

# Longstanton Life

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# VILLAGE DIARY

<b>SUNDAY</b>	0930-1030	Sunday School	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1100	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
<b>MONDAY</b>	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	0630-0715	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1000-1130	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	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
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1800-2000	Junior Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Janet Hill	01954 261009
	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 [www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton\\_Village\\_Institute\\_Hall\\_23070.aspx](http://www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton_Village_Institute_Hall_23070.aspx). Email: [villageinstitute@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:longstantonpav@btinternet.com)

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

Answers to Memory Lane Oct/ Nov 2019



LDHS via Richard Granger

Clue: not quite what it seems... LLife front cover Oct/ Nov 2011

**What:** Possibly one of the first intakes of pupils at Hatton Park Primary school.

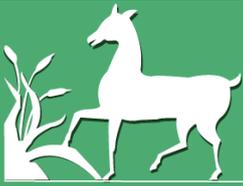
**Where:** Rear of Hatton Park school with the trees and small lake behind.

**When:** c 1958, (i.e. shortly after the old school on School Lane was closed in 1954). This time was also when the separate parishes of Longstanton All Saints and Longstanton St. Michael were combined as Longstanton.

*Please, can anyone verify the above?*



LDHS via George Rainsford



# LONGSTANTON VILLAGE MARKET

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

## LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

### Dear Readers,

Christmas is just around the corner and we are here at the ready to get you in the right mood. If you have ever wondered what makes a good festive cheese board, and want to tell your Sage Derby from your Brie de Meaux, we have the answer for you in this issue! Sam Nightingale will take you through various options in the 'Christmas Cheeses' piece on page 8. If you are up for some light story reading, 'A Little Festive Tale' by Tracy Cole will definitely leave you craving some eggnog... and possibly a cake too... go to page 14 and find out for yourself. Also in this issue we have a double Christmas competition, one for Juniors and one for Seniors - don't miss out on a chance of winning one of the two fantastic board games, just in time for the festive season with your family and friends.

In this last issue of 2019, we would like to thank you - our readers, contributors and advertisers - for your constant support. Our very special thanks go to our fantastic team of distributors, led by Lynne Coulstock. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and very happy New Year 2020!

With great sadness we have to announce that one of the founding members of Longstanton Life, Karin Sherwood, passed away in October. Please read In Memoriam for Karin on page 10.

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## Heidi Allen - A Farewell Note



*Heidi writes in a personal capacity, as she is no longer an MP.*

Dear all,  
I wanted to write and extend a fond farewell and a heartfelt thank you for four and a half wonderful years as your Member of Parliament.

I have been so proud of the vibrant, open, welcoming local communities who have shared a myriad of local successes and events with me and my husband Phil. We really do live in one of the best places in the world and it has been a privilege to create so many wonderful memories with you. I could never have dreamt that being seen in half at the Cambourne Christmas Lights Switch On or being put in the medieval stocks at Hinxtton could be so much fun! And who knew I could be so successful at village fetes – I literally cleaned up at the Eltisleys tombola, opened with a rock band at Bar Hill, won the Tug of War with the ladies' team at Meldreth and arrived at Whaddon in a vintage Bentley. I can't claim quite so much success at Thriplow Daffodil Festival, where I managed to confuse the category of 'Best Puppy' with 'Dog that Looks Most Like its Owner!' You are a very forgiving bunch.

Race-starting became something of a hobby and I was lucky enough to be invited to wave the flag at Cambourne, Caldecote, Great Chishill and the brilliant Duxford Soap Box Derby twice. A definite highlight was helping to 'top out' the new Royal Papworth hospital, while a low was probably during the Steeple Morden Steam Engine Rally when I innocently told the crowd that my husband 'likes to get on something hot and dirty at the weekend' – I'm not sure I ever lived that one down!

I've been privileged to see first-hand the exceptional efforts of our public service workers as they go about their duties with dedication and brilliance. I've loved spending a night on duty with the bed team at Addenbrooke's, going out on shift with our exceptional police, fire and ambulance crews, cutting open a car with the Duxford fire crew to test new equipment and I was extremely proud to welcome the Prime Minister to the Genome Campus to showcase the ground-breaking work that takes place here.

I've laughed out loud at the contributions made by primary and secondary school pupils during my dozens of school visits and have been humbled and inspired by the pupils and teachers within our schools. On my final day, I was especially proud to hand GCSE certificates out to Cottenham Village College's latest cohort, celebrated like I'd won the lottery when Guilden Morden Primary turned itself around for Ofsted and probably enjoyed Elsworth Pre-School's cocktail night a little too much... hic!

South Cambs certainly knows how to party and I was lucky enough to watch the Hare and Hounds in Harlton coming back to life, Fen Drayton's Call my Wine Bluff and Queen Edith's RNLI superb Brass Band Concert. I dusted off my landlady skills at the Shelford Feast, pulling pints, but my team and I failed miserably at Caxton's Village Hall Quiz Night... perhaps the cheese and wine may have distracted us somewhat! I loved giving Litlington residents a taste of my Desert Island Disc selections and who could forget my being beaten by Simon Sagers, the Green candidate in a hustings at Comberton VC!

I have so many special memories and it's just not possible to document them all here. Truly, it has been the greatest privilege to serve the people and communities of South Cambridgeshire. Thank you to everyone who shared a kind word, a thoughtful comment or a grey-cell-stretching learning point. It has been a huge honour. To all the brilliant people of South Cambs – thank you for a wonderful four and a half years and for allowing Phil and I to build our life here.

All our love, Heidi and Phil x

## County Councillor

Peter Hudson



### Visit from the Housing Minister

It was a pleasure to meet and speak recently with Esther McVey, the Housing Minister, at Northstowe. We met many residents who spoke about their experiences living amongst the construction of a new town and working in the local area. We also discussed and agreed that the required infrastructure must be in place before any occupations in all new and future developments within our area.

### Cambridgeshire schools on the up!

In the week that applications for primary and secondary schools opened, there was good news about Cambridgeshire's schools. Four years ago, less than 50% of our schools were graded as 'good' or better by Ofsted. The figure today sits at 93.5% of schools, meaning that Cambridgeshire is ranked 16th out of 150 local authorities nationally. Additionally, this year saw improvements in results at both Key Stage 2 (end of primary school) and GCSEs.

### Innovation boost for Cambridgeshire

More great news is that Cambridgeshire County Council is one of 20 councils who will be working together to share ideas and best practice with innovation experts Nesta and with each other. The County Council's participation will focus on their groundbreaking **Best Start in Life** initiative, which brings together everyone who works with young children from pre-birth to the age of five across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to shape their development, educational attainment and life chances.

The Best Start in Life Strategy is an integrated initiative - working across children's services in local authorities across Cambridgeshire, Health Visiting Services commissioned through the County Council's public health teams, NHS maternity and community children's health services.

The strategy works to achieve three key impacts:

- Children live healthy lives
- Children are safe from harm
- Children are confident and resilient with an aptitude and enthusiasm for learning



An intensive discovery phase has been undertaken since November 2018 to produce the strategy. This phase involved extensive engagement with existing research, data and evidence, alongside local parents and communities.

### Cambs Drive iQ

Registration is now open for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's online driving programme, 'Cambs Drive iQ', set up to support young people as they prepare to get into the driving seat.

Cambs Drive iQ's online learning platform is designed for students aged 16 and above and aims to help reduce the number of young people involved in incidents and crashes on the roads. Students who complete a minimum of 8 modules will automatically be entered in a lucky draw for either a free two-hour driving session or a chance to spend a day with the Fire and Police Service.

