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Life in Your Locality



St. George's Day in Longstanton. Photos by Anna Rudd

In this issue: Community HUB Progress Report, Youth Council, Northstowe Update. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Longstanton Wildlife, Hatton Park News, Memory Lane, Surgery Update and many more.
Easter Bunny Hunt Winner and our New Competition - Summer Word Puzzle. 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	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	1000-1200	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Community Hall	Please just turn up	
	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Tennis - Junior and adult coaching	The Pavilion	coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk	
	1830-2000	Adult Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Please just turn up	
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1900-2100	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory / Martin	07523 854251 07535 646234
Wednesday	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-3yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762206320
	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 McAvoy	07795 321494
	1900-2000	Ballroom Dancers, beginners	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
Friday	2000-2100	Ballroom Dancer, advanced	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990
	1400-1600	Afternoon tea (over 55's)	The Dale Community Hall	Please just turn up	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
Saturday	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180
	1800-2000	Junior Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Janet Hill	01954 261009
	0915-1000	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6 - 12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803

* It should be noted that the Village Institute is available for hiring for a variety of functions; provisional bookings can be made via <http://community.longstantonvillage.org/village-institute/>. Email: villageinstitute@gmail.com or telephone **01954 782323**. The Pavilion also offers private party function facilities, discuss your requirements for any family & friends gatherings - e.g. weddings, birthdays, funerals, with **Michael Binks** on **01954 782233** or email longstantonpav@btinternet.com

Memory Lane, Who, Where, When and Why?



Photo LDHS via Francoise Close

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

Who: Three gorgeous girls who had won, we think, first, second and third in the Miss Personality competition. Man with bunny on his T-shirt, tight jeans and a smile is Mr Mike Cartwright. Mike said in his defence afterwards, he was just trying to reassure the girls who were rather excited and nervous. The judge thought otherwise and sentenced Mike to lose his beer money for the rest of the week. However, we believe that the photograph speaks for itself and clearly is an attempt at an early 'selfie'!

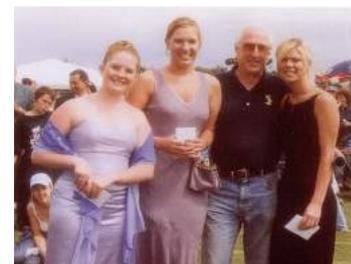


Photo LDHS v LLife

Where: On Longstanton's recreation ground.

Why: On the occasion of the Queen's golden jubilee.

When: 2002 - 15 years ago!!



LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Finally the cold weather is over - even if it rains, at least it's warm outside! We hope everyone enjoyed their Bank Holiday weekend. The past two months were busy in the village – we went to St. George's Day at the recreation ground; we watched the Yesteryear Road Run (although it has become less enjoyable over the last couple of years as it takes too long to wait to see all of the vehicles - what do you think?); we have also cheered the Wings for Life participants running through the village. And last but not least – Northstowe welcomed its first residents; Nutan on page 8 has all the details. There is a lot to read in the Community Concerns section this month; we now have a Youth Council (don't miss their Picnic in the Park, p.6) and those of you who are interested in how the Community HUB project is developing can read all about it on page 7. After 10 years of coordinating the distribution of Longstanton Life, Margaret Hunt is retiring and sadly moving away from the village. We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to help coordinate the delivery of LL in her place. If you think you could help us, please read about it on page 16. Congratulations to our Easter Bunny Hunters – Jayman and Moria Howard, who found all of the 27 hidden bunnies - we hope they enjoyed their big, green chocolate one. Don't miss your chance to win a plant of your choice from the Oakington Garden Centre, just solve our Summer Word Puzzle (p.15)! Enjoy your summer, everybody. And make sure you keep your fingers crossed for Longstanton Life in July as we are entering The Cambridge Community Magazine Awards again this year, let's hope we win in at least one of the categories!

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor Annual Report

Peter Hudson



The past twelve months have been extremely busy. Chasing the inevitable highway problems from potholes, excessive mud on the road, continued flooding on the Longstanton By-Pass, monitoring and moving travellers from the Park and Ride, stopping ludicrous traffic diversions to name but a few. Successfully lobbying hard to save the Mobile Library Service after several requests from

residents of both Over and Longstanton. In addition to this, supporting and working with the Parish Council and District Council Colleagues, particularly in planning issues and the contravening of planning conditions as in the incorrect routes taken by HGV traffic from the Northstowe site as well as other issues and being an active member of both the Health and Audit and Accounts Committees of the County Council.

Again, I have received a large amount of personal correspondence from our residents with requests for help on a number of issues that affect their everyday lives. Over the past twelve months I have received 148 requests from residents for help on such diverse issues as school placements, home to school transport, special educational needs requirements, parent and school difficulties, social care for the elderly and venerable adults, corporate parenting as in children in care and general council benefit entitlements. 141 of these cases were resolved to the complete satisfaction of our residents, the remainder were either not possible for various reasons or the information given was found to be untrue. I find this individual case work very satisfying and rewarding, especially when common sense prevails.

I have continued my work in finding and helping our low income families to take advantage of the new extended free child care, From September 2017 working parents of 3 and 4-year-olds will be entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare and early learning – a doubling of the current universal entitlement. In order to access the additional hours, parents will need to complete an online check, and will receive a code to redeem with a childcare provider. The new website for parents and providers is www.childcaresupport.tax.service.gov.uk/8

Whilst HM Revenue and Customs have already written to some families to raise their awareness of the forthcoming increase, systems are being developed to support providers with this new process and are expected to be available from June 2017.

As with many government initiatives, very few, if any, were aware of this entitlement or indeed the changes, now I'm very happy to report that many of our young families from the three parishes I represent are taking advantage of this much needed help.

The Health Committee, which takes up the majority of my time, holds the County Council's Public Health budget. One of its responsibilities is the commissioning of the 0-19 years Healthy Child Programme which consists of Health Visiting (0-5yrs), Family Nurse Partnership (intensive home visiting programme for teenage parents) and School Nursing (5-19yrs). The universal-progressive service is delivered at 4 levels: Community, Universal (all children receive a universal offer), Universal Plus (additional help for those who need it provided by a single agency), Universal Partnership Plus (intensive support for children with complex needs with multi-agency involvement).

The aims of the Healthy Child Programme are to help parents develop and sustain a strong bond with children, encourage care that keeps children healthy and safe, protect children from serious disease (through screening and immunisation), identify health issues early, reduce childhood obesity and support children to achieve their educational potential.

Peter Hudson

District Councillor Notes Alex Riley

What follows is my Report to the Annual Parish Meeting.



"I originally stood as your District Councillor in 2004, because I was convinced that I was the right person to represent our village at the time that the key Northstowe decisions were being made. I thought that one four-year term should be quite enough for this to happen. It is incredible to look back to those times and recall that our planning officers were confidently telling us that Northstowe would be delivering 600 homes per year from 2006!

I stood again in 2008 for much the same reasons, only for the entire Northstowe project to get stuck in the mire of the recession.

I stood once more in 2012, and again in 2016!

And suddenly, in this past year, Northstowe is really happening. The area south of the guided busway is no longer recognisable from what it was two years ago. The first homes are appearing west of the B1050. Tomorrow I'll be attending the official "opening" of Northstowe.

Goodness me, it's been a long haul.

The current status of Northstowe is that the construction of the Bloor homes site is under way and that every other parcel of land on Phase 1, the old golf course, comprising some 1500 homes, has a builder's name against it. Earlier today I attended a briefing on Phase 2. The Homes and Communities Agency intends to start work on the required infrastructure early next year, which will include the creation of the Southern Access Road going across to just north of Bar Hill, and balancing ponds south of the Guided Busway. First housing delivery is scheduled for Spring 2019. This seems extraordinarily optimistic, given that they will not be able to deliver housing until the A14 upgrade is complete.

