So it is extremely important that you complete either the questionnaire paper copy by 30th November, or online using the link below by 31st December 2018:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LVQ2018>

Please email: parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org if you have any queries. Feedback and results from the questionnaire will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2019.





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018

From the middle of summer, poppies began to arrive: knitted, crocheted, felt, bottle tops, bottle bottoms, pipe cleaners, plastic envelopes and hand crafted (laminated) to name a few. Longstanton residents (and some from further away), Hatton Park Primary School, Pathfinder CofE Primary School, BellaClaire Nursery, local childminders and the toddler group (Little Leprechauns) really pulled out the stops and helped to create some unique poppies to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1, 'The Great War'. Thank you to the small group that joined me on a cold Tuesday evening to attach the poppies to the cargo nets ready for display around the village – I really could not have done it without your help and I would probably still be doing it!

With the help of GDL Services and Brookfield Groundcare, we were able to put up nearly 50 streetlight poppies, three poppy-clad cargo nets and one 6ft poppy to make Longstanton High Street become the focal point for the parade which ran from the Village Green (Nelson Crescent) to All Saints' Church.

We hoped that around 200 people would take part, but it is estimated that there may have been 400 or more sharing our community act of remembrance.

With the support of the Army Cadets, Air Cadets, Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Rainbows, Beavers, All Saints' Church and you, the residents of Longstanton, our parade was wonderful, solemn and heartfelt in equal measure.

Longstanton, you took our breath away. Thank you.

*Text: Libby White
Photos: Anna Rudd*



HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton and Northstowe.

It's lovely to be able to report back to you on how Hatton Park Primary School has been doing since the last issue of Longstanton Life.

Our school remains as busy and productive as ever. The everyday teaching and learning that happens is at the core of what we do. Our children love to learn, and, our staff work tirelessly to present opportunities in engaging and interesting ways. Our Reception children have been busily practising their fine and gross motor skills through their 'Muscly Me' time. These activities tone and



strengthen their upper body, hands, and fingers so that holding and controlling a writing tool becomes much easier. Our Year 1 and 2 children are currently studying all about penguins and are finding out the most amazing facts. We can't wait for a visiting expert to come in and tell us more! Years 3 and 4 have been immersing themselves in The Romans and likewise, have loved finding out

information. Our oldest children have just finished their learning about World War Two, exploring what it was like during that time. They will complete their learning with a visit to the Stibbington Centre where they will experience what it was like by being in role.

Complementing the core learning, we have been celebrating everything that makes us unique and individual. As part of the national Anti-Bullying week, we held our own Unique Week. The children kicked it off by wearing odd socks, symbolising that it's ok to be different, and ended it with a dress down day for Children in Need. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing their own unique styles for the day. The thoughts and discussions about loving who you are, and appreciating what is unique in others, were both mature and responsible. Our children are a credit to us.

We opened our doors to the village and beyond with our first Open Evening. Many current and prospective families came and looked around our lovely building and tried out lots of activities. Staff were on hand to chat about what makes Hatton Park a great place to be and to answer any questions. The event was well received and we hope to repeat it next year. If you were unable to pop along, do get in contact with the school, we would be happy to show you around. Do keep up to date with the school by looking on the website and following us on Facebook.

We have celebrated Harvest and donated a good amount of produce to the food bank, joined in the village's respectful tribute to Remembrance, and are now looking towards the productions presented by our Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children.

Season's greetings to you and wishing you a lovely start to the new year. We will report again in February!

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park team.

THE FRIENDS OF PATHFINDER SCHOOL

The Friends of Pathfinder School is the PTA for the Pathfinder Church of England Primary School in Northstowe. Our dynamic parent team is creating events at the school with the aim of building a real community and we very much hope that you will come and support

us, and enjoy all the exciting events that we have planned! Christmas is fast approaching and we are thrilled to be hosting our first ever Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December from 12:00 until 15:00. Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto and families can have their photograph taken against a beautiful Christmas backdrop (bookings required). We invite you all to come along



and soak up the Christmas spirit with crafts and singing. Food, mulled wine and mince pies will all be available so you won't go hungry! Please visit and 'like' our Facebook page where you can keep up to date with what's happening, and see the fantastic donations to our silent auction made by local businesses who have kindly come on board to support us. For those who can't make our Christmas event there are still many ways that you can support us. If you have a Co-op loyalty card you can select us as one of the charities that you support. We also have an Easy Fundraiser account where you can register so that every time you shop we will receive a small percentage (details are available on our Facebook page). All that remains is for us to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We are looking forward to meeting everybody and creating a fantastic community together!