Delivered by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership in schools and colleges, it provides young people with a virtual experience of different driving situations they may find themselves in, preparing them to become better and safer drivers once they have passed their test. The virtual course uses examples of local roads so young people can experience specific challenges they might face around the county. Celebrating its second anniversary, Cambs Drive iQ was delivered to more than 3,300 students last year in 22 schools/colleges across Cambridgeshire.

The course offers that extra bit of guidance to young people and aims to give them the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe on the roads.

I am delighted see Cambs Drive iQ being so well received by young people across the county. This platform engages with young people from the start, preparing them for the potential challenges they may face whilst driving. It's a good way to influence attitudes towards driving in a classroom environment and should arm our young drivers with everything they need to know to stay safe on the roads.

As always, it has been fantastic meeting, talking and helping so many of our friends and neighbours over the past year, and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable new year.

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

# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## Longstanton Parish Council Dan delaMare-Lyon

With winter approaching, let me update you on some past and future parish events.

**Remembrance Sunday** I'd like to thank everyone that attended the crisp but fine day to remember those that gave their today for our tomorrow, on Remembrance Sunday. It was good to see our village come together to remember the fallen and to commemorate those that gave so much. I would like to thank our Parish Clerk for laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and the village and for arranging the procession through the village to the Service of Remembrance, and All Saints Church for hosting the services.

**Community Governance Review** You should have received a flyer through the post from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) about the current community governance review (started 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 19). This is your opportunity to share your views on many aspects of life in Longstanton, but most notably on where the boundaries of the Parish lie. As you may know, Northstowe is driving a change to the community boundaries, and this review will shape what Longstanton looks like in coming years. This really is your opportunity to have a say in something extremely fundamental to our village. Will we stay a village; should we merge in some way with Northstowe? The choice is yours. Please keep your eyes open on noticeboards, social media and the Parish Council website for ongoing news and important dates. You will also note that SCDC are organising Drop-In sessions - please try to attend and share your individual views, as all feedback must be taken into account during the review to help shape a decision on our future.

**Village Events** The first meeting of the village events working group provided some great inspiration for village-wide events in 2020, including our planned event to celebrate and memorialise VE Day which we are hoping will be something really special. As with all events, we need volunteers to

help make them happen, and the more volunteers, the easier it is to put on events that the village wants. We'd like as many people to be involved as possible, so please contact Libby White our Parish Clerk (clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk) to offer your help. Any help is gratefully received no matter how little time you can spare!

**Open-Air Cinema** Following this summer's highly successful open-air cinema as part of the Longstanton Big Weekend, we have secured the cinema for our Big Weekend 2020 event. This year will be even bigger and better than last year, and again we will have one family film during the afternoon, and one feature film in the evening. Feedback from this year was excellent, and again, these events only happen with volunteers, so please come forwards to help. It doesn't mean you cannot enjoy the film with your family, as we need help with setup, ticket selling and admin, and all sorts of areas leading up to the big day. If you have any films you'd specifically like to see, please feel free to let us know and we'll see what we can offer this time. But no matter what the films, we are sure it will be another great weekend.

**New Trees for Longstanton** As part of our ongoing commitment to improve the local environment, and in an attempt to improve the kerb-appeal of Longstanton as you enter the village, we are starting on the first phase of what we hope will be an ongoing exercise to re-plant trees lost to the expansion of the village and the changing environment around us. During December we hope to be able to line Home Farm Road (on the side with the pavement) with a variety of trees that will help provide a pleasing addition to the landscape, increase our biodiversity, and provide a rich environment for the local wildlife (including the all-important bees!). Once complete we will look at other locations in the village to progressively increase our tree count wherever possible. In 2020 we may also be able to start to plant hedgerows, bulbs and other plants too. More information to follow!

Until next time, your Parish Council is always available to help you, so feel free to get in touch!

*Dan delaMare-Lyon  
Chairman, LPC*

## District Councillors Notes



### Community Governance Review for Longstanton Parish

This summer, we wrote about the plans for SCDC to undertake a community governance review for the Parish. Currently Northstowe is part of Longstanton Parish and is looked after by Longstanton Parish Council. The community at Northstowe is growing, with more than 450 homes now occupied on Phase 1, and so it is necessary to look at whether these arrangements or the boundaries of the Parish need to change. The review process involves consultation

with the community and residents will have an opportunity to share your views and submit evidence for the review. The review process officially began on 11<sup>th</sup> November, when the terms of reference were published. These can be found here: [www.scams.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews](http://www.scams.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews)

You will also be able to find details of the full timetable for the review. The initial public consultation will run until January 15<sup>th</sup>. Draft recommendations based on this will then be published in March 2020 and followed up by further public consultation. The review is expected to be completed in September 2020. You can also find details of upcoming meetings and briefings, where you can find out about the review process and how you can share your views via the above link.

### Rampton Road works by Anglian Water

We are aware that there have been significant issues and disruption for residents from the work being carried out by Anglian Water laying new sewerage pipes for Northstowe on School Lane and Rampton Road. We have repeatedly raised these issues with Anglian Water, but they have been slow in responding to residents' complaints. The work has unfortunately also significantly overrun and is due to be completed on 13 December 2019. The delays have been caused by poor weather conditions during construction, finding a gas main in a different position than they had been advised and slow progress with the drilling to lay the pipes.

Once the work is completed, we will work with County Cllr Hudson and the Parish Council to ensure any required work is carried out to restore the road surface and the verges damaged during construction.

We would also like to reassure residents that Rampton Road will not be used for access for construction traffic in future. All construction traffic for Phases 2 and 3 of Northstowe will access the site via the new Southern Access Road from the B1050.

### Update on Pioneer Park

Work on the formal park on Northstowe Phase 1, Pioneer Park, was unfortunately delayed. Work should have begun on this before 350 homes had been occupied, which we have now far exceeded. Following considerable pressure from SCDC, including the threat of enforcement action and a campaign by Northstowe residents, we are pleased to say that work began on the park in October.

We, along with officers at SCDC, will continue to put pressure on L&Q to ensure that the park is delivered to the specifications set out in the plans and that no corners are cut. Importantly, SCDC have ensured that the sunken Multi-Use Games Area remains part of the plan.

We are pushing L&Q to provide a completion date for the work on the park as we know residents are keen to have a place for children to play.

### Emergency Working Hours ended

We are pleased to report that the emergency working hours for Northstowe construction, to allow delivery of the secondary school have now finished and the children moved into the school on 7<sup>th</sup> October. We return to the original working hours, which are:

Mon - Fri: 8am-6pm

Sat: 9am-1.30pm

Sun and Bank Holidays: No work

If work is being carried out outside of these hours, then please report this to SCDC enforcement. The most effective way to report is online via the SCDC website [www.scams.gov.uk/report/](http://www.scams.gov.uk/report/)

This will be our last Longstanton Life Update for 2019 and we wish all residents the very best for the upcoming festive period. We would like to thank you again for all your support this year and look forward to continuing to work as your District Councillors in 2020!

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

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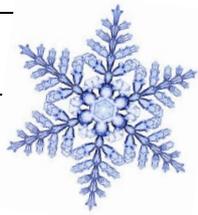
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Also: [www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton\\_news](http://www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton_news).



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

# THE FRIENDS OF PATHFINDER SCHOOL (FOPS)



Over the last term FOPS has held two successful events for the local community, one being the community quiz night which saw us raise over £700. The money raised will go towards buying musical instruments for the pupils of Pathfinder School.

We have also been selected again to take part in the Co-op Local Community Fund. We have our own dedicated page on the Co-op membership website. If you are interested in choosing FOPS as your cause to support, please register with the link

(<https://membership.coop.uk/causes/40854>) and select FOPS as your cause and make sure every time you shop you present your Co-op card.

