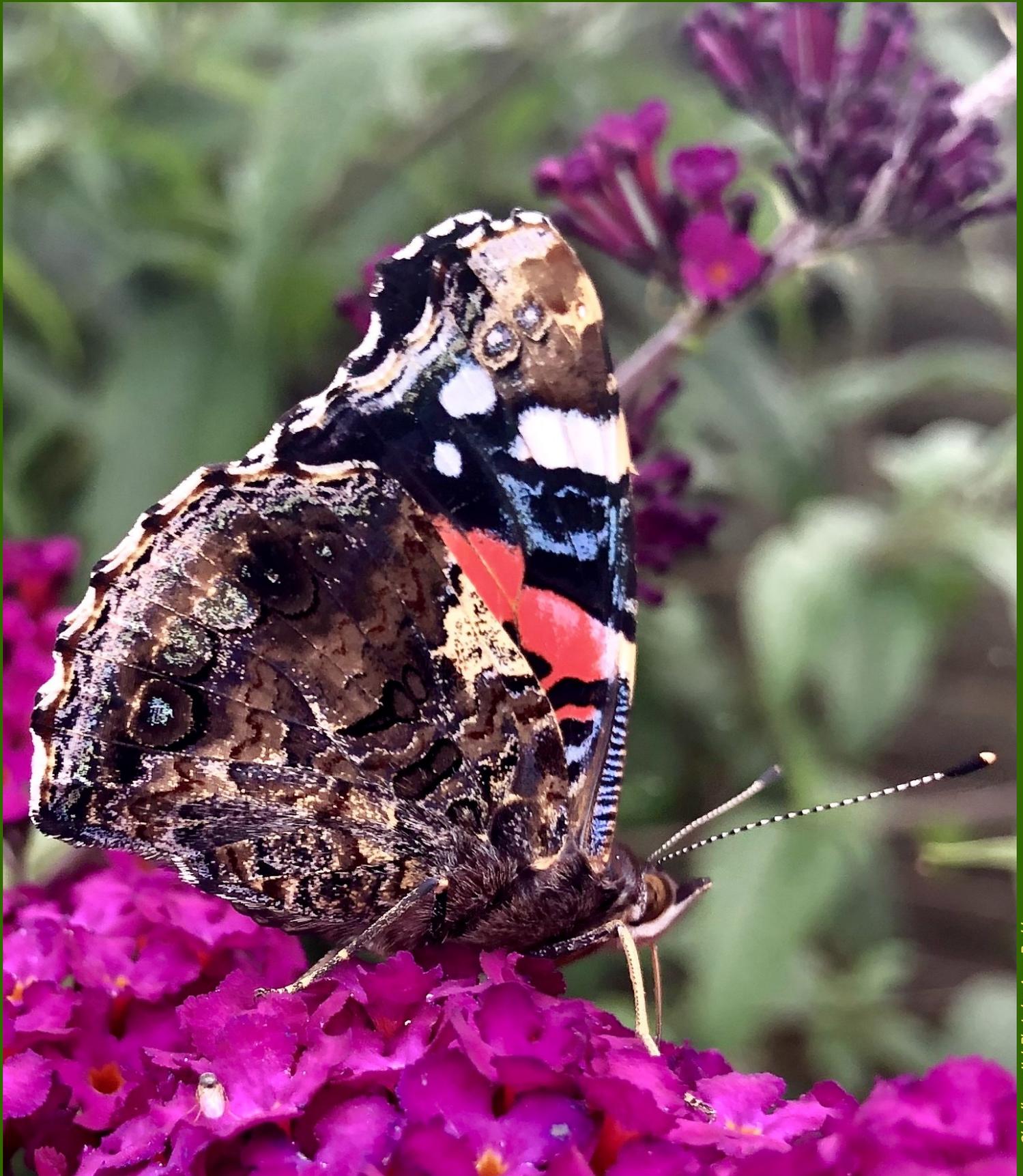


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Life in Your Locality



Oh hello, pretty! Photo by Anna Rudd.

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VILLAGE DIARY

SUNDAY	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1100	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
3rd of month	1600-1800	Messy Church	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
MONDAY	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	1800-2000	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
2nd of month	1930	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)	
3rd of month	1945	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
TUESDAY	1000-1200	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Tennis - Junior and adult coaching	The Pavilion		coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk
	1830-2000	Adult Cricket training (May-August)	Recreation Ground	Wayne Markillie	07737 313225
	1900-1945	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	1900-2100	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory / Martin	07523 854251 / 07535 646234
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
WEDNESDAY	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1910-2130	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154
	1900-2100	Bell ringers practice	All Saints' Church	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
THURSDAY	0630-0715	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1000-1100	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Junior coaching and team play	The Pavilion		coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk
	1900-1945	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	1900	Football training	Recreation Ground	Luke McAvoy	07795 321494
	1900-2000	Ballroom Dancers, beginners	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
	2000-2100	Ballroom Dancer, advanced	Hatton Park School	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
FRIDAY	0930-1100	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Jane Hordern	07960952182
	1400-1600	Afternoon tea (over 55s)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180
SATURDAY	0915-1000	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803

* It should be noted that the Village Institute is available for hiring for a variety of functions; provisional bookings can be made via <http://community.longstantonvillage.org/village-institute/>. Email: villageinstitute@gmail.com or telephone **01954 782323**. The Pavilion also offers private party function facilities, discuss your requirements for any family & friends gatherings - e.g. weddings, birthdays, funerals, with **Michael Binks** on **01954 782333** or email longstantonpav@btinternet.com

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



A truly historic moment in the commercial life of Longstanton...

Answers to Memory Lane June/July 2019

What: Now in private hands but when the railway first came to Longstanton, in the late 1890s, this building was the 'Railway Tavern' public house.

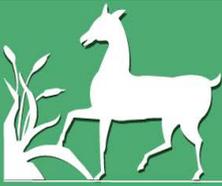


LDHS via HAE Stroude, c2005

Where: Some 100 m on the left hand side over the guided bus track (railway track) on the Station Road.

LONGSTANTON VILLAGE MARKET

On the Village Green, Nelson Crescent. Saturday 10am to 12:30pm.
June 29, September 7, October 12, December 7



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LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

We are now half way through a lovely and hot summer, and the school holidays have just started. For those of us who still have to drive to work every day, the lack of traffic is fantastic! Are you going on holiday anywhere interesting? Would you like to share your holiday stories/photos with our readers? Please send us a photo postcard, we will print it in our next issue. Also, don't miss our holiday-themed competition on page 15.

With this issue we say goodbye to Mike Cartwright, who is moving away to Holt in Norfolk. For many years Mike kept us updated on Longstanton's bell ringing and ball room dancing. On page 12 you can read his final columns – good luck Mike, we wish you all the best for your future in Holt!

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, so if you would like to find out more about it - go to the Science Zone on page 7.