Rebecca Tuten, FOPS team

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Longstanton Life,



I was recently passed a copy of Longstanton Life in which there was a short piece representing LDHS through its secretary Hilary Stroude and I thought it might be helpful for me to respond, as follows:

A Parish Church exists to serve its parish community and also depends on the community for its ongoing life, so I was heartened to read of Hilary Stroude's concern for the future of All Saints' Church in the light of the development of Northstowe. On behalf of the Diocese of Ely I have had some local conversations about how best to maintain a sustainable pattern of church life in Longstanton and other historic parishes nearby, and how to engage with the emerging new town. These conversations are ongoing, and I would welcome input from anyone who has a care

for the spiritual, pastoral and cultural needs of our communities. In the meantime I am delighted that the diocese has been able to second the Revd Dr Beth Cope to Northstowe and that we are making progress towards the appointment of a new full-time priest-in-charge of Longstanton and its partner parishes. I am also pleased to support the Longstanton church council's ambition to improve the comfort and accessibility of All Saints' to the benefit of worshippers and visitors for many years to come. If there can be a positive partnership with the LDHS and other local groups in all these endeavours then that will surely be an advantage to all.

Yours faithfully,
Alex

*The Venerable Dr Alex Hughes
Archdeacon of Cambridge*

LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING



Longstanton Knitting and Crochet group are a friendly group who meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the Black Bull Pub, Longstanton.

If you enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn then do come and join us - it's very informal, just buy a drink at the bar. You can't miss us - we're the ones knitting in a pub!

Last month we were pleased to welcome our first Northstowe Knitters! The group has also been at work producing poppies for Remembrance Day and sharing our favourite poppy patterns - we submitted over 50 poppies to

the village effort. We're now looking forward to our annual Christmas dinner in December.

Sometimes the group meets for an additional charity knit evening on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For up-to-date meeting times check our Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet/

We also use the group to chat and share news between meetings.



We continue to be grateful to the Black Bull for hosting us.

Alice, Samanta & Sarah

BREAKFAST CLUB, PRE-SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We are well on our way to ending the Autumn term, and as usual, we have packed in lots of fun activities and experiences. We loved visiting the wooded area of the school grounds to watch the progress of Northstowe

especially pointing out the diggers and tractors.

We have experienced many different holidays and cultural events. These have included Islamic New Year, making Diya lamps for Diwali, and having a *spooktacular* time dressing up and exploring pumpkins for Halloween.

To mark Remembrance Sunday, and 100 years since the end of WW1, the pre-school and out of school club excelled themselves in talking about and making poppies for both our display in the vestibule and the painted rocks bearing the names of Longstan-

ton ww1 soldiers which are placed on the cenotaph. Chloe's husband James, a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, even visited the children and helped them discuss the World War, the reasons behind wearing poppies, and taught them how to march, and respond to the command "Squad halt!". James also spoke about the Longstanton men who fought and gave their lives during WW1 and we shared a poignant moment of reflection together.



Shelle Stevens, Acting Manager

Longstanton breakfast club, pre-school, & afterschool 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 - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. If you would like to discuss your childcare needs further, please feel free to call on 01223 491623 or by email at longstanton@pre-school.org.uk or shelle.stevens@pre-school.org.uk

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



As we approach Christmas the season is now in full swing for the whole club with teams at mini's, colts and men's levels all playing matches every Saturday at Longstanton Rec and around the county. The men's teams are faring well with the First team pushing their way up the league and progressing to the next round of the cup after a slow start to 2018/19... The Reserves sit mid table and are a great

addition to our growing club allowing many more to enjoy good competitive football over a weekend. As we grow and look to improve we are always interested in gaining more players. We play Saturdays (First team) and Sundays (Reserves) with a plan next season to have both sides playing Saturday afternoons, and we train every Wednesday at Swavesey Village College all-weather pitch. Our fixtures can be found in the Pavilion or the FA Fulltime page, we would love to see you at the rec cheering the lads on!