You can also follow us on Facebook @FOPS Pathfinder to keep up to date with events that we are organising for the whole community in 2020. All that is left to say is a massive **Thank You** for your ongoing support throughout the last year.

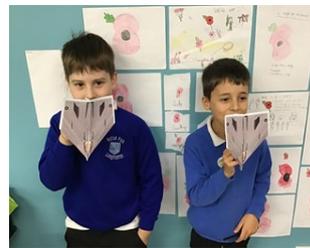
From the entire team at FOPS, we hope you all have happy holidays and a Happy New Year.

## BREAKFAST CLUB, PRE-SCHOOL & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Autumnal greetings from a very busy breakfast club, pre-school and out of school club. We have been enjoying marking the many celebrations this season brings, from Diwali, Guy Fawkes night, and Halloween.

We marked Remembrance Day by exploring and creating poppies, making pictures and looking at poetry about the military. At after school club we were fortunate to have a visit from Aiden's parents, Cpl Dolan Monaghan and Sgt Lois Monaghan from RAF Marham, who were very generous with their time and answered many questions from the children, including the reason we mark Remembrance Day and about their jobs. The children were also given the opportunity to have a go at making their very own F-35 combat aircraft out of paper. The children



loved their visit and enjoyed sharing their own experiences of having family members serving in the military.

By now, some children have found our hidden books. Please do take a picture and share your finds on any community Facebook page using

#longstantonpreschoolhiddenbooks so we can see how many of you are enjoying finding, reading and sharing our books.

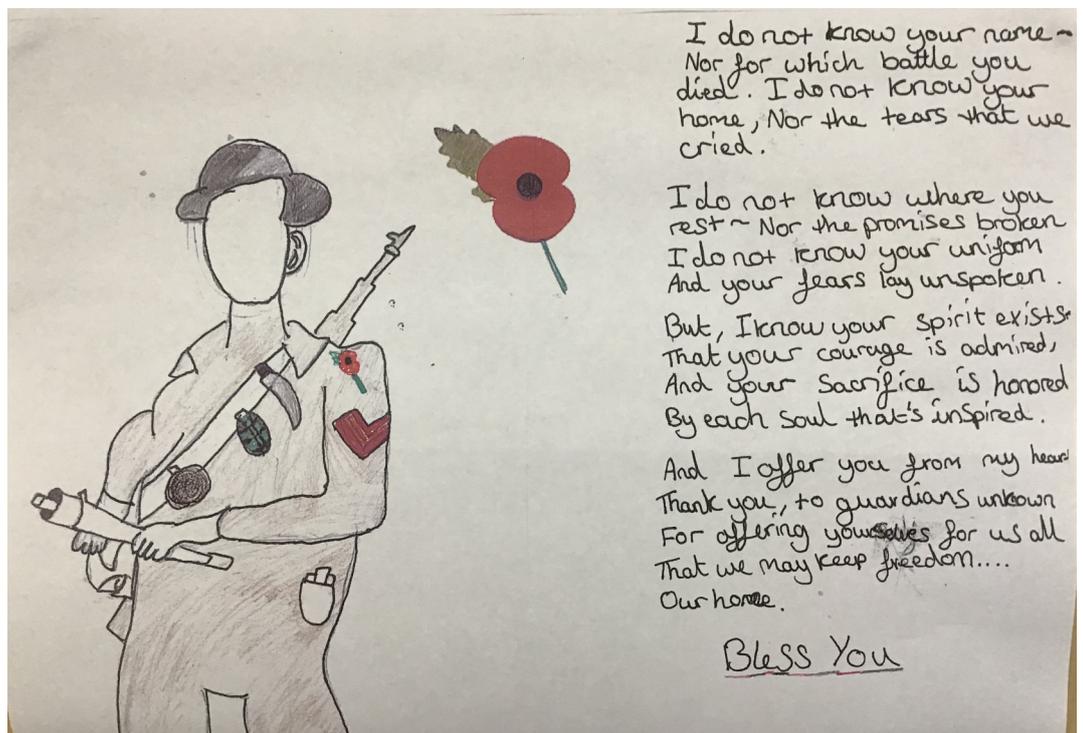
We are holding our **Christmas fundraiser on Saturday 14th December 10am - 11.30am**. Come along and enjoy some craft activities, delicious refreshments and raffle.

*Shelle Stevens, Manager*

Longstanton breakfast club, pre-school, & afterschool club is an established childcare service located in Hatton Park Primary School managed by the Pre-School Learning Alliance. We provide high-quality sessional care for children aged 2 years to 11 years old. We are open term time from 7.45am - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. If you would like to discuss your childcare needs further, please feel free to call on 01223 491623 or by email at [longstanton@eyalliance.org.uk](mailto:longstanton@eyalliance.org.uk) or [shelle.stevens@eyalliance.org.uk](mailto:shelle.stevens@eyalliance.org.uk)

Beautiful drawing by Harley Wright (10). Harley drew it freehand during after school club's Remembrance Day conversations, to accompany the poem 'Bless you' by Sherrie Ball.

I do not know your name ~  
Nor for which battle you died.  
I do not know your home,  
Nor the tears that were cried.  
I do not know where you rest ~  
Nor the promises broken.  
I do not know your uniform  
And your fears lay unspoken.  
But, I know your spirit exists ~  
That your courage is admired,  
And your sacrifice is honored  
By each soul that's inspired.  
And I offer you from my heart  
Thank you, to guardians unknown  
For offering yourselves for us all  
That we may keep freedom...  
Our home.



# HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to Longstanton!

It is a pleasure to be writing to you all again from our lovely Primary School. At the time of writing, we have just entered November and the Autumn Term is passing by far too quickly! As always, there is so much to learn and explore. Current themes range from the Stone Age, to Outer Space, and then back to study our own Longstanton!

Our sporting exploits continue with our footballers and netballers representing us excellently at their competitions. We are looking



forward to the annual cross country running event at Wimpole soon and are entering the most children ever so far! We love being active at Hatton Park and in addition to our taught PE curriculum, we run a kilometre a day, are active at break and lunchtimes, and encourage our pupils to attend active clubs too. There are gymnastics, football, judo, and dance clubs that are all well attended.

The children are playing their part in the drive for the reduction and recycling of plastic. They collect all of our pens that have run out of ink and send them for recycling, and, they joined forces with our Friends of Hatton Park (FoHPS) and Tesco to recycle plastic bottles. We collected so many that we needed a horse box to store them in. It's so important for the children to see that we can all make small changes that contribute to something bigger.

Hatton Park has worked hard to encourage its families to walk, scoot and cycle to school, leaving the car at home. Not everyone is able to walk all of the way but many families have embraced our mission to cut down on car use. Over the last few years, we have increased the amount of scooter and cycle training the children receive, we have created signage with the Parish Council, and set out walking zones around the village. Many families now 'Park and Stride', driving part way and walking the rest. We would love to hear your opinions and views on what has improved and what more could be explored. Please do fill in our on-line survey and help us to keep our routes safe and healthy for the children. Type in: [bit.ly/2CxntIN](https://bit.ly/2CxntIN) or scan the QR code opposite! The survey will stay open until 6th January.



At the end of the first half term, we said a partial goodbye to our lovely Mrs Morley. She has been employed at Hatton Park for 40 years and been part of the school since she was a girl. The children made lots of lovely cards and we were able to give her some memory keepsakes of her time with us. Although it's only a partial goodbye as she hopes to keep returning to Hatton Park in a volunteer role to read with the children and hopefully a bit of knitting too!



Season's greetings to you all. We will report again in February!

*Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park team.*

## FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL (FoHPS)



Thank you to all those who came to our volunteer sign up event that was held back in September – it enabled us to plan some extra fund-raising activities for this school year including a recycling challenge! From 14th–18th October, the school took part in a 'Be Cool Recycle in School' class competition to encourage pupils to do their bit and recycle their used plastic bottles and cans to help the environment, and at the same time,



raise money for the school. These were collected up in a horsebox over the week and then taken to the local Tesco and put into their recycling machine so that the materials could then be reused. We collected 1209 bottles and cans which was amazing and we raised 10p per item!

Other activities FoHPS have organised this term include a school disco, a dress down day, a bake sale run by Years 3, 4 and 5, a quiz, and a tombola at the All Saints Advent Fair. Watch this space for more exciting fund-raising activities after Christmas!

In the meantime, you can help us out even as you shop:

- Support us on Amazon by shopping through their Amazon Smile site (identical in every other way to Amazon) and we will get a donation from eligible purchases. Find us at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1038757-0>

You can also raise money from other online shops via easy fundraising: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofhattonpark](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofhattonpark)

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.

Thank you for your continued support!

*The FoHPS Team*

# CHRISTMAS CHEESES

What really makes a good Christmas cheese board and how can you ensure yours stands out from the rest? Head to a specialist cheesemonger armed with these hints and tips to help with your Christmas cheese selection.



For your **hard cheese** I suggest moving away from mass produced cheddar and trying something different. One option is a **Double Gloucester**, but source an artisan variety such as Martell, produced for over 200 years from cows grazing the meadows of the River Severn. It has a rich, nutty yet mellow flavour and a smooth, firm, buttery texture. With a warm

apricot colour it looks enticing too. If you are feeling slightly more adventurous go for a **Comté** from the French Jura Mountains. To be a Comté, milk must come from Montbeliarde and French Simmental cows that have at least one hectare of space each. You can get varieties that have been aged for 12, 18 or 24 months, the flavour deepening with age. Ask the cheesemonger to try a piece of each to choose the one you like best.



A cheese board favourite for the **soft cheese** choice is a brie. This year elevate your brie and choose a **Brie de Meaux**. This, like Comté, carries the PDO mark (a yellow and red circle on the packaging) showing its Protected Designation of Origin and guarantees it has been produced by traditional methods using local ingredients. The curd is still ladled by



hand into moulds using a scoop-like tool called a *pelle à Brie*. Known as the "King of Cheeses" it was a favourite of Charlemagne in the Middle Ages. Young cheeses have a chalky texture, but become more soft and gooey as they ripen under the white rind. For a

vegetarian alternative try **Cornish Brie** which has a mild creamy flavour and has a yellow buttery colour that comes from the rich creamy Cornish milk.

For your **blue cheese** try a **Shropshire blue**. Legend has it that it started out as a Scottish attempt to replicate Stilton, but with an added twist of adding annatto (a natural food colouring) to give it an orange colour. It has a mellow flavour and crumbly texture that even those guests who tend not to like blue cheese may find palatable.



Next add a **goats' cheese**. Goats' cheeses have a hint of whatever the goat has been eating – nettles, bushes, fruit and can often smell quite, well, goaty! **Ticklemore Goat** is a moist, herbaceous, not too goaty goats' cheese named after a street in Totnes,

Devon, where there is a popular cheese shop. It is made from a single herd of Toggenburg-Saanen goats from Button Farm on the edge of Dartmoor. Another good goats' cheese option is **Cerney Ash** with a soft mousse-like texture, mild and lemony taste when young which becomes more compact as it ages, with the flavour profile developing spicy and nutty notes. This looks great on any cheeseboard because it is covered in ash – quite a showstopper!



For your fifth and final cheese it's always good to try something that has an unusual colour or texture and my recommendation would be an artisan **Sage Derby** –



originally made for Christmas and thought to have health-giving properties. It is yellow in colour with ribbons of green sage throughout. It looks great and it tastes divine. Softer than cheddar with a melted butter taste with a hint of herb. It will go great melted on toast for breakfast the next day – if there is any left!

*Sam Nightingale*  
Cambridge Cheese Events (based in Longstanton)  
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# NEWS FROM NORTHSTOWE

The Northstowe Community Wing is now fully open and operational, hosting a variety of different activities and events, from children's groups to planning meetings, and from a local church to a pop-up pub. Several Longstanton residents are already regulars at events and you would also be sure of a warm welcome. Amenities construction is moving forward with work currently underway on Pioneer Park and the western park that borders both Northstowe and Longstanton. These

should see phased openings throughout 2020. 2020 will also see the start of construction and the first occupations of homes in Phase 2a, the first being brought forward by Urban Splash working within the Homes England phases of Northstowe. This will also include a lake walk and a play area near Rampton Drift.

*Jon London  
Northstowe Community Development Officer*

## All Saints Church Longstanton

Saturday 11th January at 7.30pm

### CLASSICAL REFLECTIONS

Naomi and Hannah Moxon are identical twin sopranos and they are coming to Longstanton.



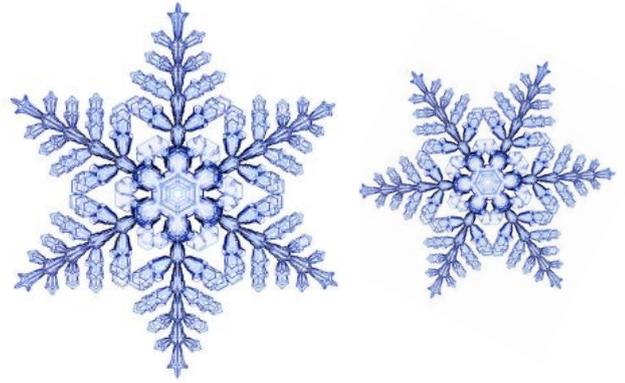
At 24 years old, Naomi and Hannah have performed in some of the UK's most prestigious venues including headlining at The Royal Albert Hall three times, when they performed for HRH The Duke of Kent. And have sung at the O2 Arena for BBL.

They have independently released multiple albums and singles; their most recent release, ECHO, reached number 3 in the The Official Classical Charts and played on both Classic FM and BBC Radio stations. This year Classical Reflection were nominated at the Classic Brit Awards and they are coming to

All Saints Church Longstanton on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Refreshments in the interval included in the ticket price of **£12.50.**

Tickets must be bought in advance from Sue Gamon  
[sgcoutures64@gmail.com](mailto:sgcoutures64@gmail.com) or telephone 01954 7823371.



## Christingle

at  
St Michael's Church



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
3:30pm

Collection in aid of **The Children's Society**

*AS THE CHURCH IS UNHEATED PLEASE WRAP UP WARM*

  
This is a Churches Conservation Trust approved event

## LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



In October we welcomed Ed Crichton, an auctioneer with fascinating stories from holding the gavel to searching through barns and uncovering amazing classic cars. There was also the reassurance that if you were ever unsure about the worth of an item, an

auction house would help out, - even if you didn't want to sell it.

In November, many of us are looking forward to Chocfest. We will indulge and amaze in wonderment at chocolate in its many forms, including art and sculpture. I'm sure far too much will also get sampled. It'll make a change from cake!

Debbie Lienau

# IN MEMORIAM - KARIN SHERWOOD, FOUNDING MEMBER OF LONGSTANTON LIFE

Karin Sherwood (née Willamowski), died in Cambridge on October 21, age 67, after a long illness.

Karin was born in Kent on November 21, 1951 to German parents. Her father was from East Prussia (now part of Russia) and her mother from Pleiskehhammer, Silesia (now Poland), both of which were lost to Germany at the conclusion of World War II. Her father was a prisoner of war, allowed to stay in Britain and valued as a farm worker and mechanic. Her mother was recruited from Hanover, where her family settled following the conclusion of World War II, by the British Red Cross, as a mother's help. She was employed in Kent when she met her future husband.

