

Longstanton Life

& Northstowe

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Life in Your Locality



Longstanton celebrating the Royal Wedding! Photos by Anna Rudd

In this issue: Science Zone, Community-Led Plan, Northstowe Update. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Hatton Park News., Memory Lane, Surgery Update and many more. Longstanton Street Names Competition - make sure you don't miss it!

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VILLAGE DIARY

SUNDAY	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1100	Tennis Club 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
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1900-2100	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory / Martin	07523 854251 / 07535 646234
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
WEDNESDAY	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	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
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1900	Football training	Recreation Ground	Luke McAvooy	07795 321494
	1900-2000	Ballroom Dancers, beginners	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
	2000-2100	Ballroom Dancer, advanced	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
FRIDAY	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990
	1400-1600	Afternoon tea (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	17.00-1800	Judo (Kids 8+)	Pathfinder School	Szandra Szogedi	
	18.00-1930	Judo (Adults)	Pathfinder 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
SATURDAY	0915-1000	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	0915-1000	Judo (Kids 5-7)	Pathfinder School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803
	1000-1100	Judo (Kids 8+)	Pathfinder School	Szandra Szogedi	

* 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 Tom Eaton

Any details regarding this picture would be gratefully received, please contact us, see page 3 for details.

Answers to April/May's W,W, W & W?



Photo LDHS via Tom Eaton

Where: Recreation Ground.

When/ Why: To record Longstanton 1st XI becoming Premier A Runners-up 1987.

Who: Standing left to right:

Glyn Kersey, Darren Cooper, Martin Coxall, Simon Jarvis, Ian Coates, Zanda Mappedoram.

Sitting left to right: Andy Lingham, Andy Carman, Kenny Carstairs, Peter Taylor, Peter Stearn, Graham Retallick.



LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

What an on and off 'summer' we were having this 'spring'! The beautiful May bank holiday weekends must have gone down very well with all outdoors-loving folk. Did you take any interesting photos while you were out and about? Please send them to us for the chance to be published!

In this issue — catch up with all the important matters in our village and area by reading the Community Concerns section (starting on page 4). In case local affairs are not exactly your thing, there are two pages of local sports news - go to pages 10 and 11. For the scientists amongst you, Manjeet has written a very interesting piece about breast cancer - the Science Zone is on page 13.

If you think you know Longstanton and its streets well, do not miss our competition. For your chance to win a £15 voucher towards food, kindly donated by the Black Bull, go to page 14 and find 10 names of the streets hidden in the grid.

As always, we would like to say that we love to hear from our readers so please send us your letters, pictures, stories and suggestions, no matter how controversial!

Have a lovely summer, all!

The Editorial Team

We are still looking for another person to join our editorial team; if you are from Longstanton or Northstowe and have a little spare time on your hands, please check page 7 for the details and come back to us!

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Heidi Allen



It's been another busy month: here's a flavour of what I've been up to!

On the 10th April, I was honoured to join the Prime Minister when she visited Addenbrooke's Hospital. Theresa May spoke to staff, learnt about our pioneering cancer research and treatment and also launched a £75 million national fund for research into innovative ways of combatting prostate cancer. I am so proud of the hard-

working, dedicated commitment of our NHS staff and the Prime Minister's visit showed how important Addenbrooke's is locally and at a national level.

The Prime Minister was briefed on the hospital's wish to build a cancer hospital onsite. This would develop our global reputation for cancer diagnosis and treatment and would free up valuable space elsewhere. The Prime Minister grasped the potential of the proposal and suggested I discuss the proposals in more detail with her special advisor. I'll keep you posted!

April also saw Health Minister Lord O'Shaughnessy visit Royal Papworth Hospital. I invited him to hear from the world-leading experts there and to see the innovative work that they undertake. Papworth are seeking sustainable funding for their DCD (Donation after Circulatory Death) transplant programme – that's essentially the use of hearts which would not traditionally make the grade. Lord O'Shaughnessy left impressed and promised to follow up to see what might be possible.

In other news, we have seen a large number of travellers take up residence on land on the A505 at Thriplow over the last few weeks. Although increased powers are now available to local authorities to deal with unauthorised caravan sites, the government is reviewing these. Unauthorised encampments continue to be an issue locally and I hope that you can spare a few minutes to take part in the consultation: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/powers-for-dealing-with-unauthorised-development-and-encampments

Supporting local communities is an important part of my role in South Cambridgeshire and in the last month, I have been pleased to support local events and campaigns including prizegiving at the Cambourne 10k run (thank goodness they didn't make me run the course!) and meeting with Stapleford residents who hope to turn The Tree public house turned into a community asset. If you



would like more information about the Stapleford community's plan and their crowdfunding efforts, please visit their website: threetrestapleford.co.uk



20th May sees the introduction of a new timetable for Great Northern trains and I know that many of you contributed to last year's consultation. Every service from every station will change with the intention of increasing capacity and providing a more reliable service. Details of the changes are available here - <https://www.railplan2020.com/>. I am pleased that the operator listened to most concerns raised by residents, though some services from Royston and Ashwell and Morden require further attention. I will continue pushing for these amendments and will keep my website updated with progress.

Keeping with the theme of transport, I have been coordinating efforts with stakeholders to ensure a viable future for the Whippet X3 service which serves Cambourne, Papworth and the surrounding area. Working with Whippet, Royal Papworth, Astra Zeneca, Addenbrooke's, the County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership, I am very hopeful that we can preserve some kind of sustainable service to benefit everyone. Again, I will keep you updated.

I will be holding my next "drop in" surgery on the 9th June between 11.30am and 1.30pm at The Plough Public House, St Peters Street, Duxford, CB22 4RP; no appointment will be necessary. Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website - www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk.

Looking ahead, I'll soon be meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss modern slavery. Locally, I have upcoming meetings about local education provision and transport, as well as visits to local schools and businesses. I'll share details in my next newsletter, but in the meantime, you can email me at heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk You can also phone my Westminster office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

See you next month!

Heidi

County Councillor

Peter Hudson

Annual Report 2017-2018



It's been another busy year, with activities including:

- Working on highway problems, unhelpful traffic diversions and surface flooding, and cutting back the Tomato Farm trees.
- Lobbying to achieve a new Child and Family Zone at the Pathfinder School in Northstowe.

