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Life in Your Locality



St. George's Day. Photos by Manjeet Bolla and Anna Rudd



Spring Fling. Photos by Natasha Chambers

In this issue: Young Journalist Competition, St. George's Day, Longstanton Wildlife, Army Cadets and many more. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Memory Lane, Surgery Update, etc. Also: Solution to the Egg Hunt and the winner. Take part in our new picture competition!

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VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1100	Tennis Club	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
	3rd of month	1600-1800	Messy Church	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
Monday	1800-2000	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118	
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811	
	2nd of month	1930	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)	
	3rd of month	1945	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
	Term time	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779244250
Tuesday	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1800	Tennis Club night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
		Adult Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Please just turn up		
	1900-2100	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory / Martin	07523 854251 07535 646234	
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre			
Wednesday	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-3yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762206320	
	1910-2130	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154	
	1900-2100	Bell ringers practice	All Saints' Church	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275	
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811	
Thursday	1000-1100	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1900	Football training	Recreation Ground	Luke McAvoy	07795 321494	
	1900-2000	Ballroom Dancers, beginners	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275	
	2000	Ballroom Dancer, advanced	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275	
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180	
	TBA	Longstanton Art Group	TBA	Christine Shephard	01954 781625	
Friday	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990	
		Junior Cricket training	Call for details	Janet Hill	01954 261009	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
Saturday	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6 - 12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803	
	1400	Tennis Club	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	

* 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 Paul Miles

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

Where: Possibly at the back of the Black Bull.

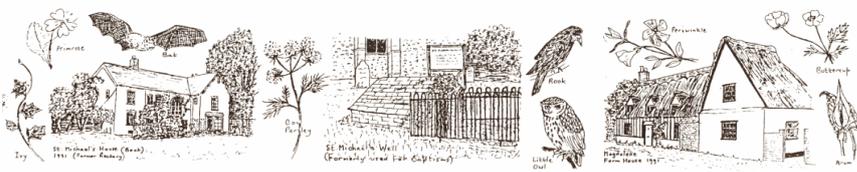
Who: LTR back row: 3rd Doug Wilson, 4th Bert Giles, 5th Arthur Pink, 7th Wally Crisp. Front row: 2nd Rignall, 3rd Les Dean (landlord of the Black Bull who took over from his father George who had been the landlord from 1940 to 1950. (Many of the members still remain unidentified, so if anyone can supply the missing names to faces please get in touch; for contact details see LDHS Update)

When: c1950.

Why: Black Bull darts team had another successful year.



Photo LDHS via Wayman family



LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

With several hot and sunny days already behind us, let's hope there will be many more to come this summer. Please send us photos of your gardens, we would like to see what Longstanton's keen gardeners are up to. We will publish the best photos in our August/September edition.

In this issue we are inviting our young readers to take part in the Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition, to win a prize and get published! Please go to page 7 for more details.

Any classical music lovers among you? We have two concerts coming up in June and July, one in Swavesey (Jonathan Sage and the Keats String Trio) and one in Willingham (Ely Consort, pre-tour concert before their trip to France) (p.9).

Please take part in our picture competition for a chance to win a coffee and cake for two, courtesy of GameOver Coffee (p.15).

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As always we would like to hear more from you, so please keep sending us your letters, photos and opinions. Perhaps more local businesses would like to introduce themselves? (See Cambridge Code Studio, p.11). Due to space restrictions we can't guarantee that all will get published but we will always try our best.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

The Editorial Team

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MP for Cambridgeshire Heidi Allen



As always, it has been an exceptionally busy few weeks with meetings with Ministers about Primary school testing, opening post offices and affordable housing schemes and a visit to a muddy Northstowe!

During recent visits to Swavesey and Hauxton Primary Schools, I chatted at length to staff, governors and Headteachers about Key Stage 1 and 2 testing. They expressed concern about the potential for excessive stress on the children and the appropriateness of some of the English grammar tests. Consequently, Nicky Morgan, the Secretary of State for Education kindly agreed to meet me and four ladies I now refer to as my "Super heads" to discuss their concerns. We left the meeting feeling positive and encouraged that the Secretary of State had listened to us. Indeed, I am delighted that in the same month, Nicky has reviewed proposals to force academisation on high performing schools. I am encouraged to believe that the Primary school testing regime may thus be reviewed too.



Looking ahead to our leaders of the future, I was delighted to be invited to take questions from the students of Sawston Village College's Politics Society. It was fantastic to hear their passion and enthusiasm, and an impressive level of political engagement, far more than I displayed at their age!

Last month I also took a visit to Northstowe, to see the almost complete Primary school and general progress on site. I am pleased



to report that at long last, we will see houses being built towards the end of the year. Housing as you know, is one of our greatest challenges in South Cambridgeshire, especially affordable housing. So I was pleased to be asked to officially open a scheme of part rent, part buy homes built by CHS in

Whittlesford. Beautifully finished, they will be a great asset to the local community.

There were more reasons to celebrate as I opened the new post office in Cottenham and refurbished village stores and post office in Oakington. Post Offices provide a vital lifeline so I work on a regular basis with Post Office UK to ensure we keep ours going. I am currently working with councillors in Cambourne to try and identify a site there.

A final item worth mentioning as I sign off this month, is a meeting I had with Liz Truss, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. I asked to meet with her on behalf of a number of my farmers who were experiencing delays in their annual payments. I am told they should now all be completed by the deadline, but please do get in touch with Julia in my office if you are still waiting to hear.

You might recall from my last newsletter that I had been trialling a new "no appointment necessary" surgery model. I have held two further such surgeries in Cottenham and Queen Edith's which proved very popular with dozens of residents attending to talk to me about various issues.

Please see *below for details of the next scheduled sessions.

As always, if you need my help, you can contact me on 01954 212707, by email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or on twitter at [@heidiallen75](https://twitter.com/heidiallen75)

***My next surgery dates are:**

Friday 17 June - 5.00-7.00pm, Papworth Everard

Saturday 9 July - 10.30-12.30pm, Bar Hill

Heidi

District Councillor Notes



Northstowe Community Forum These are my notes from the meeting held on 20 April.

The meeting started at 7pm. Tim Wotherspoon was in the Chair with some 45 members of the public present.

A14 Project Overview (Penny Fletcher and Geoff Dodson from the Highways Agency) This topic was given added focus by the fact that the Westbound carriageway of the A14 was completely blocked all evening as the result of a

serious accident at Fenstanton.

The project is more or less on hold at present until the ministerial decision to proceed or not, due on 11 May. The plan is to start in Spring 2017 and complete during 2020. There are 5 large sub-projects:

1. Northernmost section of the A1
2. Adding an extra lane to the A1, connecting to the A14 west
3. East Coast Main Line Bridge – Swavesey section
4. Swavesey – Girton section
5. Girton – Milton section

Items 2 – 4 will be carried out in parallel during the whole of 2017 – 2019.

Two lines of traffic will be open in both directions at peak times.

Full closure of a stretch will only occur where an existing structure has to be demolished.

There will be Average Speed cameras at all points along the upgrade.