The family moved to Basingstoke, Hampshire, in the mid-50s, where Karin went to school, finishing with a certificate in business from Basingstoke Technical College. After working in Basingstoke and London for a couple of years, Karin, bilingual in English and German, decided to move to Bonn, west Germany (then the capital city) where several of her relatives were settled. After working for the Canadian Embassy for two years, she was recruited to the American Embassy as a Commercial Specialist, in 1977. In that role she met her future husband, deputy senior commercial officer of the embassy, Harrison Sherwood.

In 1985, the couple were transferred to Washington D.C. where Karin enrolled at the University of Maryland's main campus. Having already taken some courses from the University of Maryland in Germany, she received her Bachelor's degree in 1986 and immediately enrolled in a Master's in information technology at the American University, Washington D.C.

The Sherwoods were assigned to the American Embassy, The Hague, in 1986. In Holland Karin worked for the IT branch of KPMG in Utrecht, where she learned Dutch. She designed IT systems for the Alsmeer flower market, Heineken, KLM, and the Dutch Environmental Protection Agency, among others. In 1990 she gave birth to her son Colin.

The family were reassigned to Mexico in 1990, but not wishing to

subject her baby to Mexico City's contaminated air and water, they sought reassignment to Stockholm, Sweden, in 1991. In Sweden Karin got a job with the new Swedish telephone company Tele2, where she was frequently in touch with Cambridge-based company Analysis.

When her husband retired in 1993, Analysis were pleased to offer her a job in Cambridge, and the family moved to Longstanton, where Karin lived the rest of her life. After six years, she left Analysis and has since held several jobs, including with Longstanton resident Mike Cartwright, who organised the annual conference of the British Association of Biochemists. She had met Mike because of his company's kind offer to print *the Longstanton Life of which Karin was a founding member, as well as editor, publisher and distributor, in its first years.*

In recent years Karin retrained as a German teacher and language assistant where she taught adult education courses at Impington Village College and Hills Road, and teenagers at Long Road Sixth Form College. She loved Longstanton and could often be found walking around the "horseshoe" in St Michaels, Thatcher's Wood, or Rampton Drift with her Jack Russell terrier, Dave.

Karin Sherwood is survived by her husband of 35 years, Harrison and her son, Colin.

*From the Editor: Karin was a founding member of Longstanton Life back in year 2000. Longstanton and Longstanton Life owe her a great debt of gratitude.*



## WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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**\*\*\*Please note the Surgery and Pharmacy will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years day\*\*\***

**Willingham Pharmacy** As many of our patients will have noticed, Neil has started to enjoy his retirement and is no longer running Willingham Pharmacy. We wish him all the very best in the future. Sai Narra is the new Pharmacist running Willingham Pharmacy, and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. The change in Pharmacists has resulted in some small changes, and we would like to thank our patients for your understanding during this transition period. Sai will continue to support the community in Willingham and surrounding areas, and can offer advice on emergency contraception, private flu vaccines, pain management, travel advice, travel vaccines, emergency supply of medication and much more. Please speak to him for advice and guidance regarding your medication or minor illness- no appointment needed! We are delighted to be working with Sai and very excited about the future of Willingham Pharmacy.

**Care Network** Care Network helps people to stay healthy, independent and in touch with their community.

- Help at Home volunteers offer free short term practical and emotional support in your home to help after a hospital stay or period of illness.
- Community Navigators offer information to older people and adults with disabilities on useful services and enjoyable activities, helping you to stay connected to your community.
- Where appropriate, they can also refer to the wellbeing service to support individuals who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and depression.
- The Community Development team work with local people to set up or develop small community groups or schemes. This might include working out an action plan to get started, finding volunteers and support to apply for external funding.

For more information about Care Network services or to join this award-

winning volunteer programme, please call 01954 211919 or email [volunteering@care-network.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@care-network.org.uk).

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**Repeat Prescriptions** Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication. The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays is Friday 20th December. The last date for collection before the Christmas holidays is Tuesday 24th December by 1pm at Longstanton Surgery and 6:00pm at Willingham. The last date for ordering repeat medication before New year will be Friday 27th December and collection is no later than 6:00pm 31st of December. The surgeries will re-open as normal on Thursday 2nd January.

**Change to Christmas Extended hours** Due to the closure on Boxing Day, Thursday 26th December, we will be offering a limited number of routine appointments from 7:20am on Friday 27th December.

**Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics** The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery is on 18th December 2019, 15th January 2020 & 19th February 2020 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.

All the Staff at the Surgery would like to wish our patients a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

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

*Lisa Smith - Assistant Practice Manager*

## Reedbed Management

Long ago, rivers were free to meander around, flood and change their course. Marshes and reedbeds would form around them and in their flood plains, only to dry out and turn into grassland or woodland as the river's course moved. This wasn't a problem, as new reedbed and marsh would form on the new route allowing the cycle to continue. Nowadays, rivers are locked into the artificial channels and embankments we have made for them and there isn't much value in reed any more. This means that reedbed doesn't really exist outside of nature reserves and the specialist species that rely on them, such as bittern, bearded tit, and marsh harrier, have suffered for it. These species are now all recovering thanks to the work being carried out here and on other reserves around the country. For our part, we work hard to ensure that our reedbed remains a reedbed by doing what we can to prevent the natural succession to woodland from occurring.



Bearded tit - Dave Ward

Willow trees are rather remarkable in that they are able to grow and spread very quickly in wet areas. Around our developed and developing reedbeds of Holywell and Elney Lake respectively, patches and individual trees (mainly white willow with the odd goat willow) have taken root within the reed and are encroaching in from the edges. If left, these will keep spreading and eventually take over, drying out the ground resulting in an end to the reedbed. To prevent this from happening, we do extensive work with our regular volunteers, as well as groups of corporate volunteers, to go in and clear out the trees from target areas every year as guided by our reserve management plan.

Entering a reedbed can be tricky. Common reed grows densely and upwards of 6 feet so you can lose all sense of direction, or sink and get stuck in the water and mud underfoot. We therefore prepare in advance and tread routes into the work areas. On the flip side, working in a reedbed offers wildlife sightings you wouldn't usually get. Highlights this year have been small flocks of bearded tit moving adjacent to our work area, water rail calling from just a stone's throw away, and hobby flying directly overhead catching dragonflies back in the autumn.

Once at a tree, loppers and bowsaws are the tools of choice for felling. Some of the willow is new growth with a diameter of only a centimetre or less, other trees are well established and a lot larger. Whilst some people cut the willow, others drag the material to pile it up. After being cut, we treat each stump with herbicide to prevent the tree from regenerating (something they would all do if cut and left; willow really is amazingly resilient). After removing all the trees from within an area of reed or island, the piles are burnt on location.

We have made good progress with this work in recent years, opening up a wooded area around the back of Holywell and going onto several islands on the east side of Elney Lake to remove all the willow scrub. Reed will quickly recolonise these areas, providing more habitat for some fantastic species.

### Get involved....

#### 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 every 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.

#### Volunteering

It's always nice to be met with a friendly face when arriving at the reserve and be offered information and family-friendly activities, such as pond dipping and minibeast hunting. If you'd like to find out about our visitor engagement work and other volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)

Phone: 01954 233260

### Visit [rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

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## LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING

Longstanton Knitting and Crochet Group is your local knit-and-natter chapter. We're a friendly and inclusive group of people who love a good chat over a drink in the local pub, and we usually bring our projects to work on at the same time. We meet once or twice a month, usually on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Black Bull Pub, Longstanton-just turn up on the night and buy a drink from our hosts at the bar. Come and join us! It doesn't matter what your skill level is, or even if you've never knitted or crocheted before - we're happy to start you off with pointers if you come along with the needles/

hook and yarn.