- Supporting and working with Parish and District Council colleagues on issues such as routes taken by HGV traffic from the Northstowe site
- Chairing the County Council's Public Health Committee, and acting as a member of the Staffing and Appeals, Audit and Accounts, and GPC Committees.

I have been asked how many hours I spend on council duties: for your information, it averages 30 hours per week during normal working hours, plus any evening and weekend work with parishes and residents.

Once again, I have received a large amount of correspondence from our friends and neighbours with requests for help on issues that affect their everyday lives. Over the past twelve months I have received 89 requests (down from 148 last year) from local residents for help on such issues as fun run road closures, school placements, home to school transport, special educational needs requirements, parent and school difficulties, social care for elderly and vulnerable adults, and benefit entitlements. 85 of these 89 cases were resolved to the complete satisfaction of our residents; the remainder were either not possible or the information we received was incorrect.

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Peter Hudson (ctd.)

This individual case work is very satisfying and rewarding. It also gives me the chance to meet and get to know many of our neighbours who continue to keep in touch and in some cases bring along their friends who may also have similar difficulties.

New Child and Family Centre

The County Council's new approach to supporting Cambridgeshire families was launched in April 2018. The redesigned Child and Family Centres will better meet the needs of our growing and rural county with activities and events taking place in a range of new locations across the county. There will be an extended focus on families with children of all ages. Activities will be run from new communities such as the fantastic new Child and Family Zone at the Pathfinder School in Northstowe, in addition to continued activities at Bar Hill and at outreach centres in other new locations across the county. Buildings that will no longer be operating as Children's Centres will be used to boost childcare provision, with up to 325 new places provided for under-5s. Frontline staff and managers are now working in new district-based teams and any outstanding vacancies have been advertised.

A new "What's On" event programme for the summer term, with additional online information and new district Facebook pages, was launched in April. This will further continue to develop during the summer term, with additional activities, including activities for older children and in new outreach locations. Work has been going on behind the scenes to ensure that the redesigned service is more responsive to the needs of our rapidly changing county whilst putting an extra £65,995 into front line delivery. Before transformation, we had 40 fully financed children's centre buildings. After transformation, there are 27 fully financed buildings plus an extra 120 new outreach centres and an increased frontline service budget.

Our very own new Child and Family Zone in Northstowe has made a fantastic start with many local families taking advantage of this great new service. Seeing this great new service within our community makes all my work, arguments and lobbying over the past 12 months on behalf of Longstanton and Northstowe feel very worthwhile.

*Peter Hudson
County Councillor*

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Longstanton Parish Council

John Street



Changes to the Parish Council

We welcome Stephanie Ness to the parish council with effect from May 2018. I must also thank Dr Sastry and Mrs Cheung Johnson for their support during their time in office. We wish Alex Riley all the best as he retires from public office. We thank him for all his hard work on behalf of our community and for the many years he has put into both parish and district council positions. Finally, we welcome Sarah Cheung Johnson and Alex Malyon as our new District Councillors for Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick.

Communication with Residents

With Alex Riley retiring from office during May, Longstanton Parish Council intends to send out a regular newsletter to replace Alex's local updates. Topics will include Parish Council news, relevant news from South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire Council, news from various Community Groups, A14, Northstowe and other development updates, and information on events.

Due to data protection law, you will not receive this newsletter unless you sign up via the following electronic form: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPCCContactConsent.

We will handle your data securely and only for the reasons given. Our Email Contact Privacy Notice is available on the parish council website.

Ongoing Council Work

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

- Continuing liaison with various bodies with respect to Northstowe including notification of planning applications and new occupations.
- Working with developers and landowners for the parish council to adopt the Central Open Space within the Home Farm development. This has been set back a little but is hoped to be sorted by July 2018.
- Working towards adopting six further areas of land within Home Farm Phase 3a.
- 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.
- Supporting the community group who are working on the Community-Led Plan.
- Working towards compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation which is relevant from 25th May 2018.
- Continuing to support Speedwatch in their activities.

Open Air Cinema – 'The Greatest Showman'

Sales of tickets are exceeding expectations and we may be looking to increase numbers where possible. We thank you all for your support and look forward to a good night.

Shared Footpaths

Concern has been raised by residents about the use of shared footpaths. The footpath which runs along the High Street from Northstowe to the crossroads at All Saints Church is unsegregated, meaning that pedestrians and cyclists share the footpath with no markings – and ought do so courteously.

As the footpath continues from All Saints Church to Woodside/St Michaels, it is no longer shared with cyclists. Cyclists are also asked to dismount outside the garages of Brewers Close, where the footpath is narrow, and are reminded that they may not use the footpath on the opposite side of the road (dentist side).

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Longstanton Parish Council

John Street (ctd.)

Northstowe

94 houses are now occupied. The setup process for the allotments has begun. Please contact Jon London: jon.london@scamb.gov.uk for further information.

Youth Council

Please don't forget that the Youth Council has launched their new club for secondary school children. @The Hind Out meets every Tuesday afternoon between 4pm and 5.30pm (doors open at 3.30pm) at the Village Institute. They continue to plan their activities for this term, but intend to include unihoc, dodgeball, Xbox, tuck shop and crafts to name a few. They will need some adults to be in attendance for safety reasons while the club takes place. If there is anyone who can spare some time on a Tuesday afternoon, please contact the Parish Clerk at parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org.

The Youth Council will be holding their second 'Picnic in the Park' on Sunday 24th June 2018. Please join them for some family fun.

*John Street
Chairman, LPC*

District Councillor Annual Report

Alex Riley



This is the 16th Annual Report I have given, and it will be my last. Though I was tempted to stand again, I feel that 16 turbulent years of representation is enough!

I originally joined the Parish Council because I felt that it wasn't functioning efficiently, and also because it was happy for Longstanton to be fully integrated into Northstowe. In fact, the origin of my village email list, currently with some 650 addresses on it, was to connect residents who were determined to prevent the village being destroyed by Northstowe. It then became a means for me to keep the village informed about all important District Council matters, as well as to circulate details of meetings, church services and village events.

