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Hibiscus Open Day at Pole Barn Farm, photo Nicola & Brooke Gaskell

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VILLAGE DIARY

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SUNDAY	09.30-10.30	Sunday School	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	11.00	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
MONDAY	11.00-12.00	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	18.00-20.00	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	19.00-20.00	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
2nd of month	19.30	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)	
3rd of month	19.45	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
TUESDAY	10.00-12.00	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	10.30-11.15	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	18.00	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	18.30-20.00	Adult Cricket Training (May-August)	Recreation Ground	Wayne Markillie	07737 313225
	19.00-21.00	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory/Martin	07523 854251/07535 646234
	19.00-21.30	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
WEDNESDAY	10.00-11.00	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	19.10-21.30	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154
	19.00-20.00	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
THURSDAY	10.00-11.30	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
FRIDAY	09.30-11.00	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Felicity Timpanist	07870588777
	14.00-16.00	Afternoon tea (over 55s)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	18.00	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	19.00-21.30	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
	18.00-20.00	Longstanton Juniors Cricket (5-16yrs) includes the All Stars (5-8yrs) (April-July)	Recreation Ground	Richard Jenkins	rkbjenkins@gmail.com
SATURDAY	10.00-11.00	*Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803

*Mid week football training available, please contact Louise Gamon (Tel: 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 www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton_Village_Institute_Hall_23070.aspx. 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

Longstanton and District Heritage Society Memory Lane



ABOVE: A 7 Squadron Stirling bomber crew preparing for operations out of RAF Oakington, October 1941

RIGHT: Aerial view of the former site of RAF Oakington showing the original WW2 hangars and the proximity of the buildings to Longstanton village. The spire of All Saints' church can be seen in the top left-hand side of the photograph. This image was taken by Richard Flagg (2008) before demolition of the site was carried out to make way for the new town of Northstowe.

Hilary Stroude

LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,



It's time to get your coats, sweaters and woolly socks out of your wardrobes! We hope you enjoyed the summer, but we are hoping you will also enjoy the autumn - cool and crisp mornings, walks in fresh air, red and yellow trees, what's not to like? If any of our readers are into foraging, please let us know what you pick, and what you do with your finds!

Halloween is approaching, we are inviting you to take part in our competition - how well do you know horror movies? Send us your answers to win a pumpkin, just in time for Halloween carving. For our younger readers there is something too, go to page 17 for more details.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with Longstanton Life. If you can spare 2-3 hours of your time once every couple of months, please do get in touch.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor

Firouz Thompson



We're now well into autumn with wonderful colours but fading light at either end of the day. Please take care with changing road and path conditions and set out to travel safely wherever you go.

Wilson's Road Public Bridleway (Bridge to A1307 Section)

Concerns were raised by representatives of local equestrians and Longstanton Parish Council in May over the proposed sur-

facing of this public bridleway. The new administration agreed to upgrade the surface to one used successfully by The Lake District National Park and which is compliant with British Horse Society published guidance. The new surface will benefit the local community and be truly inclusive for all abilities of walkers, ramblers, cyclists, wheelchair users and pushchairs. This will allow families to enjoy leisurely walks, ride their horses and cycles thus promoting health and wellbeing, as well as being a practical route for journeys to and from the area. It will also be more accessible and improve the connectivity and will join all the planned Non-Motorised Users within the area for a circular route to/from Bar Hill, Longstanton, Northstowe and beyond to Eddington and Cambridge. Work should be completed by mid-October depending on weather.

A14 Bar Hill and Swavesey Non-Motorised Users Crossing Cycle Barriers

The staggered barriers at the bottom of all four ramps of the two bridges have been the subject of scrutiny by a wide range of users: mobility scooters, wheelchairs, tandems, cycle trailers and horse riders. Following an independent review procured by the Council and support from me and other local councillors, all four barriers will be removed from the approach ramps of both bridges, including the northern approach to the Swavesey bridge. Here, a pedestrian guardrail will be installed across the end of the ramp to minimise the risk of cyclists overshooting onto the A1307.

Decentralisation of Services

One of the new County Council Joint Administration's major commitments is to decentralise council services, making decisions closer to communities. This might include:

- Joint decision making with other local councils, local communities, voluntary and faith groups; to identify priorities how best to deliver to them
- Service relocation to within the heart of communities where there is an evidenced need.
- Delegation of funding, service delivery, and/or decision making

A progress report will be made to the December meeting of the Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee.

Foster Carers

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster carers, who care for one or more children or young people in their

own home when they are unable to live with their family. Foster carers provide a safe and secure home for children and young people of all ages, and come from a wide range of ages, cultures and backgrounds. Becoming a foster carer normally takes four to six months. Foster carers could earn up to £44,720 plus benefits for looking after two children aged eleven or over, subject to experience, training, and assessment. Further details: <https://tinyurl.com/ype7bezh>

Thank You to our GP Surgeries

GP surgeries are under unprecedented pressure with an enormous backlog of patient need, often with medical conditions having worsened through time and Covid-inflicted delay. We would like to thank everyone supporting our GP practices, from nurses and GPs and dispensary staff to receptionists answering incoming calls. Please use the '111' phone service as a first port of call for non-emergency concerns. The 111 service is well-resourced to manage this role. In an emergency, please ring 999.

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Contact me with your questions, views or issues by email: Firouz.Thompson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

*Firouz Thompson
County Councillor*

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council

Dan delaMare-Lyon



Hello Longstanton,

I trust everyone is enjoying the freedom the last weeks have brought us. As we roll into autumn, hopefully we will remain free of any tightening restrictions, and Covid-19 will start to become less of a challenge to our day-to-day lives.

Home Farm Central Open Space

After many years of hard work, we have now taken ownership of the central open space on Home Farm (the land surrounded by Longstanton Brook between Stevensons Road, Duddle Drive, Hart Close and Swallow Close). For the rest of this year, we will maintain it, and grass will be cut back at the end of the growing season to prepare for work we have planned in 2022. We'll be working with environmental and wildlife groups to turn the area into a space that encourages wildlife and improves biodiversity.

Trees—Planting and Autumn Maintenance

Elsewhere in the village you'll see regular autumn maintenance taking place. This year there will be more work on trees around the village, some of which need more major maintenance. Please don't be alarmed if you see this happening, it is not a case of trees being "cut down" - they are undergoing recommended maintenance from specialists aimed at ensuring the trees are healthy and continue to remain so.