Our annual Christmas dinner will be in the evening on 17th December in the Black Bull. If you're interested in joining us then please contact us and we'll add you a seat at the table. We'd love to see you! It's best to check our Facebook page for details of our next meeting times. We also use the page to chat, share knitting-related news and share yarn, patterns and equipment.



[www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet/)

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



Although it is the off-season at Longstanton Recreation Ground the activities of Longstanton Cricket Club continue. This week's AGM saw a good turnout and largely good news in the form of the season's reviews and in terms of "new blood" joining the committee, ready to get stuck into preparation for next season.

2019 was a good and largely successful season and the mood in the club remains very good. With the First team having maintained their position in Senior 1 and the Second team theirs in Junior 3 we were happy with the outcome. With significant inclusion of youth in both teams we were even more pleased as this bodes well for the future. We have always prided ourselves on promoting youth here at Longstanton Cricket Club, and this year has shown that to be a great policy. Another big success for the club in 2019 was the All Stars programme, ably organised by Callum Andrews and supported by various others. This programme provides cricket for 6-10 year olds and we had 30+ attendees regularly across the summer. Friday evenings had a real buzz about them down at the Pavilion

- well done to all. We hope to expand this programme next season to allow us to host many more young cricketers. Please keep an eye out for updates on this initiative on the ECB websites - this will be your initial touch point to get signed up for 2020 if you (and your children) are interested in All Stars.

2019 saw a number of new recruits to the playing ranks at Longstanton and we have been very pleased to receive them. We have picked up players from Longstanton and from Northstowe and we would encourage anyone interested in cricket to come along and try us on for size. We are a welcoming club and a friendly bunch, honestly. As always, we remain very keen to meet any prospective new players, young or old, of any ability - contact details are below.

Of course we begin to look forward now to next season. Winter nets will run from February to April - details to follow - and outdoor nets will begin in April ahead of what we hope will be another glorious summer. Junior nets and All Stars also will also be up and running on Friday evenings across the summer. Have a great winter All.

For more information on Longstanton cricket club you could also visit [https://lpg.play-cricket.com/website/web\\_pages/60010](https://lpg.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/60010)

*Ian Handy, info@longstantoncc.co.uk*

## LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

The autumn has not provided the best of weather for tennis - with rather more damp than we would like, nonetheless Sunday sessions have been quite pleasant when the sun has shone and we are all keen to carry on playing throughout the winter.

Following a fairly successful summer the Mens' team have entered in the Cambs LTA winter league and started the season with a good win.

If you are planning to play on a Tuesday evening please check the booking diary as one Tuesday each month has a Mens' match.

Coaching continues, with junior sessions running in 6 or 7 week blocks every Thursday during term time. Junior courses especially are in high demand, so please contact David directly by emailing [coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk](mailto:coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk) if you're interested in taking part.

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

If you are interested in joining the club or finding out more, please have a look at our website - [www.longstantontennis.co.uk](http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk) or take a look at our Facebook page @LongstantonTennis. 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.

Do not be put off by the cold- an energetic game will soon warm you up.

We are not organising a Christmas party this year but if you fancy a get together we will be gathering for a drink ( and maybe a bite to eat) in the Black Bull on 6th December, from 7.30.

See you soon !

*Peter Chatfield, Treasurer*

## LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



I reported on our teams' league performances for the 2019 season in the last issue, so it just remains to congratulate the competition winners for the season. As well as our league games, the bowls club runs a number of internal competitions for members during the season. These are very popular and attract a large number of entries. Congratulations are due to the following winners:

- Jacqui Walker - Ladies' Singles
- Fred Whybrow - Men's Singles
- David Plumb - Captain's Cup
- Les Cooke & Fred Whybrow - Open Pairs
- Ruth Westwood & Jackie Whybrow - The Roger Hart Ladies' Pairs
- John Spelzini & Graham Waites - The Walsham Men's Pairs
- Ann Hart & Stuart Hunter - The David Thompson Mixed Pairs
- David Slights & Paul Aspinall - The Slights 2-4-2 Pairs
- Jackie Whybrow, Harry Dean & Stuart Hunter - The Triples Competition

All the matches were completed on Finals Day in early September and many other members turned up to support the finalists from the side-lines. As always on Finals Day, there were some close matches and some great bowling. Congratulations to all the winners and commiserations to the runners-up.

Many Longstanton players are also members of the Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club and have started playing their indoor matches for the winter season. Also, a few of the local outdoor clubs have just started up a new short-mat bowls indoor league for the winter season. Longstanton will be playing sixteen competitive (and friendly) matches through the season which runs until March 2019, together with a club roll-up every couple of weeks. As we do not have any mats ourselves, we will be playing our home matches at Cottenham.

Our outdoor season starts again in April 2020, and we always welcome new bowlers of any standard, from novice to experienced. Additionally, do get in touch if you would like to join and take part in the short-mat bowls over the winter. Please send your contact details to our Membership Secretary - Marion Edwards by email: [marionedwards1@btinternet.com](mailto:marionedwards1@btinternet.com) or phone: 01954 780118. Also visit our web site:

[www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk](http://www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk)

*Corinne Walsham*

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON LIMPERS



Season's Greetings!

It has been a busy autumn for your local running club, with members taking part in a range of races and events. Closer to home we've been putting on another of our very successful 'couch-to-5k' courses which has been great and it's always a good reminder of what anyone can achieve with some focussed support and guidance. They are always enjoyable to do, and I find them one of

the most rewarding things that the club has done over the last few years. Some people try it out and find that running isn't for them, but most people discover that they can easily and successfully take on a new hobby which can bring all sorts of health and other benefits. That's before you get on to the social side...

The club have been forward planning for 2020 already to see what we can put on for Longstanton and Northstowe residents and it is great to say that we will be running another traditional New Year 'couch-to-5k' starting on Monday 13th January at 7:30pm. It can be a busy session, with people making New Year resolutions and looking to get fitter after the festive period! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a reminder.

Our members have been enjoying some of the new routes through Northstowe as they start to open up and provide some circular routes, and have even used the new square for a 'bleep test' – you probably needed to see that to believe it! I think everyone will be pleased when the remaining route to the Rampton drives north of the Busway reopen.

As usual we'll keep our Facebook page updated with what we're up to – and you can get in touch with us there or at longstanton-limpers@gmail.com.

Chris Poultney, [www.facebook.com/longstantonlimpers](http://www.facebook.com/longstantonlimpers)



### New investment from The FA secures long-term future of Longstanton Football for adult men's team

- Longstanton FC awarded £750 Stay in the Game grant
- Investment will boost the retention of adult male footballers

The Chair of Longstanton Football Club says he can't wait to see the look on his player's faces after investment from The FA secured the club's long-term future for the men's game.

Longstanton Football Club has been awarded a grant from The FA's Stay in the Game scheme to help aid the club's retention of its adult male players, giving them the financial support to cover the costs incurred by grassroots clubs.

The Stay in the Game scheme is funded by The FA and delivered by the Football Foundation, with grants of £750 awarded to existing clubs in order to boost financial sustainability and allow clubs to continue offering playing opportunities in organised football.

The grants can be used towards match day and training facility hire and league affiliation costs as well as covering match day subs for individuals that aren't able to afford their regular match fees.

Chairman, Brian O'Sullivan said: "We are grateful to the Football Foundation and its support for the men's game. This helps to ensure that our active and growing youth teams have access to football beyond the age of 16 years."