Also in this issue: the Longstanton Speedwatch Team are looking for new volunteers to join them so check for more info on page 9 if you are interested. There is a story about the Over Day Centre Celebratory Bike Rides on page 13. This Is My Theatre will be performing two plays in Longstanton, so put 24th August in your diary and come to see Wind in the Willows and The Importance of Being Earnest in St Michael's Church. For show times and more details see pages 5 and 6. And definitely do not miss the Longstanton Village Market on 7th September on the village green from 10am and the Michaelmas Fair in St Michael's church on 28th September from 1pm.

Have a lovely and sunny summer holiday, everyone! We look forward to receiving your letters and submissions at the beginning of September.

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1/8	N/A	£58/70	£116/140	£75/90	£150/180
Line	N/A	£12	£24		

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Heidi Allen



Many of you share my concerns about the acute pressures on our NHS. Last month, I called a debate in Parliament to challenge the Health Minister about this and to press for a much-needed increase in funding. The level of local funding does not reflect the fact that Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing counties. During the debate, the Minister agreed to meet me and our Clinical Commissioning Group's Chief Executive to discuss these concerns in more detail. I will let you know how that meeting goes.

Climate change is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenges of our time. The recent announcement committing the UK to net-zero carbon emissions, ending the UK's contribution to climate change by 2050, is welcome. I'll be working with a cross-party group of MPs to come up with some tangible targets that we'll be campaigning to have embedded in the next Queen's Speech. Committing our ambitions to the next Government's legislative programme would be, without doubt, the most effective way of focusing minds.

In local news, the Government has re-opened the Rural Community Energy Fund - a £10 million programme to support rural communities in England to develop community-based renewable energy projects. Further details are available here: www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is consulting on the Local Transport Plan. Open until 27th September, the consultation will help to shape how we deal with the challenges of a growing area sustainably. Details are available here: www.heidiallen.co.uk/category/updates/transport/

Finally, Great Northern has called for ideas about how the £15 million compensation fund, paid as a result of last year's disruption, should be spent. If you'd like to have your say, please go to www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/the-fund/ before 31st July.

My next "by appointment" surgery is on Friday 16th August, 3pm - 5pm at my new offices at 2 Mill Yard, Childerley, CB23 8BA. If you would like an appointment, please call my office on 01223 830037.

As Parliament breaks for Summer recess and I'll be at home more, I'll be holding a series of "pop up" surgeries in cafes, garden centres and pubs across the constituency: www.heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries/

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

Heidi

County Councillor

Peter Hudson



Northstowe Library is included in a unique partnership in Cambridgeshire to imagine and design future models for all libraries across the UK The proposed 'Cambridgeshire Model' programme, developed in partnership with global social enterprise Civic, offers a unique opportunity for the County Council to help boldly re-imagine and re-design the UK's 3,000 libraries, piloting it right from the heart of Cambridgeshire.

The 54 libraries across Cambridgeshire span the diversity of some of the most deprived rural communities in the country, the vibrancy and opportunity offered through our major urban centers and market towns, through to the 40,000 new homes planned in brand new towns. This unique network of physical spaces across a huge breadth of community settings, coupled with the County Council's ambition to ensure our libraries are at the heart of our communities, is an ideal test bed for new ideas and to develop blueprints for libraries that are replicable and scalable across the UK and beyond.

The 'Cambridgeshire Model' will take a fast-paced, highly practical piloting approach to re-designing and re-energising the public library network, to work harder for both residents and the council. The proposed process is to develop five models of 'Libraries of the Future' that reflect the diversity of communities and contexts around the UK. The idea is that each library will be a close fit to one of the models, making it simple and cost-effective to replicate across the region and ultimately, the country. To carry out this work, it is proposed to pilot these models in seven libraries to begin with, **including the new build at Northstowe**. Ideas and solutions will be designed, tested and refined in partnership with communities before being rolled-out, if successful, to all Cambridgeshire libraries over the next three years of the project.

This project offers a unique opportunity for our County Council to lead the way in re-imagining the UK's 3,000 libraries as the sustainable platform for delivering a much wider range of public services. We would like to do so in wholly new ways that improve the life chances and opportunities for all of our residents.

County Council Funded Health Checks

Free health checks are being offered to residents aged 40-74 years to help detect early health issues before they do real damage. The 20-30 minute checks, funded through the County Council's Public Health budget, will include monitoring blood pressure, weight, cholesterol and lifestyle factors that influence health. By booking a check, our residents can find out how likely they are to get heart or kidney disease, diabetes or have a stroke in the future and, if the likelihood is high, advice on how to reduce this. Those aged over 65 are also told about the signs and symptoms of dementia. Between April 2017 and March 2018, over 20,500 Health Checks were completed across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, an increase of 14% from the previous year.

This is a great opportunity to find out early if you are at risk of a stroke, diabetes, a heart attack, or many other life threatening conditions. By finding out early, before serious damage is done, you could potentially make lifestyle changes that would massively reduce, or in some cases eliminate, your risk of dying early as a result of these conditions. If you're aged between 40-74 years and do not currently have a long-term health condition it is recommended that you should have a Health Check every five years. Call or visit your doctor's surgery now to get a Free Health Check. More information can be found here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-well/resources-and-campaigns/nhs-health-checks-programme/

Connecting Cambridgeshire Extended Coverage

The County Council has announced plans to extend the Connecting Cambridgeshire superfast broadband rollout to 5,300 more homes and businesses in harder-to-reach rural areas of Cambridgeshire. The Connecting Cambridgeshire superfast rollout has already reached over 97% of the county and is on track to achieve over 99% coverage in the next two years. Openreach won a competitive procurement process to deliver the Phase 4 rollout contract and will use the latest Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) technology, capable of speeds of up to 1Gbps (Gigabit per second), which is future-proof and more reliable.

*Peter Hudson
County Councillor
Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington and Westwick*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council Dan delaMare-Lyon

The Big Weekend

On behalf of the Parish Council and the whole village I'd like to say a big "thank you" to all those that helped arrange the Big Weekend. I'd like to personally thank Chloe and Mark Mills and our Parish Clerk Libby White for their energy and dedication throughout the Big Weekend in the heat and sunshine to bring it all together.

The weather was with us throughout, and all events were well attended. There were members of the Parish Council at every event; we got great feedback and it was good to meet and talk with you all. The Open Air Cinema was a particular highlight - hearing 300+ people singing "We are the Champions" at the end of Bohemian Rhapsody was quite something!

Village Events Committee

As the village grows and runs successful events like the Big Weekend, we need more ideas, more feedback and more support - these events require village involvement. Many of you shared some great ideas for next year, and we'd really like to capitalise on the creativity! To do this, we will be forming a Village Events Committee to help develop and run the Big Weekend 2020 and other village events, and would love to have you involved. Please e-mail Libby White, our Parish Clerk, to get involved - and more details of how you can help will be available soon.