We are working on plans to be able to plant more trees in the coming months. We have identified some locations where this might be possible and are seeking the necessary permissions to do so. If anyone has any additional locations, we are always happy for suggestions (sadly this cannot be in your garden - but there are schemes out there that we can help you with for gardens too!)

Over Road Hedge

We are working with the owner of the hedge that runs down the Over Road side of the village green (facing the old Chapel and the Garage) which has become both very tall and deep in parts. We have sought advice on how best to bring this back to something more manageable, more visually appealing and safer with better visibility, and hope that we can come to an agreement to get work done this autumn.

Lowered water table & Kingfisher Pond

While about so much more than just the Kingfisher Pond, as many residents are directly aware, we continue to work with South Cambs District Council and Northstowe Town Council to understand what exactly in the work at Northstowe has caused the much lower water table in parts of our community. This is an incredibly complex topic, and we are aware that we may well need external support to conclude the investigation so have made some financial provision for this in our September meeting. I'll write a wider update on this next issue.

Flooding on the B1050

Many of you have contacted us over the last couple of years about the flooding on the B1050 between the Station

Road and Over Road roundabouts. We had been working with Cambridgeshire County Council to try to find a solution to this problem. After a couple of days of temporary traffic lights, I'm pleased to report that Cambridgeshire County Council have finally been able to fix the problem, which has been well tested after the heavy rainfall. There is still some flooding between Over Road and the Home Farm Road roundabout, but this is next in line to be fixed.

Engaging with Northstowe Town Council

Now that Northstowe Town Council is fully operational we are looking forward to working with them on many key topics that affect our communities. Several Councillors, including Mayor Richard Owen are former Longstanton Parish Councillors so we already have good connections, and are looking forward to working together on the issues that affect our communities.

That's all for this time. Stay safe, and as always if the Parish Council can help in any way, please reach out to the Clerk and we will do our best to assist.

*Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC*

HATTON'S CHARITY

In 1659, Sir Thomas Hatton left £100 in his will to buy land for the benefit of the poor. This provision formed the basis of the Longstanton Hatton's Charity, which was set up by the Charity Commissioners in 1898. We know that in the 1830s the income from the land was used to buy coal for the poor, but nowadays the charity uses its income to provide a modest gift to eligible residents. The charity currently owns approximately 3 acres of land at Bare Fen and around 7 acres at Gravel Bridge, both in Over, which are leased to local farmers.

The Charity provides a modest monetary gift at Christmas to residents of Longstanton parish who are **aged over 70** and have **resided in the village for over 20 years**. Anyone who fulfils the above two conditions is eligible, so please contact one of the trustees on the following telephone numbers:

Mark Stevens—07789-118339
Nanci delaMare-Lyon - 01954 780625
Victoria Sharland - 07722-044057
Libby White - 07808 524875



The above residents are the new trustees, who are taking on responsibility for administering the charity from Sylvia Hicks, Ann Meadow, Pat Sheridan and the late Carol Collis. These trustees have been solely responsible for helping greatly many older people in Longstanton village, in some cases for 18 years! The new trustees would like to thank Sylvia, Ann, Pat and Carol for all they have done—they know they have very big shoes to fill. They hope with their work to live up to the selfless example of the previous trustees..

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillors' Notes



Local Plan Update

A list of potential development sites, chosen to minimise carbon emissions and set Greater Cambridge on a clear path to a net zero carbon future, has been published for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The proposals now go forward to be scrutinised by councillors, along with a clear warning to central

government that delivery of the proposals will depend on increasing the area's future water supply.

The new Local Plan, which will set out where new homes and jobs would be developed to 2041 and beyond, aims to minimise carbon emissions and maximise biodiversity and green space improvements, social inclusion and create great places to live and work. As a result, sites have been chosen which will be close to high quality public transport and within walking and cycling distance of local destinations and services, to minimise future car use. Out of over 690 sites put forward by developers and landowners, and another 200 considered by planners, only 19 new sites are proposed to be taken forward into the new Plan.

Along with the possible locations for development, the proposals also include suggested new green space and wildlife projects, initial policy recommendations for low-carbon building and water conservation, and proposals for affordable housing that developers should provide in the future.

Local Plan Sites in Longstanton: The plan has identified one site in Longstanton for potential future development. The site is on the triangle of land between the Recreation Ground and Hatton Park Road.

Development of this site could lead to a portion of this land being given to Longstanton Parish Council, which would be used to build a new community building to replace the village institute and provide more community facilities for the village. The remainder of the land could be used for 40-50 houses, and we have suggested to planning officers that older people's or sheltered housing could be accommodated here.

The owner of this site also owns land on Home Farm. The final phase of this development was not completed, which included an additional 100 homes. The planning application for this has now lapsed. Additional work on landscaping, a noise reduction bund along the bypass and a community

orchard were also planned but not delivered. If the proposed site next to the Recreation Ground was developed (which is not at this stage confirmed) the landowner would also wish to submit plans for this final phase of the Home Farm development to be completed. This site is within the village framework so is not included in this Local Plan.

We will be discussing these proposals with the Parish Council, and we would welcome the views of residents through the Local Plan consultation which will begin soon. We will share details of how to share your views via the consultation as soon as we have these. We will seek to represent the views of the village in our response to the consultation.

No further sites proposed in the original call for sites, including the site off School Lane or the sites in the Longstanton Conservation area, have been selected to go forward into the Local Plan.

The Local Plan and Northstowe: There has been some incorrect information shared on social media that stated that extra houses are being proposed for Northstowe as part of the new Local Plan. This is not the case. There is a proposal to speed up delivery of much needed new homes, particularly affordable housing, during the period of this Local Plan but not to increase overall numbers of homes in Northstowe.

Northstowe Waterparks, LEAPs and Paths Opening

The Northstowe Phase 1 Waterpark is now open! There is a bridge over the largest lake, and a wide cycle path through much of the Waterpark which we hope will be enjoyed by Longstanton residents for walking and cycling. The greenways that have also been opened are meant to be wild areas and so may still look a little scruffy at present; it can take wildflowers up to 2 years to establish. A reminder that open water swimming, and canoeing/kayaking will be allowed in the new waterpark to open in Phase 2.