*Stay in the Game* is inclusive of players from different ethnic backgrounds, faiths and sexual orientations.

This push to sustain adult male teams follows the recent *Grow the Game* funding scheme for 2019, which made £1.5 million available for grassroots clubs looking to create new women and girls or disability football teams.

As well as *Grow the Game*, the Football Foundation uses investment from the Premier League, The FA and the Government, through Sport England, to provide enhanced sporting facilities across the country. Since 2000, the Foundation has supported over 16,500 grassroots projects worth more than £1.5bn.

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## OWLS Community Car Scheme

For many elderly people wintry weather brings with it worries about falling on slippery ground or concerns about driving in hazardous conditions. A walk to the doctors or local shop which might have been relatively easy in the summer or a drive to attend an outpatient appointment can seem a different prospect entirely in the winter months.

If this applies to you, a family member, friend or neighbour then why not think about using or suggesting OWLS Community Car Scheme for those journeys.

OWLS is a Community Service for eligible residents of Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesley run by DBS cleared volunteers who live locally. It offers a door-to-door return service to those people who are unable to access other means of transport to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys. Customers pay 30p a mile with a minimum charge of £3.

For further details or to book a journey please ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 between 9am and 4pm Monday – Friday. If you reach the answer phone please leave a clear message including your telephone number and the coordinator will ring you back.

The OWLS coordinators and drivers would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# A LITTLE FESTIVE TALE



David Townsend had just arrived back at the house from walking Penny, the Labrador. Walking in through the back door into the kitchen, he was concerned to see his wife, Sally hunched over the worktop.

'Darling? Has something happened?'

Sally swung around, temporarily blinding him. She

appeared to be wearing a giant magnifying glass, with the offending light in the middle of her forehead. With a look of embarrassment, Sally removed the article.

'I'm decorating the Christmas cake. I need it to be perfect, so I found this on Amazon. It'll be an enormous help with all the fiddly bits and I was just testing it out,' she confessed.

David knew when to back away and as he was trying not to laugh, decided it was the best option to leave his wife to get on with her task. Penny, being torn between the remote possibility of a titbit from the kitchen (not a chance, seeing as Mum and Dad were hoping she would lose a couple of kilos) and a comfy spot on the sofa with Dad, she opted for the latter. David gave her a pat on the head and laughed to himself as he remembered what had led to the Christmas cake fuss.

Having moved to the village in October, they attended the Christmas lights switch on two weeks ago and Sally, feeling giddy after several mulled wines too many, decided it would be a marvellous idea to invite the neighbours for festive drinks and nibbles on the Saturday before Christmas, a decision however, that was instantly regretted the next morning when Sally was forced to endure David's teasing reminders of the night before as he handed her a glass of water and a couple of painkillers.

'Don't panic darling' he soothed, 'just get a few packs of sausage rolls and some crisps, it'll be fine. I'll be in charge of the drinks and I'll even make my secret recipe eggnog. A couple of goes on that and no one will care what they're eating.'

But Sally wanted to impress. The kitchen had transformed into the 'Bake Off tent'; kneading and proving, icing and filling, Penny driven to a drooling mess from the heavenly smells wafting from the oven, carols belting out from the radio and finally, here she was on the morning of the big event, icing the Christmas cake with determined precision. Standing back with a self-satisfied nod, she went to find her husband.

'I'm going up for a bath darling, I think I've earned it. Everything's done, so-', Sally was interrupted by a loud 'splat' from the kitchen. A very guilty looking Penny was sitting next to the upturned, definitely ruined cake. David glanced sideways at his silent wife.

'Right, go on up, I'll sort this out. Thankfully she didn't eat any, so no trip to the vet.' He gently steered Sally to the stairs.

The doorbell rang around lunchtime. It was Rachel, from two doors down.

'Hi Sally, look, I know you insisted on no contributions, but I just thought as you'd gone to the trouble of hosting everyone, the least I could do was provide a cake. Not home-made I'm afraid, but it's M & S, so it should be decent.'

Sally embraced Rachel gratefully, she was sure they'd become firm friends and when she closed the door after her neighbour, found her husband back in the living room, watching football. He paused the television as his wife joined him on the sofa for a cuddle. 'Best make those eggnogs large ones.'

*Tracy Cole*



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Sunday: 12.00 until 22.30



The winter is upon us again with the change in sporting activities, from cricket and bowls to football, but the stoic tennis players defying the elements just keep going!

Thank you to all who attended the Halloween parties. There were some strange spirits around that night, but there was a great effort made by all the ones who dressed up and entered into the real spirit of Halloween. Please note that your coffee/tea served to you will now probably be in a unique mug courtesy of the Halloween painters under the watchful eye of Maddie.

A date for your diary is **7th December** when we will be welcoming **AC/DC tribute band EZ/DC** who we hope will be playing the Pavilion theme tune 'Thunder'. This is a free event so come and join us for a bit of festive head banging!! The **children's Christmas party** will be on **Sunday 22nd December** - time to be confirmed but please keep 17.00 to 19.00 clear. We look forward to seeing all your special Christmas outfits.

To end the year we will have our **Bling Party** - it would be great to see everyone covered in bling as it will brighten up the winter. Doors will open at 20.00 until late. Keep your eye on our Facebook page for further details.

Looking forward to the new year we would like to hear of any of your ideas for a celebration of VE day in May. Various organisations are involved so if you have any thoughts please drop them off at The Pavilion and we will pass onto relevant people. Some thoughts - a sing along, have a cup of tea and a biscuit and hear from veterans, cooking competition with rationed items.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you for your custom during 2019 and look forward to seeing you in 2020.

*Michael, Suzanne and the Pavilion team*



# CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



"It's the most wonderful time of the year"! So in this issue, we have two Christmas-themed competitions, one for the younger readers and one for the rest of you..

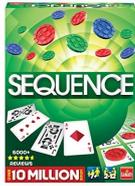
**Junior** – open to all those aged 10 years or under. Hidden on the pages of this issue of the magazine are snowflakes. Find and count them all, To help you start we've given you snowflake #1 on this page. Once you have the total number of snowflakes, answer the following question:

In the famous "Twelve days of Christmas" song, what would the total number of snowflakes you find in the magazine represent? So for example, if you found a total of 2 snowflakes in the magazine, your answer would be "turtle doves".

**Senior** – open to everyone over 10 years. In the Christmas tree opposite, some of the baubles have letters on them: re-arrange the letters in each bauble to form 5 words. Then look at the 5 words and also provide the Christmas-related connection between these words as answer number 6.

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Friday 20th December. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry. For the juniors entry, please also include your age.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers from each category will each receive a game. For the younger readers, we have Harry Potter Pictopia, and for the senior readers we have Sequence.



The winners will be announced in the next issue.

Good luck!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## HALLOWEEN COMPETITION WINNER



The winner of the Halloween competition was Nathan Wright, pictured here with his Halloween bucket full of treats. Congratulations to Nathan!

The answer was: "Apparition".

## Carol Countdown

Friday 13 December, 8pm at All Saints' Church, Longstanton



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We begin our celebrations this year on **Friday 13th December at 8pm** with a Carol Countdown. Come and sing Longstanton's top ten carols as voted by you. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Email [susanmeah@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmeah@hotmail.com) with your favourite carol or send a message to our Facebook page All Saints' Church Longstanton. Sing for Joy will be with us too on that evening to help us on our way. On **Sunday December 15th at 10.30am** we will be having our Crib Service, when anyone can come along dressed as someone from the nativity story. In the evening of **22nd December at 6pm** we have a traditional carol service followed by mince pies and mulled wine. **Christmas Eve** sees our usual midnight service starting at 11.30pm and on **Christmas morning** you can come for a 9.30am Christmas service of Holy Communion. We do hope you are able to join us for one of these celebrations.