There will be a huge compound at Swavesey, South of the A14. The Bar Hill interchange is still being tweaked and is a major undertaking. It will be designed right from the start to handle Northstowe at its final size. (This is a welcome change over the earlier intention only to accommodate Phases 1 and 2.) At Swavesey and Bar Hill there will be bridges to accommodate "Non-Motorised-Users".

Northstowe Phase 1 Work Programme Update (Andy Lawson/ Stephen Sage, Gallagher's + Peter Sutton, Hawk)

The realignment of Station Road is complete and the speed limit has been reduced to 30mph.

Temporary, tarmacked, access has been created onto the section of bypass between Hattons Road and School Lane. This permits operation of a one-way system for the HGVs transporting spoil from the Hattons Road ponds onto the Phase 1 site. They had implemented a new system from that morning. We had been promised "wheel washing" but they have opted instead for "wheel cleaning" because all the water would have just led to more mud. At the end of each day the road is carefully cleaned.

They are using 8 lorries, rather than the 12 they had anticipated. There were a variety of questions from concerned residents about this operation. Last summer there was a lot of dust affecting residents of (for example) Ladywalk and it was felt that dust screens should have been provided. Gallagher wants to work with residents to keep this problem under control. An additional dust monitoring station could be created. Peter Sutton is the project manager for Hawk (Gallagher's contractor) and his number is 01948 842120.

When the excavation work is completed, the pond site will be landscaped, the temporary tarmac removed and the two gates to the site will be kept padlocked. There was a question about water levels on the site. Gallagher lowered the water table last year in order to facilitate the addition of land drains but they maintain that water levels (e.g. in the Kingfisher pond) are back to normal.

Local residents who were previously alarmed about the drop in the water table were able to confirm that this has now largely been corrected.

Gallagher confirmed that the first development of Phase 1 by Bloor Homes will be on the site to the West of the B1050, at Crabtree Corner. They are having conversations with other housebuilders about other Phase 1 developments. First housing completions expected Q1 2017.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Concern was expressed that an area in the extreme South of the Phase 1 site is being taken over by a group of youths. Gallagher said they would look into this.

Phase 1 Primary School (Juliet Richardson, CCC)
The building work will complete around Easter. For the school year beginning in September, our Hatton Park Primary School will relocate to use the Phase 1 school. During that time Hatton Park school will have extensive work done on it to upgrade it from the current single-form entry to two-form entry.

Phase 2 Work Programme Update (Paul Kitson/ Philip Harker/ Dean Harris, HCA)

Three WW2 500lb bombs (British in origin) have been located and safely disposed of.

They are continuing to work on-site as part of ongoing remedial work.

Residents of Swavesey pointed out the great concern that there is in their community with the steadily-increasing demands on Uttons Drove Sewage Treatment Works arising from some 20,000 new homes (the total for Northstowe, Cambourne and Bourn Airfield). HCA explained that they had “stepped up to the plate” to resolve the issues arising from the S106 agreements for Cambourne 950 and Northstowe Phase 1. We were then given a brief overview of the Phase 2 Design Code which is being worked on by Tibbalds.

We were told that a key objective of the Design Code was to prevent Northstowe becoming “The kind of development that could be anywhere”. This struck a chord with many of the local residents present!

Specific reference was made to the “large space” of the Northstowe Town Park and its potential uses. When they were asked what its area is we were told 1.2Ha, i.e. it is some 80m x 150m.

There is to be a public consultation on the Phase 2 Design Code. It will run from week commencing 16 May and run until 10 June. There will be a Drop-in session at our Village Institute from 11am – 4pm on Saturday 21 May. Residents of Rampton Drift can attend a special session starting at 10am on that day.

Healthy New Town Initiative

Northstowe is to be one of 10 demonstrator “Healthy New Towns” announced by the NHS on 1 March.

This is a partnership between CCC, SCDC, HCA and the local NHS Trust, with an emphasis on:

- Homes for older people
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyles
- New ways of providing health and care facilities

AOB: A question was asked about the Phase 2 S106 agreement which was due to have been completed before the end of last year. “Discussions have gone very well”, we were informed. The sticking point seems to be the level of Affordable Housing.

If you have any concern or need clarification please contact me on cll.riley@scams.gov.uk or ring me on **01954 208000** and I will do my best to help.

Alex Riley, District Councillor

Longstanton Parish Council, May 2016

Chairman's Annual Report 2016 (12 April)



Hello everyone! 2015-2016 has once again been a very active year and I am indebted to all Councillors and Parish Council staff who have put time and effort into this past year to achieve what it has.

Councillors have, this year, completed their 4-year term. Some have taken the decision to re-stand for election and as fewer candidates were nominated than the number of places available, the seats are uncontested and an

election will not be necessary. However, in May we look forward to welcoming Alan Samm and Sandy Sastry as new members to the Council. Rachel and Philip Dale and Andrew Kessell are standing down from the council. Rachel and Philip have been councillors for the last four years and Andrew has served for 15 years. My sincere thanks to them for their considerable efforts in that time.

This means that members are in office for the next 2 years as elections then become aligned with other district elections.

I would also like to thank the whole community who have helped in various projects throughout the year.

So what has been achieved this year?

Longstanton can now boast that we have a fully qualified Clerk as Libby White completed and passed her CiLCA training at the end of 2015. Congratulations and many thanks for all your help and support.

Once again I would personally like to thank Libby for organising the Village Litter Pick which again gets a lot of Community involvement and makes the Village look presentable. Thank you to everyone who participates in the Litter picks.

Thanks also go to the ladies group who organise the Over 60s Christmas dinner. A lunch very much enjoyed by so many of the village.

Following the successful transformation of the phone box on the High Street to a book swap (which has been recently extended) the Parish Council also adopted the phone box at St Michaels. This too will be transformed into a book swap. The Parish Council has been pleasantly surprised at how well the community has received this facility.

Home Farm is almost complete and my thanks go to the Home Farm Forum without whom we would not be in the positive financial situation for the maintenance of Home Farm play areas and public open spaces going forward. I know there are still some legacy problems like road adoption and the Central Open Space but the handovers from the various house builders is now almost complete.

Northstowe

As you are probably aware, Phase 1 is just starting with of the digging out of the balancing ponds on Hattons Road. It is anticipated that these will help to mitigate flooding of Longstanton in the future and the movement of the soil to the Phase 1 site will raise the level of the land there.

Views of residents continue to be represented as work continues with Phase 2. It has been a very busy year and it will be getting busier.

With the Northstowe ‘Pathfinder’ school almost finished and no inhabitants of Northstowe, Hattons Park School will move temporarily into this new school while work is carried out to improve and increase capacity of Hattons Park.

On the first weekend in December we had a brand new event “Switching on the Christmas Lights” something that is going to be continued this year so save the date - Saturday 3rd December 2016. This year it will be bigger and better and hopefully gale free. Thanks to everyone who helped on that evening.

The Recreation Ground Playground has been a great success and we are now looking at what we can do for the older children in the village and these consultations are ongoing. We need to provide something for our young people as our village grows.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Thank you very much to Steve Smith for his continued support in keeping the village websites up to date and current.

