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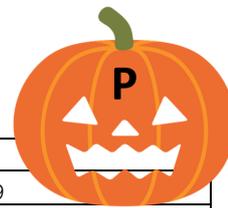
BACK TO SCHOOL! Helen Alderton Photography, Hatton Park Primary School

SPECIAL FEATURE: DRUG CRIME IN LONGSTANTON

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VILLAGE DIARY



SUNDAY	0930-1030	Sunday School	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1100	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
MONDAY	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	1800-2000	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
	2nd of month	1930	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)
3rd of month	1945	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
TUESDAY	1000-1200	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Tennis - Junior and adult coaching	The Pavilion		coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk
	1830-2000	Adult Cricket training (May-August)	Recreation Ground	Wayne Markillie	07737 313225
	1900-1945	SRF Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Shane Rackham	07912 555301
	1900-2100	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory / Martin	07523 854251 / 07535 646234
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
WEDNESDAY	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1910-2130	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154
	1900-2100	Bell ringers practice	All Saints' Church	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
THURSDAY	0630-0715	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1000-1130	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
FRIDAY	0930-1100	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Jane Hordern	07960952182
	1400-1600	Afternoon tea (over 55s)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180
SATURDAY	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 <http://community.longstantonvillage.org/village-institute/>. Email: villageinstitute@gmail.com or telephone **01954 782323**. The Pavilion also offers private party function facilities, discuss your requirements for any family & friends gatherings - e.g. weddings, birthdays, funerals, with **Michael Binks** on **01954 782233** or email longstantonpav@btinternet.com

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



LDHS via George Rainsford

School photo but who, where & when? Can anyone help, please?

Answers to Memory Lane Aug/Sept 2019

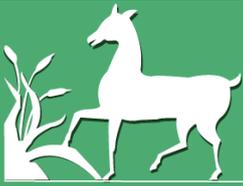
What: 'Britannia', the engine, featured in the foreground, part of a test run from Cambridge to Fenstanton and back - pulling a train of 5 coaches and 'Taw Valley' backwards - the locomotive in the rear.



LDHS

Where: Photographed from - the old 'Gravel Bridge', near the Over Road windmill, when the train was heading back to Cambridge with 'Britannia' leading.

When: 15 Sept 1991, originally confirmed by Len & Rene Sanders that 'Britannia' was the locomotive that hauled the last train through Longstanton; bringing to an end over a hundred years of Longstanton's national railway connection and commercial life.



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,

It's time to put away our summer clothes and take out coats and jumpers, as it is not going to get any warmer for at least another six months! Children are back in school, adults are back to being stuck in traffic on their way to work, the summer is clearly over.

There will be plenty of events happening in the village within the next few months, so make sure you save the dates. Longstanton Village Market, The Big Quiz Night, This is My Theatre will be performing again, and if you are over 60 don't forget to sign up for the Over 60s Christmas Dinner (use the form at the back of this issue).

In time for Halloween we are running our competition for the younger readers. For a chance of winning a bucket full of treats, go to page 14 to find out what you need to do.

Longstanton Life has been contacted by several concerned local residents, who have witnessed open drug dealing going on in front of their houses. We have contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and asked for his advice regarding the issue. By publishing his report we hope to help villagers who witness this crime but are not sure what to do about it. The message is clear – always call the police. Go to page 6 for more information.

Have a lovely Autumn, and don't forget to write to us. If there are any topics you would like us to cover, please let us know!

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Heidi Allen



Well, nobody can accuse politics these days of being boring! The events of the past month have certainly tested our parliamentary democracy to the full.

As a result of the fast-moving national situation, I spent the month of August holding pop-up surgeries at various locations in and around the constituency. I am enormously grateful to the café owners, publicans, supermarkets and my team for facilitating these. It is always so important for me to hear the opinions of my constituents and gauge an idea of what the feeling is on the ground. If I haven't visited your patch yet, please keep an eye on my website as I'll be holding more meetings shortly.

It is my responsibility to represent these concerns on the national stage and consequently I have been working extremely hard to ensure that our parliamentary process is upheld and that my constituents are placed front and centre of any future decisions that impact the United Kingdom. By the time you read this, events will have moved on again, but please keep talking to me to express your opinions and ideas as we navigate uncharted territory.