My email list is now at a watershed, for two reasons. Firstly, when I am no longer your District Councillor I will have no relevant council information to impart. Secondly, the General Data Protection Regulation will shortly come into force with stringent requirements to ensure that no-one receives unwanted email communications (and let me reassure list members: I have never passed on anyone's email address). Now, a new village email list is being set up: I will therefore email my list members with a form to complete and email to our parish clerk, Libby White, if members wish to be included on that list.

If I could just indulge myself briefly, let me mention some of my proudest achievements:

- I managed to prevent the division of our village green by looping Over Road round to meet the High Street in the middle. Yes, really! This required the cooperation of the District and County Councils, the developer and the landowner – and the last two of these were not on speaking terms. I got the pavement alongside the brook installed at the same time.

- I ensured that Annington Homes sold what is now the doctors' surgery to Willingham Medical Practice and also stopped them selling off the play areas on Magdalene Close for housing.
- I got the Northstowe plans modified to include the large balancing ponds along Hattons Road to reduce the village's flood risk.

Latterly I have become disillusioned, feeling that it has become harder for an elected councillor to make any difference: it is heartbreaking to speak against a dreadful planning application, yet see it granted anyway. Unfortunately, I feel that the system is broken: we are given near-unachievable housebuilding targets and virtually any planning application is then granted on appeal. The system simultaneously fails to get enough houses built whilst allowing totally unsuitable ones to get consent.

For example, since the South Cambs Northstowe committee was axed 18 months ago, major Northstowe planning items compete with a dozen other applications for the overworked Planning Committee to deal with at their monthly meetings. I feel Northstowe planning has essentially become a democracy-free zone.

Seventeen years ago two friends of mine set up Longstanton Life and I volunteered to report on the goings-on at the Parish Council, making it my job to keep the village updated. I would particularly like to thank Tony Cowley for the encouragement and support he gave me in the early years, and to thank Longstanton Life for publishing my articles and being tolerant of my inevitable late submissions. I hope my successors will do as much to keep us informed.

The village is a very different place now than it was 16 years ago. For example, we gained Magdalene Close, Thornhill Place, Thatchers Wood and Rampton Drift when the old military homes were sold off, as well as all the Home Farm homes. At the recent St George's day afternoon, I was reminded just how much more vibrant our village has become. Long may this continue!

I wish you all well for the future.

Alex Riley

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COMMUNITY-LED PLAN FOR LONGSTANTON

A group of residents have come together to help organise a Community-Led Plan for Longstanton.

A Community-Led Plan (formerly known as a Parish Plan) aims to reflect the local vision of how local residents would like their area to develop in future years. They are generally broader than Neighbourhood Plans and cover more areas than just planning issues. The Community-Led Plan is a detailed document that gives a community (whether neighbourhood, parish, town, etc.) the opportunity to get involved in planning the area in which they live. The plan involves all sectors of the community and provides everyone the chance to comment on issues affecting their lives.

It is anticipated that the plan will map out existing services and facilities and identify any gaps.

When information is gathered from the community, it 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.

Please keep an eye out for a questionnaire to hit your doorstep over the next few months. We really need your input to help identify the areas you feel need addressing and prioritising in our village over the next few years.

If you would like to get involved with the group developing the community-led plan, please contact Libby via email:

parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org



NORTHSTOWE UPDATE

There are now 96 homes occupied at Northstowe and building work continues to pick up pace. Preparations for opening the community wing at the primary school are also going well, with delivery of some preliminary services already.

A Northstowe welcome pack, produced by the Northstowe Working Group and including valuable local information, is being distributed to help new residents to settle into the area. The personal welcome given alongside the pack enables new residents to ask burning questions on the spot as well.

Lots of work is also happening behind the scenes to create the town's first allotments, play areas, community orchards, sports facilities and parks. Interested local people have been helping to shape these new amenities and to make sure that they provide what is needed for new and existing residents.

Enabling works for Phase 2 of Northstowe are progressing apace, with top soil removal complete and archaeology underway. The exciting discovery of a sizable Roman settlement should not affect construction but will give an opportunity for citizen archaeologists to get their fingernails dirty later in the year.

The closure of the old Airfield Road came into force on Monday 21st May to enable the bulk transfer of earth required for the southern access road. While the road has been officially closed to motor traffic for some years, it has been used in an unofficial capacity. A new dual carriageway road running to Northstowe will significantly ease congestion upon its completion in 2019. Meanwhile, works completed by Highways England on the new A14 junction at Bar Hill means that traffic joining the A14 from Longstanton now has priority.

While Phase 3 may seem like a long way off, community consultation is expected to start within the next 6 weeks. If you are interested in taking part, please let us know.

For more information about Northstowe visit Northstowe.com or www.facebook.com/northstowe.community. You can contact the Northstowe Community Development Officer via: northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

Jon London

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



We've been busy holding a number of recent events. For example, we held our AGM which included discussing our mental health resolution. We also ran our chocolate tombola at the St. George's Day Fete, had two walks around Milton Country Park and the Histon area and we are also providing cakes for the Over Day Centre's fun run.

In our May meeting will be learning how to create a stand at the Chelsea Flower Show. On 18th June we will be hold-

ing a "bring a friend" evening as we hear tales from Wimbledon umpire, Alan Gray. If you'd like to join us for that, please let us know.



Debbie Lienau

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 2-3hrs 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!

HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to all of Longstanton!

Since the last time of writing, much has happened, as always in a busy school.

In March, we welcomed Ofsted into our school to see the great things that happen there. I am pleased to say that the inspector agreed with our judgement that Hatton Park is a good school and gave us lots of welcomed praise and some things to continue working on. Please do have a look at the full report. You'll find it on the Ofsted website or on Hatton Park School's website. It's another reason to be proud about our village.



Hopefully, many of you will be following us on Facebook. It's a great way to keep in touch with your village school if your children have left, or are yet to come, or if the school is just not a place that you ever think about!



Do have a look and see why we are all proud of our school.

We have had a few competitions recently too. Our chess team is doing well, and our netball team are really growing into an established group after welcoming lots of new members. We had great success with our cross country relay entries. They travelled to

St. Neots where around 1000 runners in about 300 teams took part. Our children did us proud as always, and put in a huge effort. The girls' teams came in 20th, 92nd and 94th places and the boys' teams in 43rd, 61st and 84th. Lastly, we entered a team in the area's tennis competition. The 4 children put in a great effort, coming 6th out of 16 teams. Not bad for a first attempt!