You may have noticed that we have 2 much needed replacement bus shelters on the High Street.

All these things go towards making our village look and feel a better place to live in.

Village Finances

The council has now received a number of commuted sums from Home Farm developers, which is ring-fenced for the long-term maintenance of those areas. With over £600,000 in its bank accounts, the Parish Council feels it is important for parishioners to understand exactly what these monies are. So, in this report I will explain the figures in detail. Councils are governed by law as to what monies they can raise, hold and how they can spend the money they have, so hopefully the following will lead to a greater understanding.

In addition, due to a change in legislation (which allows a degree of protection should banks fail) the monies are in the process of being placed in different bank accounts (based on independent advice) and earning higher rates of interest. Minutes of Finance Committee meetings itemise all these arrangements but I hope this gives some understanding as to how we are in relation to the finances of the Council.

All figures are taken from the bank accounts as at 31st March 2016.

There is £220,481.36 in the 'Current' account, (£75,000 of which is the Reserves Account money which was in the process of being transferred) which is directly from the precept and a large VAT refund from the recent refurbishment of the playground. The precept is the local portion of what we all pay through our council tax.

This account is used to pay for all the budget items agreed on an annual basis agreed by Council in November/December each year. This is essentially for the running costs of the village.

The Reserves held by the Council stands at £75,210.55 (in the process of being transferred for safeguarding). Legislation states that this money is held for emergencies (by law, this must cover a minimum of 6-months costs) and was the amount missing when we came to office 4 years ago. This was restored by a temporary increase in the precept of £25,000 per year for the last three years.

The 'Home Farm' Account holds £315,902.51. This money is known as 'commuted sums'. It is paid to the Parish Council by the various developers of Home Farm to cover future maintenance costs of certain areas or items that the Council has adopted and will maintain at public expense. This money needs to last for 10 years and can only be used for the purposes stated.

The 'Section 106' account has £66,386.31, which can only be used on specifically stated items contained within a Section 106 Agreement. Section 106 agreements are made with developers and the Local Planning Authority to contribute to community areas following developments within the area. This money has arisen from developments such as the Co-op, shops and other smaller developments within the village (*but not the Home Farm development*). This money can only be used on children's play, sport and informal open spaces.

There are two other accounts: a 'Deposit' account of just over £1,000.00 and a 'Community Reserves' account holding £591.78 (monies raised from the WEEE Electrical Waste Collection but with no designated purpose as yet).

Gill Ashby

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Longstanton Village Institute Charity No: 300408 Report for Longstanton Annual Parish Meeting



The Village Institute continues to provide a community facility for a wide range of groups. There are currently 8 regular weekly users with 3 users on a monthly basis and several other regular users who use on a less frequent basis. Bookings remain steady with morning and evenings pretty much fully booked, but afternoons are free.

The Parish Council continues to rent the office at the back of the Institute which ensures a regular income.

Since November 2014, a cleaning company has been employed to clean the hall twice a week. This has saved the charity over **£2,500** over the salary of a caretaker/cleaner.

In May 2015, it was unfortunate that the wall mounted water heater in the kitchen became faulty and coated the servery in boiling water for around 12 hours overnight. Having claimed on the insurance, the Village Institute can boast a beautiful new servery.

Income for the Year: £14,374.00

Expenditure for the Year: £12,267.39

Profit for the year £2,106.61

The Village Institute has formed a group to look into the requirements for Longstanton's community facilities moving forward.

This now brings into the spotlight of what we are currently working towards. A questionnaire was delivered to all 1,500 homes in the village and the responses to these, resulted in a brief being sent to a number of architects. We were fortunate enough for 4 of these companies to provide us with some concept drawings of potential community facilities. A drop-in was held two weeks ago and allowed residents to see what could be achieved on the Recreation Ground.

This facility would replace the 2 buildings currently in the village – the Village Institute and the Pavilion, both of which are not fit for purpose.

Any new facility would be here for the foreseeable future and needs to be future proof. It would need to be seen as an asset for the village - a village hub together with the sports area. It will be for the use of everyone including the early residents of Northstowe as there will be very few facilities for the new residents.

It is clear from the responses received to the questionnaire, that residents would like to see a multi-use sports hall that can be divided into smaller rooms for use by smaller groups during the day and evenings. It is perceived that this area would replace what the Village Institute has been providing. The facilities can also be used for social groups, parties, conferences, village markets, breakfast meetings, etc. There will be communal areas for socializing café/bar/terrace.

It is also proposed the new build will also include the Parish Office and perhaps some serviced offices for businesses. These could possibly include health services, osteopath, etc. or facilities for people who work from home and need teleconferencing facilities, or to hold meetings away from their home office. These will provide a steady income in the form of rent which will provide some help towards the running costs of the building. I want to make it clear the building is going to have to pay for itself, therefore there will be a very robust business plan that is in place to secure its future.

I want to reassure the village that the Parish Council will not be running this building so history will not repeat itself. It is proposed that the new centre will be managed by a new Charitable Trust which will probably set up a not-for-profit management company that will manage the building. All this is yet to be formalised and when this is formalised we will publish the information.

So that leaves me with the question as to how do we achieve this amazing building. Money will be raised from sale of assets and grants and donations sought from all sources. We also need to raise money to match funds.

So my question to everyone is "If you want a building for the future, your future, your children's future, what can you do to help?" Because we cannot do this without your help.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

In what way can you help to raise money: individually, jointly, community wide? Because the sooner we get on and get started the sooner the building will be here. So please get thinking and talking amongst yourselves as to how we can raise funds. **Come and talk to us, join the working groups and let's make it happen!**

Update On the Ongoing Work on the New Village Hub (aka 'HUBDATE')

On Saturday 9th April at the Village Institute there was the Village Drop-In where all 4 sets of plans from the architects were on show for everyone to comment.

2 sets of drawings were seen as clear favourites, those from Martindales and from Saunders Boston. These architects have now been invited to present to the Village Institute Trustees to begin to get costs and an overall plan taking into account all comments raised. We now start on the exciting part, to put the whole plan together; as I explained in my earlier report, we now have to start a process for funding the new build. The village will be expected to raise as much money as possible to help finance this amazing facility.

At the Hatton Spring Fair the plans from the 2 most popular architects were on show and we were looking for ideas on what

activities people had seen, enjoyed taking part in and could see working in Longstanton to raise money and helping with those activities.

So now we have some amazing ideas we will be putting together a new events committee to bring this together with a view to a two year programme with activities spread over the next two years to raise monies for the new build and the facilities within it.

We are always looking for new ideas and people to help so please come forward and help build a facility for the future of Longstanton that we can all be proud of.

Gill Ashby,

Chairman Longstanton Village Institute Trustees

If you have any questions or want to be kept up to date with what's happening, please contact the Parish Office or send an email so we can add you to the database for the Parish.

Please contact me with questions or ideas on:
gillashby21@gmail.com or ring me on **01954 260595** and I will do my best to help.