Roads were a focus this month for me as I attended the Duxford Road Safety Day, arranged by one of the families in my constituency whose lives have been devastated by dangerous driving. Since becoming aware of the laws surrounding dangerous driving, I have worked with several families in the constituency (for over two years) to try to get the law changed. I will continue to push for action on this important reform issue.

I returned to Duxford at the tail end of August to celebrate the Duxford Soap Box Derby which is always one of my favourite constituency events. This brilliant event raises vital funds for Cancer Research UK and brings out the clowns in all of us!

As ever, my newsletter can only provide a snapshot of my work, but if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, please visit my website for details of my upcoming surgeries:
<https://heidiallen.co.uk/constituency-surgeries>

In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, please email heidiallen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037. My team and I are always available to help constituents with any concerns. I look forward to sharing more news with you next month.

Heidi

County Councillor

Peter Hudson



New community hubs will provide support for expectant parents

New and expectant parents will get easier access to support following the opening of new Community Hubs in Cambridgeshire. The Fields Child and Family Centre in Galfrid Road, Cambridge, is the location for one of three pilot Hubs across Cambridgeshire which will provide a one-stop-shop for parents to access a range of information and services. These Hubs are planned to be spread across the whole county. The launch was a showcase for the support that is available for new and expectant parents and the Hubs will also provide links to other support, such as help to give up smoking, and work closely with local maternity and neonatal hospital units.

The new Hubs will operate as an extension to the Child and Family Centres where, in many cases, families are already accessing support such as baby weighing clinics and maternity appointments with their midwives. I know how challenging pregnancy and parenthood can be, and it's great to see easier access to a range of services and information around pregnancy and beyond.

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BBC Panorama asks 'Who Cares'

The BBC's Panorama programme 'Who Cares' showed the impacts caused by the national shortfall in adult social care funding as it affects Somerset County Council. Across Cambridgeshire, the County Council is working hard to help all adults stay in control of their own lives - staying safe and well for as long as possible, particularly as they grow older. This is important as the numbers of those aged 65 and over in our County is expected to grow by 75,000 over the next 20 years.

To meet this growing demand, the Council is investing in a variety of approaches, such as falls-prevention campaigns like Stronger For Longer, and installing technology in people's homes to maintain independence. The County Council is also working hard to provide good community support, information and signposting to communities, so people can use options local to them - like our 'Neighbourhood Cares' schemes.

Investing in the future

The County Council has made another major investment in a commercial property as part of the continuing work to protect frontline services. The Cromwell Leisure Park includes a cinema and three units used as restaurants.

The annual rental income from all four will provide a healthy return of more than 10% a year - enough, in fact, to employ 15 social workers or pay for 24 care home placements for older people each year.

Record year for Music Live!

'Music Live' is a festival run by the County Council's music tuition team 'Cambridgeshire Music', which brings bands and orchestras into the county's schools to give live performances. Music Live reached a record audience of 16,000 young people this year - of whom many have been inspired to take their music further. They included concerts, musical workshops and masterclasses in which young musicians in Cambridgeshire were able to learn in small groups with the professional musicians involved. In total, over 16,000 young people experienced live music in their school, while more than 6,700 took part in workshops with leading professionals. These events included at least 2,200 young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The feedback from the schools themselves was overwhelming, describing the events as 'excellent' with one teacher saying that it had created 'a buzz of excitement and enthusiasm in the school'.

Powering up St Ives Park & Ride

An energy project transforming St Ives Park & Ride into a renewable energy generator is getting closer. The project will see solar panels on carports generating renewable electricity, powering not only the site, but also electric vehicle charge points. It will allow the sale of power to local businesses, including battery storage housed in container-sized cabinets. The £3.6million project will be one of the first of its kind in the country and will save the release of nearly 2,400 tonnes of CO₂, with construction to start later this year. The Council's vision is to secure renewable and resilient energy supplies that can support local needs, whilst maximising the commercial benefit to support frontline services.



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

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council Dan delaMare-Lyon

Chairman's Update Longstanton Parish Council is now back in full swing after the summer break. Our first meeting after the summer holidays was on 9th September and had a full agenda. As always, every month there is a 10-minute session for parishioners and members of the public to raise subjects they feel need presentation to the Council. We are always happy to help directly, but you are also most welcome at any meeting to speak or present on a topic that concerns you!