A notable event in the school's diary was our charity fun run for the NSPCC. Around 200 children took part in the actual run with others supporting through marshalling, cheering on, and bringing in cakes to sell afterwards. It was a great afternoon with much pride taken over the medals earned. Thank you to all involved and we hope to do something similar next year.



It's not just the sporting side of learning that we love to promote. Our children who have spent the majority of the year working towards their Arts Award received their certificates confirming that they passed the course. The examiner was incredibly impressed with their passion and knowledge in addition to the quality of their work. They can continue the course when they attend secondary school.



Lastly, as I have said before, we have been working hard on our school's Travel Plan, where we encourage as many people as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school rather than bring the car. Hatton's Park is not a great road for cars to access and so we have been trying our best to ensure our families travel in other ways wherever possible. We are also working with the County Council to improve the safety for all who live on and use the road. Thank you in advance for supporting us in our efforts!

*Anthony Aguda, Headteacher
Hatton Park Primary School*

FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL (PTA)

The friends of Hatton Park Fun Day will be taking place on Friday 6th July, straight after school.

We will have a mix of stalls, raffles, bouncy castles, sports events, a BBQ and other foods stalls.

If your child is starting at Hatton Park in September, please look out for us at the new parent evening, we will be there to show the work we are doing and let you know what help we are looking for.

We are also planning ahead for our AGM where we will be looking for a new Secretary and a new chair (possibly in a shared role meaning less to do). If you think you can help with these roles please look out for the date of the meeting or contact me via email (fohpchair@gmail.com).

Jonathan Fuller (fohpchair@gmail.com)

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Missed Appointments

If you are unable to attend your GP appointment, please call the surgery with as much notice as possible so your appointment can be offered to someone else. This will help us reduce our waiting times for appointments. In March, there were 51 missed GP appointments in Willingham and 20 missed appointments in our Longstanton Branch Surgery. The resulting cost of this is approximately £1775 being wasted. (*An average GP appointment costs £25).

Don't let hay fever spoil your summer

Did you know you don't need to see your GP for hay fever treatment? Hay fever and seasonal allergy treatments such as tablets, eye drops and nasal sprays are all easily available at low cost from your local pharmacy – no prescription from your GP required! Antihistamines are usually the best treatment for hay fever and these can easily be bought from local pharmacies or supermarkets. Buying a packet of 30 tablets can cost as little as £2, but if a patient goes to their GP to get a prescription then it costs the NHS considerably more. By going to the pharmacy you'll be saving yourself time and money, freeing up GP appointments for people with more urgent needs as well as doing your bit to help the NHS save money on unnecessary prescription costs.

Top tips to help ease hay fever symptoms:

- Keep house and car windows closed, especially when the pollen count is high (early morning between 7am to 9am and evenings between 5pm and 7pm)
- Avoid large grassy areas, woodland, cutting the grass and car fumes
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses
- Use petroleum jelly inside your nose to block inhalation of pollen
- Don't dry wash outside to avoid pollen sticking to your clothes

- When you get in from outside wash your hands, face, hair, rinse your eyes and change your clothes.

Stock up for summer!

The warmer weather often means that we spend more time getting out and about. That's why it is even more important to make sure you stock up on some summer self-care essentials in case you need them. Key first aid essentials include:

- Painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen
- Antihistamines for allergies/hay fever
- Antiseptic cream for bites and stings
- Sunscreen at least factor 15
- Plasters and bandages
- Diarrhoea/constipation relief medication
- Travel sickness medication

Carers Support Meetings - Our next meetings are at Willingham Surgery on Weds 6th June, Weds 4th July at 2pm. 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 for more information.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics 2018 - The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are on Weds 20th June, Weds 18th July and Weds 15th August. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111, which will direct you to the best local service.

Lisa Smith – Willingham Surgery – June 2018

LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING

Longstanton Knitting and Crochet Group continues to hold knit-and-natter style meetings once or twice a month which are well attended by a friendly group of craft enthusiasts. If you like to knit, crochet or stitch then do turn up - we're really friendly and love a good chat about our hobby and other common interests.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Black Bull Pub, Longstanton - just turn up on the night. Most of us bring our projects to work on while we chat, or have new yarn purchases and projects to show off. We sometimes meet for an additional meeting on the 4th Monday of the month to knit or crochet items for charity. It's best to check our Facebook page for details of our next meeting times. We also use the page to chat,



share knitting-related news and share yarn, patterns and equipment.

We're thinking about having a stall at a summer village market so keep your eyes peeled and join us for some knitting, crafting and stash selling! We continue to be grateful to the Black Bull for hosting us.

Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet

Alice, Sarah & Samanta



JOIN OAKINGTON SINGERS!

Oakington Singers invite new Tenors and Basses to join them! We meet on Mondays from 7.45pm-9.30pm at Oakington Parish Church. Our accompanied and unaccompanied repertoire includes: Rutter Anthems, Queen, Folk Songs, Spirituals, international songs and much more!

We are a friendly and experienced group and the choir is free!

*Please contact Paul Tann
paul.tann@btinternet.com*

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



With our maiden season now complete we find ourselves finishing third in the league, this is a great achievement for us in our first season and shows the great progress we made through the year! On the cup front we recorded another brilliant achievement by reaching the Reg Haigh/Arthur Peck Cup Final which was played on Friday 11th May at Histon Football Club; unfortunately, we came out second best losing 4-2 to Clare Town Res. The score flatters the winners and only our 'Achilles heel' of the season which has been starting slowly let us down... But with that said the lads showed great character and desire to battle back to 3-2 with only minutes to go before being hit on the counter attack and that settled the tie. Now the season is complete we can reflect and see what we have actually achieved against the targets we set ourselves at the start: 1. Win more than we lose - done, we won 13 of our 24 matches, 2. Finish 5th or higher - done, we came in third, 3. Have a good cup run - done, we got to the final and finished runners up. The last thing to report on what has been a fantastic season is who was recognised in our end of season awards, Supporters Player of the Year: John Hughes, Young Player of the Year: Ollie MacDonald, Manager's Player of the Year: Daniel Peacock, Players' Player of the Year: Dan Parker. Well done to everyone involved with the team on your

achievements this season! Finally thank you to everyone who has supported us through the season, our sponsors: Xaar Ltd, Ben Leach - Specialist Decorators and Michael & Susanne at the Pavilion and to all those who have braved the elements home and away to cheer us on! A massive thanks goes to all the Colts teams who have accepted us in and changed the whole club to become one stretching from U6s to a Senior side, we all look forward to the 2018/19 season. We will be back in June with pre-season training starting on Wednesday 27th June at the Rec.