You can find a map showing the location of the Phase 1 waterpark and details of a nature trail walk around Northstowe here: www.facebook.com/northstowe/

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these, or any other matters.

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

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

We're all happy to be back playing together after so long. The group will feel slightly different from the old group so that we can adhere to the Covid safety rules, but hopefully the little ones will enjoy seeing their friends again for some free play and a story.

The toys have all been cleaned and are safe to play with. The Village Institute has a Test and Trace QR code and hand sanitiser available, and we will keep the windows open; you may want to dress warmly as the weather cools down. Since we're unable to offer snacks, drinks, or crafts,

we will be charging only 50p per family per week, rather than £1. You are free to bring your own snacks to have during the story.

We look forward to seeing you in the Village Institute on Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11am. All children aged 0-4 are welcome, and there is an area just for young babies.

*Jenny, Liz, and Felicity
Little Leprechauns Committee*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Anthony Browne



We are now at the stage where hopes of returning to something resembling normality have never been higher, largely due to the widespread availability of vaccines. As we do return to more familiar practices, I want to ensure that those

who have dedicated much of their time and effort to their local communities are recognised. I am very mindful that we would not have been able to come this far without the extraordinary efforts of key individuals at a local level, many of whom have worked tirelessly.

With that in mind, I am launching a Covid Community Champions award, which seeks to identify and highlight the hard work of residents in South Cambridgeshire, whose efforts have been an inspiration. These could be volunteers who have helped more vulnerable members of the community at their own initiative, parish councillors who have taken on a wealth of new responsibilities, or anyone else whose contribution you feel merits greater recognition.

If anyone you know meets this description, please do consider nominating them so that their work can be highlighted. Nominations can be submitted via my website at <https://www.anthonybrowne.org/news/covid-champions> or emailed to me using anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk. If emailing, please include the name of nominated individual/group, an email contact for your nomination and just one or two sentences about why you are nominating this them/the group.

Elsewhere, I have been emphasising the water shortages in South Cambridgeshire, meeting with Cambridge Water CEO Andy Willicott and his team to hear more about the planned

solutions to these problems. I welcome news that South Cambs has officially been designated a water stressed area. As I am sure many of you will agree, we need new, innovative thinking to overcome this serious issue. I look forward to participating in conversations to find a solution. One thing is for sure – the answer is not 49,000 new homes!

I have also been working with my parliamentary colleagues in Cambridgeshire to lobby for additional funding for local schools. I am delighted our efforts have resulted in such substantial increases. Hatton Park Primary will receive an additional 3%, taking their funding to £4,265 per pupil for the coming school year. I know it has been a challenging time for many students and it is fantastic that Hatton Park is able to return to pre-Covid teaching.

Find more information on my website:

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Anthony Browne
MP for South Cambs



Time for you
Time for them
Time to volunteer
Join us today

Girlguiding is delighted to welcome new girls and volunteers to start **Rainbows (5-7 years)** and **Brownies (7-10 years)** in Pathfinder School, Northstowe in the new year.

We need your support – volunteer with Girlguiding and make a difference to the lives of girls - while benefiting from the adventure and opportunities guiding has to offer adults. Meet new people, gain skills and help girls discover their full potential with Girlguiding.

Please come along to an Girlguiding Open Session to meet us and find out more: Thursday 18th November 2021, from 5.00pm - 6.00pm, at Pathfinder School
We look forward to meeting you

For more information, please contact Di Gunton, District Commissioner di.gunton@outlook.com

HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton!



We hope that you are all well and continuing to adjust to ongoing changes in these interesting times.

The Hatton Park family has returned to school and are all working hard. We currently have 355 children on roll, with more families arriving in Longstanton regularly. We welcomed 50 new Reception children to the school, and they are settling beautifully.

It has been good to be able to make sensible adjustments to the ways in which we needed to organise the school last year. The children are enjoying being able to use all the lovely space that we have and are trying hard to respect the 'face and space' rules that we have. The classrooms continue to be bright and engaging places to teach and learn, but they are now set out in a variety of ways. We no longer have staggered starts and finishes to the school day; thank you to all our families for being so sensible with the larger volumes of people on site at the same time. Face coverings are still encouraged for when social distancing cannot be observed.

The learning is well underway with our Year 5/6 children exploring the Victorian era; Year 3/4 exploring the wonders of rocks and fossils; Year 1/2 learning all about Traditional Tales and Reception Class centring their learning around colours.

It is great to be able to widen the extra-curricular activities this year. We are really looking forward to girls' football, netball, running, gymnastics and singing clubs restarting, adding to dance already running. As the term progresses,

we are hoping to start more. We are also looking forward to competing again in the Schools Sports Partnership's football, netball and cross country running.

Lots of our families took part in the Northstowe Running Festival at the start of September. It was a great event, and we are very grateful to have received a charitable donation from the event to help us provide more for our children.

We continue to be proud of our school family and are looking forward to seeing what this year will bring.

Stay well,

Mr Aguda and the Hatton Park Team



NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE (NSC) NEWS



It has been wonderful to welcome our young people back at the start of term. The Northstowe family has now grown to over 300 children, and the school is buzzing with the excitement of young voices. We also welcomed seventeen new members of staff

this year including seven new teachers, seven support team members and three TAs. It is lovely to see our family grow over time.

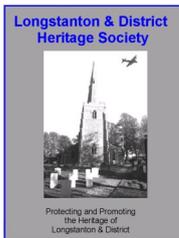
Year 7 had a fabulous first day back to school on their own, with the chance to get a tour of the school, meet their tutor and tutor group as well as undertake some team building activities. Our Year 8 and 9 returned on the second day, with Year 9 starting their GCSE option choices.

It is nice to see the start of a return to normality in schools, with all year groups going out on year group-based trips at the start of October and Year 7 going to the Space Centre in November. Trips and visits allow children to extend their learning and are a full part of our enrichment programme. We are also planning for a Christmas show.

We have appointed Katie Reid to lead on our lettings as we hope to offer more classes for the community, as well as working towards opening our café and gym.

There are lots of things to look forward to over the next academic year, and we look forward to welcoming families and the community to enjoy more of what we have to offer as the year progresses.