The extraordinary volume of soil movement from the site to the East of the B1050 completed last autumn but the site has been left as a terrible mess. I understand that all the earthworks will now be completed by the end of June. The soft landscaping will be planted at the end of this year.

There are concerns that the Phase 1 site has been aggressively "de-watered", resulting in the level of local ponds and boreholes becoming far too low. Gallagher's have commissioned a report which is due to be available by the end of May. SCDC have written to Gallagher's pointing out local residents' requirements that this report is robust. It does not help that the past few months have seen historically low rainfall locally.

As I'm sure you are all aware, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough now have an elected Mayor. I have never been a fan of this proposal. South Cambs and Cambridge form a coherent unit, which could include Huntingdon. Peterborough is also a coherent unit, as are the fen areas of East Cambridgeshire and Fenland.

But to cobble them all together in one entity does not make much sense to me. No decision can be made by this new Combined Authority unless the Mayor supports it and it takes a 2/3 majority of members of the new CA to vote down any proposal of the mayor. The jury is out on how much of a success this experiment will prove to be. I was delighted to be appointed as a member of the Scrutiny Committee for this new authority and hope to be re-appointed at our council's AGM shortly.

Being elected to public office is not without its risks and it can attract all kinds of unwelcome and unfair attention. I am relieved that a bizarre and intensely unpleasant episode has recently completed which involved some members of the parish council and myself. As many of you are aware in the time running up to the PC elections in May 2012 a combination of incompetence by senior parish councillors and fraud by the then parish clerk Pauline Haywood resulted in the parish council losing some £70,000 and becoming essentially bankrupt.

Back in October 2013 a Swavesey resident called Vance Wells approached the parish council. He claimed to be a forensic accountant and offered his services free of charge to the parish council in order to build a case against the former parish clerk.

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It rapidly became clear that he was not someone with whom the PC could work and they almost immediately told him not to proceed.

Mr Wells response to this was to become increasingly obsessed with the case and this culminated with an extraordinary meeting of our PC in March 2014 which was called in order to make public that he was not entitled to claim to be working on behalf of the parish council. At this meeting he gave a meandering speech of over 30 minutes, ignoring all requests from the chair, at which he claimed to have earth-shattering discoveries in connection with Ms Haywood, though in spite of repeated requests he produced no evidence.

At this point Mr Wells formulated a totally fictitious case against some parish councillors, accusing them of covering-up for Ms Haywood – though they had not even been remotely involved with the PC when all the money disappeared.

Mr Wells went quiet for a bit, though he was continually pestering our clerk with demands for information which she did not have.

And then in August 2015 he came out with a completely new angle. The villain of the piece, he now decided, was none other than myself. He came out with a stream of outrageous and libellous allegations against me which he copied far and wide via email. This went on for several months. He demanded that I make a payment of £2.8 million to him which he would use to effect some restitution for my “misdeeds”. He also submitted wild and totally false complaints against me to South Cambs. Eventually the police served an anti-harassment order on him, under which he was not to contact me any more. His immediate response was an email to me and the policeman concerned saying that he now realised that I had got away with things for so long because I had the police in my pocket! This was followed by a torrent of complaint letters to the Chief Constable, Independent Police Complaints Commission etc.

And so it went on. He never produced a shred of evidence to support his allegations, which incidentally were also all entirely false.

Last month Mr Wells was given a suspended sentence, having already been found guilty of harassment and stalking against me. He narrowly avoided imprisonment.

Importantly he is also barred from our tennis club, Pavilion and Black Bull. When he protested, it was pointed out that his own village has a tennis club and pubs. He richly deserves his criminal record.

I cannot tell you how relieved I am that this matter is now history. It goes to show that life as an elected representative can have unexpected unpleasant aspects.”

Please contact me on cllr.riley@scambs.gov.uk or ring me on **01954 208000** and I will do my best to help.

Alex Riley, District Councillor

Longstanton Parish Council



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017

“Welcome everyone to this year’s Annual Parish Meeting, my first in the role of Chairman. I would like to thank Gill Ashby for all her hard work as chairman over the past 4 years.

We have changed the format a little this year in the hope that we can have a more informal discussion with the community with village groups available for you to review during the refreshment break.

But the biggest change is that we will have a public discussion about community safety following tea and coffee.

This year has been, yet again, another busy year with more projects being undertaken by the Parish Council and issues that need to be discussed.

FINANCE

The precept for 2017-18 was set at £94,360 (no change from 2016-17) meaning that the average Band D property will have a decrease of £3.85 or 5.14% on a band D property compared to the equivalent charge for 2016/17.

Longstanton Parish Council has continued to support village groups throughout the year including funding the hall hire for Rainbows and part funding the hire for Music Madness and Little Leprechauns. Funding has also been made available to Longstanton Tennis Club.

HIGHWAYS & COUNTY COUNCIL

Longstanton Parish Council has worked closely with County Council over the last year.

Parking continues to cause concerns for residents on the High Street generally but more regularly we are receiving concerns about parking outside the Co-op. Though the Parish Council has looked at the potential of double yellow lines, the police (who would need to support this) have provided conflicting advice. The Parish Council intends to revisit this.

Longstanton Parish Council approached some local hauliers to ask them to consider joining the County Council’s HGV Voluntary Covenant which would mean that they do not come through the village. So far the John Henry Group and subsidiaries have signed up to this.

The airfield road continues to cause concern but we see this will ultimately resolve itself as construction commences on the southern access road to Northstowe phase 2 in late 2018.

Change of speed limits for Home Farm Road, School Lane and Hattons Road were applied for with County Council last year. This has been approved but is still to be implemented.

The Clerk is keeping in contact with the officers involved.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

At the South Cambridgeshire District Council community awards, Gill Ashby received the joint parish councillor of the year for 2016. These awards are held annually and if anyone has any thoughts on nominees for next year, it would be great to spread the word of the good work done in Longstanton by our residents.

County Cllr Hudson and District Cllr Riley continue to support Longstanton Parish Council making themselves available with their guidance and assistance with village matters and we would like to thank them for their time and effort.

PLANNING/CONSULTATIONS

Planning applications for consideration by the parish have increased again this year. So much so, that we have set up a separate meeting each month simply for planning applications which come in and need to be commented on between full meetings.

The application to build 9 homes on Mills Lane has been refused by the local planning authority. Longstanton Parish Council continues to support residents through this application.

NORTHSTOWE

Northstowe has commenced construction with the first 92 homes at Bloor (Parcel H1) and the first residents have moved in. 4 other developers will be on site within the next month or so.

Barratts – Parcel H2 – 135 dwellings

Taylor Wimpey – Parcel H3 – 43 dwellings

Bovis – Parcel H4 - 83 dwellings

Linden – Parcel H12 – 271 dwelling

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Longstanton Parish Council continues to be represented at the Northstowe Community Forum meetings which are held quarterly. The potential dewatering of Phase 1 has been a topical discussion point and owing to concerns raised by residents an independent expert is carrying out a detailed survey and we are awaiting the report.

OTHER WORK

A Community Hub report will be provided by Cllr McPhater shortly. Home Farm phase 2 roads are still not adopted. The parish council and Home Farm Forum have been liaising with all parties concerned to try and get this resolved as a matter of expediency.

You will notice that a new footpath has been installed on the village green with an extension to follow the preferred route of many pedestrians.

We held our second Christmas Light Switch on in December last year. We intend to continue this with a further event in early December this year. We have also been approached by a resident to hold a Farmers' Market on the green. This and other ideas will be considered by members shortly.

We were recently approached by a group of young members who asked the parish council to support them with the setting up of a Youth Council. This would only be the second in South Cambs. They have been working really hard with the Clerk to get established and will be holding their first event 'Picnic in the Park' on 25th June 2017 and we hope you will support them with your attendance.