Ben Lee - Longstanton FC Manager

Mead Plant & Grab 5A

League Table							
POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Barrington 1st	24	18	1	5	42	55
2	Oakington Vikings Saturday 1st	24	16	4	4	17	52
3	Longstanton FC Mens Senior Team	24	13	5	6	26	44
4	Histon Hornets First	24	12	3	9	22	39
5	Clare Town F.C. Reserves	24	12	3	9	7	39
6	Orwell Reserves	24	11	5	8	3	38
7	Hardwick FC Reserves	24	11	3	10	-1	36
8	Milton B Team	24	10	3	11	-19	32*
9	Mott MacDonald Reserves	24	6	5	13	-18	23
10	Thaxted Rangers Reserves	24	7	4	13	-9	22*
11	Barton Mills F.C. First	24	6	1	17	-32	19
12	Steeple Bumpstead Reserves	24	7	3	14	-10	18*
13	Harston Bostocks Reserves	24	4	6	14	-28	18
14	Bottisham Men	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table detail * adjustment made

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

With the new season well under way we are now working hard towards our LTA Tennismark accreditation. This is a way to recognize good standards and best practices at tennis venues throughout the UK. Most importantly, it recognizes the safe and inclusive policies which we have at Longstanton Tennis Club and allows us to participate in LTA approved events.

We held our first LTA tournament of the 2018/19 season on the 14th April. This was a family doubles event where an adult played with an under 10 on junior red courts. Glorious sunshine greeted all 18 players who played in a round-robin format. After 2 hours of matches there were two pairs who clearly stood out; these pairs graduated to playing the final on full size courts - quite a feat in itself for U10 players.



Participants of the Quorn Cup

Congratulations to the eventual winners, Arnas Simkus with his father Romas. A special mention also to the runners up Toby Wilson with his father James, who played some exceptional tennis for a footballer!

On the 4th May we had our Wimbledon draw together with our regular Cheese and Wine evening. Congratulations to Cheryl whose name was first out of the hat and therefore had

first pick of the available tickets; she will be enjoying Centre Court come July.

Further upcoming events for your diary include the Jake Benton memorial tournament, which will be held on Sun June 10th. We'll also be running a further LTA event on Sun 22nd July. This event is part of the Great British Tennis Weekend aimed at encouraging tennis participation for all ages and abilities. We are running another family tournament with full details available on our website.

The Business House League matches have now started. We've once again entered the Men's and the Mixed leagues so if you'd like to play in these competitive matches then don't hesitate to contact the playing captains. Further details of the match schedule and team organizers are available at www.longstantontennis.co.uk/teams.

As a club, we strive to balance the mix of competitive and friendly tennis. We are all very encouraging of each other to learn and improve our game either through coaching or playing matches. There are several coaching classes being run on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term time and new players are very welcome. The coaching classes are open to members and non members, however members receive a discount.

You can also find out more about the club by popping down to one of the club sessions and meeting some of the members. Club nights are Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm, Sunday mornings from 11am and Thursday evenings from 7pm for more competitive play. Alternatively, the tennis courts are available to all on a 'pay and play' basis (£5 per hour). Simply book a court via our website www.longstantontennis.co.uk/courts. You will be sent instructions on how to access the courts with your booking confirmation.

Ben van Well - Welfare Officer

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



After a highly successful 2017 season, during which the club's 2nd team won promotion to Junior Division 3, with the 1st team finishing 4th in a highly competitive Senior Division 2, Longstanton Grasshoppers are hopeful of further success this season.

The first team started the season with a comfortable 114 run win against Buntingford in which captain Toby Saunders starred with both bat and ball scoring 88 runs and returning bowling figures of 3-31. He was ably supported by Matt Stewart and Andrew George who scored 56 and 68 respectively in a large total of 303-5 which was far too many for Buntingford to chase. The second team lost to an experienced Little Downham side but hope to turn their fortunes around over the next few weeks.

The youth section remains a real strength of the club and children from 8-16 years old are welcome to come down to try out a session under the auspices of our trained coaches on Friday nights. Sessions take place at the Rec starting at 6p.m. We currently run under 11, under 13 and under 15 sides.

Last year our under 15 side won their league whilst the under 13 side won the County Cup, were regional runners up and one of the best eight teams in the whole of the country.

Ten of our current junior players, seven boys and three girls, have represented Cambridgeshire with two already part of Northamptonshire and Essex academy systems. All children, regardless of ability, are encouraged to 'give it go' and play in matches and the emphasis is on ensuring that everyone enjoys themselves as well as improving their cricketing skills.

New adult members are also very welcome. Nets for adults take place on Tuesdays evenings from 6:30p.m. If

you have recently moved into Longstanton or Northstowe or would simply like to rekindle a love of cricket please contact Wayne Markillie on 07737313225 or by email waynejonboy@aol.com.

Jonathan Newman



LONGSTANTON LIMPERS



You've probably seen our purple t-shirts on people running around the village and might even have heard of (or done!) our popular couch-to-5k courses that we've been organising. Following the article about our club in issue 6, I'm very

pleased to be able to announce after a lot of hard work we now have an 'official' running club in the village after our application to become an affiliated club has been approved by England Athletics.

What does this mean? We can now accept members, benefit from insurance for our courses, get money off race entries...improve our coaching and development...all sorts of useful things - and we'll be better able to cater for the needs of our growing village and the residents of

Northstowe! Don't worry - we'll still be the same friendly and approachable group that you've got used to, and we'll continue to cater for all ages and abilities!

If you'd like to start running, have some company on your runs or want some support with your training or events please get in touch - there doesn't have to be any regular commitment but as a growing group you'll be sure to find someone like-minded (some of us actually enjoy interval training and at least two members actively look for hills to run up!). We have a Facebook group - search for Longstanton Limpers, or flag down one of us in a purple Limpers T-shirt. We look forward to running with you soon! At the moment there's a lot going on, we're currently running another couch-to-5k course, as well as sessions for runners looking to improve. Our members are involved in entering all sorts of races at different distances, and we even have a brave entrant in the Milton Keynes Marathon.