A14 Development Works

At the June Parish Council meeting, the A14 Development Team presented the latest status of the ongoing works. Unfortunately, this was the same day as the new junction part-opened at Bar Hill, causing traffic problems. The vocal views of many village residents were shared directly with the A14 team, and they assured us they were listening and would act. Thankfully, the traffic problems were resolved the next day, but we will be sure to monitor your feedback and be sure to share it with them as the works affecting our junction and community continue. Keep watch on the village Facebook page and the Parish Council website for information on the road changes and closures that could affect you.

Kingfisher Pond/Water Levels in the Village

We continue to work on this issue with South Cambs District Council and Gallagher Estates. While there has been some recovery in the water levels in the Kingfisher pond, we are still engaging with South Cambs District Council on the overall situation. We have invited them to present their findings at the Parish Council on 9th September, so please feel free to share your feedback with the Parish Council.

Community Giving

As a Parish Council we believe in supporting local initiatives and interests. Since our last update we have funded a new Automated Defibrillator for our Community First Responders team. Covering Swavesey, Willingham, Over and Longstanton, the First Responders may well be the first person you see when you call 999 and they provide an incredibly valuable service to the Community. Other villages have also contributed, ensuring we have a Defibrillator available to every Community Responder. Additionally, as in previous years we are happy to support the village Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch and have provided funding for this important Christmas Village event.

Welcome to your new Parish Councillor

Sadly, we had one of our Parish Councillors step-down due to personal commitments a few months ago. After our advertisements for a new member of the council, many of you put your name forward - it is great to see so many people wanting to get involved in our community. Voting took place for the selection of the new member of the council at the July meeting, and I am delighted to announce that Maria Harrison will be joining us (under co-option) as the newest member of your Parish Council. Welcome, Maria!

Until the next update, if there's anything the Parish Council can do to help you, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC



<http://jackashworthillustrator.blogspot.com/p/anthropomorphism.html>

THIS MY THEATRE

presents

Wind in the Willows

St. Michael's Church
Longstanton

Sat 24th August, 3pm

Tickets: www.thisismytheatre.com



THE CHURCHES
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This is a Churches Conservation Trust approved event

100 CLUB



Closed for business

Our small lottery has been going for 3 years now to help raise money for the re-ordering project in All Saints' Church, Longstanton.

Over the years we have had some loyal contributors but unfortunately the numbers have dwindled to a point considered too low to make it attractive or sustainable. We have raised over £2000 in the 3 years and we thank those of you who have supported us.

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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillors Notes



Community Governance review for Longstanton Parish

South Cambs District Council (SCDC) will undertake a Community Governance Review for the Parish, due to begin in Autumn. Currently Northstowe is part of Longstanton Parish and local governance is provided by the Longstanton Parish Council (which we are very glad now has two Northstowe residents as

Parish Councillors). As the Northstowe community grows, it is necessary to review this arrangement and to examine whether changes should be made to parish boundaries or local governance. This process will involve consultation with the community, so we wanted to share some details of the process and general timescales.

- By law the Council should conduct a review of the community governance arrangements for the whole or part of its area to consider whether or not to make any changes to parish boundaries or size and/or to create new parishes, and to review the electoral arrangements for new and existing parishes.
- The council needs to take account of community identity and interests in the area and consider whether any local ties and linkages might be broken by the drawing of parish boundaries. This will involve seeking the views of the community and gathering evidence.
- When considering parish boundaries, the council should consider the desirability of fixing boundaries which are, and will remain, easily identifiable.
- The first part of the process involves publication of the 'Terms of Reference' under which a community governance review is to be undertaken. These will clearly specify what is under review and there will be a chance for the community to comment.
- There will then be a two-month period for submission of views and evidence from the community. Draft recommendations will then be drawn up and published, followed by a further three-month consultation period. Final recommendations will be prepared and presented to the Council.
- The whole process should last no longer than one year. Any changes would then come into effect from April 1st of the following year.

Urban Splash announced as developer for Phase 2a

Homes England have appointed house builder Urban Splash to take on the first parcel of land on Northstowe Phase 2. They will build 406 modular homes. 40% will be sold at market price, 40% are starter homes (homes designed for first time buyers which must cost below £250,000), and the remaining 20% are for older people.

The modular houses will be manufactured off-site and transported to Northstowe, where three houses can be constructed in a day! The houses are exceptionally well insulated and energy-efficient with solar panels as standard. You can find more details at www.northstowe.com/cfmay19

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

We are establishing a new grant fund at SCDC to help community groups shift towards a zero-carbon future.

The new Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme will provide funds for local groups to spend on activities that reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels or helping communities spread awareness and promote behaviour change.

A total of just over £90,000 is being made available for the scheme for 2019/20 and bids are invited for grants of £1,000

and £15,000. More details of the type of project that could be funded are available via the SCDC website.

Appointment of New Chief Executive

We are really pleased to report that the new Chief Executive of SCDC will be Liz Watts, who has more than 20 years' experience of achieving results in the public and not-for-profit sectors.

She has previously been Chief Executive of East Herts Council for almost four years. She has held several senior roles elsewhere in local Government. Prior to her work in local government, she worked with asylum seekers in London and as part of the post-war peace process in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where she was based in Sarajevo for eight years.

We are thrilled that she is joining the Council and hope that she will help us to achieve the ambitious targets we set out in our Business Plan for South Cambs. We are looking forward to her visiting our ward: we will be discussing with her our priorities for Longstanton and Northstowe residents, and will raise the issues we have with planning enforcement for Northstowe and concerns about water levels in Longstanton.

For more news & updates:

www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton_news.

Please do get in touch if we can help in any way.:

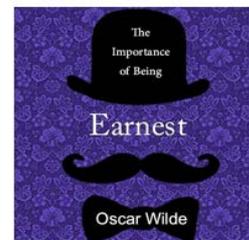
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See our Facebook page, for frequent updates:

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*Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson
District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe*



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presents

The Importance of Being Earnest

***St. Michael's Church
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Sat 24th August, 7.30pm

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Last month saw the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the epic moment when the first humans landed on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission operated by NASA. The mission took 8 days to complete.

The epic journey began on 16 July 1969 at 13.32 UTC when Apollo 11 was launched by the Saturn V rocket and blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. There were 3 crew on board

Michael Collins (command module pilot, pictured centre), Edwin ("Buzz") Aldrin (lunar module pilot, pictured right), and Neil Armstrong (commander, pictured left). However, none of it would have been possible without the



400,000 or so people around the world (such as construction workers, scientists, and engineers) that contributed to the Apollo project and never left the ground!

The Apollo 11 spacecraft comprised of 3 sections: a command module, a service module and a lunar module. The command module called the Columbia had a cabin for the 3 astronauts and was the only module to return to Earth. The service module supported the command module with propulsion, electrical power, oxygen and water. The lunar module called the Eagle had 2 stages, a descent stage for landing on the moon and an ascent stage to get back into the lunar orbit and re-join the command module.