As a result of this enthusiasm and due to lack of attendees, the Connections Bus was cancelled at Easter this year. The Youth Council has been tasked with finding an alternative solution and it is felt that the savings from this can help the young members start something that is of benefit to all young members.

The Parish Council is keen to work on a new 'Community-Led Plan' and will be looking for some support from residents. The idea of the plan is to find out the views of residents on matters concerning things like the environment, community safety, etc. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk or Cllr Steve Burns.

Finally, community safety has been raised as a concern recently with instances of attempted and actual distraction burglaries, break in of sheds, theft of number plates, the various instances at the Co-op to name a few. Owing to concerns that have been raised by residents in relation to community safety schemes, we are keen to find out if these would be supported by residents in the village. John Fuller will be discussing Neighbourhood Watch after the break.

May I take this opportunity to thank Steve Smith for all his hard work on the websites over the last 12 months."

*John Street, Chairman LPC
Tel. 01954 781155*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Longstanton Life,

Once again today the residents of Station Road (between the guided busway and Stanton Avon) have had to put up with sewage flooding our gardens and in my own property within 1/2 inch of flowing over the toilets into the bathrooms due to people flushing inappropriate items down their toilets. One of our residents was shocked to witness the amount of rags etc. Anglia Water engineers were removing from the pumps in the pumping station next to G Webb's yard.

I have attached a copy of a plaque I own and if you could print this, perhaps the message on it will get through to your readers so we don't have to put up with the consequences of the thoughtless behaviour of a few of your readers.

*Thank you
Mrs Ruth Missen*

Longstanton Youth Council's Picnic in the Park



You hopefully will have read the first report from the newly formed Youth Council. They have been working really hard since February to look at both improving the image of the young members of the community but in addition, to provide activities for their peers. They are fully supported by Longstanton Parish Council and along with their ambitious plans, they have been tasked with providing a replacement for the now cancelled Connections Bus.

Their first event is the Picnic in the Park on 25th June 2017 (see advert). I hope you will come and support them. In addition to the picnic (please bring your own food) they will be building bug boxes (they feel that there has been a lot of habitat lost in the area with both Northstowe and the A14) with resources being donated from a wide range of local businesses, a raffle, ice cream van and 'PRS for Music' are supporting them by allowing them a licence to play music free of charge.

PRS for Music licences the use of copyright music across the UK, giving businesses and organisations the legal permission they need to play the music they want.

These licences ensure that music publishers, songwriters and composers are fairly rewarded with royalties so they can keep making music - and mean that we're able to support music at events like this.

For more information about PRS for Music or music licensing, visit www.prsformusic.com or call 0800 068 4828

Finally, if you know of anyone 11-24 who would like to join the youth council or you have some free time to help support them, please do not hesitate to contact us:

youth.council@longstantonvillage.org

Thank you,

Libby White, Parish Clerk



COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Progress Update (1) on the Longstanton Community HUB Project

A year and a half ago, in November 2015, Longstanton Parish Council (LPC) carried out a parish-wide survey to review the state of existing community assets and seek guidance on future direction. This was circulated to all 1,500+ households in the village. The response was an endorsement to build a brand new Community HUB on the Recreation Ground (REC) replacing the existing Pavilion (currently on the REC) and also replace the existing Village Institute (on the High Street). The existing Village Institute would then be sold to help raise funds to build the new HUB. The purpose of this first progress update is to bring you up to date on the first 18 months of the HUB Project.

The Briefing for Architects was to redevelop the existing Pavilion site on the REC into a new multi-use village hall as a Community HUB for Longstanton incorporating the following features:

*Café and external terrace overlooking the playing fields, bowling green and tennis courts *Large hall suitable for badminton and other indoor sports, but able to be divided for smaller group activities *Sports changing rooms (potentially 4 of) to Sports England requirements along with referee facilities *Large function room for both community events and to be hired out e.g. for birthday parties, wedding receptions, etc. *Club room and offices, including a LPC office and HUB Manager's office *Storage facilities for groups using the HUB regularly *Sufficient on-site parking to accommodate a fully occupied HUB.

Some principles were set out to guide the design of the HUB. Firstly, it is to be flexible to cope with as wide a range of community activities as possible, allowing optimal utilisation of the HUB. Secondly, it is to be eco-friendly so that it will be more self-sufficient in energy and water and not a drain on the environment. Thirdly, it should have a good Internet connection for fast web access by all HUB users. There will also be a number of computer/internet terminals available for community use. Fourthly, consideration should be given to specific requirements for clubs and groups using existing REC and Village Institute facilities to smooth their transfer to the HUB. Fifthly, we want to ensure full access for all members of the community, both able and disabled. Lastly, it is planned to have a Library Access Point from which books can be borrowed.

The HUB Project is ambitious and quite complex and involves more than just building a new multi-functional Community HUB. Accordingly, the LPC is progressing the HUB Project on a number of fronts.

The first front is **ARCHITECTURAL**. To follow on from the introductory details above, LPC councillors visited a good number of similar HUBs in the local area to understand the scope and issues involved. A list of community requirements was produced in the Briefing for Architects (see above) that was given to a number of architects. Based on a positive response at a community drop-in at the Village Institute in April 2016, the design from Martindales Architects Ltd (Oakington) was selected from the four submitted designs. We then took this design to *early planning* at South Cambs District Council (SCDC) in November 2016. This was given a strong thumbs-up by SCDC - "a commendable project to provide the facilities required by a growing local community". (Note: *early planning* is technically called Pre-Application Planning and is a step towards full Planning Permission; full Planning Permission would still be required before HUB construction could begin).

Two computer aided simulations from Martindales Architects Ltd



The second front is **GOVERNANCE OF THE HUB**. We need to know in advance how the HUB will be set up legally – this includes ownership. It is also fundamental to have a viable business plan to show, in advance of the final decision to build, how the HUB will operate financially, pay its way and not be a burden on the community in the years ahead. It is important as well to have a clear idea on how the HUB will be managed. Our current thinking about community representation is that HUB trustee directors will be drawn from community groups and individuals who use the HUB, for example: village sports clubs, village social and leisure clubs, regular users of the HUB, Longstanton Parish Council.

South west elevation (view from the bowling green)



The third front is **FUND RAISING**. We need to ensure we have sufficient money to build and operate the HUB. As noted above, LPC has some community assets that can be sold to help fund HUB construction. However, as these assets are unlikely to be enough to fund the whole HUB Project, fund raising will be required to make up the shortfall. **We need much wider community assistance to raise funds for the HUB.** This might include seeking financial support from local firms, local suppliers as well as members of the Longstanton community itself.

The fourth front is **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**. While LPC has initiated a wide range of activities to shape the HUB Project, we must now widen community involvement. In the first instance, we would like to involve sports, social and leisure clubs that use the existing Pavilion and Village Institute. We are also looking for local volunteers who have skills and resources that can help contribute to bringing this Project to fruition: "Your Community HUB needs you".

Please contact the LPC Clerk, Libby White if you wish to find out more about involvement (parish.clerk@long-stantonvillage.org).

Progress Updates on the Longstanton Community HUB will appear in future editions of Longstanton Life in the months ahead.

Neil McPhater, Vice Chairman, Longstanton Parish Council

LONGSTANTON YOUTH COUNCIL



Alison, Kiera, Rory, Jess (back row) Aki and Sophie (front row)

As you may or may not have heard, Longstanton has formed a youth council.

It was after our first two youth cafes that we decided to form our youth council. We wanted this so we could make a change to our community and become a model to other councils. We wanted to give back and act as a link between the youth of Longstanton and the Parish council. Anything from new sports equipment to a bike park, we're looking for any-

thing to improve our village.