Kingfisher Pond Update In September, Michael Huntingdon of South Cambs joined us to review the water level situation since Northstowe construction work started. While we received a relatively comprehensive update, disappointingly some information had not been passed on to the council for review, and we will be expecting a further update in the coming months. This remains an issue of importance to many members of the parish, and we will continue to work with SCDC and other parties to establish the cause and any actions that can be taken as a result.

Community Events You will doubtless recall the success of the Big Weekend. We would like to form a Village Events committee to organise our 2020 event and other village-wide social events. If you'd like to help, please contact Libby White, our Parish Clerk. Many hands make light work! We'd really like to do more in 2020 than we did this year, and that is only possible with the help and creativity of the Parish.

Sports Changing Rooms at the Pavilion A big thank you for the generous donation of time from both individuals and local businesses that took part in the "DIY SOS" style makeover of the changing room and toilets at the Pavilion. It was a packed weekend with a lot of work which has refreshed the interior and exterior areas and enhanced the appeal and usability of the area. Ultimately this is a stop-gap on our path to a new village facility that we hope to be able to deliver in the coming years.

I apologise if I miss someone important, but in addition to all the sports clubs, I wanted to say "thank you" to the following in particular for giving

their time, skills and good-will to the project: Brian O'Sullivan, PS Plumb-ing, Aspinalls, KC Manual, Faroz Take Away, Melvin at Wolesley, Cardson Building Services, Mick George Skips and all volunteers.

New Community Build The work done on the Pavilion was to enable us to get the most use out of the facility until it is replaced. As you may know, in 2015 we ran a design exercise to establish requirements and cost for a new village facility "The Hub". At the time we uncovered a number of legal issues that meant we could not proceed further without some lengthy investigation, restructuring and changes in the way we intended to finance, build and run a new community building. This has taken much longer than planned or hoped, but we are definitely on the way to having cleared all the hurdles.

Since so much time has passed and Northstowe has progressed at quite a pace, we want to bring the village back together to re-establish the requirements for a new community building. A number of groups (including the sports groups that currently use the Pavilion) have expressed interest in being involved in the community group that will help define, build and run the new facility. We'd like the Community Facility Group to cater for the needs and represent the interest of as many people and user groups as possible. As such, in October we will be forming a Working Party to help start the process of defining what Longstanton needs - including members or current clubs as well as other members of the Parish. To get involved, please contact our Parish Clerk, and let her know which group, if any, you represent. Come and get involved in YOUR new village facility!

Until the next update, if your Parish Council can help you in any way, feel free to contact us. You can contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk

*Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC*

District Councillors Notes



September 2019 We hope that residents have had a lovely summer. There was a break from council meetings over the summer period, but there has still been plenty to keep us busy.

Northstowe Developers Meeting At the end of August, we met with the Northstowe developers to discuss the ongoing issues with construction noise, breaches of permitted working hours and construction traffic. Developers were invited to attend by our Lead Member for Planning, Cllr Tumi Hawkins, and our Enforcement Officers. Representatives from Bovis, Linden, Taylor Wimpey, Barratt Homes (including David Wilson), L&Q and Homes England attended.

Attendees agreed:

- To write to contractors and subcontractors reminding them of their obligations to abide by the transport plan (e.g.: not to use B1050 through Willingham).
- To provide senior level contacts to whom breaches of any planning conditions should be reported.
- To research options for CCTV at the entrance to Northstowe to monitor traffic entering and leaving.
- To implement either a log system or CCTV to monitor individual sites for incoming and outgoing traffic. These would be used in conjunction with the CCTV at the entrance and would be available to SCDC Enforcement Officers.
- To ensure white-noise reversing alarms are installed on all vehicles.
- To proactively manage noise issues and to ensure construction is done only within the permitted times.

We reiterated that the issues with noise continue to be a problem for existing residents, but also cause concern for potential house buyers who see complaints on social media. We are hoping this will act as motivation to resolve these issues! After the meeting, we also had a useful conversation with the Head of Homes England Northstowe, Philip Harker. Although house building for this phase has not started, it was reassuring that he was there to hear the concerns. He said that he would accelerate plans to implement CCTV for Phases 2 and 3. We both felt that this was a very constructive meeting and we are hopeful that an agreement can now be reached to improve things for residents. We have agreed to meet again on Friday 4th October.