After being launched from Earth, Apollo 11 travelled for 3 days before the spacecraft entered the lunar orbit. It was at this stage that Armstrong and Aldrin moved into the Eagle and it separated from Columbia, leaving Collins alone in the command module, where he served as a communications link and photographed the lunar surface. The Eagle underwent a controlled drop onto the moon's surface just moments before their fuel ran out! They had steered the Eagle as best they could and landed it in a crater called the "Sea of Tranquility" on 20 July 1969 at 20.17 UTC. Armstrong became the first man to set foot and walk on the moon. Of course this was when Armstrong made his famous philosophical comment, which gained instant popularity: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". He also planted the American flag on the moon. Buzz



captured these legendary moments on camera and their lunar footage was sent to Earth via the Apollo Mission Control Center in Houston. Millions of people worldwide watched all this on their little TV boxes. Armstrong and Aldrin spent about 2 and a half hours on the moon, collecting 21.5kg of lunar material to take back home with them. Limited by their portable life systems, they made their way back into the Eagle before taking off and docking with Columbia.

The 3 astronauts returned to Earth in Columbia on 24 July 1969 at 16.50 UTC, splashing down into the Pacific Ocean before being recovered by the aircraft carrier, USS Hornet.

The Apollo 11 mission was an absolutely amazing technical achievement, which was without doubt outstanding for its time!

Since Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's historical lunar walk, only 10 other astronauts have set foot on the moon, all as part of the Apollo program (Apollo 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 missions). The last lunar walk as part of the Apollo 17 mission took place in December 1972.

Since 1972, no-one has set foot on the moon. This may change in the coming years as NASA plans to send the first female to the moon in 2024. Furthermore, private companies such as SpaceX (CEO Elon Musk), Virgin Galactic (founder Richard Branson), and Blue Origin (founder Jeff Bezo) propose to offer space travel to anyone that can afford it!

Marjeet Bolla

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Longstanton WI ladies are having a ball, so why not join them? From climbing up windmills and finding out about the properties of olive oil to pub lunches and BBQ's, the programme is so varied there's always something to catch your imagination.



As usual we try and get involved in community life and recently enjoyed running a chocolate brownie stall at the school fete. September sees more tea and cake as we learn about the heritage of our village from Hilary Stroude and October sees Ed Crichton give a talk "An auctioneer's lot"

Debbie Lienau

HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to everyone!

We are happy to be bringing you an update on the great things happening at your village primary school. At the time of writing, we only have one week left before the academic year finishes.

It has been a great year, a year that has gone far too quickly! Since the last issue of Longstanton Life, there have been many great experiences for the children. We welcomed a great actor who performed some theatre for us, showcasing historical figures that promoted healthy travel. This was part of our ongoing work on safer, healthier journeys to school. We have also continued to promote trips out and visitors in. This enriches the learning that happens in school by giving real memories for them to link it to. Mundipharma came and explored science concepts, as did many of our parental community. It was great to show the children how science is used in jobs that they could do in the future. The children have visited Wicken Fen, Woburn Safari Park and Cambridge museums. Our Year 5 children undertook some exciting work on a new book that features clues found in our local museums. The author came to visit and left them inspired! Lastly, our oldest children spent three days at Grafham Water, immersing themselves in adventurous activities. Great teamwork and great experiences that they will remember for a long time.

We love to showcase a wide range of achievements at Hatton Park. As you know, we love our sports and it was brilliant to play football against our sister school, Histon Junior's. It ended in a draw with both teams holding their own. It was also an opportunity to show off our talented girl members of the team! We qualified for the final of the County Maths Challenge. Our team of four Year 5 children went to Duxford and competed against many other schools. It was a wonderful experience for them. Our Year 6 children also competed in the St. Faith's maths challenge, again holding their own against other schools. Outside of school, children have been engaged in gymnastics, singing at the Royal Albert Hall and meeting the England Cricket team. Such great experiences to tell the rest of the



school about in our assemblies!

We were proud to open up our annual Summer Fete to the community as part of Longstanton's Big Weekend. There was an amazing turn-out of people who spent a lovely few hours eating, drinking and being entertained. Our thanks go to those that organised it and to those that showcased their talents. It was great to have our staff members showing off their musical abilities too! The money raised will go towards our ongoing project of turning our large pond into a real learning resource.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of your village primary school. We are still growing and will have over 300 pupils on roll in the new academic year. Our children and staff all work hard to give the village the best school that it can. If you are a villager with no children at the school, please do get behind us and support us in any way that you can. It could be a visit to the school to play an instrument or inspire the children with another skill, or it could be choosing us as your named charity when shopping at the Co-Op. Any support is greatly appreciated.

Until the next issue,

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park team.

FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL (PTA)

The Friends of Hatton Park School (PTA) would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Summer Fun Day, run in conjunction with the Big Weekend. We were blessed with beautiful weather and raised just over £2,500. An amazing total! The Summer Fun Day is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, along with our popular quiz nights, school discos and other events.

FoHPS exists to support the school by funding projects, events, and equipment that would not otherwise be possible from the school budget. In the past few years, we have supported the school with contributions towards Christmas gifts, theatre performances, books, balance bikes, new sheds, an outside noticeboard, digital cameras, welly racks and more. In addition to this, our latest project is redeveloping the pond area to make it more accessible, including a new pond-dipping platform and an all-weather outdoor learning area. This is a major project that will benefit the whole school for many years to come.

We have some great ideas for events we'd like to run over the next year, and we'd love to hear your ideas too. Come along to

our Volunteer Sign Up Event on **Monday 16th September at 7.30pm at the Black Bull Pub** to find out what we've got planned for the next year, what we are raising money for, and how you can get involved. Nibbles will be provided.

In the meantime, you can support us even as you shop:

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Thank you for your continued support!

The FoHPS Team

NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS



It has been an exciting term for the students and staff at Northstowe Secondary College (NSC). After student and parental involvement in choosing the uniform, with Rhayne designing the school tie in the Spring, parents and students have been busy visiting the Green School shop and trying on the uniform. We now have 67 students registered to join us in September and we are really excited to get started.



Together with my Assistant Headteacher, we had the great pleasure of going out to all the Primary schools to meet students and their Year 6

teachers. We found out what they are good at, what they want to be, and what they are excited or nervous about. It is fabulous to know that amongst the 67 joining us, we have students that want to be astronauts, astrophysicists, vets, teachers, Olympic gymnasts, professional footballers, lawyers, writers, actors, and business owners to name just a few. It is a joy to find young people who have already given their future a good deal of thought, and, we see it as our job to help them to get there. This started on our transition days on 18th and 19th July, when we focussed on 'Dreams and Ambitions' and getting students to think about how they can achieve their goals. We visited the Anglia Ruskin University, which was our venue for doing some team work, dream planning, and art work with a visiting artist. On the second day, we visited Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes to teach our students how to keep themselves safe and how to help others. In the afternoon we had some fun and developed their team work at the MK Big Climb.