Recently we have started working on a Picnic in the Park (25th June 2017). Picnic in the Park is a fun day out where you and your family can gather with other members of Longstanton for a community picnic. We plan on having fun little events, a raffle and an ice cream van. With this event we hope to raise funds for future projects such as a replacement for the Youth Bus, a sensory garden, etc. No matter what we will always consider suggestions from fellow members of the community so feel free to share your views. In case you or anyone you know would like to join the Youth Council, we do have a few vacancies. If so feel free to talk to any council members or contact us at:

youth.council@longstantonvillage.org

Akshita – Youth Council Chairperson

NORTHSTOWE UPDATE

First residents are in

The very first residents of Northstowe moved into their new homes at the end of April. With 26 of the 92 plots on the Bloor Homes site already sold off plan, occupations will take place steadily over the summer months (avg 4-5 per month). A preview and welcome event to mark the first residents moving in took place on 11th May followed by the public launch of the show homes and full marketing suite on 13th May. Things are moving quickly now with construction started on over half of the properties so far. Bloor Homes expect to complete on site within 24 months.



What's happening on site?

Bulk earthworks on the western end of the Phase 1 site and final 'snagging' on the roads around the school were set to complete by the end of May and remaining earthworks will be finished up at the Hatton's Rd ponds by the end of June. Taylor Wimpey, Linden and Bovis have all now started on site and will be soon be followed by Barratt. All are working towards first occupations in the autumn.

Planning News

Gallagher Estates have been working on the draft Maintenance and Management Strategy for Phase 1 open spaces which will be submitted shortly. Pre-application discussions continue with the housebuilders on their subsequent Phase 1 parcels. By agreeing points up front, the District Council Planning service is looking to keep lead times from submission through to approval to a minimum.

Landscape architects Randall Thorp, who have been involved with some of the innovative play areas at Cambourne, have been engaged by Gallagher to look at the design of the 5 main play areas to be provided across Phase 1. Dick Longdin made a call at the April Forum to the local community, young and old, to get actively involved as part of the public consultation process to help guide and shape the final designs selected and potentially challenge some of the traditional concepts of play area design.



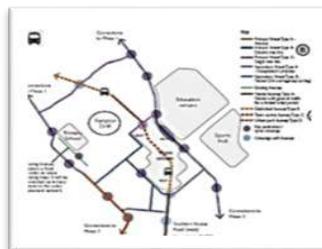
Planning permission for Phase 2 (3500 homes) was granted at the beginning of the year. The draft Design Code was issued for public consultation during April and May and was reviewed by the Quality Panel (group of professional urban designers and experts) on 2 May. It sets out the guiding principles for the look, feel and movement across the development forming a detailed technical guide for the Phase 2 build. Submission of the final document is expected soon.



In conjunction with the Design Code, HCA have engaged landscape architects Chris Blandford Associates to develop the Healthy Living and Youth and Play Strategy to look at healthy living measures and play opportunities that can

be developed to encourage all future residents, whatever age, to

lead active, healthy lifestyles. Local community consultation is currently in progress.



Elsewhere progress appears to be stepping up as initial discussions with the HCA on Phase 3 (for a further 5000 homes) are due to commence in the autumn. All planning applications can be viewed by visiting the Planning pages on www.scams.gov.uk.

Healthy New Town progress

NHS England have provided continued funding for the Healthy New Town programme for the next 2 years to look at how best to provide healthcare for residents and health facilities for the town centre in Phase 2. An activity plan has been drawn up to ensure the Healthy New Town principles are applied to all aspects of the development. Work has also been commissioned to look at older people's accommodation and care needs, population growth and capacity planning for health and social care needs along with the Healthy Living and Youth and Play Strategy.

Community news

The Community Wing at the school is taking shape. The micro self service library is in place, furniture has been delivered and plans are underway to get the pop up café and home working hub up and running soon. Keep an eye out for more details.



The Community Information packs including lots of local information, the history leaflet produced with the help of Hilary Stroude and the LDHS and running and walking routes developed under the guidance of Steve Smith and Libby White, have now been personally delivered to the first new residents by representatives from the Northstowe Community Working Group (NCWG) who will continue to visit residents as they move in. You can take a look at the Residents info on www.northstowe.com. The NCWG are now turning their attention to building a programme of activities and community projects for the coming year so they are looking for any good ideas.

If you would like to join the NCWG or are involved in any groups interested in using the community wing facilities or would like to volunteer for any community activities or projects, please email northstowe.community@scams.gov.uk.

Don't forget to come along to the **next Community Forum and Drop-in on Wednesday 19 July** at The Pathfinder School, Northstowe (access off Station Rd B1050) to get the latest updates and information. Drop-in from 6pm followed by the Forum 7 - 9pm.

Nutan Patel
Project Officer – Northstowe
South Cambridgeshire District Council
Email: northstowe.community@scams.gov.uk

Memories of Pam



Readers of the LLife will have been shocked and saddened to hear of the death after a long illness of Pam Buckridge, on 20 April. Pam was such a shining light in the magazine, particularly during its early years. Her cheerful and positive personality made her an ideal team member and she was a regular on the editorial team from 2002 until mid 2014.

Her enthusiasm, ideas and hard work all helped the LLife evolve from a rather basic, two column, colourless magazine into today's full colour newsletter, consisting of community reports and illustrated features by resident contributors. The fact that it now lives as an inclusive community publication is largely down to Pam's drive.

When Pam ventured onto the High Street in 2003 with her note pad and pen in hand she reported on residents views on contemporary issues and provided photographs to illustrate the text. She reduced replies to her questioning to 'twitter' type lengths ready for publication in the LLife.

Later, she volunteered to be the magazine's treasurer and was responsible for setting-up a disciplined spreadsheet using MSExcel. It's still used in a modified form today.

Her professional approach and ideas stimulated other members of the LLife's editorial team. She also acted as secretary, keeping many an editorial meeting in order.

The novel, self-perpetuating 'Hat Trick' quiz was produced and run by Pam for several years who went round the village to photograph winning contestants wearing large hats of their choice pulled down over their faces. These photographs were subsequently published and all that was required to win was to guess the wearer. The winner then became the wearer of the next hat and so on...

Pam was also a great promoter of the annual Cambridge Building Society magazine awards. Behind the scenes she energetically organised the LLife's entry for several years. Pam wrote this in her report for July 2012: "This year the annual



Community Magazine Awards ceremony took place on 5th July, clashing with our Editorial meeting. I attended on behalf of Longstanton Life and received our Bronze Certificate from Chris Elliot, Senior Reporter at The Cambridge News

who presented all the Awards. After it finished I dashed over to our Editorial meeting to share the excitement of our success."

As a final thought to add to the long list of LLife memories of Pam, was her photograph of our meeting that evening. This photograph appeared on LLife's back cover for the Aug/ Sept issue. I like to think that all our smiles reflected Pam's excitement and happy smiling face as she held her camera.

Tony Cowley



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In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Tuesday 26 September 2017

10am – 12noon

The Dale Community Centre
Longstanton



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LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING

Longstanton Knitting and Crochet Group continue to meet regularly (at least once a month) in the Black Bull Pub at 8pm. We're a friendly knit and natter group who enjoy discussing all things craft and non-craft related while (hopefully) progressing our latest projects over a drink or two. If you're stuck on a project then there is normally someone to figure it out with you!

If you find yourself knitting at home in the evening, then come and knit with us! It's a great way to meet other people in the village who share an interest. We usually meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday in the month, but sometimes add extra meetings (e.g. charity knit nights) depending on interest and demand. The best way to find our next meeting time is to check our Facebook page (see details below). We also use our Facebook page to share tips on upcoming craft courses, yarn sales etc. and to organise joint outings and yarn purchases (shhhh!)

There is no charge for attending - just buy a drink from the bar to support our hosts. If you're thinking of joining us for the first time then we're looking forward to meeting you!

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

*Your enthusiastic knit-committee,
Alice, Samanta & Sarah*

100 CLUB Is 1 Year Old!



A small lottery that has been set up to help raise money for the proposed re-ordering project in All Saints' Church, Longstanton.