Ben Lee - 1st Team Manager, Longstanton FC

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



I reported on our teams' league performances for the 2018 season in the last issue, so it just remains to congratulate the competition winners for the season. As well as our league games, the bowls club runs a number of internal competitions for members during the season.

These are very popular and attract a large number of entries. Congratulations are due to the following winners:

Corinne Walsham - Ladies' Singles

Les Cooke - Men's Singles

Paul Harrowing - Captain's Cup

Paul Aspinall/Tony Aspinall - Open Pairs

Linda Aspinall/Jackie Whybrow - The Roger Hart Ladies' Pairs

Fred Whybrow/Paul Walsham - The Walsham Men's Pairs

Jean Brown/Keith Irwin - The David Thompson Mixed Pairs

Jean Brown/Tony Aspinall - The Sights 2-4-2 Pairs

Liz Radford/Jackie Whybrow/Fred Whybrow - The Triples Competition

All the matches were completed on Finals Day in early September and many other members turned up to sup-

port the finalists from the side-lines. As always on Finals Day, there were some close matches and some great bowling. Congratulations to all the winners and commiserations to the runners-up.

Many Longstanton players are also members of the Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club and have started playing their indoor matches for the winter season. Also, a few of the local outdoor clubs have just started up a new short-mat bowls indoor league for the winter season. Longstanton will be playing sixteen competitive (and friendly) matches through the season which runs until March 2019, together with a club roll-up every couple of weeks. As we do not have any mats ourselves, we will be playing our home matches at Cottenham.

Our outdoor season starts again in April 2019, and we always welcome new bowlers of any standard, from novice to experienced. Additionally, do get in touch if you would like to join and take part in the short-mat bowls over the winter. Please send your contact details to our Membership Secretary - Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email: marionedwards1@btinternet.com.

Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk.

Corinne Walsham

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Shane Rackham

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



It was a glorious summer and it is fair to say that the Longstanton Grasshoppers made hay while the sun was shining. With the first team securing promotion to Senior League Division 1 for the 2019 season and the second team consolidating with a creditable mid-league place after promotion last year to Junior 3, it was a successful season. This success was all the sweeter for the nature of the teams' composition featuring many local youngsters who have come up through the club's youth program. Time for a well-earned rest now, but things never really stop... We will be running winter nets early in 2019 and prospective new members will be very welcome – come and have a go if you are interested, whether you are an old hand returning to the game or a "newbie" looking to give it a try. Our outdoor nets start in April and are held on Tues-

day evenings for adults and youths, and on Friday evenings we run sessions for all ages 6 and up. As well as first and second teams we also run youth teams at various age groups up to Under 15s. If you are interested contact details are below.

The club is going from strength to strength, with success on and off the field. Our square is fantastic, due in large part to the dedication of Steve Pryor (club President and Groundsman), but also to supporting work of the club's cricketing family. Mark Sperring is club President and provides great energy into the club's activities. Angela Cooksey brings order to proceedings as the club Secretary. The Pavilion provides a great base for our home matches and the green is central to Longstanton village life. We are Clubmark accredited, so you can be assured that Club provides the right environment, ensuring the welfare of members and encouraging everyone to enjoy sport. If you are looking for a New Year resolution why not try cricket at Longstanton.

Ian Handy

Contact: info@longstantoncc.co.uk

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB



Monster Smash Tournament finalists with winners Monty and Lowri on the left

Winter is upon us but there is still plenty going on at the Tennis Club!

We **play throughout the year**. Do come and join us – a great way to keep those New Year resolutions and work off the Christmas excesses. **Club sessions** are Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm, and Sunday mornings from 11am. Competitive

players are also welcome to hit on Thursdays from 7pm.

Coaching continues on Tuesday (juniors) and Thursday evenings (intermediate and seniors) If you are interested in coaching for your child (or yourself), please get in touch via our website www.longstantontennis.co.uk. or directly with our coach David Nation davidnation@hotmail.co.uk

Our teams again competed in the Business House league. The Mixed team had a good start to the season with two wins and a draw in the first four games but due to some team member absences lost their last two matches.

The Men's team faced some stiff opponents and had to wait until the end of the season to register their first win.

Our final **family tournament** of the season was the Monster Smash event in which teams were encouraged to dress with a Halloween theme. A small number of teams had an enjoyable afternoon competing using the mini nets and red balls. The winners were Monty Chatfield playing with his mum Lowri. The prize for the best dressed (scariest) competitor went to Alice Ballard.