Carole Moss, Headteacher



Kingfisher Pond - HR Wallingford Report 3

LDHS members and local residents will be aware of the constitutional obligation that the Heritage Society has to protect heritage assets across Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick and that landscape features are included in our definition of Heritage. Hence, for many years the Longstanton & District Heritage Society has been highlighting the plight of the Kingfisher Pond and other ponds and water features located on the River Terrace Deposits (RTD), which lie below our communities.

The purpose of HR Wallingford's final report was to determine the cause of the changes in the hydrology and hydrogeology of the Kingfisher Pond. Their report is clear in its key finding that it was the initial construction de-watering that led to the drying out of the Kingfisher Pond. Why then was no enforcement action taken by SCDC when local residents first raised concerns at the end of 2015, after the first phase of de-watering was carried out? If action had been taken when concerns were first raised, the second phase of de-watering could have been stopped and the cause of the problem identified and rectified. This report cannot be clearer - it states that the construction of Northstowe has changed the recharge of the RTD and the ponds and other ground-fed features. This is simply unacceptable and someone should be held responsible; not just for what happened but also for the failure to take action when the problem was first reported. Furthermore, the report makes clear that the damage caused might not be repairable and water levels may not recover to pre-Northstowe levels.



This image taken on 30 August 2021, shows how scrub has taken over the pond with the trees standing on dry ground. The jetty is no longer standing in the water and the pond is probably beyond repair. **THIS CAN'T BE THE ACCEPTABLE FACE OF MODERN DEVELOPMENT!**

However, what is of really serious concern is the question-mark the report raises as to whether the design principles of the greenways have been met, or if they will continue to reduce groundwater levels in the RTD and the Kingfisher Pond. Failure to act on residents' concerns in a timely manner has potentially allowed those greenways to be completed with any errors or changes to the design principles buried below ground.

However, this is where the remit limitations of HR Wallingford's brief are exposed. Despite all the evidence and the confident conclusion that dewatering of Northstowe caused the damage to the Kingfisher Pond and by implication the other ponds and groundwater features, the report appears to have only recommended that monitoring is installed and maintained to determine the impacts of the Northstowe ground-works on the

Kingfisher Pond and other ground-fed water features. Whilst monitoring of the RTD is welcome and should have been in place from the start of work out on Phase 1, there is no mention of what action must be taken to repair the damage to the aquifer and to ensure that the groundwater levels in the RTD do recover to pre- Northstowe levels.

In addition, other more recent and on-going issues exist which have not been dealt with by this report. The HR Wallingford final report fails to acknowledge or explain how and why the Phase 1 lake could fill with water by 2017, whilst at the same time the Kingfisher Pond stood empty. Also not explained by this report is the reason for water being pumped off Northstowe Phase 1 in significant quantities, over extended periods of time. This discharge of water was reported to local councillors, HR Wallingford and others late in 2020. Also reported was the apparent cessation of water being discharged off site early in 2021, despite high levels or rainfall and water being pumped off Phase 2. There was no explanation for this either.

HR Wallingford have stated that they would be available to carry out further work under a new contract and hopefully this will be carried out with the remit being what restoration work and mitigation can repair the damage caused by the Phase 1 de-watering of the RTD aquifer. However, what is clear is that whilst the H R Wallingford investigations and reports 1-3 are welcome, serious questions remain to be answered . Whilst SCDC has published a plan of action, further investigations are needed to provide answers and for confidence to be restored in the drainage works associated with the Northstowe development.

In recent weeks, a planning application has been submitted for the modification of swales in the northern greenway out on Phase 1. I have submitted an objection to this planning application, because there should be no changes to the drainage system out on site until the issue of the groundwater problem is fully understood once and for all. If the design or construction of the Phase 1 drainage system has contributed to the groundwater problem then modifying it now, prior to further investigations, could prevent the village getting to the bottom of what caused the environmental problems we have seen in recent years.

Heritage Annex and LDHS Archival Storage

LDHS is pleased to announce that revised plans for the Heritage Annex are currently being drawn up and will include storage facilities and work space for LDHS and our archives. This means that at last LDHS will have a base to work from, which will allow greater community participation and will provide local residents with a place to come together to enjoy our shared history. Current time -lines suggest the building will open to the public next summer. Once LDHS moves to this new building an expanded team will be required. Meanwhile we are grateful for the support we are getting from members of Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council.

Hilary Stroude (LDHS Secretary)

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES



Whilst the summer was a bit late to get going, the last few months have afforded us some excellent tennis weather; the courts have been in regular use throughout. We also continued to see new people joining the club, and we now have more members than ever before! Club social sessions continue to be very popular, so come on down if you'd like to mix in with other players. It's the best way to improve your game!

Unfortunately, it hasn't been possible to organise any events this year, such as the LTA sponsored Big Tennis Weekend. We very much hope that we can get back to a more regular series of events next year. We did manage to join in the LTA Summer League matches (with all teams doing very well) and will be shortly starting our winter league, with the addition of a mixed team this year.

Coaching has just started again after the summer break, with sessions running in 6 or 7 week blocks every Thursday during term time. The adult courses are now fully booked, with junior courses also in high demand. If you're interested and would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact

David directly by emailing:

coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk

Coaching is open to both members and non-members (with members benefitting from a reduced rate).

We're approaching autumn now, but as long as the weather is fine, the tennis doesn't stop! The courts are in use all year round, with floodlights available during evening club social sessions. If you are interested in joining the club or finding out more, please have a look at our website: www.longstantontennis.co.uk. Alternatively, pop down to one of our club sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 pm and Sunday mornings from 11 am.

The courts are available to book via our online booking system, available on our website. Once you've booked a court, you'll be given a code to access the key safe to open the gate. Members can book courts for free, whilst non-members pay a £5 'pay and play' fee per hour.

Hope to see you on court soon!

Damian Kramer, Club Chair



With the season now in full swing, both Longstanton teams found themselves starting the season well. The Sunday team opened with a home defeat to Steeple Morden but followed it up with an impressive 4-1 win in their next fixture at home v Waterbeach. The goals came from Jon Woof; Adam Winter, with a brace,

and Dan Peacock, with an overhead kick...

The first team started at home v Chatteris Town Reserves 11th September. This season will be full of unknowns as we play in Division 2 this time round after promotion last season. The lads didn't disappoint with an opening day 5-2 win. Goals came from our outstanding defensive pairing of Jon Woof and Dave Grant; Jordan Ellwood, who ended his long overdue wait for a goal with a quality strike across the keeper, and Dan Parker, with a brace, picking up from where he left off last season.