New Council Homes It was recently announced that SCDC has purchased 81 new council properties as part of the first new neighbourhood of 406 homes to be built on Northstowe Phase 2a. These apartments will be either 1- or 2-bed and available at affordable rent. 60 will be apartments for the over-55s and we are particularly pleased that this will encourage inter-generational living. The apartments will be built using Modern Methods of Construction (MMC). The homes are produced in factories and assembled on-site. MMC enables home building to be quicker and more efficient and will provide energy efficient homes which will be more affordable to heat. SCDC is now aiming to build or acquire over 70 council houses each year and have so far exceeded that target.

Fly-Tipping Campaign The council recently launched a campaign to tackle the issue of fly-tipping - over 900 fly-tipping incidents are reported in South Cambs each year. We know there have been incidents reported in the village.

Unfortunately fly-tipping often comes from householders paying someone, in good faith, to remove waste for them which is then not disposed of legally. If you are booking someone you can check whether they have a waste carriers' licence via the Environment Agency website. The Council will also take away up to three bulky items for a charge of £30, more details are available via www.scams.gov.uk/bulky-item-collection-service. If you witness fly-tipping taking place, then call the police on 999. If found afterwards, fly-tipping should be reported online to the Council so it can be investigated and cleared up. Please note the exact location, time, what the items are and, if safe to do so, take a photo.

Zero Carbon Grants A reminder that the new Zero Carbon Communities Grants scheme is now open for applications. The grant supports voluntary and community sector groups, charities and parish councils seeking to deliver projects which help the district shift towards a cleaner, greener future and support the aim of zero carbon emissions by 2050. Grants will be between £1,000 and £15,000. The deadline for applications is 5pm on 31st October.

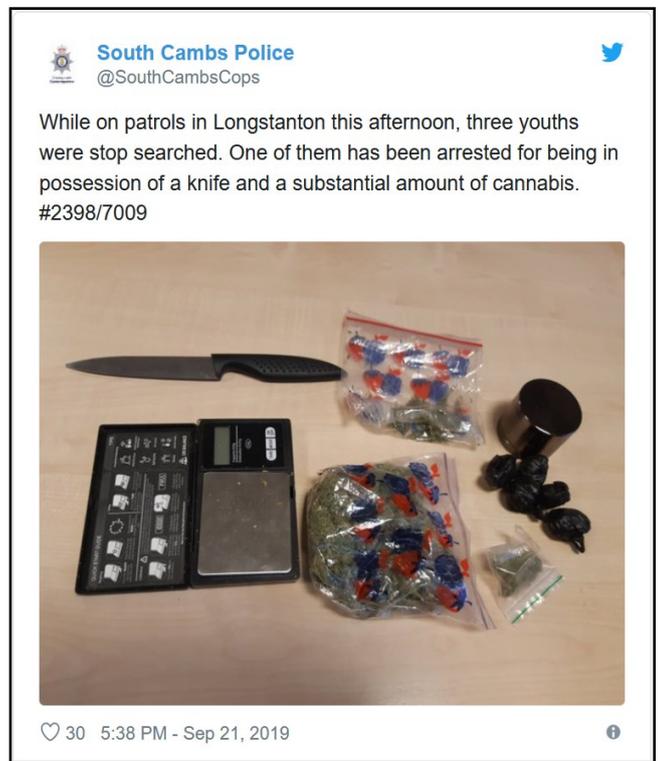
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*Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson
District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe*

LONGSTANTON DRUG CRIME

Whilst we are fortunate to live in a village which is largely peaceful and low in crime, in recent months Longstanton has been troubled by a number of incidents of drug dealing. Longstanton Life has been contacted by several concerned residents who have witnessed quite open drug dealing outside their houses, along with associated anti-social behaviour. On 21 September, the police stopped and searched three youths in our village; one was found in possession of a knife and a substantial amount of cannabis (see right). In order to assist the police in tackling this problem, residents are urged to be alert to the signs of drug dealing; if it is possible and safe to do so, to take a description of the people and vehicles involved, the locations, dates and times. This should be reported to the police, by calling 101 or reporting online. This allows them to spot patterns of activity, and target their resources effectively. If the whole community can remain vigilant, we can pull together to rid our village of this problem before it becomes more widespread. Longstanton Life contacted Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Commissioner for further information, and his detailed report is printed below.



Source: South Cambs Police Twitter account, 21 Sep 2019

HOW TO SPOT THE SIGNS OF DRUG DEALING IN THE COMMUNITY



Jason Ablewhite

DRUGS and drug related crime can have a negative impact on our communities and its use can harm the health and safety of residents, writes Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite. It's a sad fact of life that whilst demand for drugs exists, there will always be dealers. And whilst Cambridgeshire remains a safe place to live, it is important we all learn to spot the signs of drug activity and how to report it to the police.