The scary Ballard family with best costume winner Alice (2nd from left)

Our end of season/**Christmas party** is on Friday 7th December in the Pavilion, so we hope to see all members and their guests there .

Don't forget to check our website for all the latest notices and information including details of the Christmas party;

www.longstantontennis.co.uk

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



It's all been about the outdoors for the WI ladies just recently. We've been learning about climate change and taking in the fresh air on our regular walks. We needed to behave ourselves on 19th November as we talked about 30 years of policing. Then, "boom": it's Christmas dinner time. Where has the year gone?

The WI is always open to new members; it's not all about jam and Jerusalem, but there is ALWAYS cake!



What's been happening We are heading into winter and the 2018 breeding season is well past us. This means that we have begun to carry out habitat management works around the reserve to maintain and improve areas for breeding and resident species next year. These jobs will keep us busy until the spring, as we work to ensure that the reserve provides an ideal habitat for target species.

The first of these jobs that we have undertaken is the removal of willow trees from Holywell reedbed. These trees grow and spread quickly, and if left, will take over a reedbed and dry it out to eventually become woodland. As reedbed is one of our most valuable habitats for species such as bittern and marsh harrier, we have spent a lot of time cutting the willow back from the edges where it encroaches in, and treating the stumps to prevent regrowth.

The other job key job that we have begun is the clearing of vegetation from the islands on Ferry Lagoon and Moore Lake. These islands are very important for our breeding terns, gulls, and other wetland species that nest on bare ground. So it is important to keep them clear of the vegetation that has a habit of taking over.



Wildlife The autumn passage of migrating birds has ended, but interesting species could still turn up at any time after being blown off course so it is always worth keeping an eye out when walking around the reserve. Wintering species have arrived and the tell-tale whistling call of wigeon can be heard on most of the lakes around the reserve whilst wintering thrushes and finches can be seen in the hedgerows.

Fen Drayton Lakes is currently a great place to come and view herons with five different species on site. Numbers of grey heron and little egret are still building up as they gather into wintering groups. They have been joined by great white egrets on Moore Lake. Bittern are also around, with individuals being spotted in various locations around the reserve. Lastly, a group of six cattle egret have been moving around between Ferry Mere, Moore Lake and Drayton Lagoon.



Great-crested grebe on Ferry Lagoon – Paul Bolla

Get involved... Our last events in 2018:

Willow Weaving Workshop

Sunday 9 Dec: 10.00am-4.00pm — Christmas decorations

Wednesday Wander

Wednesday 12 Dec: 10:15am-12:45pm

If you'd like to find out about our volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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The Pavilion

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 Find us on Facebook

We would like to start by thanking everyone that has been coming in this year and hope you are looking forward to Christmas and New Year. Just a quick reminder that we do rely on our customers to keep us informed with any problems, concerns or praise they may have with the Pavilion.

The next quiz night is scheduled for Friday 30th November, 8.00pm for 8.30pm start. We have decided that the prize money will be split between the winning team and the charity CLIC Sargent. What a great cause. It would be great therefore if we could see teams from all the sports clubs – football, tennis, cricket, bowls and the fitness groups.

We are welcoming back the Blues Brothers on Saturday 22nd December, tickets are available at the bar for £10.

The children's Christmas party will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 23rd De-

ember. We are looking forward to our special guest arriving again this year. The New Year's Eve party will take us back to the 80s; there will be prizes for the best costume; no bribing is allowed but Liz will be judging – nudge nudge.

We have been asked if there is any accommodation out there so if you would like to rent out a room let us know and we will set up a board to get people in touch.

The new carpet is down in the conservatory – along with the new lampshades. The charge for hire is £20/hour and is available for birthdays, christenings, wakes, meetings and any other function you may be planning. We can supply buffets or you can do your own catering. Please contact us with your requirements and we can supply a quote.