Chris Poultney
longstantonlimpers@gmail.com

What's been happening

The beginning of April saw a lot of rainfall. So much in fact that the reserve flooded. Water levels in many of the lakes rose by over a metre and the access road was fully submerged. Thankfully, by the middle of the month levels had gone down and the footpaths once again became passable, albeit with wellies in many cases. Into May some lakes were still higher than average, but many of the islands and features have re-emerged for our breeding birds.



Flooded access to car park—Simon Freedman

An important and time consuming job that we carried out over the first quarter of the year with our team of volunteers was the renovation of our tern breeding rafts on Ferry Lagoon and Moore Lake. These floating platforms provide an artificial gravel beach habitat that common terns favour for nesting. They are now all repaired, re-gravelled and back out on the lakes being used by black-headed gulls and common terns.

Wildlife

Despite the wet weather it is safe to say that spring has arrived as the reserve is alive with singing birds. Waterfowl are breeding on all the lakes, sedge, reed and Cetti's warblers are staking

their claims to patches of reed and scrub whilst willow warblers, blackcap, whitethroat (common and lesser) and many other species are singing from the trees and hedgerows. Overhead the first swallows, martins, swifts and hobby can be seen and we have at least two singing cuckoos. All this makes it a great time of year to pay the reserve a visit.

The big news was the discovery of a Bonaparte's Gull on Ferry Lagoon in April, the first individual for the county. Unfortunately it didn't linger and has now seemingly moved on. We eagerly await the next rarity!

Get involved...

Some of our events in 2018:

Willow weaving workshop

Sunday 10th Sep, 10am-4pm: Basket
Sunday 9th Dec, 10am-4pm: Christmas

Tour with the Warden

Sunday 3rd June, 10am-2pm

Dusk discovery

Saturday 30th June, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Dragonfly safari

Sunday 22nd July, 1pm-3pm

Stargazing with Institute of Astronomy & Cambs Meteorological Society

Saturday 22nd Sep, 8.00pm-9.30pm

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

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

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Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



This year's fundraising efforts have started. The Churches Conservation Trust celebrated the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London by encouraging their volunteers to host lunches or afternoon teas during April. Our afternoon tea on 15th April was very successful, and raised funds towards the much needed repairs to the church. The quiz was challenging but added an extra dimension to our event. Thanks again to the Co-Op and Sainsbury's for donating to the raffle, and thanks to Colin Hicks for the lovely daffodils that brightened the church.

We also had a stunning flower display kindly given which adorned the altar.

The next event at the church will be on 5th June and is a CCT and This is My Theatre initiative. The Sussex-based theatre company will be travelling around the country performing in CCT churches. Tickets for the performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* can be purchased at www.thisismytheatre.com or through the Friends group. The actors will return in August for a performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Both will be very special events. **Tickets: General Admission: £12.50; Friends of St Michaels: £10; Under 16s: £5; Family of four: £32**

The closure of the airfield road will mean that we do not have through traffic passing by the church so please watch for advertisements via village signs and social media for any future events.

The Friends of St Michael's Church
Fosm2017@gmail.com (01954 201766)

Our future calendar of events:

- **4th August:** The Importance of Being Earnest
- **Late August:** Cream teas at the church (date to be arranged)
- **29th September:** Michaelmas fair

Recently the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, revealed that a major IT error had occurred, and as a result around 450,000 women aged between 68-71 (now aged 70-79) missed their breast screening because they were not invited for their breast screening (mammogram) between 2009 and the start of 2018.

All women affected by the error should have been contacted by letter before the end of May. If you have any concerns, you are advised to contact your GP or call the NHS helpline on 0800 169 2692. The Health Secretary has admitted that up to 270 women had died from breast cancer after not being invited to their routine breast screening.

In the UK, around 1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer at sometime during their life. Early detection of breast cancer can mean successful treatment and therefore a better chance of recovery and survival. This is the aim of breast screening, to find breast cancers early. The screening method uses an X-ray test called a mammogram that can detect the cancers when they are too small to see or feel.

The chances of getting breast cancer increase with age. In the UK, breast screening is routinely carried out on women aged 50-70 every three years. All women in this age range that are registered with a GP are automatically invited for screening. Some women who are at a higher risk of developing breast cancer may be eligible for breast screening before the age of 50.

There are some risks associated with breast screening but in most cases the benefits outweigh the risk. It is up to the individual woman to decide whether she would like to accept the invitation for breast screening.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the Western world and accounts for 15% of cancer-related deaths in women. Mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes confer a higher risk of developing breast cancer. Mutations in other genes such as PALB2, ATM and CHEK2 also confer a higher risk of breast cancer. These rare mutations are genetically inherited and explain only about 14% of the risk of breast cancer in the general population.

Multiple, common breast cancer susceptibility variants discovered through genome-wide association studies (GWAS) confer a small risk individually, but their combined effects can accumulatively increase the risk of breast cancer in the general population. Scientists have been analysing such genomic profiles to calculate polygenic risk scores (PRS), in order to stratify women according to their risk of developing breast cancer. Such risk scores could be used in tests and have vital implications for early detection and improved survival from the disease.

As well as genetics, others factors such as lifestyle and the environment can increase or decrease the risk of breast cancer. Some of the lifestyle factors affecting breast cancer include smoking, alcohol consumption, breast feeding and use of oral contraceptives. Scientists are also examining these factors alongside the genetics to increase the understanding of breast cancer and to ultimately provide earlier detection and better survival rates for breast cancer patients.

Treatments for breast cancer include chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and mastectomy (surgical removal of a breast). Some women at high risk of breast cancer, for example due to family history of breast cancer, can choose to have a mastectomy even when there is no sign of cancer. Some high profile celebrities have undertaken this procedure. For example, both Angelina Jolie and Sharon Osbourne had a double mastectomy.

At the time of writing, there have been initial reports that some women missed out on their cervical cancer screening, again due to system errors. Cervical screening or a "smear test" is offered to women aged 25-49 every three years.