Gill Ashby, Chairman LPC

Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition!



Do you have what it takes to become a winner of the Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition? Longstanton Life and Hatton Park School are inviting you to join this competition, which is open to the following age groups:

- 7-11
- 12-14
- 15-18

Write an article of up to 300 words about a subject you find interesting - it could be about a club or hobby you enjoy, your favourite animal, book or TV programme, or you could write about a person or time in history - any topic which you think other people would enjoy reading about.

When reading your article, the judges will be looking for the following:

- * Does it have a good beginning which catches the reader's attention?
- * Does the middle help the reader learn more about the subject?
- * Does it have an ending which sums up or makes a final point about the subject?
- * Does the article help explain why the subject is important to you, or what interests you about it?

Don't forget to check your writing before you submit it, and include your name, age and contact details!

The competition will be promoted at the Summer Fair on 25th June, so please come and see us and sign up! The deadline for entries will be 1st July 2016 and the winners will be announced in the August/September issue of Longstanton Life.

The winner in each age group will receive a £10 book token and their article will be published in the next issue of LL. Runner-ups will be published in the subsequent issues of Longstanton Life.

Please submit your entries via email to
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ST. GEORGE'S DAY—THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Once again, despite what could be best described as a bracing wind, our St. Georges Day event was a great success and we are thankful to all who braved the sharp weather conditions to come and support the Friends of All Saints' Church Longstanton fundraising event.

This is an annual event with the aim of raising much needed funds from within the local community for the continued upkeep and modification of our church here in Longstanton. Traditionally we see our St. Georges Day event as an opportunity for us to get out and get together and welcome in the summer season, not that it felt like it on the day.

Despite what at times felt like arctic conditions, the weather stayed on our side. Ice creams were in evidence and we were all able to enjoy an afternoon of fun, stall browsing and community engagement. This year, we had a record number of stalls and activities supporting our cause. Despite a crosswind and some tough outside competition, it was great to see the men's and women's Welly Wanging event won by residents of Longstanton.



Our fundraising event could not take place without the support of the Longstanton community and also regular contributors who, year-on-year, generously support our event. This year we thank **Brookfield Groundcare**, our key sponsor, who very kindly supported the main £100 cash prize draw as well as other draw prizes. We were also supported by **The Three Tuns at Fen Drayton** who donated a £30.00 lunch voucher and **Bellaclaire** who donated a two hour children's party. Without such generosity,



Winner of the £100 cash prize, Kirsty with her son Luca.

our community fundraising event would not happen. We are indebted to the Air and Army Cadets as well as the wider community of Longstanton who each year, regardless of the weather conditions turn out on the day and help make it all happen.

This is the eleventh year of our St. Georges Day fundraising event and what always amazes us is the incredible generosity of the local community. On the day we raised over **£2,000**. We were also fortunate to receive some generous individual donations, bringing the total amount past the **£3,000** mark. But it's not just about money, it's also about those who support us behind the scenes, lending us their gazebos, running the various stalls, as well as giving us their time, energy and encouragement to make the event such a success.

For the first time, this year the Friends had its own exhibition stall where we were able to display pictures and plans of the re-ordering project to modernise the church here in Longstanton. This is an important year for the Friend's and the church. We have a long held view that unless we modernise the interior of the church building by making it more accessible and usable to the wider community, the church may, within a few years, become a redundant building.

So this year for the Friends, it's all about local fund-raising and local engagement as we seek to preserve the church here in Longstanton for our future generations. The interest shown by those who visited our stand during the St Georges Day as well as the funds raised have provided us with encouragement to make our re-ordering project a reality.

Once again to all who engaged, donated, gave of their time and encouraged us, your support has been, and is, much appreciated. Thank you!

The Friends of All Saints' Church

100 CLUB



The St. George's event saw the launch of The Friends of All Saints' Church 100 Club. This is a small lottery that has been set up to help raise money for the proposed re-ordering project.

Permissions have been granted and plans have been made for there to be kitchen, toilet and meeting room facilities within the church of All Saints'.

This will make the church a more user friendly and accessible village asset; enabling it to appeal to and be used by a much broader range of people.

These are exciting times and The Friends would like everyone to come and see what is afoot. A display with graphic impressions is in the church, which is open during daylight hours every day.

You can take part in the project's realisation.

The "100 Club" is one way of doing that.

If you like the idea of supporting the project and feel you have a small amount to give towards the funds then this could be a way for you to do so.

It has the added benefit of the chance to win some money back. A donation of £2 per number per month (for a year) will buy you entry into the lottery. The lottery will be drawn monthly with a chance to win £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.

Or details about our re-ordering project and the "100 Club" can be found on the Friend's website at: <http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk>

The Friends of All Saints'
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LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The ladies of the WI have been busy as the sun has come out. A successful chocolate tombola was held at the St. George's day fete where it was agreed by the members to give 50% of the takings to the church. The following week we went to judge the flower arranging competition at Hatton Park's spring fling, which was a delight. The children were very imaginative and creative.

We have had some fantastic speakers so far including learning all about pearls with Frances Benton, who came all the way from France and we were treated to a spectacular evening with Margaret Johnson who talked about her beautiful quilts, some over 150 years old.



June sees us joining forces with Longstanton Bowls club for a practical lesson in crown green bowls.

We always welcome new members of whatever age, so if you'd like to meet some new village people then come and see what we're all about. There's always cake available!!

We meet at the Village Institute on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7.45pm - 10pm. Hope to see you there!

Debbie Lienau

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Carers Support Meetings Our next meeting is being held on Wednesday 8th June. As it is carer's week the theme is "pampering". Sue from the Cambridge Care Trust will be offering free taster sessions in Indian head massage and neck and shoulder massage and Karen from the Surgery has volunteered to paint finger nails. Please feel free to pop along and get some free support and advice along with a large dose of "pampering" this month.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics – The next hearing Aid Clinics will be held at Willingham Surgery on Wed 15th June, Wed 20th July and Wed 17th August. No appointment necessary, just pop in for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

Are You Having Too Much Sugar? Take a look at "Sugar Smart" on the NHS Choices website where you can download the sugar smart app for free.

Olivia Auty-Mercer Qualified Physiotherapist – Olivia is at Willingham Surgery on Wednesday evenings between 5-7pm. Olivia offers a hands on approach, with a combination of deep connective tissue massage, orthopaedic massage and joint manipulation treating a wide variety of complaints. Olivia specialises in sports injuries, nerve pain and stroke rehabilitation. If you would like to book an appointment please tel. **07913 887672** or **01954 781651**.

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CLASSICAL SUMMER

Jonathan Sage and the Keats String Trio
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Sunday 26 June, 7.30pm

Jonathan Sage: Clarinet
Heather Bourne: Viola
Charlotte Fairbairn: Violin
Elisheba Stevens: Cello

Programme to include:
Mozart *Clarinet Quartet No. 3*
Crusell *Clarinet Quartet No. 2 in C minor*
Krommer *Clarinet Quartet in Bb*

An internationally acclaimed clarinet player, Jonathan attended Swavesey Primary School and Swavesey Village College. We will be treated to a preview of a programme which the quartet will subsequently be touring across the UK.