You can take part in the project's realisation. Have the chance to win some money back like our previous winners.

100 Club Winners so far:

April: 1st – No.39, 2nd – No.74

May: 1st – No.48, 2nd – No.66

A donation of £2 per number per month (for a year) will buy you entry into the lottery. The lottery will be drawn monthly with a chance to win £40 (based on 100 members).

For more details and a full set of rules please contact: Louise Gamon at louise.gamon@gmail.com or 07429 317803

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

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Longstanton
Charity Registration Number 1115069

HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to all of Longstanton.

The time is passing so quickly this year. I cannot believe that at the time of writing this, there are only 8 weeks left of this academic year.

We are all looking forward to returning to the centre of the village and settling back into Hatton Park's usual residence. The build continues to progress well and on time. Kier have remained their usual respectful selves and have kept the local residents

informed, listening to any concerns and acting on them. For this, we are all very grateful. We are also very excited to make use of the new spaces on offer. In addition to the usual main hall, there will be a dance studio, large food technology room and a beautifully re-designed Reception outdoor classroom. Mrs Alexander is also very excited to have her office space extended! We are planning to hold a welcome week in the new school year and will be giving the community the chance to come and look at our wonderful school. Do look out for more details in the next issue of Longstanton Life.

There have been some wonderful opportunities for the children recently. We have welcomed in some furry friends in the form of puppies. The Year 1 children were very keen to learn all about how they are cared for by their mum and then by their owner. The children showed great

respect and care towards the visitors and learned a huge amount. We are also very excited that some eggs we have been incubating have hatched. We are hoping to keep some of these

chicks as part of our school family when we return to our building. They will have their own space and help the children learn more about animal care and its associated responsibilities. If anyone in the village community has any chicken-care related items that they no longer require, do let us know.

The children have also got some exciting school trips coming up. Classes will be visiting Woburn Safari Park, Hunstanton Sea Life Centre and beach, Cambridge City Centre and our oldest children have the opportunity to visit Grafham Water on a residential trip. Our School Council did a great job of organising and selling Red Noses for Comic Relief. These, coupled with a 'Wacky Hair' day raised a good amount of money for a worthy charity.

Our Year 3 and 4 children staged a wonderful production of The Pirates of the Curry Bean. In two weeks, they learned lines and lyrics and wowed their audiences. Huge thanks go to the staff and parents who helped make it happen. We are now looking forward to the Year 5 and 6 production of Matilda later in the term. We also welcomed in the Co-Op to hand out prizes for their Easter Egg Design competition. Well done to the winners and thank you to all those that got involved and put in an entry.

We are also looking forward to our annual Summer Fete (see below for more details from the Friends of Hatton Park School). This year it will be on Saturday 8th July at 11 o'clock. Do take a walk to the Pathfinder School site in Northstowe and support our Friends of Hatton Park School event.

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL

Hello from the Friends of Hatton Park School.

Firstly, we have a date for your diary. On Saturday 8th July between 11am and 1pm Hatton Park School will be hosting a Summer Fete. This will take place at the new Pathfinder School while the extension is being built at our old school. If you haven't been up to

the Pathfinder school building yet then this is a good time to have a look around! We have loads of activities planned including a free circus skills workshop, bouncy castles, and a barbeque. There will also be a raffle and if you have any prizes that you could donate then we would be very grateful. Also the children have been putting a lot of work into

planning their own stalls and practising demonstrations of the various activities they do at school. It would be wonderful if the village could come along and support the hard work of the children of Longstanton. So, we would love to see you there for a glass of Pimms.

Secondly, if you haven't already noticed Friends of Hatton Park School is one of the charities you can nominate for the Co-op to donate funds to. For this to happen we really need Co-op members to log into their account and choose Friends of Hatton Park School to receive a donation. Currently we are fundraising to provide the school with a new digital camera for the children to use in their school work. If you don't have a Co-op card it is really easy to get one, just ask in store.



LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

Little Leprechauns is your local friendly parent-run toddler group for children aged 0-4 years with their parents/carers. We meet in the Village Institute from 9.30am until 11am for an informal stay-and-play session. There's no need to make a weekly commitment - just show up on the day. We ask for a £1 donation per family. Most of the session is devoted to free play with our range of toys, with a quiet(-ish) story and snack time followed by an optional craft. Every week the children enjoy a snack of fresh fruit at story time, and the parents might be able to sneak in a cheeky biscuit with their cuppa.

The children have been making some exciting crafts this term. You may have seen the new displays we've been creating on the walls of the Village Institute, including St. George and the dragon for St. George's day, rainbows and shamrocks for St Patrick's day, Easter bunnies

and eggs over Easter and lately a giant sunflower. We've planted sunflower seeds, made jewelled crowns for Her Majesty's birthday, and made our own tasty pizzas to take home and cook for lunch.

We're sad to say good-bye to Charlotte Poole who is shortly leaving the committee. Charlotte, thank you very much for your tireless help in running the group! If you have a child who will attend the group with you and you'd like to be on the committee, please speak to one of the remaining members - Felicity, Emma, Alice or Lucy.

The group continue to be grateful to the Longstanton Co-Op for the donation of fruit for the children.

Please see our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/littleleprechaunslongstanton>

Alice Burrell



VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



We have just started our outdoor bowls season for 2017. The weather for Opening Day on 22nd April was remarkably warm and sunny, so the opening roll-up was well attended. Typically, the weather turned chilly for our opening league matches, so the cup of tea at the end of the game was very welcome. I'm sure we will be applying sun cream and buying cooling drinks from the bar before long though.

We are bowling in new divisions this season as both Cambridge and District teams gained promotion last season. This year's challenge is to stay up! We have also joined a new afternoon league – Ely and District. This is played on Monday and Friday afternoons at 2pm. There is a break for tea and biscuits half way through the game, so it all very sociable. Add to that the two Mixed and one Men's team in

the Business Houses Pairs league, and there are well over 100 fixtures on our bowls club calendar squeezed into the four months of the outdoor season.

New members are always welcome, from experienced to novice. There are regular club night roll-ups on Monday evenings at 6pm, so everyone gets the chance to play bowls even if they do not want to play in matches. If you would like to give it a go then come down to the bowls green on the recreation ground on a Monday evening at 6pm where there will be someone to help you. We have bowls you can borrow, just wear flat shoes.

Please contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email marionedwards1@btinternet.com for more details, or visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk.

*Look forward to seeing you!
Corinne Walsham*

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

The tennis season is now well under way and, after a chilly April, we're hoping for lots of warm and sunny summer days. The club is going from strength to strength, with new members joining all the time, so do please get in touch or visit our website www.longstantontennis.co.uk if you'd like to find out more.

23rd April was a big day for the club because it was our first ever junior match against another club. Organised by our coach David Nation, Longstanton age 10-11 boys took on local club Histon. Each team played two doubles matches followed by one singles. It was a great experience for everyone involved and hopefully will be the start of some regular local fixtures; in fact there was a follow-up match the very next weekend! David also plans to run a junior tournament at the club over the summer. His group coaching sessions have been so popular that these are now held on two nights a week; mini juniors, older juniors and adults on a Tuesday, with a more advance junior class and adult class on Thursdays. Classes are open to both non-members and members (although you can benefit from reduced rates by becoming a member) so do please get in touch with David on davidnation@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested.

Adult matches (both mixed and mens) will be starting soon, with a full fixture list in the Business Houses League running over the next couple of months. We'll keep you posted on the results in the next issue! Also, by the time you read this, we will have had our Cheese and Wine night - the first social event of the season - and held the ballot for Wimbledon tickets.

Another event that has become a regular fixture in the tennis club calendar was the welly wanging stall at the St Georges Day fun day.