Michael, Suzanne and the Pavilion team

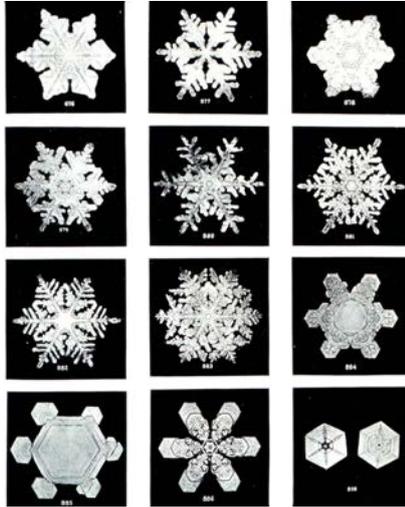
OPENING HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 17.00 until 23.00
 Friday: 17.00 until 23.30
 Saturday: 12.00 until 23.30
 Sunday: 12.00 until 22.30



In this issue, we have a little festive science zone for you. As Christmas approaches some of us will be wishing for a white Christmas. But have you ever wondered how those beautiful flakes of snow are formed?

When the cloud temperatures are low and there is moisture in the atmosphere, tiny ice crystals form around a core particle, such as a tiny dust or pollen particle. These tiny ice crystals are the "seed" from which a snowflake will grow. As water vapour condenses and freezes, the complex pattern of a snowflake is born, one molecule at a time. The molecules of water that form each tiny ice crystal naturally arrange themselves into a hexagonal structure. This results in a snowflake with six sides or six arms. But every snowflake is different! Although all snowflakes have a hexagonal shape, other details of their geometry can vary. These variations are produced by different temperature and humidity conditions through which the snowflake falls. Some temperature/humidity combinations produce flakes with long needle-like arms, other conditions produce flakes with wide flat arms, and yet other conditions produce thin, branching arms.



These different shapes have an unlimited number of variations, each representing the conditions of temperature and humidity and water vapour the snowflake encountered during its fall. A collection of snowflakes is shown in the picture opposite.

How do the snowflakes fall from the clouds? As more and more of the tiny ice crystals in the clouds stick together to become snowflakes, these become heavier than the surrounding air and the snowflakes begin to fall to the ground. Snowflakes that fall through moist air that is slightly warmer than 0 °C will melt around the edges and stick together to produce, big heavy flakes. This creates 'wet' snow which sticks together easily and is good for making snowmen. Snowflakes that fall through cold, dry air are small and produce powdery snow that does not stick together. This 'dry' snow is ideal for snow sports but is more likely to drift in windy weather.

Snow falls when the air temperature is below 2°C and it is a myth that the temperature needs to be below zero to snow. In the UK, the heaviest snowfalls tend to occur when the air temperature is between zero and 2°C. The falling snow does begin to melt as soon as the temperature rises above freezing, but as the melting process begins, the air around the snowflake is cooled. Snowfall can be defined as slight, moderate or heavy. When combined with strong winds, a snowfall can create blizzards and drifts. If the temperature is warmer than 2°C then the snowflake will melt and fall as sleet rather than snow, and if it's warmer still, it will be rain.

Have a Merry (maybe white!) Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Manjeet Bolla

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ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY



YOGA

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Instructor: Daniela McDermott Contact: 07881 960259



COUCH TO 5K - BEGINNER RUNNING COURSE

Starts Monday 1st October at 7pm. Meet at The Pavilion car park in Longstanton. 10 weeks FREE course. Please turn up wearing comfy trainers and suitable clothing for the weather. Suitable for anyone 12 or over, but under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Anyone that has attended previously is welcome to join the course again.

For further information visit the Longstanton Limpers Facebook page or email longstantonlimpers@gmail.com

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Our surgeries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Normal opening hours apply every other day

Change to our Extended Hours The surgery extended hours service offers our patients appointments outside of our core opening hours of 8:30am-6:00pm. From Tuesday 8th January, the surgery will remain open every Tuesday until 7:30pm, offering our patients routine appointments. This will replace the Weds evening surgery, when the surgery will now close at 6:00pm. Please note the change of opening hours will also apply to Willingham Pharmacy. We will continue to offer early morning appointments from 7:20am every Thursday as part of our extended hours.

GP on Long Term Sick Leave As many of our patients may be aware, Dr Jankovic is currently off long term sick and the surgery is currently managing with one less GP Partner. You may therefore experience longer waiting times for your routine appointments. The additional pressure on the surgery, alongside the increase demand over the winter months is making it more difficult for you to book routine appointments with the GP of your choice. Dr Jankovic would like to thank his patients for their kind wishes, and is hoping to return to the surgery as soon as possible.