Tickets: £10 (under 16s free) from Jacqui Fuller
Tel. 01954 230774 or e-mail swaveseytickets@gmail.com

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VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



The outdoor bowls season was supposed to kick off at our Opening Day on Saturday, 16th April, but unfortunately it had rained most of the previous day and all that morning so the green was too wet to play. Here is a picture of our green on Opening Day: but many new and returning members still came along to pay their subs and have a drink and a chat with friends old and new.

Fortunately the weather was kinder on Sunday and Monday, so our first roll-up of the season on Monday, 18th April was well attended.

In spite of the rather cold and damp spring the green is looking splendid and bowls really well for this time of year, thanks to the efforts of our greenkeeping team who have been working hard on it all winter. Thanks also to the many club members who came along for our pre-season working weekend to spruce up the banks and benches, sheds and paths. Even the concrete floor in our lean-to shelter got a coat of paint! The club is looking as neat as a new pin now, ready for the start of the season.

Our first match is on 3rd May, so at time of writing I do not have any match results to report. However, I would like to congratulate one of our Longstanton Bowls Club players who had a fantastic indoor season at the Cambridge Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club. Jacqui Walker won three out of the four Ladies' Singles trophies, and was a finalist in the fourth. To top that she also won the Coun-



ty Mixed Pairs championship, paired with Ben Russell from Abbey Bowls Club. Many congratulations, Jacqui! Very well done!

We welcomed several new players at Opening Day and the following Monday, and we have every hope that they will become regulars at club roll-up nights. These are held every Monday evening from 6-8pm at the bowls green, behind the Pavilion on the recreation ground. Everyone is welcome to come and we have spare bowls for people to borrow. We just ask that you wear flat-soled shoes.

If you think you might be interested in joining Longstanton Bowls Club, then please come along on a Monday evening where there will be people to help you. Alternatively, please contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email:

marionedwards1@btinternet.com. Also visit our web site: www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you!

Corinne Walsham



*Jacqui Walker with Ladies' Singles trophies
Photo by Dennis Harris*

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

Let's hope the recent good weather is here to stay, and we can make the most of it on the tennis courts. The 2016/17 season is in full swing, and there's plenty going on. Hopefully you'll have seen one of our flyers, but if not then we are offering FREE taster sessions on Monday evenings from 6pm. This is the perfect opportunity to find out more about the club, and meet some of the members. Please register your interest via the website so that we know to expect you.

We held our first social event of the season – a cheese and wine evening – in mid May. We also drew the ballot for Wimbledon tickets that night, so I hope the lucky recipients all have a good day out. Our next event will be on Wimbledon Mens Finals day itself, with the now traditional annual tournament and BBQ.

There is a singles league currently running, for members to play competitive matches against each other within the club. We also have a mixed and a mens doubles team in the Business Houses

league, which will play other clubs in neighbouring villages throughout the summer.

We'll be running our ever-popular junior coaching over the summer holidays, so please reserve your place now via the website. Our coach David Nation has been running after school tennis sessions at Hatton Park School, so if your children have enjoyed that then please keep their enthusiasm going by signing up for his summer holiday coaching too, via the tennis club. We will also be running adult beginner coaching if there is sufficient demand; please get in touch if you are interested.

We have added lots of extra functionality to our new website, www.longstantontennis.co.uk, so do take a look. Details of how to become a member, or where to get a key for 'pay and play' are all on there.

Hope to see you on court soon.

*Sarah Ballard
07985 938959*



LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB

Age group and adult cricket at Longstanton Recreation Ground. Now recruiting players, coaches and managers. Please contact us for details of winter and summer training sessions and how you can be involved. We would love to see you!



Contact: Janet Hill
01954 261009
abjv2000@hotmail.com

LONGSTANTON ARMY CADETS

Longstanton's Army Cadet Force (ACF) detachment turned out in force to support the St George's Fun Day. The detachment brought a recruitment trailer and stands, and cadets were delighted with the feedback from the public.

There were demonstrations of the skills cadets learn, including First Aid, fieldcraft and outdoor living.

Plans for the next few months include a recruitment day at Histon, instructor training for both junior and senior cadets,

and adventure training in the Peak District.

The ACF is open for 12-18 year olds looking for a challenge. The detachment's doors are open from 1900 to 2130 on Wednesday evenings, or for more information contact C/Sgt Stephen Rudderham on 6840rudder@armymail.mod.uk

*C/Sgt Rudderham SA
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HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to all of Longstanton. As usual, Hatton Park Primary has been a hive of activity. There has been lots going on and much more to come in the near future!

Sports: Our Tag Rugby team did the school proud at the county finals in March. Our small and dedicated team came a respectable 4th place against some strong teams from all over Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Everyone had their shining moments, even battling through injuries! Thanks go to Longstanton resident Debbie Lienau for coaching them! Our netball teams also represented the school at the regional high-5 tournaments. Although we will not be progressing to the finals this year, both teams showed true sporting attitudes by playing by the rules and playing some excellent netball. Many thanks to Jane Lampshire for her continued coaching of the teams.



Teams: Hatton Park has been well represented in other areas too. Last month, four of our Year 5 children attended the area's Maths Challenge. Although not going forward to the next stage, they did come first in Team Round two and were awarded a certificate for their efforts. We also had children attend the West Anglia Mega final as part of their participation in the UK Chess Challenge. They all won some games and Owen Hughes qualified for the Giga final, to be held in Manchester in July. Congratulations Owen!



Spring Fling: The Friends of Hatton Park organised a wonderful day that was attended by both the school and wider community. The weather smiled on us and ensured that we didn't have to run for shelter. It was wonderful to have lots of local crafts, businesses, and groups all coming together at the school. There were opportunities to buy and try a range of food, pick up a gift, hold a chick, chat to the Fen Witch, toast marshmallows and dance around a maypole. There were some great tug-o-war contests, particularly where the parents beat the staff. I blame it on the wrong shoes. This only



happened because of the hard work put in by the Friends of Hatton Park so please do keep supporting their events. We were very grateful to the Co-Op for manning the BBQ all day! Over £1000 was raised towards our 'More for Outdoors' campaign. Watch out for the Summer Fair!

Clubs: Our clubs continue to grow. Our popular gardening club continues, alongside dance, boxercise, gymnastics, French and chess. These have been joined by fencing and tennis, with athletics and possibly archery coming up! Our Year 6 children have shown their maturity by running lunchtime clubs for the rest of the school. So far, football and dance have been well attended with art and animal clubs starting after half term.



Exciting Developments: As you are all aware, Hatton Park will be taking up temporary residence at the new Pathfinder school in Northstowe whilst building works are completed at our current site. The school hosted an engagement meeting where lots of information was offered and questions were asked. Hatton Park are working with the Council and Kier builders to make the project run smoothly and safely for the children and the community. We were excited to invite some architects into Year 4 and 5. The children learned about school design and had a go at designing their ideal school spaces. They had some very insightful ideas but I am not sure whether the hot tubs and stables will make any final designs.