Whilst our start to the term will initially be in the Pathfinder Primary School, rather than our new building, the ethos, ambition and high expectations have already started and we can't wait for 4th September when our first cohort will be starting the first day of their secondary school journey.

Carole Moss, Headteacher

LONGSTANTON SPEEDWATCH TEAM

Longstanton Residents,

Hands-up if you've received a letter from Cambridgeshire Police reminding you of the speed limit and the fact you were caught exceeding it? There's a lot of you. Hands-up if you've had a knock on the door and a Police Officer has handed you your letter in person and invited themselves in for a chat about the consequences of speeding? There's quite a few of you!

helps us understand the problems, and formulate a plan to help resolve them.

Finally, we would be delighted to be joined by new members and you would be made most welcome. Formal training is undertaken locally and lasts two hours or so and then road-side experience with the team will complete it. Please get in touch with our Parish Clerk or drop us an e-mail for further details. We are grateful for the time that the volunteers give and are always happy to have new members of the team as we can run more sessions and make more of a difference.



Over the two years since the Speedwatch team re-formed, we've seen the problem of speeding improving, and now sadly it is getting worse again. The team re-formed in response to repeated reports of concerns regarding speeding in the village, and a large percentage of those identified during the team's activities sadly live in Longstanton. Over Road,

Rampton Road and Striplands Farm/Station Road are particular hot-spots, made worse by the volume of Northstowe construction traffic in certain areas.

*The Speedwatch Team
csw.longstanton@gmail.com*

Please, please, PLEASE mind your speed - the limits are there for the safety of all. Some of the near-misses the team have witnessed have been truly horrifying. Remember that the data the Speedwatch team collect is reported to the Police. That same data is used to help make decisions about safety, further speed monitoring, speed reduction measures, and changing speed limits.

LONGSTANTON HATTON CHARITY

Longstanton Hatton Charity was set up by the Charity Commissioners in 1898 for the benefit of deserving persons residing in the Village. The Charity owns two pieces of land, one situated in Over and the other at Gravel Bridge. These are leased to two local farmers and the rents from these parcels of land provide a modest monetary gift at Christmas for elderly residents of Longstanton who are over 70 years of age and have resided in the village for over 20 years. If you fulfil the above conditions and would like to add your name to the waiting list please contact one of the Trustees on the telephone numbers below.

Sylvia Hicks	01954 780840
Carol Collis	01954201083
Ann Meadows	01954 780373
Pat Sheridan	01954 260758

On a more positive note we remain extremely grateful to all those villagers that have issued kind words to us and supported our efforts, and on occasions offered tea, coffee and biscuits! Please keep popping over for a chat - your feedback

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



After the excitement and joy the end of last season brought (winning the league and seeing the success of adding a second team) our attention turns to the coming season. Preparations are in full flow with the lads being back in training since 3rd July. Pre-season is looking very busy with 14 games lined up across July and August ready for the season start at the beginning of September. Training takes place at the recreation ground every Wednesday at 6pm and we are always looking to improve our squad, so if you would like to enjoy competitive sport with a bunch of friends why don't you come along and join in or contact me at ben.lee@xaar.com



Starting from Sunday 21st July we begin playing our friendlies home & away so if you would like to enjoy some football in the summer sun why don't check our full list of our fixtures on posters at the Pavilion and come along and cheer the lads on.

Ben Lee - 1st Team Manager, Longstanton FC

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



We are half-way through the season now, so time for me to report on the league progress so far. As predicted our two teams in the Cambridge & District bowls league are struggling, having both been promoted last season to divisions 2 and 4 respectively. The division 2 team have won 2 and drawn 1 of the first 8 games and lost the rest. In spite of that we picked up enough points in the lost games to make a respectable total of 23 points, placing us 7th out of 10. That last 7-0 win against Gt Chesterford certainly helped there! The division 4 team also got off to a poor start, only winning 2 of its first 9 matches. Again, it was a late 7-0 win against TWI that kept us out of the bottom two places with 18.5 points. There is still hope for both teams to stave off relegation since we traditionally do much better in the second half of the season. We have 3 teams in the Cambridge Business Houses Pairs Bowls League – one men's team and A and B mixed teams. The men's team is lying 13th out of 17 with 19 points. The A and B mixed teams are both bumbling along in the bottom 3 of division 1 with 6 points each according to the league's website. However I know of

some recent wins that are not recorded yet, so things are actually better than they seem.

This is our third season in the Ely & District league, which is an after-noon rather than an evening league. This is a popular league and gives the chance of competitive games to players who prefer a more relaxed format than C&D league matches. Longstanton is doing well and is exactly mid-table with 38 points.

Longstanton is through to the quarter-finals in the knock-out Gilbert Cup competition run by the C&D league. We got a bye in the first round and beat Little Shelford by 21 shots in the second round. Our next round is against Histon in late July.

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

We look forward to seeing you!

Corinne Walsham

LONGSTANTON LIMPERS



The Longstanton Limpers have had another busy month! We were out in force in support of the 'Big Weekend' and put on a signed 5k walk for people to do, and also a timed mile challenge event. As part of this we litter-picked the routes as well to help keep the village tidy.

We've participated in the local event the Fen Gallop at Willingham, which went well this year after some issues with the timing last

year. It was great to see a large number of members and local runners there representing the club and supporting a local event. We continue to work towards an event of our own at some point in the future.

Our recent set of courses including the popular (and free!) couch to 5k which had another 5 graduates, and a members-only set of sessions focused on building speed and confidence over 10k have finished for a while, so we'll be meeting for our regular Monday session over the summer. The runs at 19:30 on Mondays cater for all paces, and the focus is on the social, chatting element – all are welcome to drop by and say hello, or come for a run! A new couch to 5k course will be starting on 16th September.

We're also looking to build on our previous work in Northstowe and now we have started regular Wednesday runs for our members, we're starting to use the newly finished square as a meeting and departure point for some of these. We're also promoting monthly trips to a local parkrun, as well as going slightly further afield for a change of scenery and terrain.

It's easy to get involved for residents in both Longstanton and Northstowe who are all welcome to join us, either for a social run, or to benefit from our membership, which remains competitively priced and offers a good range of benefits.

Get in touch through our Facebook page or longstantonlimpers@gmail.com if you need any more details. Give us a wave if you see us out and about!

Chris Poultney

www.facebook.com/longstantonlimpers

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



The cricket season at Longstanton Grasshoppers is just over half way through and so far it has exceeded expectations hugely.

The first team, having been promoted last year, and having lost both their captain and vice captain were expecting to struggle.

Despite this we currently sit in the top half of the table of Senior 1 having won five and having lost only four of the first nine completed fixtures.