Winning back-to-back games at the start of the season hasn't been something we have managed since the team reformed in 2017, so with unbeaten Wimblington FC coming to the Recreation Ground, we knew it would be a tough test. With both teams showing quality on the ball, the game started at a fast pace. With the pre-match team talk still fresh in the lads' minds, they went about their business with perfect application. Jordan Ellwood opened the scoring after five minutes; by the twenty-five-minute mark, Longstanton were four goals to the good. The visitors joined in with a great lob over the keeper, unfortunately at the wrong end. Jordan added another, making it three in two games, and not to be left out, Dan Parker slotted the fourth.

The second half didn't have the same fizz as the first half as the heat of the day took effect, and Wimblington, not giving up, scored a couple of late goals to make it 4-2. That's where it ended, leaving Longstanton FC with two wins from two games to start the season in perfect fashion.

If you want to watch great football, while enjoying some hot or cold refreshments at the Pavilion, come down to the Rec on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning and cheer the lads on!

This season, both teams are sponsored by Specsavers Cambridge. We would like to thank Specsavers Cambridge for their continued support of the club, from the colts through to the senior team. It's very much appreciated.

If you would like to get involved, you are welcome to join us for our training sessions at Northstowe Village College 4G on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm.

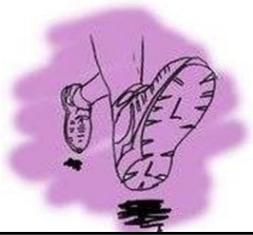
Ben Lee



Back Row: Wayne Markillie (Goalkeeper Coach), Phil Cooper (Asst Manager), Tom Dineen, Dan Peacock, Paul Keeley, Dave Grant, Shaun McAvoy, Jon Woof, Sam Markille, Calum Lee, Ben Lee (Manager)

Front Row: Jordan Ellwood, Elliot Davies, Ben Green, Ricky Woodrow (Captain), Dan Parker, Adam Winter, Oskar Dixon, Scott Cooper

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES



LONGSTANTON LIMPERS

Our Summer Challenge is now complete, and it was a fantastic success. Taking place over July and August, the challenge was to run or walk at least a mile on 35 days over two months. We had great support from the community, with over 120 people taking part. We raised £1000, which will be shared between our four local schools.

We're really pleased with the challenge and had some great feedback on our weekly prize draws, which supported local businesses like Cocoa Nouveau, Longhorn Farmshop, the Black Bull, Little Kitchen, the Northstowe Foodies and others. We had a great range of entrants, with 76 adults and 47 children taking part, who covered an amazing total of over 7000 miles. With some totals still to be submitted, the full total must be much higher! Summer finished off nicely with the fantastic Northstowe Running Festival, which was enjoyed by many Limpers and their families.

Looking ahead into autumn, we've used funding from Living Sport to get more qualified run leaders trained, and with three new volunteer run leaders stepping forwards, we've been able to put on more sessions. We've kept our Monday social run (19:30, now meeting on The Green in Northstowe for the darker nights) and added two sessions on Wednesdays (one for beginners, where anyone is welcome, and a members-only coached training session). We've got something for everyone. Other activities, such as parkrun trips, are becoming active (I've been volunteering down at the new event at Storey's Field, Eddington, which is worth a visit...) so things are getting back to normal.

Our membership is still free for the rest of the year; we're trying to do our bit to keep people active as we come out of Covid conditions (you can make a voluntary donation if you want to). Get in touch if you want to start running, get back into it or just meet some friendly runners for a group run! Give us a wave if you see us out and about.

Chris Poultney

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



Well, we managed a full season of bowls fixtures this year in the Cambridge & District, Business Houses and Ely leagues despite the remaining COVID restrictions at the beginning. The summer season is now over, so here is a round-up of our final standings in each of the leagues.

In the Cambridge & District Triples League, our Division 2 team finished a respectable 6th out of 10. However, our Division 5 team were the stars of the show and finished top of the division with an impressive 15.5 point lead over the second placed team. That means they played Coton (winners of Division 3) in the semi-final of the Champion of Champions competition. Longstanton lost, but well done anyway to Captain John Spelzini and all Division 5 players for getting to the semis!

I think I will gloss over the league results for the Business Houses League. Let's just say the Longstanton mixed team and the two men's teams did not cover themselves in glory for this season. We did a little better in Division 2 of the Ely & District Afternoon Triples League, where we finished 9th out of 12 with 62.5 points. The scores were all very close mid-table and only 7 points separated the teams finishing between 4th and 9th.

Congratulations to the winners of the following club competitions:

Club Triples: David Slights, Keith Erwin & John Hodson
Club 2-4-2 Pairs: Jean Brown & Fred Whybrow

Open Pairs: Stuart Hunter & Harry Dean
Mixed Pairs: Fred & Jackie Whybrow
Men's Pairs: David Plumb & Keith Irwin
Captain's Cup: Stuart Hunter (Runner-up Paul Harrowing)
Men's Singles: Les Cooke (Runner-up Stuart Hunter)
Trophies will be presented at the annual presentation dinner in November.

I'm afraid I must finish up with a couple of pieces of bad news. Very sadly, Jacqui Walker died in mid-August after losing her battle with cancer. Jacqui was a very good and very keen bowler and supporter of Longstanton Bowls Club. She was my partner when we got through to the final of the Business Houses Ladies Pairs competition in 2018. She was also a very fun and active social member and a demon bingo player. We all miss her very much, both as a bowler and a friend.

The other bit of (very much less) bad news is that this will be my last contribution on behalf of the bowls club to Longstanton Life. Paul and I have decided that the time has come to downsize and move closer to family, so we will be off to Surrey in the next month or so. Someone else will have to do battle with the crows on the green (crows 100 - Paul 0) and keep you updated with bowling news.

The new season starts again next spring, so if you would like more information about the club then please contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email marionedwards1@btinternet.com.

Regards to all Longstanton Life readers and all the very best for the future.

Corinne Walsham



Everyone knows that birds fly south for the winter, heading down to Africa and the warmer Mediterranean climates of Southern Europe to wait out the cold winter months before returning to nest in the spring. What is often overlooked is the fact that many species from Northern Europe, including Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia, also head south for the winter, but for them the islands of the UK are their destination with our warmer climate and milder winter.