Since the installation of toilets and an improved kitchen facility in April we have been able to open up the church for many more activities. One of those is our regular **Pop-up Coffee Shop on the second Saturday of the month**. In October we raised £90 for Jimmy's night shelter and in November £150 for Camsight. Our next one is **14th December**, which will have a Christmas theme and on **9th January** we will be supporting Hatton Park Primary School. So why don't you pop in one of these Saturdays for a coffee and delicious homemade cake or a bacon 'buttie'? A warm welcome awaits you.

We start the New Year off with a bang on **Saturday 11th January** with an evening of musical entertainment with Classical Reflection - see separate advertisement for all the details and get your ticket booked now.

Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am do come along and join us. Check the website [5folds.org.uk](http://5folds.org.uk) for all the latest news.

If you would like more information on any of the above or have questions about baptisms, marriages or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following: our Team Rector, Rev Simon Gill 01954 230434 [simon@5folds.org.uk](mailto:simon@5folds.org.uk) our Administrator, Gillian Beale 01954 203459 [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk) or one of the Church Wardens Arthur Savage 01954 780121 [arthur.savage.46@btinternet.com](mailto:arthur.savage.46@btinternet.com) or Sue Gamon 01954 782371 [sgcoutures64@gmail.com](mailto:sgcoutures64@gmail.com)



## EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

It's been a year of drama in our society, with Brexit and the climate both leading to passionate debates. Debates that expose divisions and spark conflict. Living in the middle of that conflict Christians find great comfort in the message of Christmas. That message, promised long beforehand in Isaiah 9:6-7, speaks of a ruler who will put the world right, a Prince of Peace:

*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

We're not naïve - we see the wars and oppression of this world, the conflict in our own nation, and know that arguments and selfishness are present in our own homes. But Jesus, born hundreds of years after Isaiah, is the mighty God come as a baby, the Son of God who rules the world, and the Prince of Peace. He offers all who trust him peace with our Maker now and certainty of entering everlasting peace. This is the good news of Christmas. If you'd like to join us to reflect on and celebrate the peace Jesus brings, we have three Christmas events running in the Northstowe Community Wing:

- \***15th December - Family Carol Service** 10am for crafts and snacks, 11am for the Carol service. Children are encouraged to come dressed for the nativity (Mary, Joseph, animals, angels, shepherds- some costumes available on day).
- \***15th December - Traditional Carol Service** 6pm with "candlelit" carols and readings.
- \***22nd December - Christmas Celebration** 10:30am

*Minister Josh Monteiro - [emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org](http://emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org)*

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### All Saints' Church, Longstanton

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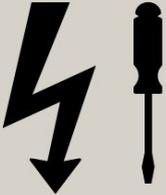
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## Longstanton & District Boundary Review

The Terms of Reference for a Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick Governance Review, i.e. who should control the overall parish affairs of Northstowe, Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick, have now been published. **This will start a year long process which will ultimately change those villages' boundaries forever!**

The public is being asked for submissions that will form the basis of Draft Recommendations which will be subject to public consultation between March and June 2020. However, the damage could be done in just over two months' time, with Christmas in between, in **January 2020**.

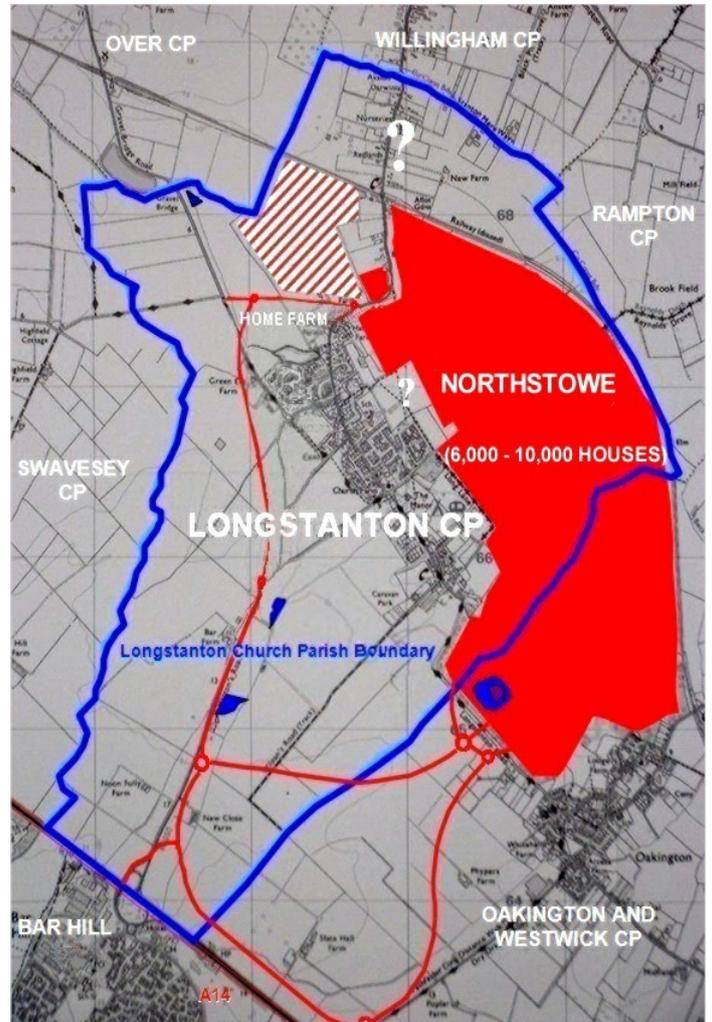
Residents of our villages are being asked to make sub-missions having been given no information of the legal and practical consequences of any submission that they make. It cannot be right to base such an important and historic decision on submissions provided by residents who were denied the opportunity to make an informed choice.

Concerns have already been expressed to the LPC via the parish clerk and at a recent Northstowe Forum. that it is not the business of the heritage society, to determine whether Longstanton residents wish our village to remain a village or become part of a town. However, this is the most historical decision residents have probably ever had to make since the village was formed over a thousand years ago.

Longstanton residents simply have a right to know all the consequences of each of the options available. **Submissions have to be received by 15 January (see the page info below)** and the whole future of this village will be based on those submissions and their interpretation by the SCDC Civic Affairs Committee.

Surely, if Longstanton is to become a town it must be a fully informed and democratic choice supported by the majority of Longstanton residents.

Tony Cowley



The existing Longstanton parish boundary is shown in blue, Northstowe shown in red

<https://forms.scams.gov.uk/NORTHSTOWECOMMUNITYGOVERNANCEREVIEW/launch>

### LDHS Reports of Public Talks Autumn 2019

Friday 4 October: Ian Hunter  
 'Northstowe, Learning Lessons from Previous Towns?'



Ian's talk, held in the 'Wing' at Northstowe's Pathfinder school, reviewed a number of new town designs compared to Northstowe's. He discussed what lessons could or would be learnt with respect to Northstowe.

Photo above, shows Northstowe Phase 1 works well underway.. Courtesy of AP Aerial Film Ltd, 2019

Friday 1 November: James Fairburn  
 'Digging Up a Spitfire'



In October 2015 Oxford Archaeology East was asked to excavate the site of a Spitfire which crashed during a training flight at Holme Lode Farm near Holme on 22 November 1940. What was thought to, initially, be a straightforward excavation took an unexpected turn. The resulting dig uncovered the final hours of 20-year-old Pilot Officer Harold Edward Penketh's life.



### Dates for LDHS Public Talks for Spring 2020

- Friday: 6 March TBA
- Friday: 3 April TBA
- Friday: 1 May 'Cambridge at War 1939-45' - Mike Petty

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

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