We have regularly fielded teams with a large number of players who have come through our youth system and our three under 15 county players have all made significant contributions to our success on the field. At different ends of the age spectrum, veteran Jon Newman and youngster Alex Maynard are averaging over 50 with the bat whilst all rounder Sam Green has contributed 18 wickets to the 'hoppers cause. With a number of players returning from travels and university we are confident that we will at least be able to maintain our current position with hopes of finishing even higher.

The second team, despite a slow start to the season, are rapidly improving and bowled Wimlington out for 69 last Saturday leading to a comfortable 9 wicket win. Manoj Kumar was the pick of the bowlers with 4-20. They currently sit in 5th position.

With a number of excellent new recruits strengthening both teams the future looks bright!

The Allstars scheme, led by Callum Andrews, for children between 5 and 8 has been a huge success. The children had their final session last week. Such was its popularity that we had to turn a number of children away and we plan to run it again next year.



All the youth teams (under 11s, under 13s and under 15s) have enjoyed successes, however the under 15s this season have been exceptional.

Having beaten two outstanding teams in Saffron Walden and Thriplow in the County Cup quarter final and semi-final

respectively they then thrashed Coton by 9 wickets in the county final held at Burwell CC (see photograph). This achievement was even more impressive given that they managed to achieve this without the presence of their captain Tom Newman who was playing for the County Under 17s. Batting first Coton were restricted to just 84 in their 20 overs with superb bowling by Harry Boston 2-13 and Hazel Bailey 4 overs 2 maidens 3 runs 2 wickets. Alex Maynard with 30 and Harry Hall with 35 not out saw us home with 7 overs to spare.

The following week we represented Cambridgeshire against Swaffham, the champions of Norfolk. An excellent partnership between Tom Newman 39 not out and Richard Bramley 47 not out took us to another 9 wicket victory. We are now in the regional finals on 30th July which involves the best four teams in the East and Midlands and the best 16 club teams nationally, an amazing achievement.

All the boys and girls who have played for the under 15s have been a real credit to our village team.

Jonathan Newman
info@longstantoncc.co.uk

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB



It started as a strange old summer, but the rain in June didn't dampen our spirits too much and the courts have seen plenty of tennis in between the showers!

Our main event in June was the annual junior tournament in memory of Jake Benton. We had a big turnout and the standard of tennis was excellent; it was a great experience for them all. The tournament format was a series of round robin matches (swapping partners every match), with the top four players with the most points progressing through to the semi finals. It was lovely to see so many parents staying to watch and support, creating a great atmosphere. The final was a close fought battle too, with Arnus Simkus coming from behind to eventually win. We were privileged to have Jake's mum Jacqui present to award the trophy, and Jake's sister and family watched the tournament

with her. Jake's passion for tennis lives on, and the standard of the juniors at our club today has never been better.

We've seen a good take-up of memberships across the board, with this 2019-20 season being one of the most successful in recent times. If you've been thinking about

giving tennis a go then there's no time like now! Our new 3-month trial membership package for new members has worked very well for those apprehensive about taking the plunge. But



with three club sessions a week (Tues and Fri nights from 6pm, Sunday from 11am) and reduced prices for coaching, it very quickly becomes worth the money!

The men's and mixed teams have both been in action playing other local teams in the Business Houses League. It's a very sociable format, with all teams encouraged to stay for food and drink after the match. If you're interested in playing for our team, please get in touch via our website:

www.longstantontennis.co.uk/contact/



Sarah Withington

We're mindful that 'the lakes' have provided access to the countryside for local people for decades, and the RSPB has supported the continuation of this since acquiring the site, with the addition of routes to get closer to the lakes and the maintenance of surfaces to standards beyond that required of the County Council.



The 'welcome' area and car park back in 2014

Alongside our continuous efforts to improve the reserve for wildlife is our ongoing work in evolving the lakes from being a disused quarry to being a wonderful, wild and natural wetland that's accessible to all.

And later this year we'll be making further improvements in the central area close to the car park. As well as re-surfacing the worn-out stretch of road near the car park and welcome area, we'll be adding a seamless, hardened and level pedestrian route from the disabled parking spaces to the water's edge at the nearby picnic and viewing area. We'll also be adding a few subtle features to make crossing the track here as safe as

possible, such as adding a contrasting crossing point and some extra signs. This latest piece of work has been made possible by a grant from the A14 Community Fund, a fund managed by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, who we would like to thank.



We have received support from the
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Get involved...

Willow Weaving Workshops

Join us to learn how to use willow harvested at the reserve for weaving.

Sunday 8th Sept, 10am-4pm: garden obelisk

Sunday 8th Dec, 10am-4pm: Christmas decoration

Booking required

Stargazing

Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.

Saturday 12 October, 8.30-9.30pm. Booking required.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10.15am.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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All Saints' Bell Ringers

The bell ringers are progressing nicely, however the summer holidays are upon us and there are bound to be vacant positions on the end of the ropes. We have had two new established ringers join us, which is encouraging. At the moment we are only ringing on six bells as a construction design error has stopped us ringing all eight bells. The changes needed are in hand with the builders and we hope the alterations can be made soon.

This will be my last report, as my wife and I are moving to Holt in Norfolk. We shall miss Longstanton which has been our home for over 40 years. We have always been accused of being different, in that grandparents usually move to be closer to their children and of course their lovely grandchildren. They ask 'why move away when you are getting older and will need help?'. Our answer is 'we will let you know when we get old!' In the meantime, we intend to jump into our motorhome and rediscover our beautiful country and enjoy the steam engines on the North Norfolk Railway.

Back to the bells, the last 10 years have been rewarding for me and my son Jeremy. The grandchildren have learnt to ring as well.

At the risk of repeating myself, one of the many highlights was, in 2014, inviting Year 6 at Hatton Park School to join us to ring independently for their Christmas service. With lots of help from fellow ringers the youngsters did just that and I am delighted to say over 6 of them still ring with us today.

God Bless,
Mike Cartwright

Ball Room Dancing

The end of term class finished on Thursday 18th July. We hope the class will continue when the school reopens in September. The standard of dancing has certainly gone up, I wouldn't go as far as to say 'Strictly' standard, in fact far from it. However, the music is good, the people are nice and the occasional ball room dances held in Bottisham give one the chance to 'strut one's stuff' - there also seem to be nights out for no particular reason! So to replace jogging, Zumba, Pilates, or whatever is your preference, Come Dancing!



Advert

Vacancy for one male, a learner or established dancer to replace me.

Best wishes to all my readers.

Mike Cartwright

OVER DAY CENTRE CELEBRATORY BIKE RIDES

Sunday 16th June 2019



Willingham Wheels Cycle Club with help from Swavesey & Over Cycling Group organised two donation bike rides on Sunday 16th June, for the Over Day Centre - a joint celebration of 10 years of both cycle clubs and the Day Centre 5-pub challenge walks. It proved to be a very popular Fathers' Day activity, with 63 family members (a third children) and 85 cycle-club riders from several local villages enjoying the event.