There is now a growing body of evidence that shows that increasing numbers of vulnerable and young people are being exploited in order to expand drug dealing networks into new areas. The drug networking, also known as county lines, involves organised crime groups recruiting vulnerable children and young people to help them expand their drug dealing business from big cities to other places.

The crime groups involved in this sort of criminality will use a phone number, known as a 'drugs line', to contact their customers and sell class A drugs. The drug dealing groups often use young people to deliver their drugs, by paying them or by forcing them through violence and grooming. The people who feature high on their target list include children in care, children absent from school, children missing from home and single parents on low incomes. These young people, known as 'runners', are usually male and aged between 12 and 20 and travel between cities and other areas to deliver drugs and collect cash on behalf of the dealers.

If you notice more people living at an address of a vulnerable person, it may be that a drug dealer has taken over their home, making them sell drugs and using their home as a place for others to take drugs. Unusual activity you might see could include:

- lots of different people coming and going from an address
- people coming and going at odd times of the day and night
- strange smells coming from the property
- windows covered or curtains closed all the time
- cars pulling up to or near the house for a short period of time.

Another way professional criminals deal drugs in particular neighbourhoods, known as 'cuckooing'. Cuckooing involves offenders targeting the homes of vulnerable people and using it to deal drugs. Those vulnerable to cuckooing are often lonely, isolated and drug users themselves. In fact, dealers usually offer them free drugs as a way of getting into the victims home. The property is then used to deal and manufacture drugs for a short period of time before the dealer moves onto somewhere new.

You may not see drug runners with any drugs but you may see the signs of drug dealing such as large amounts of cash or lots of mobile phones - usually cheap pay-as-you-go types. The signs of a runner or drug dealer can include someone having more cash, clothing or phones than normal, talk of gang names in the area or someone using nicknames when speaking about others.

Most of us feel far removed from the world of drug dealing but we can all play our part in helping to close in the net on those responsible.

I know that we have a fantastic police force in Cambridgeshire working hard to tackle the issues we all care about. If you suspect drug dealing may be taking place in your community, I would urge you to report your concerns to the police, either by 101 or where someone is in immediate danger or a crime is taking place, you should always call 999.

If you'd prefer to stay anonymous, you can contact **Crimestoppers** to report anonymously online or by calling **0800 555 111**.

Jason Ablewhite
Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire

HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to Longstanton!

The new academic year has started and at the time of writing, we have been back at school for eight days. Our lovely school continues to grow and we have welcomed 319 children through the doors this September. That is one hundred more children than three years ago. Thank you all for supporting your local village school.



At the end of last term, we said a fond farewell to our Year 6 cohort who are now enjoying being part of the new Northstowe Secondary College. It has been wonderful to have them pop by at the end of their school day to say hello to us. They look so smart in their new uniforms and have great things to say about their next phase of education. Do watch out for them travelling to and from school on their bikes

as the routes are completed through the village to Northstowe. It's hard to believe that we will be sending another cohort up in ten months! Our current Year 6 children have already risen to the greater expectations we have of our oldest pupils. They have set a good example for their new Reception buddies and are showing excellent learning behaviours in class.



We are just setting out on our new learning for the year and look forward to reporting about the great things happening at Hatton Park in the upcoming issues of Longstanton Life. Classes are already exploring themes such as The Stone Age and The Victorians, and, watch out for our younger children who will be out and about as they explore what it is like to live in Longstanton.

We love to open our doors to the wider community when we can so please do come along to our Open Evening on Wednesday 2nd October. You may be an existing Hatton Park family, one who may be interested in sending you children to us or even a member of the Longstanton community that wants to see our school. You are all welcome! The school will be open from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Come and have a look. Children are most welcome; they can show you around!

Until the next issue,

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park team

NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS



Northstowe Secondary College (NSC) finally opens!

Smart new uniform, smiling faces, and pride in a new community; NSC gets off to a flying start. On Wednesday 4th September we welcomed 70 students into our temporary home at Pathfinder School and began a learning journey that will take students on to Post 16.