New appointment system We are planning on introducing a more robust triage system as we welcome a new Nurse Practitioner, Claire Blewett, to the surgery as a permanent member of our team. Our experienced reception team will be working with Claire to signpost all patients requesting urgent 'on the day' appointments to the most appropriate appointment with a GP. This may not necessarily be the same day. Claire herself is very experienced in providing advice and some medications for minor illness so you may be asked to attend her clinic, and not necessarily be signposted to a GP.

Christmas and New Year clinics The shortage of a GP this Christmas is also having some impact on the service we are able to offer during the Christmas period. We will be closed as normal on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The surgery core opening hours will remain unaffected throughout the rest of the Christmas period. However, we will only have capacity to see those patients who need urgent treatment and care. During this period, please do continue to call the surgery on the usual number, and we will arrange for your condition to be assessed and treated. Please only call 111 when the surgery is closed.

Don't swallow up your NHS - use it wisely this winter You can treat minor winter illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home with medicines, which you can easily buy at low cost from your local pharmacy. So be prepared and stock up on winter essentials today: • pain relief (paracetamol) • cough and sore throat

remedies • first aid kit • upset stomach treatment • rehydration treatment • heartburn and indigestion treatment. Having these winter essentials at hand will not only save you time and help you to feel better quicker, but help save the NHS much needed resources.

Pharmacy 2U You may have received a leaflet in the post inviting you to get your repeat prescriptions from a company called Pharmacy2U. Pharmacy2U is a distance selling (internet only), that has nothing to do with the surgery, and it is not funded or operated by the NHS. Patients should be aware that in choosing to use an online Pharmacy like this, you cannot have any face-to-face contact, they are only allowed to deal with patients by post, telephone or internet. Prescriptions are delivered via Royal Mail at your own risk. We believe that an internet business like Pharmacy2U is no substitute for your local dispensary.

Repeat Prescriptions Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication. The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays is Thursday 20th December. The last date for collection before the Christmas holidays is Monday 24th December by 1pm at Longstanton Surgery and 6:00pm at Willingham Pharmacy. The last date for ordering repeat medication before New year will be Thurs 27th December and collection is no later than 31st December. The surgeries will re-open as normal on Wednesday 2nd January.

Christmas Lucky Squares on aid of Magpas £1 each are available from reception in Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries. Many prizes including food hampers and other goodies can be won so please buy a ticket or donate a prize. Last year this raised £358 for Magpas and we would love to break this record with your support. Thank you and good luck!

Carers Support Meetings Our next meetings at Willingham Surgery are on Weds 5th December. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. 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 for more information.

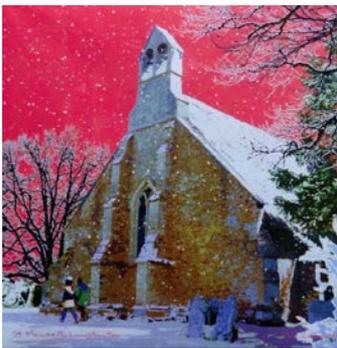
Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics The next Hearing Aid Clinic at Willingham Surgery is on 19th December. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

All the Staff at the Surgery would like to wish our patients a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111, who will give advice and direct you to the most suitable local service.

Lisa Smith - Willingham Surgery

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



December will see a busy time at St. Michael's with a performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on **1st December**. Due to the popularity of previous performances, this show sold out very quickly. Should there be demand a second performance is possible so please contact the theatre group directly (www.thisismythatre.com) if you are interested. It is likely that St. Michael's will continue to host the

theatre group next year with a new selection of productions. Please watch for notices in *Longstanton Life*, on the village website and around the village!

This year's Christingle service, celebrating 50 years of the Children's Society, will be held on Saturday 15th December at 4pm. Be sure to wrap up as St. Michael's church is unheated. It is sure to be a very enjoyable celebration.

Our fundraising efforts for vital repairs to the building continue, and it cannot be stressed enough that to keep this unique building for everyone's benefit, it requires local support.

With all this in mind, the Friends of St. Michael's (FoSM) will continue to provide varied events next year. Merchandise, including Christmas cards of the above image, are still available.

There will be a meeting for members of the Friends group, to discuss the adoption of a constitution and formalised positions, on January 19th at 12 noon in the church. We invite all members to attend this meeting.

Finally, a Christmas 'Memory Tree' will be in the church from late November, please do come and help decorate it with your own messages remembering friends and relatives.