Many thanks to everyone from the club who volunteered to run the stall and help raise some valuable funds for Friends of All Saints' Church. The event was blessed with a wonderful afternoon of warm sunny weather, perfect conditions for setting a new record throw. Congratulations also to Natasha, who was the lucky winner of a year's free tennis club membership in the competition we ran on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you soon on our lovely newly resurfaced courts.

Sarah Ballard



The Longstanton and Histon junior tennis teams playing their first ever match, organised by coach David Nation.

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



The cricket season has got off to its usual cold and damp start. But as we look to the next week of better weather we are ever optimistic for the rest of the season.

We are fielding teams in the U10, U11, U13 and U15 age groups for the juniors and we have 2 men's teams, a mid week league and a Sunday league team. All the teams will have played at least one match by the time you read this with some losses and some wins. Notably the U15s won their first match in over a year, and the team was made up of more than 50% U13s including two of our girls U13 county players.

If you want a restful afternoon with a freshly pulled pint from the Pavilion you can catch the men's cricket on Saturday afternoons at the Longstanton Recreation ground. With the chance of church bells chiming in the background you can't get anything more quintessentially English.

Junior teams play on mid-week evenings with a 6pm start. Check in the Pavilion for fixture dates.

If you like a more action packed ambience you can witness 40+ youngsters all in training on a Friday evening at the recreation ground. The BBQ is going and the family atmosphere is magic with parents socialising and younger siblings playing in the park.

The season is short for the juniors - by the time you receive your next magazine they'll have finished so don't miss out, come and cheer them on.

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017



Longstanton Colts Football Club continues to go from strength to strength: as a club we are now providing football coaching and matches for over 150 boys & girls, ranging from 5 to 17 years old. This season has seen our Under 17's become league champions, which is a fantastic achievement for Paul Key and his team.

Next season we will be adding more teams to our club, which will include a Soccer Tots Group for the Reception age children, an Under 6's, a lady's team and a men's team. Growth like this can only be achieved by the support of our numerous volunteers, coaches and sponsors, without whom we would not exist.

The support of the village is a key part of our club and we would like to welcome you all to our End of Season Presentation Day, June 4th from 1pm at the recreation ground. All players will receive their medals from the Club, along with the Managers Presentation trophies.

The BBQ will be running all afternoon, with numerous activities organised for the boys and girls. These will include 2 inflatable pitches, provided by Cambridge United as part of our partner status with them.

Please come along and support this valuable asset to the village, which next season will offer football to in excess of 250 boys, girls, men & women.

*Neil Scrivener
U9 Team Coach/Manager*

Note from the Chair:

Longstanton Football Club has many things to be proud of but it is facing a number of key challenges in supporting the growth, notably:
- The lack of an adequate amount of pitches to play football on.
Our only full size pitch will see five teams playing on one pitch in

2017/18 season. The club will inevitably have to cancel more matches and rent pitches in villages with better facilities at cost of £40-£50 per game.

- No all-weather facilities or floodlights available here in Longstanton. The club has to use neighbouring villages of Over, Cottenham, Bar Hill and Histon at a cost of £20 per session. The club and its members have had to spend c. £2,500 to allow the players and coaches to have midweek training.
- Inadequate changing facilities.

Although the younger members of our club do not traditionally use changing facilities the lack of these facilities are becoming a higher priority with the expanding older teams now playing for the club.

The lack of investment in adequate sporting facilities in a rapidly growing village is an area of major concern for our club. The committee are currently exploring a number of options to decide the club's future model. These include: moving to Northstowe; stopping club expansion and trying to find land to extend into.

On a positive note the club has maintained its FA Chartered Status with all our teams now having FA qualified coaches; the necessary safeguarding criteria are in place and the FA's RESPECT programme is being delivered. The club and its members have been working collaboratively with the other sports groups in the village and have been doing considerable work on the pitches to improve playing conditions. A volunteer groundsman is now in place for Longstanton Football Club who is marking out pitches, doing maintenance work and generally keeping the recreation ground in a more desirable state particularly when it is not serviced by the Parish Council's grounds maintenance contract in the winter months. I think the improving condition of the recreation ground is evident and we would like to thank Brookfield Groundcare and our other village sports clubs for helping achieve these improvements.

*Brian O'Sullivan
Club Chairman, Longstanton Football Club*



The Fen Gallop 2017 Sunday 9th July

Plenty of time to sign up!

Adult 10K £14 // Adult 4 mile £8 // Child 4 mile £5

Last year we raised over £4000 for village organisations. Our popular 10K flat and fast route, and a 4 mile fun run! This year we have unique wooden medals to give to all participants!

Register now at:

<https://www.riderhq.com/events/71759/fen-gallop-2017/enter>

Keep up to date via our Facebook Page and website.

We are very grateful to Tylers Estate Agents and Thomson Webb and Corfield for their generous sponsorship again this year.

LIVE
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80's, Soul, Motown and so much more...
Saturday 10th June
From 8.30pm - Free entry - Late bar

BLACK BULL – LONGSTANTON

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6-8 Week Baby Checks Please book an appointment at the Surgery for your baby's 6-8 week baby check as these will no longer be sent to you in the post. This is a double appointment (20 mins) and can be booked alongside mum's postnatal check. Baby Immunisations cannot be given until baby has received their 6-8 week check.

Urine Samples We have new forms for patients to fill in when dropping off urine samples at reception. The information requested makes it easier for the nurses to test and process the sample and decide if any treatment is needed.

Travel Vaccinations If you are travelling abroad this summer please remember to check if you need any travel vaccinations. You can book an appointment with one of our nurses who will be happy to check for you.

Patient Participation Group The next meeting of our PPG group will be held at Willingham Surgery on Thursday 8th June at 1.15-3.15pm. If you would like to get involved please come along and join us.

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

Repeat Prescriptions Help the NHS to reduce waste by only ticking the repeat items that you actually need.

Self-Care Medication It is very helpful if some minor conditions are treated with over the counter medicines. Why not pop into our Willingham Pharmacy and stock up your medicine cabinet.

Carers Support Meetings Our next meetings at Willingham Surgery are on **June 7th and July 5th, 2pm – 4pm**. Please pop along and get some free support and advice.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are **21st June, 19th July & 16th August 2-4pm**. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

The Foot Care Clinic at Willingham Surgery run by Mrs Casey Javed is every Monday and some Wednesday mornings. For appointments please call **01480 301337** or 07807 505534 or visit www.stiveschirocopy.co.uk.

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

Sharon Unwin – Practice Manager - June 2017

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

Our Award-winning Team at the Over Day Centre



Congratulations to all of the team, volunteers and wonderful clients of the Over Day Centre on winning the Outstanding Local Service or Amenity Award at the South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Awards on 9th March.

The Community Awards, sponsored by Hill and hosted by Council Chairman Cllr Sue Ellington, have been running for seven years and aim to honour some of the people who make a difference in their community.

In making the award, the Day Centre was described as providing



a much needed place for elderly and isolated residents and their carers to come together to receive help, support and care with daily living, form friendships and socialise, and integrate with the wider community through established links with the school, church, community centre

and local interest groups.

Thank you to all in the local community for your continued support of our award-winning centre.

Ian Hunter, Over Day Centre

The Pavilion

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



We would like to thank everyone for bearing with us after the recent break-in. The side door is not a pleasant sight for anyone but at least we have found out where all the heat goes! We are hoping that by the time you read this all the doors will have been repaired and that the spate of break-ins are now finished.

The cricket season is upon us hopefully with some sun (I know we need the rain) and look forward to seeing matches during the week and on Saturday with practice on Friday nights. Please support the cricket burgers, we know our staff do!

Bowls has already started and the roll up nights on Monday are well underway.

We are looking forward to the football end of season do, the Lucy

Florence fun day on 10th June (raffle tickets on sale at the Pavilion), and the picnic in the park. Check out the posters for the dates, they are shown on the Pavilion wall notice board. Please come along and support these events.