Perhaps the most obvious winter arrivals are out on the lakes with several new species of duck appearing to join the residents. Wigeon, the first of these, form large wintering flocks and are as likely to be seen grazing the grasslands around the lakes as on the water itself. These medium sized ducks are often heard before they are seen as they make loud whistling calls to each other. Males are mostly grey with a pink breast, brown head and yellow forehead whilst females are brown. Both sexes have a white patch on their wings that is clearly seen when they are in flight.

Teal are our smallest species of duck and another winter arrival. Males are mostly grey with a yellow-and-black tail and a chestnut head with a bright green eye patch that gives the colour its name. Females are mottled brown. Both sexes show a bright green wing patch in flight.

Goldeneye are a species of diving duck that can be seen out on the deeper bodies of water. Males are unmistakable with mostly white bodies and glossy green, triangular shaped heads whilst the females are smaller with brown heads and a greyer body. Both sexes, of course, have bright yellow eyes.

Away from the water, berry-laden hawthorn bushes attract wintering thrushes in the form of redwing and fieldfare. Fieldfare are large and colourful with a slate grey head and rump, black tail, brown back and a pale breast with black spots. Redwing are our smallest thrush and have brown upperparts with a pale eye strip, pale streaked breast and red underwing patches.

It is not only new species arriving. Numbers of our year-round resident species also increase as birds from the continent, particularly Scandinavia, come and join their British



Fieldfare perched on hawthorn - Gill Street

counterparts in our milder climate. Numbers of blackbird, wood pigeon, starling, herons and many waterbirds drastically increase across the reserve.

One seasonal highlight is the arrival of several thousand starlings coming in at dusk, usually from November, to roost in the reedbeds of Elney and Holywell lakes. These birds are famed for the large flocks they form, known as murmurations. Watching from the ground, flocks move like a single organism through the sky, stretching out into a long line before folding back into a ball, rising up and diving back down, wheeling around and eventually dropping down to roost in a truly mesmerising display.

On a crisp autumn morning why not put on a coat and come for a walk to see what's around? You never know what you might see.

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SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS)

Dear Friends

I hope those of you who came to our walk on September 1st enjoyed seeing the new section of Ouse Fen at Earith. It was good to meet up again after so many months.

We did discuss with the people there whether to continue evening meetings in the winter months or perhaps change to afternoons, but there really was no definitive decision.

As life is so unpredictable at the moment we have come to the sad conclusion we will not hold any indoor meetings this winter season, but are considering walks in the spring and summer of 2022. You of course will be notified of the programme in due course.

I am sorry that after many years, I'm not going to be able to continue arranging walks and talks and distributing emails, as I have other rather pressing family commitments. However, I am passing your email details to Trevor Grange so we can keep you updated with future plans.

Should there be any people who would like to make the commitment to organise and publicise future meetings we would all be most grateful.

If you would prefer your name to be removed from the mailing list, please do let us know.

In any of the cases above please would you contact Trevor Grange at: tgrange08@btinternet.com

I am most grateful for all your support over the years and do hope that things will improve and that in the future we may be able to pick up full meetings once again.

With my very best wishes and thanks to everyone who has helped to keep Swavesey & Over Conservation Society (SOCS) on the map for so many years.

Kind regards
Frances x

WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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Health Visitors: 0300 029 50 50 Out of hours cover: Ring 111 Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Flu Vaccinations As you may have seen reported in the national press, we are currently experiencing delays to the supply of flu vaccines. This is a national issue and not specific to this practice. At the time of writing we are unable to confirm when our supply of vaccine will be available but will keep the community as updated as we can through social media and on our website.

Please do not contact the surgery regarding this, rest assured our staff will contact you if your appointment has been affected.

Blood test bottle shortage At the time of writing we continue to experience shortages in the supply of blood test bottles. This is a global supply issue which has been widely reported on in the national press. Due to the continuing shortage through September this will inevitably affect appointment bookings for blood tests for some time to come including once supply is re-established. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

DoctorLink The DoctorLink service is available to all patients as an alternative to 111 when a GP appointment is unavailable. Doctorlink connects you to your GP practice allowing you to check your symptoms online, gives medical advice based on your symptoms and provides access to GP services. Download the app or visit the website:

<https://www.doctorlink.com/patients/>

Online Appointment Booking We would like to remind you that online appointment booking are available to all patients who have signed up to our online booking service. This can be particularly useful during busy times when there can be long waiting times on the phone lines.

If you wish to sign up for this service please visit our Reception in person bringing two forms of photo ID with you. Please note that at this time this service offers telephone appointments only.

Welcome back Dr Fay Stevens We would like to welcome back Dr Faye Stevens who returns from Maternity Leave this month.

Patient Participation Group and Patient Feedback After placing these initiatives on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic, we are looking to relaunch our patient engagement activities over the next few months. Please look out for more details on our social media and websites as well as in future newsletters and in the surgery waiting area.

Carers If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at susan.lawson7@nhs.net or 01954 260230.

Unattended Appointments Our Did Not Attend (DNA) rate for August 2021 was 505 slots which equates to 8.5 hours of lost clinician time.

We would like to kindly remind our patients of the importance of attendance at appointments or being available for scheduled telephone calls. Timely cancellation of appointments you are unable to attend is equally important as it frees up a slot that can potentially be used by another patient.



*Amy Wilson
Practice Administrator*

EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

What is the God you don't believe in like? According to a YouGov survey last year (<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/philosophy/articles-reports/2020/12/29/how-religious-are-british-people>), only 27% of Britons say they actually believe in 'a god'. But, even if you don't believe in a god, you have an idea in your mind, a picture of the God you don't believe exists.

So, what is the God you don't believe in like? When I hear about the God that atheists reject, I often find myself nodding; I reject that kind of God too. The God they reject is indifferent to us at best and a callous and interfering spoilsport at worst. You might say God is a black hole sucking all the good things out of us. But, as a Christian, I believe in the God revealed by Jesus. He is more like a sun of goodness shining out warmth and light, love and goodness. As the section of the Bible we are looking at this term in our Sunday services says: "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5).

If you'd like to explore this idea of God as a sun of blessing more, we've produced a short video and some resources which you can find on our website:

<https://emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org/>

[Articles/618567/The_Sun_and.aspx](https://emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org/Articles/618567/The_Sun_and.aspx)

And if you have any questions or would like to explore God and faith with others, please get in touch.