On behalf of the Friends group we send our best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year.

Friends of St. Michael's (fosm2017@gmail.com)



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MUSICAL CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



Not too long to Christmas now! So in this issue we have a Christmas musical-themed competition. There are two prizes, one for the younger readers and one for the rest of you.

Junior – open to all those aged 10 years or under. There are 12 reindeer like this one hidden in the magazine, each with a letter on it. Find all 12 and arrange the letters to make the title of a popular Christmas carol with 2 words, each with 6 letters (6, 6).



Senior – open to everyone over 10 years. Below are 10 anagrams to re-arrange and form popular Christmas song titles, the brackets indicate the number of letters in each word.

1. TEHMICWSIHRTSA (5, 9)
2. ASBAYNTBA (5, 4)
3. EWIA TNALRETS (1, 7, 4)
4. TFOTOSSERYNMWANH (6, 3, 7)
5. OAEDRBRSMEYYRYEMXV (5, 4, 9)
6. DKLHASLTEECH (4, 3, 5)
7. ITYFEEKR NAYLAORFOW (9, 2, 3, 4)
8. IBEGOKCNERLJLL (6,4,4)



9. JLTYHOERWODTO (3,2,3,5)
10. SCSCNAALIOMOGTWSATTUIONN (5, 5, 2, 6, 2, 4)

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Monday 17th December. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry. For the juniors entry, please also include your age.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers from each category will each receive a Christmas food hamper, as pictured below.

The winners will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!



LONGSTANTON STREET NAMES COMPETITION WINNER



The winners of the Longstanton Street names competition were Phil & Adele Pitelen (pictured). Congratulations to them! Our thanks again to The Bushel Box Farm Shop for donating the prize.



The answers were: Mill Lane, Duddle Drive, Brewers Close, Home Farm Road, The Dales, Over Road, Brookfields Drive, Sheepwash Way, Haddows Close and Brookside.

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 once every couple of months, we would be delighted to hear from you. Email us for more details; longstantonlife@hotmail.com

We look forward to hearing back from you!

The Editorial Team

DAMAGE TO A DRIVE IN LADY WALK

A note to the person who keeps using my drive at 3 Lady Walk to turn their car round, very badly damaging my cobbled edging three times already this year (also breaking a light I put there to stop them doing it): please go to the end of the road and turn your car round there as I am fed up with clearing up your damage. You don't even have the conscience to admit what you have done and just drive off leaving your damage behind.

Pauline Leech



LONGSTANTON LIFE DISTRIBUTION COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Unfortunately Emma, our current distribution manager has to give up her role for family reasons. She has done an amazing job for Longstanton Life and the village, and we are hoping that someone will come forward and take over this role. The job requires a few hours of your time on one day every couple of months. You will receive a delivery of the magazine from our printers, divide it into batches and then deliver these to our distributors around the village (who then distribute individual magazines to the houses in their areas). If you are interested in joining the team and need more information, Emma is happy to explain how to do it. Send us an email to longstantonlife@hotmail.com. This job can be shared, so ask a friend to help!

The Editorial Team



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



A very Happy Christmas from All Saints' Church. We look forward to welcoming you and your families to one of our special services to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

We start to make preparations on Advent Sunday, 1st December, with an afternoon of activities for children aged 4-11 at Over Church from 12.30-2.00pm. If you would like to come along please contact Susan Meah on 01954 781258 for all the details.

On Sunday 23rd December at 11am we will be having our Crib Service, when anyone can come along dressed as someone from the nativity story. Then in the evening at 6pm we have a traditional carol service followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Christmas Eve sees our usual midnight service starting at 11.30pm and led this year by Dr Rev Beth Cope, our new curate based in Northstowe. On Christmas morning you can come for a 9.30am Christmas service of Holy Communion. We do hope you are able to join us for one of these services.

It was fantastic to see a full church and many more outside on 11th November for the Remembrance day service and parade. This proved that the village can respond to events and we at All Saints' will be delighted to take our part in the Longstanton Big Weekend being planned for June 2019.