The beer festival (part of St George's Day) went really well and we are proposing to have another event in the autumn. If you have any beers that you would like to see included please let us know.

Let's hope it is a warm summer and we can all get together on the sports field and enjoy this facility.

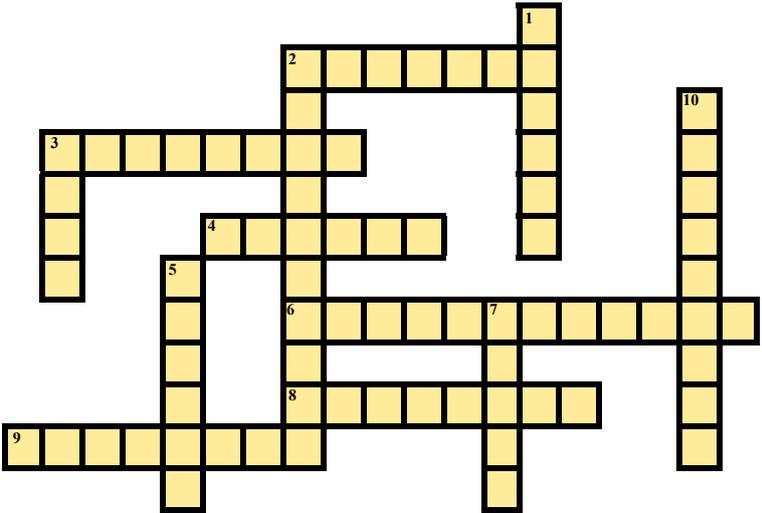
Michael, Suzanne and The Pavilion Team



SUMMER WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION

In this issue we have a word puzzle competition. Using the clues, find the words which are all related to Summer. It's that easy!

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| Across | Down |
| 2. Coastal area (7) | 1. Racket sport (6) |
| 3. Natural beam of light (8) | 2. Building on the beach (10) |
| 4. Meal eaten outside (6) | 3. Move through water (4) |
| 6. Red fruit(s) (12) | 5. Seed-bearing part of plant (6) |
| 8. Goes well with Pimms (8) | 7. Shore (5) |
| 9. Outdoor cooking (8) | 10. Famous tournament (9) |



To enter the competition, send your solved puzzles to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing an electronic version to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com before **Friday 23 June**. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive a plant of their choice (to the value of £10), kindly donated by **Oakington Garden Centre**.

The winner will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!



EASTER BUNNY HUNT WINNER

The lucky winners of the Easter bunny hunt competition were Jayman (7 years) and his sister Moria Howard (9 years), both pictured here with their chocolate bunny! Congratulations to you both!



The total number of green bunnies in the magazine were 27.

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The Bell Ringers are progressing well, and slowly but surely are moving onto more complicated methods. We entered two bands into the striking competition at Comberton Parish Church. We didn't win any silverware this year, but we came very close to winning the two sections. Perhaps next year! We would be pleased to see anyone who would like to try and perhaps continue to learn to ring the bells.

If you are interested in learning to ring don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email on mikec321@btinternet.com or tel. 07768 735910

Mike Cartwright

Ball Room Dancing

Well, another Longstanton Life and we are nearly into June (half way through the year). It's a fact the busier we all get the faster time flies - a bit like some of our dances, namely the Jive, Quick Step, Cha Cha, etc. We have had an interesting term, with new steps learnt, forgotten and then remembered further down the line. We would encourage couples who can dance to come and join us. Unfortunately we are unable to teach beginners without a teacher on site. This may change and if it does we would be pleased to see new dancers or would-be dancers to come and join us.

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LONGSTANTON WILDLIFE

Summer seems to be finally just around the corner, and, as some of you will be starting to think about heading to the beach, why not see what wildlife we can find in this extraordinary habitat? Of course there are plenty of seagulls, as well as other birds such as herring gulls, common terns and gannets. A great way to see more wildlife at the beach is to go rock pooling. It is best to go when the tide is out and you can lean over the



small pools of water that have formed on the rocky shoreline. You can find many different species of minibeasts such as shrimps, crabs, starfish, snails, small fish, anemones, molluscs, barnacles, and, who knows you may even find a lobster in the larger pools! Common plants you might

see include seaweed, kelp, sea-lavender and marine algae. You might even see some mammals along the coastline such as seals or

otters! These species have to be quite hardy as they have to survive the constant changes in the harsh environment such as the thrashing of the waves, changing water temperature, decreasing oxygen levels and exposure to sunlight for long periods of time. You'll need to wear sensible shoes. You can also look under rocks but remember to put everything back the way you found it so as not to disturb wildlife or their habitat. Take care when rock pooling by the sea and make sure that children are supervised by an adult. For those of you staying around Longstanton, why not go and check out the wildlife in the village or go visit the RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes where there are number of events during the summer (see poster below). Whatever you do, remember to take photos and maybe even send them to Longstanton Life for the next issue! Most of all, have fun discovering wildlife this summer!!

Manjeet Bolla



At the time of writing, we are in May and bird migration has stepped up a notch. The reserve is crawling with birds, with the hedgerows in particular being rammed full of migratory songsters. A short walk around Ferry lagoon gives you the opportunity to hear ten different species of warbler including reed warbler, sedge warbler, garden warbler and blackcap. The level of noise in the mornings is quite spectacular as the males sing to claim territories and attract a mate, meaning an early morning walk is a rather noisy affair.



Red-footed falcon
Photo credit: Jeremy Lindsay

On Friday 5th May there was a noticeable increase of swifts and hobbies hawking around above the lakes, catching insects and feeding upon them in flight. However, the reserve was also graced with a special visitor, a female red-footed falcon. The bird was seen near the car park as it scurried around on the ground catching insects. She remained until at least the Sunday evening and delighted onlookers as she whizzed through the air in search of insect prey to fuel her on the next part of her journey.

The reserve is currently buzzing with life and there is always something to see. Moreover, there are a series of events taking place at the reserve across the summer. All the events can be found on our website (rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes), some of them are also listed opposite. So why not plan a visit for a summertime stroll or book onto one of our events such as our overnight mothathon where we will be investigating which of these nocturnal beauties call Fen Drayton Lakes home.

Luke Wake
Assistant Warden, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes



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VOLUNTEER(S) URGENTLY NEEDED!

After 10 years of coordinating the distribution of Longstanton Life, Margaret Hunt is retiring and moving away from the village. This issue is the last one she is involved with and we are extremely sad to see her go! Margaret has done a very important job for Longstanton Life and the whole village, and we are hoping that someone will come forward and take over this role.

The job requires a few hours of your time on one day every couple of months. You will receive a delivery of the magazine from our printers, divide it into batches and then deliver these to our distributors around the village (who then distribute individual magazines to the houses in their areas).

If you are interested in joining the team and need more information, Margaret is happy to explain how to do it. Just email her on margaret@jmcarpetscare.com or ring 07776 257631.

The Editorial Team



FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH LONGSTANTON

Thank you...



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

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

Despite a bit of a damp start, the weather rapidly improved throughout the day, the sun came out, ice creams were in evidence 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, traditionally we see our St George's Day event as an opportunity for us to get together and welcome in the start of the summer season; certainly by three in the afternoon, it felt like summer had well and truly arrived.

This was our eleventh year of us holding this event and what always amazes us is the incredible generosity of the local community. It could not take place without the support of the Longstanton community and also our regular sponsors from the

local business sector who, year-on-year, generously support us and our cause.



We thank Brookfield Groundcare, our key sponsors this year, who very kindly supported our main cash prize, as well as other prizes.

We were also supported by Taylor Wimpey, the Longhorn Farmshop and Entire Group [based at Swavesey], who all made generous donations towards our fundraising efforts.