The ride for serious riders followed a route from Over including Hilton, Bourn, Old Wimpole, Shepreth, the notorious Chapel Hill, Barton, Girton and Cottenham amongst villages, of 52 miles. Families and casual riders followed the cycleway from Over to the guided busway, to enjoy a cake & drink stop at the St.Ives bus terminus, to then return, a total of 8.5 miles. Both rides, with back-up maintenance and first aid, were designed by a British Cycling Route Planner, involved nearly 200 yellow route signs! All riders returned, so no one was lost!



Both rides ended at The Green, Over, where riders and families enjoyed a lively social event with live music from 'Mystery Train' and Cat Pawsey, ice creams, burgers and hot dogs, a bar and a wide range of refreshments. All donations and proceeds will go to the Over Day Centre, to help maintain and enhance services for older people in local villages. We anticipate around £3,500 will be raised, once all costs have been met, so a big thank you to everyone who took part. We are also most grateful to our sponsors and helpers : Law & Lewis; Redmayne, Arnold & Harris; Penleigh Cycles; Ralph Design; Tesco Community Champions; Chef Central; Histon Produce; Carl Verrecchia; John Sisk & Sons; Fen Edge Association; Over St. Mary's Scout Group; and Over Parish Council. And, a big thank you to all volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

A few quotes from riders and families show the popularity of this villages' community event :
'We heard the music so ran straight round with the kids and enjoyed listening to some very good live music and ate some ice cream! Got to love village life!'

'Another great village event, organised to fund raise for a local charity. Well done to the people who organised it and took part'.

'A great event for a great cause'. 'Great village atmosphere'.

'It brought back memories of lots of great times in my childhood like sports days, Ampy & Jeff, and the carnivals. Well done to everyone who organised today'.

'We took part in this fund raising cycle event and had a fantastic day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it so good. Lovely to have so many opportunities to raise funds for worthy local causes. Off to bed early as my legs ache now!!'

'A big thank you. A great ride -well organised, well signed and a great route. Looking forward to doing more'.

'Great community spirit all to raise funds for a fantastic village facility'.



Many thanks again to everyone involved.

Adrian Tranter

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Bank Holiday Monday Please note the surgery will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August. Normal opening hours will resume on Tuesday 27th August.

Keeping cool this summer Most of us welcome hot weather, but when it's too hot for too long there are health risks. If a heatwave hits this summer, make sure the hot weather doesn't harm you or anyone you know.

- Tips for coping in hot weather:
- Shut windows and pull down the shades when it is hotter outside. You can open the windows for ventilation when it is cooler.
- Avoid the heat: stay out of the sun between 11am and 3pm (the hottest part of the day) if you're vulnerable to the effects of heat.
- Drink cold drinks regularly, such as water and diluted fruit juice. Avoid excess alcohol, caffeine (tea, coffee and cola) or drinks high in sugar.
- Wear loose, cool clothing, and a hat and sunglasses if you go outdoors.
- Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be less able to look after themselves.

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

Missed appointments From March – May 219 there were **221 missed appointments** in Willingham Surgery. This equates to 46.5 hours in consultation time lost, at a cost of £5525 (an average GP appointment costs the NHS £25). At our Longstanton Branch there were **61 missed appointments** during the same period.

Please remember to cancel your appointment if it is no longer required so we can offer it to someone else.

Keep Your Head We all have mental health and looking after it is just as important as looking after our physical health. The Keep Your Head website has lots of info for adults, children, and young people on looking after our mental health: www.keep-your-head.com

Citizens Advice Bureau The Citizens Advice Bureau offer free advice and support meetings at both Willingham Surgery and Longstanton Branch Surgery. Meet our in-house Citizens Advice Advisor and get help with

- Budgeting
- Benefit Issues
- Dealing with Debt
- Other issues such as employment and housing.

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

Carers Support Meetings Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are on Weds 21st August, 18th September and 16th October, from 2:00pm-4:00pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111.

Lisa Smith - Assistant Practice Manager

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



It has been a busy few months at St. Michael's. May saw the first of four 2019 productions by This is My Theatre, with Macbeth. As ever, this was well attended and the audience went away having enjoyed a talented performance of this classic, within a very atmospheric setting. Romeo and Juliet was similarly appreciated. We are all looking forward to the next productions at St. Michael's, with Wind in the Willows and The Importance of Being Earnest both on 24th August (please see ads for details of times and tickets).

The 75th anniversary of D-Day on May 6th became a national event. At St. Michael's we themed our annual cream teas with a commemoration of local connections to the D-Day landings. It was quite significant with personal recollections of those who had been involved. The display was an interesting and varied representation, from French commandos cutting the wire on Sword beach to the prolonged experience of a prisoner of war. We thank those who contributed information and memorabilia; to the Friends' volunteers who baked, served tea, sold raffle tickets and put in the hard work any event entails; and the equipment

loaned by Crucial Cuisine and the Parish Council; and a special thank you, of course, to all those who supported the event by coming along.

The most surprising visitor we had at the church this year has been Bill Bolger, (pictured with committee member Neil Hassell). Like many of our international visitors, he had come specifically to explore the church and experience this wonderful building. Bill had taught at St. James the Less, Philadelphia, one of the American churches modelled on St. Michael's, and which is now a school chapel. This is one of four replicas of St. Michael's in the US and all are listed as 'of historic significance'. Thankfully, Bill was more than delighted to find St. Michael's in much better condition than he had expected. This connection was significant and we hope to explore ways of promoting the international historic importance of St. Michael's.



It has been said many times in these articles that the Friend's group continues to work to maintain the wonderful space that St. Michael's occupies within our landscape. We continue to rely on the local generosity and support of the community at the various events provided.

Future events for your diary are the theatre events mentioned above, a **Michaelmas celebration of Harvest on Saturday 28th of September**. Please see details in the ads; if you have craft or produce, please contact us directly at fosm2017@gmail.com.

*The Friends of St. Michael's Church
fosm2017@gmail.com*



TRAVEL WORD SEARCH COMPETITION

Hopefully everyone is in the holiday mood and will have no problem with finding the answers to this travel related competition! Hidden in the grid opposite there are 10 words relating to travel. We're not providing the list of words, you have to find these for yourself. The words can run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in either forward or reverse direction.

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by (a) posting at the Village Institute, or (b) email to longstantonlife@hotmail.com before **Sunday 8th September**. Remember to include your name and contact details.

The first person randomly selected will receive a bottle of wine, kindly donated by the  Co-Op.

The winner will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!



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COMPANY LOGOS COMPETITION WINNER

The winner of the company logos competition was John Wilson, pictured here with a voucher for food at the Black Bull. The voucher was presented to him by Chou, owner of the Black Bull. Congratulations to John! Our thanks again to the Black Bull for donating the prize.