Coming up... We have some exciting events to look forward to in the last 9 weeks of the school year. Children in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to visit Grafham for their residential trip, and Year 3 will be participating in the Scootsmart program. Add in to this a street party, sports day and packing up a whole school and we will be ready for the Summer holidays!

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher

All Saints Bell Ringers



Our ringers continue to raise the bar! On Saturday 14th of May we entered 3 teams in the hopes we can win the competition. Our tower is experiencing unprecedented membership numbers and it shows no sign of diminishing. Your support for our youngsters and of course our established older ringers is most welcome.

If you are interested in learning to ring don't hesitate to get in touch with me on 07768 735 910

or via email mikec321@btinternet.com

Mike Cartwright

Ball Room Dancing

Our dancers are progressing and becoming more confident as the weeks go by! We all go to lessons at the CJ school of dancing in Cambridge and we use our Thursday evenings for practice. We would welcome dancers to join us: unfortunately we cannot take couples wanting to learn to dance at this moment in time, however this could change sometime in the future.



We meet at Hatton Park Primary School on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm for one hour.

You can always contact me via email mikec321@btinternet.com or on 07768 735910

Mike Cartwright

FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL

Join us for the Summer Fete on Sat June 25th, 11-2 at Hatton Park School! The Summer Fete is almost upon us, come along and have some fun! Come and try out circus skills, take on your mates in our Nerf battleground, meet animals and learn about animal care with the College of West Anglia, get stuck in to messy play, and more! There are rats which need splatting, wet sponges that need throwing, cupcakes to be decorated and coconuts that need to be knocked off their perches! We'll also be having a Longstanton Young Journalist of the Year Competition, in association with the Longstanton Life! Information about the competition will be available on the LL stall at the Summer Fete.



Sun and Fun at the Spring Fling & Craft Fair. It was lovely to see so many people turn out for the Spring Fling & Craft Fair, and we were especially fortunate that the sun chose to put in an appearance too! A great time was had, and special thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make it happen, as well as special

guests Hemsals Community Farm, The Wildlife Trust, Willingham Scouts, The Co-Op, Bellaclaire childcare, UK Pie Party, Longstanton Air Cadets, Longstanton Parish Council, Longstanton Women's Institute, and of course Longstanton Life. With Maypole dancing, the Fen Witch sharing folklore and making corn dolls, messy play, spring animals and wonderful craft stalls to browse, there was something for everyone. Altogether, we raised around £1200 towards our More For Outdoors campaign, raising money to help us install an Outdoor Room, outdoor reading circle, literacy garden and outdoor equipment. We are very grateful to Haart Bar Hill, for their generous sponsorship of the Spring Fling. Thanks also to The Fox pub in Bar Hill, for helping us out with displaying banners!



Go Wild for Ouse Fest! Friends of Hatton Park successfully applied for a grant from Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership, to install a willow wildlife wall around our pond to make it safe for children to use. As part of that, we're holding a "Hatton Park Goes Wild" open morning on July 30th at the school, where everyone is welcome to come and take a look at the pond and have a go at bug hunting and pond dipping (weather permitting). Further details will be posted on our website nearer the time. Full details of all Ouse Fest events can be found at: <http://ousewashes.org.uk/ousefest/>

Bag 2 School - coming your way... The last Bag 2 School collection raised over £140 for the school, and the next collection is in July - if you have any items you no longer need which are in good condition, please bring them to the school before 9am on July 5th (or after school on July 4th) - normal bin-bags are fine to use. Bag 2 School accept the following 'good quality' items for re-use: Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Belts, Soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted (refer to www.bag2school.com for further details).

Funding update. We've been lucky to have had quite a few businesses lend us their support in recent months and we are very grateful to all of them. Here's a quick overview of how that's helped us provide to the school: **1) Amazon** for donating £500 towards books for our new library - the new library creates



more space so it's fantastic to have some new books to top up supplies! **2) Longstanton Colts**, for donating some goals to the school, which allow us to cater for the increasing number of children at the school and keep developing the skills and fitness of our budding footballers. **3) Root Solutions** for donating two tablets to the school, to help support literacy and numeracy work. The UK leads the world in innovation and design and right on our doorstep here in Longstanton is a company that is providing technology and skills to companies to help them design better products. Companies such as Astra Zeneca, Domino Printing, University of Cambridge, Cambridge Consultants, Marshall Aerospace, Norton Motorcycles and Swift Caravans all rely on the Root Solution technology to create world leading products. From



3D product design, simulation and manufacture to 3D printing and finally to managing a company's product design database. And more recently the inclusion of Internet Of Things (IoT) technology into companies products. It's all part of what Root Solutions do. It was started by two local Engineers in 1992 and we are very proud of our local community in Cambridge

- and especially Longstanton. So if you've ever wondered what goes on in Church Farm Barn - now you know! **4) Cardinalis Concrete** (also on our doorstep) who have generously donated towards our Lego Club, a club which runs twice a week during lunchtimes and is run by volunteers. It's extremely popular with the children, and we're delighted to be able to replenish our supplies of Lego thanks to Cardinalis Concrete's support. **5) Haart** have allowed us to purchase a maypole for the children to use, as well as cover other associated event costs. Haart offer a complete range of professional property services and are estate agents with expertise in Longstanton and surrounding areas. **6) Our local Co-Op** who helped with the Spring Fling, manned the refreshments for us, and donating food and drink - huge thanks to Alex, Hayden and Martin for their support! **7) Cambridge Water** donated some water butts to help with the school's gardening programme. **8) Dobbies** of Bar Hill donated the seeds which are growing and being looked after by the children now!

Would you like to help? Do you have some time available to help Friends of Hatton Park, or to run clubs at lunchtime? Or does your business have a community fund? If so, please get in touch: hatton.friends@gmail.com

Thank you all for your support!

FOHPS



LDHS Public Autumn Talks 2016

- Friday 2 Sept:** **2016 AGM**, followed by 'Basket Making in Cambridgeshire' by Gill Shapland
- Friday 7 Oct:** 'Chivers Jam Factory at Histon' (1873-1960) by David Oates
- Friday 4 Nov:** 'Impact of the Second World War on South Cambridgeshire' by Dr. Anthony J Cooper

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

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

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

This term will be the last at pre-school for many of our children before they leave us for Reception and we will be busy making sure they are ready for this big step. We will have a lot of transition activities to help them prepare. We are also excited to be temporarily relocating in September, along with Hatton Park School, to the Pathfinder School in Northstowe. Any parents wishing their child to join us there in September should contact us using the details below.

New Equipment! At the end of last term we took delivery of a new climbing tower which we had been able to raise funds for after some very generous fundraising events supported by parents and families. Thank you to all those that supported us. The children love this new addition to our outside play area and are making full use of it. So far, it has been a ship, bear cave, and so much more.

National Children's Day UK 15th May. In the week leading up to the NCDUK 2016 we held several activities to celebrate this event and shared information with parents about how they too could make the day special for their children and themselves. A few of the activities we covered were making musical instruments, moving like animals to music and discussing how music made us feel. The children really enjoyed using their own instruments to accompany



some of our usual circle time songs, and experimenting with keeping in time.