As always, we are indebted to the Longstanton Pavilion management for the use of their facilities, the Air and Army Cadets as well as the wider community of Longstanton who each year, turn out on the day and help make it all happen.



We're still counting, but on the day we raised over £1,900. As always we are 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 'BT MyDonate' link on the Friends website:

<http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk/>



But it's not just about money, it's also about 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 us their time and energy and encouragement to make this popular event such a success.

This year 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 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 fundraising and local engagement as we seek to modernise the church building here in Longstanton for use not only by todays community, but also for future generations.



The interest shown by those who visited us during our St. George's Day fun day, as well as the funds raised, always provides us with encouragement to make the church re-ordering project a reality.

Once again 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

Church Times

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Don't forget our regular Monday afternoon **CAKE CLUB** where everyone is welcome. We are open from 2-4 pm during term time

so come along, enjoy a piece of delicious home-made cake and a nice cup of tea or coffee. An ideal place to meet with friends and catch up on the week's events.

We hold services every Sunday at 9.30am with an All Age Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Do come and join us.

If you would like more information on any of the above or have questions about baptism, marriages or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact our Administrator, Gillian Beal 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk or one of our two vicars: Rev. Julie Anderson 01954 231496 julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk or Rev. Lynda Davies 01954 202912 relyndadavies559@gmail.com. Or, you can contact one of the Church Wardens Roger Valentine 01954 230519 rvalen6199@aol.com or Sue Gamon 01954 782371 sgcatures64@gmail.com

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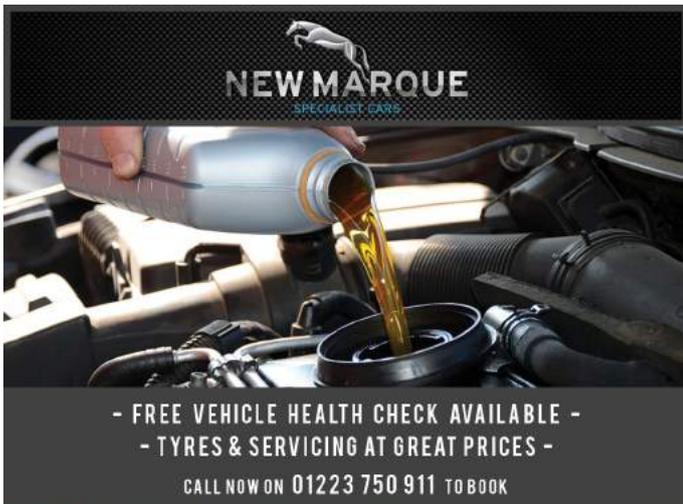
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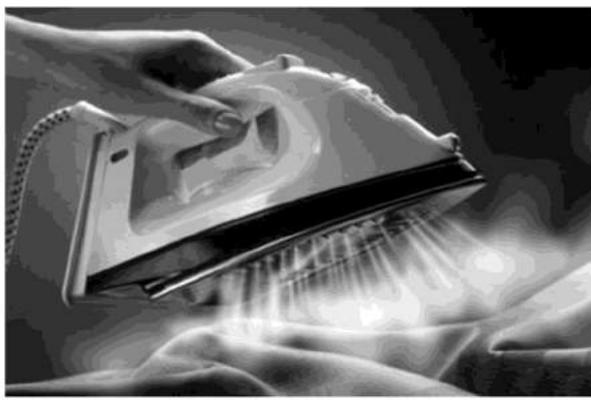


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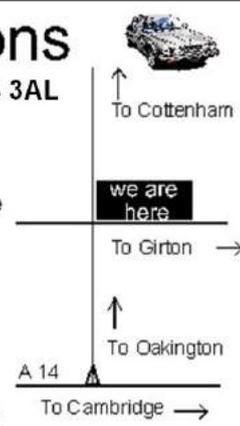
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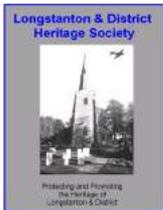
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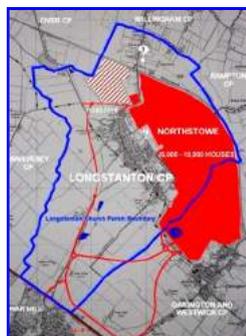
On the 7 May this year we celebrated our 10th Anniversary - so we wish Happy Birthday to all our present members for supporting us so well in our many endeavours in the cause of LDHS Heritage, over the last 10 eventful years! (We also must offer our thanks for those members who are no longer with us, who supported us so enthusiastically in the early years)

Looking back over 9 years of **LDHS Newsletters**, the 10th is still being worked on, the sheer variety of themes tackled by our small team of trustees becomes apparent. Northstowe has dominated our thinking and has been a driver: how to integrate Longstanton and Northstowe Heritage which is all encompassed within our District?



However, on a more fundamental note having established our written constitution, which resulted in our inauguration at a public meeting on the 7 May, 2007, our aim has been the same: to establish, if it were at all possible, a museum that not only reflects Longstanton's rural and military past but to be a repository for finds under the Northstowe footprint within Longstanton's parish boundary - see blue outline on map.

We have published openly the aims of our organisation, it's successes and to receive input from our members and non-members: A **LDHS website** was created; more recently a '**Facebook**' page; as well as over **50 public talks** in 9 years, on varied subjects relating to local history and in the LLife this '**LDHS Update**' page, 6 times annually.



Amongst our notable achievements has been our campaign to save buildings on the former airfield site, now known as the '**Heritage Core**', and many of the unique **Oakington Pill** boxes originally created to defend the airfield during WWII.

Over the years a series of very fruitful meetings between ourselves and HCA and others has now resulted in the inclusion of these words within the legally binding Northstowe Phase II S106 agreement: "**Longstanton District Heritage Society Display Facilities**, means the accommodation of display and storage facilities for the Longstanton District Heritage Society within part

of the community facilities or public realm within the Development the details and location of which are to be developed as part of the Heritage Strategy." Music to our ears, however, now is not the time to relax our efforts, we need your support more than ever now...

Reports of last two talks in the spring season

'Recent Archaeological Studies on the Wimpole Estate'

by **Michael Coles**, Friday 7 April. Michael's talk was well illustrated, presented in a confident style and in a quiet manner that belied an expert knowledge of his subject. He covered the various archaeological finds found by careful field walking over several years and not by digs. Close analysis of these revealed that the area, roughly covered by the Wimpole Estate, had been the site of various settlements throughout the ages going back to Saxon, Roman, Norman, ... right up to the middle ages and more recent times, early 1900s. These easily obtained artefacts nevertheless painted a fascinating picture of the Wimpole Estate over the last 2,000 years.



Michael Coles

'Suffragettes and Votes for Women' by **Mary Dicken**,

Friday 5 May. Despite several minor technical problems, Mary gave a well presented talk on the history of the suffragette movement from 1890 until women were granted the vote first in 1918 and then 1928. It was founded by Emmeline Pankhurst; she and Cristobel, her eldest daughter, were the leading figures in the movement. Many ladies (approx. 1000), were imprisoned for their cause before women's suffrage was granted by parliament. Finally, LDHS members gave



Suffragettes demonstrating publically

Mary a well deserved round of applause and there were many questions (Mary is chairman of the Sawston Village History Society and a trustee of the Challis Trust which runs a community garden in Sawston and is currently setting up a Museum).

If you would like to join LDHS ring **Hilary Stroude** on a new number **07595907300** to request a membership form. Please leave a message with your name, address and telephone number. A membership form will then be sent out to you. Thank you.

Tony Cowley



LDHS Public Talks Autumn 2017

- Friday 1 Sept: **AGM followed by 'Samuel Pepys'** by Dr Gordon Hewlett
- Friday 6 Oct: **'Basket Making in Cambridgeshire'** by Gill Shapland
- Friday 3 Nov: **TBA**

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.

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