Gathering as a church in person every Sunday 10:30am Northstowe Secondary College, you are always welcome to visit us.

Pastor Josh Monteiro

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



Happy New Year!

A new academic year is upon us. Many of us, whether in the field of education or not, may sense in some way that we have started afresh this autumn. This is certainly how I felt in September 2020 as I arrived and set to work as Team Vicar in Longstanton

and each of the 5folds villages. At the same time, my niece Milly moved to junior school. We had some great conversations about a new school and a new job.

I have been back in Cambridgeshire a year. Although, it seems I started all over again at Easter when the last lockdown ended. In my garden and in the villages, I am now doing a few things for the second time. Yet Covid-19 prevented each of us from celebrating many seasonal and local festivals in all their fullness. I have them to look forward to in the future.

I always remember the firsts in a new place: Sunday worship; a first wedding, baptism or funeral in Longstanton. The summer months have seen a number of dedications (giving thanks for the gift of a child) and weddings in the 5folds churches. It is a delight to share with families in these occasions marking significant moments in our journey through life. Do contact Simon (Team Rector) or me if you would like to explore such possibilities.

In All Saints' Church Longstanton, we look forward to the imminent completion of internal re-ordering works. This will mark the start of another chapter, with the opportunity for all in the local community to use the refurbished and additional small meeting spaces. Do come and take a look once we have re-opened fully. In the meantime, we continue to meet in church for Sunday worship at 9.30am and encourage the wearing of face masks during services. At the start of this new year of sorts, I wonder what we will recall from the last twelve months? Perhaps your first haircut or holiday away from home? Was 'Freedom Day' a milestone for you? Whatever our memories, it will, without doubt, be a historical age to look back at and study in future generations. As we head towards November, I will remember not only 5th November but also Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Happy New Year and autumn to you all.

*Rev'd Lucy Cleland,
Team Vicar (Designate) in Longstanton,
Over, Swavesey and Willingham.
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PATHFINDER CHURCH, NORTHSTOWE

'Stowe-Aways: Music, Spirituality, Social Justice... and portaloos!

What do you do when the national music festival you'd been hoping to go to can't run because of Covid? Well, in our case: go small, stay local, and book our own portaloos!

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, Northstowe residents and their friends and families pitched tents down the road in Willingham, before joining in with outdoor games; early morning campfire communion; a mindful "Breathing Deep" session, with local spirituality author Ian Adams; a brilliant all-age talk and break out discussion groups on antislavery from **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION**[®] campaigner Nell Smith. There was also The Imagination Tent; a labyrinth; a photography display; ride-on-trains; Jazz and Jamming (hosted by the Orchard Street Jazz band, while one of our young people served cream teas for 75 in the field) then beer, hymns and late-night Compline around the fire.

What a weekend! What a community!

Inspired by all this, our Autumn Term activities back in Northstowe have a focus on new monastic spirituality, on antislavery, and responding to the Big Questions about Heaven, life, angels... and from there into the hope-filled message of Christmas. Why not pop down to the Pathfinder Primary School field one Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm and join us (check social media for details in case we're off site - all weather permitting). Take a look at our "What Just Happened?" vlogs on our YouTube channel to find out more: bit.ly/PathfinderChurchYouTube

Rev'd Dr Beth Cope



Pathfinder Church Northstowe is a Church of England Church, with an inclusive ecumenical welcome. Rev'd Dr Beth Cope is the Pioneer Minister for Northstowe, working closely with Revds. Lucy and Simon from the 5folds Family of Churches which includes All Saints' Longstanton. She is available to talk through the Big Questions of life, as well as for Northstowe's weddings, baptisms, and funerals whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. Contact her at Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe (01954 261 181) contact@northstowe.church

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Pioneer Café: a new adventure for Northstowe and surrounding villages

Pioneer Café continues this autumn!

A group of residents from Northstowe and the surrounding villages came together to transform the Northstowe Community Wing into a lively café over the summer, and we're delighted that it will be continuing this autumn!

Pioneer Café is open 10am – 12.30pm every Wednesday, serving hot and cold drinks and simple snacks at low prices, to enjoy inside or take away.

With the micro-library and toys available, it's a safe space for children to explore, whilst also being a great venue for your in-person work meetings or calls, or a chance to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee.

Would you like to volunteer your time and join our friendly team? We'd love to hear from you: sign up at: bit.ly/pioneercafevolunteers, get in touch at friendsofthewing@gmail.com or pop in to the Wing for a chat.

Mari O'Neill

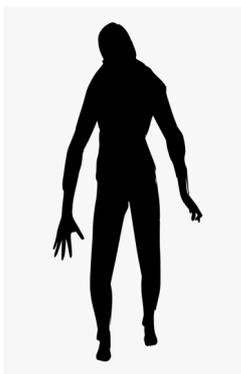


LOCAL FOLKLORE

The autumn leaves have started to fall. The days are getting shorter and the nights longer. We've entered into that time of year when things become a little bit spookier as Halloween approaches.

As part of this local folklore section, here are a couple of ghost stories you may have already heard:

The Faceless Man, Longstanton



In 1999, a man was driving home from his workplace in Bar Hill to Longstanton. It was close to midnight and he spotted a man walking, drunkenly, by the side of the B1050 leading back to the village. He moved to the center of the road to give the pedestrian some room. To his shock, the man jumped in front of him and as the headlights shone full glare upon his face there were no features to be defined. The pedestrian moved out of

the way before the car made impact. The driver, shaken, went past. Looking back in his rear view mirror, he then saw that the faceless man had vanished.

Black Shuck

Any 'Harry Potter' fan worth their wand will know that 'Padfoot' is the nickname for Harry's Godfather Sirius, so called after the form he takes as an animagus, that of a large black dog. Did you know that J.K. Rowling may have taken inspiration for this from the legend of the 'Black

Shuck', native to East Anglia. Sightings of these 'padfooted' creatures, large shaggy-coated black dogs, are considered evil omens; to hear or see one may be a warning of impending illness or even death. A sighting of one of these creatures was once recorded on Arbury Road, during the height of midsummer by a Mr and Mrs Duval. Driving back from an event they were startled when a 'large, black, wolf-like animal', leaped over the bonnet of their car. The animal vanished into an allotment on the other side of the road. The Duval's pulled over to look at where it had gone off to but could not see it. No marks were left on the car. The only evidence of its existence was felt in the sudden coldness of the air, in spite of the hot summer day, and the absolute terror of their own dog which had previously been dozing in the back of the car. Shortly after this incident, the couple suffered financial misfortune and Mr Duval was diagnosed with a fatal illness.