Spring Planting. The children are delighted that the seeds they planted earlier in the year are now coming up and we are regularly monitoring their growth and taking care of them. Hopefully, with some nice sunny weather, it will not be long before we have flowers!



Your Junk Our Treasure. As mentioned in previous articles, although we have a well resourced setting, we are always on the lookout for new and interesting things for the children to explore and play with, the quirkier the better. Please ring us to arrange collection/delivery (number below). We would like to say a big thank you for the great craft materials recently donated.

Longstanton breakfast club, pre-school and after school club is an established childcare service located in Hatton Park Primary School managed by the Pre-school Learning Alliance. We provide high quality sessional care for children aged 2 years to 11 years old. We are open term time from 7.45am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. If you would like to discuss your childcare needs further, please feel free to visit during our working hours or you can contact the manager on 01954 780987 or by email at longstanton@pre-school.org.uk

Tracey Leach, Manager

INTRODUCING LOCAL BUSINESS: CAMBRIDGE CODE STUDIO

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ness was born here in Longstanton. Cambridge Code Studio is now in its third month of helping other businesses in the area solve their digital challenges in a fresh, fast and cost-effective way.

Most recently, I've helped Andy and Chou get Longstanton Fish & Chips online by designing, developing and hosting the new longstanton-fishandchips.co.uk website for them. Before the website went live, searching online for fish & chips in Longstanton only brought up other businesses in the surrounding areas. Now, Longstanton Fish & Chips is on the virtual map for hungry locals and people passing through the area alike.

After nearly 20 years in the software industry, I decided to take the plunge and set up my own business. So in March this year, my software development busi-



I'm experienced in dealing with businesses of all ages and sizes and in making it easy for you to get what you need as simply and affordably as possible. Plain English beats technical jargon every time!

If you're not a techie but you're interested in reading about what it takes to professionally develop websites and other software, then keep a look out for the upcoming series of bite-sized, plain English explanatory articles on the cambridgecodestudio.co.uk website. (If you're on Twitter, then follow @CambCodeStudio to catch the announcements.)

If you have a business and you want to improve its online presence, or if you find your business software frustrating, then please drop me a line via lee@cambridgecodestudio.co.uk, and let's start a conversation...

Lee Chapman

PICTURE COMPETITION

In this issue we have a picture competition for our readers, and there's a prize for two people to give away!

longstantonlife@hotmail.com before **Friday 17th June**. Remember to include your name and contact details with your entry.



On the left 6 photos are shown (numbered 1-6) of either windows or doors of buildings in our village. You have to guess which building the window or door belongs to.

To enter the competition, send the answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or emailing to:



The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive coffee and cake for two, **kindly donated by the Game Over Coffee shop**.

The winners will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!

EASTER EGG HUNT COMPETITION WINNERS

We had many entries (all correct!) for the Easter Egg Hunt competition. The randomly selected winners were: Lakshmi (aged 3) for the junior category, and Kirsty for the senior category. Congratulations to both of them!



Pictured here are Lakshmi with her mother (on the left) and Kirsty with her daughter (on the right) having received their Easter eggs from Matt (centre) at the Longstanton Co-op.

We'd like to extend our thanks once again to the Longstanton Co-op for donating these "eggstremely" delicious prizes!

The words we were looking for were:

- (i) Junior category: BUNNY
- (ii) Senior category: RESURRECTION

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Sunday: 12.00 until 22.30



We would like to start with a St. George's Day quiz:

When a member of the Parish Council decided to attend the St. George's Day celebration put on by All Saints' Church and became aware of the new look for the Pavilion, did they say:

- A. That looks nice, well done
- B. Why have you bothered?
- C. A good place to put a defibrillator
- D. Something else

Answers on a postcard please, posted in the box in the Pavilion. A prize will be presented to the correct answer first pulled out of the hat and a prize for the 'something else'.

To all the people that came along and enjoyed themselves taking a chance on the weather, thank you very much for making the day a success. We hope the church raised lots of money to achieve their goals.

The return of Beer Belly was a great success with some suspect dancing and we look forward to welcoming them back soon.

We now have a darts team and are looking for new players to join. Please could you let us know if you are interested or know of anyone else who would like to play.

We would like to organise some social events, any ideas please? A couple of ideas to think about: a family treasure hunt, a games day with battling families.

Just to remind you that bingo carries on throughout the summer, along with bowls on a Monday if you would like to have a go.

We are looking forward to the start of the cricket, bowls and tennis season, let's hope the weather holds out and we get through all the matches. Please feel free to join us in the sun and support your local sports team, a great way to spend an evening or a lazy weekend (well not for the people playing!).

Michael, Suzanne and The Pavilion Team

LONGSTANTON WILDLIFE

The Longstanton Life magazine is about life in Longstanton, and we always try our best to include as much as we can about...life in Longstanton! But what about the animals and plants in Longstanton?? Don't the wildlife also deserve their own little section in the magazine? We think so! Let's see what we can discover in our village...

As Spring passes by, life has definitely been emerging in nature after the cold winter days.

Rabbits



Rabbits can be seen hopping around in the fields of Longstanton and grazing on the vegetation at dusk. Did you know rabbits' teeth never stop growing?! Rabbits or bunnies (or even bunny rabbits!) are mammals that are herbivores. They live in groups called herds underground in burrows called warrens. In Longstanton you can often see rabbits at the base of the small hill in the field on Home Farm Road. Rabbits have an excellent sense of smell, vision and hearing...hence the big ears! Rabbits stand upright on their back legs so they can quickly spot predators such as foxes. A female rabbit is called a doe, the male rabbit is called a buck and a young rabbit is called a kit or kitten. Rabbits usually have a litter of 4-6 baby rabbits, and they normally live for 8-12 years.

Ladybirds

Ladybirds can be found sitting on the leaves soaking in the sunshine. Ladybirds are beetle type insects that come in different colours: red, orange, yellow and some can also be brown. They are brightly coloured to warn off predators such as birds.



The number of spots on their wing cases (or elytra) can also differ, such as 2, 4, 7, 14 and even 22 spots! The colours of the spots can also vary. The common ladybird called the seven-spot ladybird has 7 black spots and is red in colour. Ladybirds are favoured by farmers and gardeners because they feed on pests such as aphids (greenfly), scale insects and whitefly, which can destroy plants. An adult ladybird can eat more than 50 aphids a day. Ladybirds hibernate in the winter in vegetation, under logs and anywhere else they can find shelter from the cold, even in your house if they get in!