The future of All Saints' Church Longstanton as the traditional church for the existing village and the new Northstowe is secure as long as it is utilised and supported by the residents. We appreciate church is not for everybody on a weekly basis however much we would like to see you, but we will be there for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and times such as Easter and Christmas when you need us. It would be great if the village would engage with All Saints' Church and help us not just financially, but also in other ways such as maintenance, repairs and service needs. Maybe support from the Parish Council or especially the LDHS either direct financial support or by helping us to get grants to restore the windows and monuments they wish to see us maintain for local people and those visiting our area. If you would like to discuss these matters or have any ideas where you could help us please contact one of the Church Wardens, whose details are below.

Revd Jenny Hill is our interim Team Rector covering the four Parishes of Longstanton, Over, Willingham and Swavesey during the vacancy. If you wish to speak to clergy during the vacancy then Jenny can be contacted on 07970 949331 or email: revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk

Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am; do come along and join us. Check the website 5folds.org.uk for all the latest news. Don't forget that our All Age worship is on the 2nd Sunday and starts with juice, croissants and coffee at 9am. 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 Beale 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk or one of the Church Wardens - Roger Valentine rvalen6199@aol.com 01954 230519 or Sue Gamon sgcoutures64@gmail.com 01954 782371.

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. A donation of £2 per number per month (for a year) will buy you entry into the lottery. **The "100 Club" lottery will be drawn monthly with a chance to win £50 (based on 100 members).** For

more details and a full set of rules please contact: Louise Gamon 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>



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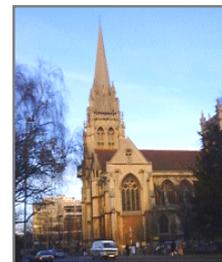
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If you would like to come along for a trial, please contact me on: mikec321@btinternet.com or tel. 07768 735910 .

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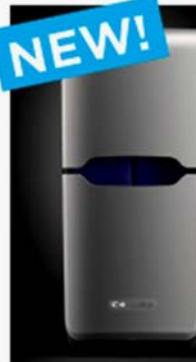
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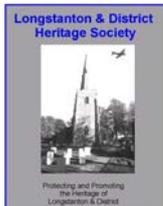
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On Sunday 11 November it was 100 years to the day since the guns fell silent on the Western Front.



LDHS via Will Stroude

Longstanton residents gathered in All Saints church yard to remember their war dead at the 100th anniversary of the WW1 armistice, 11am, 11 November 2018

We Remembered - not just names on an old memorial but men; sons, brothers and husbands who fought in the Great War of 1914-18 and did not return. Those men once lived in our village, went to the local school and played as children in our fields. Just maybe they lived long enough to have a drink in the Black Bull pub. They fought for the freedoms that we all enjoy today and they gave their lives for our tomorrow. **REMEMBER - not just on one day a year but ALWAYS.**

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Hilary Stroude

LDHS Comments: One of the most telling of documentaries ever to have been shown on TV was broadcast on BBC 2 on Sunday 11 November— *'They Shall Not Grow Old'*. Directed by Peter Jackson (*'Lord of the Rings'*). It is beautifully recreated entirely from genuine WW1, archive silent film presented for the majority of the time in wide screen. Jackson uses subtle cutting edge technology to enhance, correct and remove surface blemishes.



Mass burial in the field after battle... TSNGO

Intelligent colourization has been added where appropriate, together with low level sound effects and a sound track comprising only

veterans recorded at a time when their voices were still vibrant. These are edited to synchronize with the images on the screen, the effect is to bring their stories alive, personal and immediate.

It's a hard 90 minute view with none of the sanitization that we see on our screens today but, highly recommended.

Tony Cowley

Record of Talks for Autumn 2018

Friday 7 September, 'The Brontes' given by *Dr Gordon Hewlett*. The three sisters Charlotte, Emily & Anne and their brother, Branwell, were very close and during childhood developed their imaginations first through oral storytelling and play." Gordon's talk had been eagerly awaited, since as usual it was very well researched and delivered with his authoritative good humour.



Friday 7 October, 'Cambridge's Impact on Football & Cricket' given by *Nigel Fenner*. No one can doubt the impact Cambridge University has had on so many facets of our lives, but few are aware this includes sport. His talk focused on the history in the mid to 19th century of football and cricket as examples when the laws of the modern games were first codified.



Friday 2 November, 'The Pye Years' given by *Roger Crabtree*. Pye and its associated companies led the way in a vast array of modern technologies and gave local employment to thousands. However, it was their lack of specialisation that was in part responsible for their downfall.



Friday 1 Mar:



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