However, Capita, the company contracted to perform NHS screening, wrongly told 87 patients they no longer needed cervical cancer tests. A further 1,963 screening invitations meant to be sent out to women in July and August 2016 were delayed.

All this raises further concerns about the thoroughness of the NHS cancer screening programmes.

Manjeet Bolla

LONGSTANTON FLOOD ACTION GROUP

In order to minimise the risk of flooding to properties in the village, it is vital that any obstructions in Longstanton Brook be removed quickly. To report a blockage please use one of the following methods:

- Report the blockage as littering using the SCDC website (scambsjdi-consult.net/envirocrime/problem.php).

- Alternatively, the following methods can be used:
⇒ **During office hours**, 8am to 5.30pm (Monday to Friday) - if there is an imminent risk to property or persons, or residents are aware of blocked gratings, culverts, etc. that could cause flooding, they should call SCDC on 03450 450 063.

⇒ **Outside office hours**, residents can contact Floodline on 0345 988 1188 for advice. If there is an imminent risk to property or persons residents should contact the emergency services.

Please also notify the Flood Action group on webmaster@longstantonfloodaction.org so that we can monitor the situation. Residents can also contact Floodline on 0345 988 1188 for advice regarding flooding.

The next meeting of the Flood Action Group will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 7.30pm in Longstanton Pavilion.

Jackie Long

LONGSTANTON STREET NAMES COMPETITION

In this issue we have a word search competition with an extra challenge than usual. Hidden in the grid opposite there are 10 street names located in our village, but we're not providing the list of street names, you have to find these for yourself! How good is your local knowledge? The words can run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in either forward or reverse direction.

To enter the competition, send the list of ten Longstanton street names to Longstanton Life either by (a) posting at the Village Institute, or (b) email to longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Friday 13th July. Remember to include your name and contact details. Note: There is no need to send the grid with the street names marked on it, just the list of street names is suffice.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive a £15 voucher towards food, kindly donated by the Black Bull.

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

PICTURES COMPETITION WINNER



The winner of the motoring celebrities picture competition was Max Bradley (pictured opposite). Congratulations Max, you must be very pleased with your sparkling, clean car! Our thanks again to New Marque Cars for donating the prize.



The answers were:

1. Mario Andretti, 2. Dale Earnhardt, 3. Lewis Hamilton, 4. Vicki Butler-Henderson, 5. Ayrton Senna, 6. Richard Hammond, 7. Valentino Rossi, 8. Jason Plato, 9. Sebastien Loeb, 10. Sabine Schmitz.

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THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



St George's Day – All Saints' Church Longstanton Fundraising Event

Once again, our St George's Day church fundraising fun day, organised by the Friends of All Saints' Church Longstanton was a great success, and we are grateful to all who came and supported the event.

The sun came out, ice creams were in abundance and we were all able to enjoy a sunny and warm afternoon of fun activities, stall browsing and community engagement. This is an annual event, with the sole aim of raising much needed funds for the continued upkeep and modification of our local church building here in Longstanton. As well as fundraising, we see our St George's Day event as an opportunity for us to get together as a community and welcome in the start of summer; certainly by three in the afternoon it felt like summer had well and truly arrived.

This is the thirteenth year of our church fundraising day and what always amazes us is the incredible generosity of the local community. The event could not take place without their support, along with our regular sponsors from the local business sector who, year-on-year, generously support us and our cause. Once again we thank **Brookfield Groundcare** for the generous free loan of their transport for the day, allowing us to ferry to the event all the necessary equipment that makes these events work. We are grateful for the anonymous donation for our first draw prize of a 'French gîte for a week'. We also thank **Linden Homes** who made a very generous donation of **£100** towards our draw prizes and also the **George & Dragon at Elsworth** who provided a 'Dinner for Two' voucher for their restaurant. We are indebted to the **Parish Council**, and **Longstanton Pavilion management** for the use of their facilities, and we also extend our thanks to the **Army Cadets** for their sterling help getting gazebos erected and activities set up, and providing First Aid care.

We're still counting, but on the day we raised over **£2,900**. As always, we were fortunate to receive some generous individual donations, and we wish to thank those who recently contributed to our church modernisation project fund by donating through the 'BT MyDonate' link on the Friends website.



OVER 60s COMMITTEE

We would like to say thank you to everyone who donated to our stall "£1 a go a prize every time" at the St George's Day event. Once again it was a very enjoyable and successful day with the proceeds going towards the over 60s Christmas Party. Look out for your invite in the October/November issue of Longstanton Life. Many thanks!

Hazel Minett

However, it's not just about money and fundraising, it's about our community engagement and about those who support us from behind the scenes, loaning us their gazebos, helping us set-up, running the various stalls, as well as giving their time, energy and encouragement to make this popular occasion such a success. This year is an important year for the Friends and the church. We have a long held view that unless we modernise the interior of the church building by making it more accessible to the wider community, the church may, within a few years, become a redundant building.

So, this year for the Friends, is all about local fundraising and local engagement, as we seek to gain community support to modernise the church building here in Longstanton for use not only by today's community, but also for future generations. The interest shown by those who visited us during our St George's Day event, as well as the significant funds raised, provides us with encouragement to make the church re-ordering project a reality.

Therefore, to all who engaged, came to see us, came to help us, took part, donated, gave of their time, supported and encouraged us, your ongoing generosity has been, and continues to be much appreciated. **Thank you!**

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Longstanton

For more information about what the Friends do and what they are seeking to achieve, please go to their website at:
friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk

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St George's Day event
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON

At our St George's Day Fete in April we really thought summer had arrived and in the 'Tea Room' we were kept busy serving cream teas throughout the afternoon. If you enjoyed that then do come along on a Monday afternoon to the Parish Pantry and have an afternoon tea with us. During June and July we shall be back in the church every Monday between 2pm and 4pm.

On 23rd June we shall run the very popular Teddy Bear Parachute Jumping from the church tower, between 3pm and 5pm there will be refreshments for the children and cream teas. See our separate advertisement for all the details.

On the evening of Friday the 13th July there will be a concert in the church given by the Sing for Joy group so come and enjoy with 'Mocktails' to follow.

Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am - do come along and join us. All Age worship is on the 2nd Sunday and starts with a breakfast of coffee, juice and croissants, 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** (01954230519 | rvalen6199@aol.com) or **Sue Gamon** (01954 782371 | sgcoutures64@gmail.com).



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Josh Monteiro
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Two weeks ago we had a visit by the Taylor Bell Foundry to check the bells themselves and the substantial bell frame. This came about when I was asked by the church wardens when the last inspection was carried out, I spoke to Taylors who told me they were last checked in 1912! Two additional bells were added then to give us the Taylor 8 bells, which are still performing well.

Today, I have been told over the phone, there is work to be done but as yet I have not seen the inspector's report. We may well be passing the hat round some time in the future, but not at the expense of the appeal for new toilets and community area. As a matter of interest the ringing chamber will be directly over the new toilets - I'll leave it to your imagination!

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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Ball Room Dancing



Very little to report, except we are progressing and looking forward to 'Strictly' in the autumn. Our numbers are not growing and it's our intention after the summer holidays to promote our dance group to encourage new couples to come along and learn to dance. Ballroom dancing is unique; to see a couple dance as one is a joy to behold. For example the Argentine Tango danced well is a glorious art form equal to the ballet in its forming of the different shapes.

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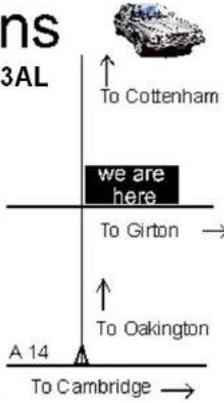
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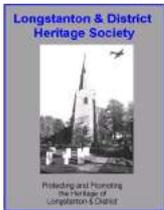
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ANNUAL REPORT

No. 11 (1st April, 2017 - 31st March, 2018)

LDHS is an independent society, launched at an inaugural meeting held at Longstanton Village Institute on 11th May 2007. Governed by our constitutional obligations, LDHS is run by a committee elected by society members. 50% of the committee must stand for election at the society's AGM, held each September.

Membership prior to renewals on 1st April 2018 stood at **70** although this number does not reflect individual family members. This represents a slight decrease in membership over the last year as sadly some of our older members have passed away. Going forward it is imperative that younger generations join the society so that our work in protecting and promoting the heritage of Longstanton, Oakington, Westwick and Northstowe can continue for generations to come.

Once again our primary objectives have been met, with the **LDHS Archives** continuing to be both expanded and protected. We have responded to requests for help which has resulted in greater knowledge of various aspects of Longstanton heritage; including the last train to pass through the station (*Britannia*) and the remains of the ancient wall associated with the former Hatton Mansion House, located where Hatton Park School now lies. A **Northstowe Heritage Guide** was written by the society, with some assistance from others, detailing a summary of our joint histories and this has been circulated to residents of Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick and is being included in the Northstowe Welcome Packs.

The society has yet again hosted a program of **Talks**, open to members and non-members, has covered a wide range of topics. It is hoped that residents of the existing villages and Northstowe will come to these talks, thus enabling them to get to know their neighbours within the new and existing communities.

Heritage Core Group (HCG)

Over the last year a Heritage Core Group (as required under the Section 106 agreement for Northstowe Phase 2) has been set up. This group includes representatives of CCC Archaeology Team (Quinton Carroll); South Cambridgeshire District Council and Homes England. LDHS has been invited to join the Heritage Core Group but in an advisory capacity only. LDHS does not have a decision making role within this group and we understand that any decision made by the group regarding a Heritage Strategy for Northstowe, will be consulted upon in due course. In the meantime HCG is consulting with the **A14 Project Team** regarding the possibility of a joint venture so that the heritage of Northstowe and the A14, along with the LDHS archives can be displayed within a **Heritage Annex** located on the former RAF Oakington site.

Longstanton Ponds & Wells

Local residents and members will be aware that amongst the definition of heritage assets within our Constitution are

landscape features. We have spent a considerable amount of time this year lobbying and responding to various threats to Longstanton's conservation area and our historic ponds and wells. Longstanton is losing much of our parish land to the new town of Northstowe and it is simply not acceptable that the remaining heritage assets of this ancient village should be destroyed by indiscriminate and inconsiderate development activity. LDHS has been supported by Longstanton Parish Council and village residents in this endeavour and we will continue to work tirelessly over the next year to safeguard this village's heritage in all its forms.

Hilary Stroude (LDHS Secretary)

Report/Notes on Last Talks of the Spring Season

'How Bill Tutte Won WWII' by **Richard Fletcher**, Friday 6th April.



Bill Tutte

Richard's presentation soon revealed Bill Tutte to be a local hero, a Newmarket man. Unfortunately, his achievements at Bletchley Park have largely been eclipsed, in the last twenty years, by the likes of Alan Turing whose association to the cracking of the Enigma code has been told in several recent Hollywood films. The Enigma machine was used by the Germans in the early part of WWII to pass messages to their troops and submarine packs. However, by the latter part of the war the Germans changed to a much more sophisticated teletype machine, the highly complex Lorenz. It was Bill Tutte's mathematical genius that finally broke it's secrets - and in doing so shortened the war.



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'Looking Back Over Eight Decades' by **Mike Petty MBE**, Friday 4th May. Introducing Mike, Hilary Stroude thanked him for not only supporting us, by presenting our very first talk in 2008 but, by being a regular contributor ever since. For this talk Mike was in more reflective mood and looked back over his lifetime's interest in recording the past. When he was really young it all started with



Mike at the start of the Cambridgeshire Collection

being sent a postcard of his home village, Stretham, in 1948. In the 1960s Mike eventually found a job in the Cambridge Guild Hall Library. In a small back room he discovered local records going back to the 1700s but in a state of disarray. Mike worked at cataloguing and eventually the Cambridgeshire



Mike in more mature years

Collection was established and in the 1970s found a home on the 3rd floor of the new Central Library in the Lion Yard. Now retired, Mike is engaged on indexing and chronicling articles on South Cambridgeshire to be found within the pages of the local press, 1897-1990.

Tony Cowley



LDHS Public Talks Autumn 2018

- Friday 7th Sept: **AGM** followed by **'The Brontes'**, Gordon Hewlett
- Friday 5th Oct: **TBA**
- Friday 2nd Nov: **'The Pye Years'**, Roger Crabtree & Richard Howes

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