Butterflies



Other insects that can be seen around the village are butterflies. Butterflies have four wings which are often brightly coloured with a pattern made up of tiny scales. The patterns are unique. Like ladybirds, butterflies can either use their bright colours to warn off predators or can fend off

predators by camouflaging themselves against their background, like the Cabbage White. The life cycle of a butterfly has 4 stages: the egg, pupa (caterpillar), larva (chrysalis) and the adult. Depending on the species, a butterfly can live for a few days or up to 9 months such as the Monarch butterfly. Most species usually live for 2-4 weeks. There are thousands of different species. Some of the common species in the UK are the Peacock, Red Admiral,

Small Tortoiseshell, Orange tip and Cabbage white. Butterflies need warmth from the sun in order to fly. Did you know they won't fly if the temperature is below 10°C? We spotted this female orange tip butterfly (the female doesn't have an orange tip, only the male does!), which has a furry body to keep it warm as it emerges in Spring. Amazing, don't you think?! When a butterfly lands on a flower, it will feed on the nectar using their proboscis...just like we use a straw! The proboscis is normally curled up until the butterfly finds nectar upon which the proboscis unfurls into a long tube which it then uses to suck up the nectar.

Buddlejas

You could plant a Buddleja bush to attract butterflies into your garden. Did you know buddlejas are often called the butterfly bush?! Buddlejas can be found growing wild in the village. There are over 200 different species of buddleja in the world. Most buddleja's don't flower until summer so watch out for them when they do start flowering and see what types of butterfly you can see on them.

Hawthorns

Other plants that can be seen in the village are Hawthorns. These often grow along the hedgerows of fields. The common hawthorn in the UK (*Crataegus laevigata*) is a deciduous tree. Deciduous means it loses its leaves in autumn and new leaves emerge from buds in Spring.



The new leaves on hawthorns are already out. There are hundreds of different types of hawthorn. They can grow to a height of 15-45 feet. You can tell a hawthorn by its serrated leaves and the spiky, woody thorns. Did you know hawthorns are part of the rose family? You can also see the clusters of small flowers which blossom in Spring. For the common hawthorn these flowers are white but other types of hawthorn can have pink flowers. The small little fruits or thorn apples as they're called appear in early autumn and can be red or yellow depending on the variety of hawthorn. Animals such as birds, squirrels and rabbits will feed on these fruits. The hawthorn can also attract butterflies.

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On sunny days, the reserve is the perfect location for a waterside picnic, surrounded by dragonflies and butterflies.

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For more information about the reserve, events and pop up teashop, please visit our website www.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes or email fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk. On Facebook or Twitter? You can find us at RSPB Cambridgeshire or @RSPBFens

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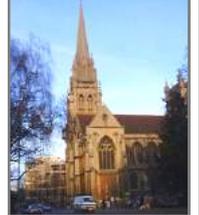
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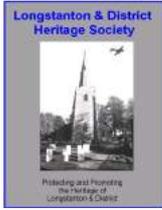
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LDHS Annual Report to Parish Council

(24 April, 2016)

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 stood at **71**, although this number does not reflect family members. This represents approximately a 7% increase on last year. Our website and our increased use of social media (particularly Facebook) have directly contributed to this increased awareness and support for our work. All our members are united in the desire to see our heritage protected for local residents, visitors, school children and future generations. This year our primary objectives have been met, with the archive both expanded and protected. Regular talks have been organised for both members and non-members.

Community Engagement

Over the last year the heritage society has supported a number of local events and projects. These included:

Longstanton Test Pit Project: The heritage society was asked by Access Cambridge Archaeology and the Cambridge Archaeological Unit to help organise a test pitting weekend in Longstanton. The aim was to supply archaeological information on land outside the official Northstowe excavation sites. A number of local residents offered their gardens for the test-pits and a number of volunteers helped with the digging. On Sunday 11 October garden owners, diggers and the public came together at The Manor to view the finds. A full report was later posted on the ACA website.

Longstanton Busway Art Exhibition: LDHS was invited to put on a heritage exhibition at the Park & Ride centre. The heritage society was just one of a number of artists / exhibitors who took part in the year long event.

Cambridgeshire Family & Local History Fair: This was held in Girton on 5 September. An important local history event and the heritage society was one of many organisations present.

Museum Update

Funds have been made available to local government (CCC) for the development of a Northstowe Heritage Strategy. LDHS expects to take an active role in the development of this strategy once the work begins and we would expect the issue of a Northstowe museum to be addressed. We remain in constructive dialogue with the landowner of Northstowe Phases 2 and 3 (HCA). Below is the statement they have issued for inclusion in this annual report.

"With regards your specific point on heritage, the HCA is still looking forward to the joint working with the County Council and LDHS and ensuring the important heritage of the area isn't lost as Phase 2, and later Phase 3, develop."

Statement from Emma Drake, Senior Communications Manager (HCA) - 18 March 2016.

The Year Ahead

The society will continue to invest time communicating via our website and Facebook pages and we hope to continue raising our profile within the community and beyond. Going forward we believe the society offers a fantastic opportunity to bring residents of Northstowe and the existing villages together.

Hilary Stroude (LDHS Secretary)

More Bombs Found on Northstowe, Phase 2 - 17 Mar 2016

Three unexploded bombs were found and made safe. They were all British WWII 500lb bombs containing approximately 145lb (66kg) of military grade High Explosives. The UXOs were most probably related to the former bomber airfield operations. It's likely they were deliberately buried for safety purposes, with the intention that they would be dealt with at a later date before WWII ended but their whereabouts were lost! Most of the Unexploded Ordnance (UXOs) were vaporised by the detonation during the Explosive Ordnance Dispersal (EOD) operation.

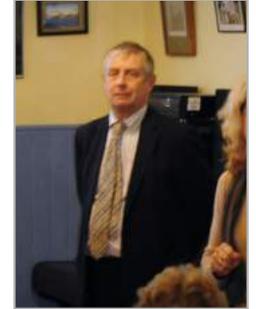


Some fragments do remain and one bomb was left unusually intact. Once certified as Free-From-Explosives (FFE) by Zetica, the large fragment will be mounted and will form a piece of unusual memorabilia.

LDHS Public Spring Talks*

'Ghosts & Goulies in Cambridgeshire', Robert Halliday, 4 March.

The Ferry Boat Inn at Needingworth proved to be the closest of the examples to Longstanton that Robert gave and one that proved to be the most entertaining. It centred on an old gravestone of young lady who took her own life, set into the floor of the bar. The stone that was said to vibrate on the anniversary of the her death brought spiritual groups from all over the country to observe and, incidentally boosted business of the pub!



'Ouse Washes, People & Places', Mike Petty - 1 April

Mike didn't disappoint his audience, larger than usual. He gave a very entertaining illustrated talk on the history of the washes, those areas of marsh land given over as flood plains alongside the river Ouse, from

Earith Lock to Denver Slouse. History of it's local villages, towns and their inhabitants formed the major part of Mike's presentation.



'Sir Christopher Hatton - Vice Chancellor of England', Dr

Gordon Hewlett, 7 May. This proved a fascinating, informative and at times very humorous talk by Gordon. Sir Christopher Hatton as the Lord Chancellor of England at the time of Elizabeth I, held a very powerful position answerable only to the 'Virgin' Queen herself. Being a tall striking handsome figure of a man he soon became the Queen's favourite. Elizabeth bestowed several very

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Tony Cowley

**For information on the LDHS autumn talks see page 13.*