The Lantern Men

The waterways in and around 'Wicken Fen' are thought to be haunted by ghostly apparitions of light, known as 'Lantern Men' who lure travelers to their deaths amongst the reed lined banks. The lights dance around the banks of the river, and on a quiet night, when the fog draws close, you may also hear an eerie whistling. Should you ever be approached by a lantern man, your best course of action is to lie down flat, with your lips touching the earth, not to look up until the feeling of dread passes.

Vicky Stevens

Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club October and November 2021

We are meeting in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club, between 2pm and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea and cakes. Getting together with friends for fun and games. ALL OF THIS FOR ONLY £2 PER PERSON. The bar will be open if you want something 'extra'.

We are looking for new members to join us so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and give us a try!

Coming up in October and November:

8th October: Bingo
15th October: All Things Italian
22nd October: Games and Quiz
29th October: Halloween
5th November: AGM and Play Your Cards Right
12th November: Late Christmas Sales and Quiz
19th November: Club Birthday Party with Dave Cass
26th November: Casino Games
3rd December: Christmas Arts and Crafts with Pam Harper

If you give us a try and decide that it's for you, you will also need to join the BHSSC which is £5 per year.

Anne Plumb
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Events & Activities

Autumn 2021

www.cambridgeppf.org for details



Hinxton Water Mill Open day

Sun 3 Oct, 2.30—5pm. Members free/£3/£1
Tours of the watermill and "Where's Ratty" for children.

Peach, Pear, Pineapple - Garden History Walk

Wed 6 Oct, 10am -12 noon. Free (donations welcome)
Gentle guided tour at Wandlebury Country Park.

Screening of *Stirbitch* at the Leper Chapel

Fri 15 Oct, 7.30pm. £5/£3 on the door
A 68 minute film-poem exploring land, cultural memory and the carnivalesque through the vanished site of Stourbridge Fair.

Ghost Stories II at the Leper Chapel

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Oct, 8pm. £15.
Chilling and thrilling storytelling performed by In-situ.

Children's Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury Country Park

25-29 Oct, 8.30am—4pm. £38 per day.
Fun and enriching outdoor activities during half-term.

Halloween Spooktacular at Wandlebury Country Park

Sun 31 Oct, 4pm - 8pm. Family £24/Adult £7/Child £5
Wild Thyme & Embers spooky adventure for the whole family with ghostly tales, fiendish foods and creepy crafts.

Dracula at the Leper Chapel

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Nov, 7.30pm. Adults £14/under 18s £10
Jonathan Harker recounts his terrifying encounter with Dracula.

History and Archaeology Walk at Wandlebury Country Park

Wed 10 Nov, 10am - 12. Free (donations welcome)
Gentle guided walk with a Warden.

The Pavilion

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Summer is fading fast, but at least we can see light at the end of the tunnel and can start organising events.

October 30th - Children's Halloween crafts and disco. Time and cost to be confirmed but probably around £2 per child.
December 19th - Children's Christmas party. Again, time and cost to be confirmed and whether we can book Santa this year is yet to be seen as he is going to be very busy!

Adults will have to wait until New Year's Eve to party unless anyone would like to organise anything between now and December. There is already a booking for 18th December, but other weekend/weekdays are available. We will also be starting to sell our Christmas raffle tickets at the start of December. How many days to go now Harriet? We had a MacMillan coffee afternoon on 24th September from 3pm and would like to thank everyone who supported us by turning up with cakes and for drinking our coffee and tea!

NEW OPENING HOURS!

Monday - Thursday: 17.00 until 22.00
Friday: 14.30 until 23.00
Saturday: 12.00 until 23.00
Sunday: 12.00 until 20.00



The cricket has given way to the football season, and it is great to see all the colts back playing and training on a Saturday morning. Don't forget we have both a Saturday and Sunday senior football team who are always grateful for your support. Come down and cheer them on. BINGO game is held every two weeks on a Monday, we need more players so contact us for more details.

A quick reminder that the large bins in the car park are for use of the Pavilion and Parish Council who pay for these to be emptied.

Let's look forward to as normal a year as possible and getting back to life as we were.

The Pavilion Team

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION!

It's competition time!

For our younger readers (those aged twelve years or under), you will find a number of pumpkins hidden on the pages of this issue. How many can you find?

For our older readers, how well do you know your Halloween movies? Match the iconic images to their film titles, but you will need to find the missing letters first!

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life by posting at the Village Institute or by emailing them to longstantonlife@hotmail.com before 25th October.

Remember to include your name, age and parent/guardian contact details (email/phone number) with your entry.

The first entrants randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive a couple of pumpkins (just in time for carving them!) kindly donated by Larksfield Farm (Longstanton). They will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!

A



B



C



D

F



E



1. T _ E _ H _ N _ G
2. T H _ B _ I R _ I T _ _ P R O _ _ C _
3. _ C _ E _ M
4. H _ C _ S _ O C _ S
5. C _ P _ R
6. T _ E _ R _ _ K _ H _ R O _ P _ C T _ _ E _ H _ W



SPORTS COMPETITION WINNER!



Jenny Hunt is the winner of our Sports Crossword Competition, congratulations! The winning answers were: **Across:** Edwards, Barty, Surfing, Aintree, Tokyo, Mercedes, Reid, Harry Kane. **Down:** Two, Asher Smith, South Africa, Rowing, Ashes, Six, Crucible, Sky Brown. Jenny won a coffee and cake for two, kindly donated by Rural Coffee Project.



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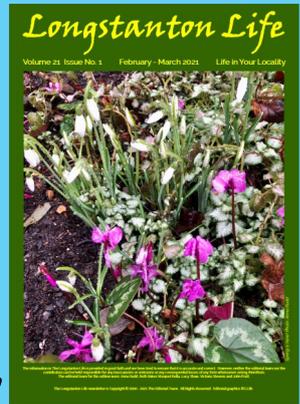
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