The answers were:

- 1) Huawei,
- 2) Versace,
- 3) Fruit of the Loom,
- 4) Blackberry,
- 5) Microsoft,
- 6) Walt Disney,
- 7) Shell,
- 8) Lacoste,
- 9) Chanel,
- 10) The North Face.



Live Music



Big 10

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 Date: Saturday 28th September 2019
 Time: 7.30pm
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Over this lovely summer it has been a great pleasure to welcome so many people from the local community to our summer events. Many of you came along during the Parish Big Weekend to enjoy the Teddy Bear parachute jumps and teas. Others have supported our cream teas and the Sing for Joy Concert. We look forward to many more occasions. **Next cream tea and cake sale is on Saturday 17th August.**

The churchyard at All Saints' is a lovely tranquil space with seats in sheltered sunny spots where you can quietly sit and let the worries of a busy life wash over you or just remember happy days with loved ones no longer on this earth. We endeavour to keep the churchyard neat and tidy with the help of volunteers led by John Frost but we need everyone's help to achieve this.

The church fully understands and appreciates what a difficult task is faced by the family and next-of-kin when deciding how to mark the final resting place of the human remains of a cherished family member or friend. Decisions have to be made when you may still be grieving. One of the reasons why a headstone cannot be erected until at least six months has passed is to allow you time and space before making these decisions. Having decided that the burial should take place in the Longstanton Churchyard and in consecrated ground, the design of what you wish to put in the Churchyard is subject to compliance with the Churchyard Regulations.

The reasons for having Churchyard Regulations are explained in the "Guidance to the Rules" which can be obtained from Revd. Simon Gill our Priest-in-charge or found on the Diocese of Ely website. Simon is the best person to consult for guidance and support.

You should be aware that artificial flowers are not allowed. Wreaths and cut flowers can remain until they wither. Trees and shrubs should not be planted on or around a grave. A separate faculty will need to be sought for this. Details of how to apply for a faculty can be found on the Diocesan website. With the permission of Simon, some toys or similar objects may be left at the place of burial or interment for up to 12 months.

I am sure many of you will have seen the builders working on the church roof during the last month, they have removed the huge build up of moss and replaced many broken tiles. We hope this will keep the building clean and dry for many more years to come. The cost of this work at around £8,000 has cleaned out our building reserve fund.

If you would like to discuss any matters or have any ideas where you could help us please contact one of the Church Wardens, whose details are below.

If you wish to speak to clergy then Revd Simon Gill can be contacted on 01954 230434 or email: simon@5folds.org.uk
Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am - do come along and join us. Check the website 5folds.org.uk for all the latest news. **Harvest Festival will be on September 29th at 10.30am followed by lunch in the Village Institute.**

If you would like more information on any of the above or have questions about baptism, marriages or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact our Administrator, Gillian Beale 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk or one of the Church Wardens - Arthur Savage 01954 780121 arthur.savage.46@btinternet.com or Sue Gamon

THE END OF AN ERA AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH (OR PERHAPS NOT)



On 14th July the congregation of All Saints' Church, Longstanton marked the end of the long and distinguished career of Paul Ingle who came to the church in 1946 to play the organ for a couple of weeks to help out. 73 years later Paul at the age of 95 has said that he does not want to play regularly any longer. Churchwarden Arthur Savage in paying tribute to Paul's long and faithful service referred to previous celebrations of Paul's service, after 50 years'

and again when his work was recognised in the award of a BEM for service to music and to charity, saying that on each occasion he felt that Paul would retire, feeling he had more than given enough.

Arthur paid tribute to the manner of Paul's playing saying that it was always to enhance the worship with reverence and feeling and although Paul had played for 9 different resident ministers over his 73 years there was never a cross word with any of them.

Paul received gifts both from the congregation and from the Diocese (presented by Jan Payne on behalf of the Bishop of Ely). A cake in the shape of an organ was enjoyed by all with coffee. The picture shows Paul with his cake being assisted by his great friend Dr Gordon Hewlett.

The end of an era maybe, but Paul goes on forever and may be playing again!

Arthur Savage

Church Times

All Saints' Church, Longstanton

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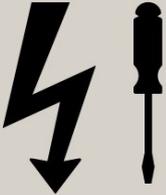
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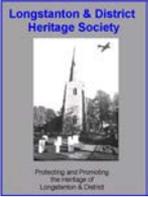
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Part of the existing ancient Tudor, hand made brick, lime and mortar wall that formed the boundary around the Hatton Estate

The location is significant. The school is on the site of the Tudor mansion of the Hatton family. This replaced an earlier medieval manor, which, in turn, may lie over the Saxon core of the village. For centuries, the Longstanton Lords of The Manor(s) owned a considerable amount of the parish with the Hatton Estate totalling

about 1700 acres, when it was eventually broken up and sold off in the latter part of the 19th Century. The Longstanton Manors covered land that now remains within Longstanton village as well as land that is now designated as Northstowe. For this reason this test-pitting project will be of interest to both communities and is yet another illustration of our inseparable historical past.

Location: Hatton Park School, Longstanton (just off the High Street)

Start time: 9am Saturday and Sunday

Finish time: 4pm both days

Assistance and advice from experienced diggers will be on hand. Equipment will be provided. All finds will be identified and put on general display at the school at the end of the event.

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PLEASE NOTE:

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Although facilities at the school will be made available courtesy of the Headmaster, participants will need to bring their own food and drinks.

R.D.S. and H.A.E.S., 21.6.19

Hilary Stroude (LDHS Secretary)

D Day Landing Exhibition

During the last talk of our spring season, it became apparent that we had found in member Carl Lightfoot a source of great knowledge with regard to Oakington Barracks. Carl not only commanded the Army Education section there from 1996 until its closure in 1999 but has now recorded a history of the base since its creation out of farm land in 1939.

Subsequently, LDHS were given the opportunity to present a short piece to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D Day Landings on 6 June 1944 to be exhibited at St Michaels church. Carl responded with a short essay and supporting images enabling the history of the Royal Anglian Regiment who served at Oakington Barracks, between 1982-1984 and 1996-1999, to be traced to those men who bravely landed on Sword beach with the objective of knocking out two heavily defended positions and the capture of the town of Caen. Many thanks, Carl.

Here is a digest of his text and a photo of the piece exhibited within St Michaels church:

"The 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Vikings) was based at Oakington Barracks from 1982-84 and 1996-99. The Battalion is an amalgamation of The Royal Norfolk Regiment, 1 Suffolk, the Essex Regiment and the Cambridgeshire Regiment. The Royal Norfolk Regiment and 1 Suffolk (both infantry battalions) landed on the SWORD beach on D-Day. The Royal Norfolk Regiment was a part of 185 Infantry Brigade and 1 Suffolk was a part of 8 Infantry Brigade. Both brigades were part of the 3rd Division (the Iron Division) commanded by General Montgomery.

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Tony Cowley



Dates for your diary:

LDHS Public Talks Autumn 2019

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