They looked fantastic, with shiny new shoes, a very smart uniform that many of them had been involved in choosing, and huge enthusiasm right from the start off at 8.15am. Students conducted themselves beautifully, demonstrating our school values of 'Kindness, Hard work and Curiosity' from the start. I

have seen young people looking after each other and helping with nervous new beginnings; new friendships being made on bus journeys, in the canteen and the playground; as well as my talented footballers managing to lose 2 of the 3 balls we had on day 1 - much laughter resulted. It has been lovely to see how well students have interacted with each other, no matter what primary school they have come from. After school clubs have also started with over 60% of students staying for a club in the first week., including ICT, Performing Arts, Art, Football, Tag rugby and Origami club!

We are really looking forward to getting into our new building on 30th September and working with our community, many of whom are hoping to offer clubs and make use of the facilities.

Northstowe Secondary College will be welcoming prospective Year 7s, for 2020 admission, to our Open Evening on 10th October 2019. The evening will start at 6pm, with talks from me, the Headteacher, at 6.15pm and 7pm. There will be a chance to meet current students, tour the site, and meet subject leads in department areas. We hope to see many of you on our Open Day and you are welcome to our Christmas Concert in December (date will be announced in the next issue). Follow us on Facebook, search for Northstowe Secondary College.

Carole Moss, Headteacher

LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING

Winter is coming - knit faster!

Summer is over and the days will soon be getting shorter. As autumn and winter approach, what could be better than swishing through the fallen leaves wearing snug hand knitted socks inside your boots? Or curling up on the sofa with a hot chocolate, TV on and a soft ball of yarn and knitting needles? How about sitting in our local pub with your favourite drink, latest project and fellow crafters?

Longstanton Knitting and Crochet Group continues to hold knit-and-natter style meetings once or twice a month which are well attended by a friendly

group of craft enthusiasts. If you like to knit, crochet or stitch then do turn up - we're really friendly and love a good chat about our hobby and other common interests. 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.

We meet 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. Most of us bring our projects to work on while we chat, or new yarn purchases and projects to show off. We sometimes meet for an additional meeting later in the month - 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. Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet/

SWAVESEY CAMERA CLUB MAIN EVENT 2019



Swavesey Camera Club

One of the leading clubs in East Anglia

Swavesey Camera Club has just started the new season. We are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. Whether yours is a mobile phone, basic compact camera or the latest digital SLR, our programme is designed to help you get the best out of it.

New members always welcome throughout the year. Do have a look at our club website: <https://swaveseycameraclub.co.uk>

Guest Speaker - Damien Demolder Professional Photographer

Thursday 10th October, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

The main event of the season at Swavesey Camera Club is the visit of the prominent UK photographer Damien Demolder. This

will be on Thursday 10th October. Damien's talk is about street photography, and is entitled 'Light and Life on the Streets'. Damien is a professional photographer, journalist, photographic equipment expert, speaker, judge and educator. He has worked in the photographic publishing industry since 1997, including 15 years at the photo magazine Amateur Photographer where he was editor.

He writes regularly for DP Review and the British Journal of Photography magazine, as well as occasionally for other UK and international photographic magazines and websites. Although he specialises in street photography he also shoots portraits, landscapes, architecture, natural macro and occasionally even wildlife and weddings (<https://damiendemolder.com/>).

Tickets are £5 each for club members and £10 each for non members. Tickets can be ordered in advance from the Club's President Richard Harrison, at - richardharrison340@gmail.com or on the door. The club meets at Swavesey Village College in the Global environment centre and this event will start at 7.30pm.

*Maggie O'Moore
Committee member*



Carol Countdown

Friday 13 December

8pm at All Saints' Church, Longstanton



Come and sing Longstanton's top ten carols as voted by YOU! Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Email susanmeah@hotmail.com

with your favourite 3 carols or send a message to our Facebook page: All Saints' Church Longstanton.

Saturday 16 November



For one night only - churches and other groups up and down the country will be taking part in the biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz ever.

You can join in!

7.30pm prompt at All Saints' Church Longstanton.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Suggested donation (to Tearfund) of £5 per person.

Any questions contact Susan 07704377051 or susanmeah@hotmail.com

THE FRIENDS OF PATHFINDER SCHOOL (FOPS)



The Friends of Pathfinder School (FOPS) had a successful year fundraising. As a result of this they will be putting some of the money earned into creating the "Forest School". FOPS are currently researching prices for a fire pit, fencing, and purchasing some large trees, so the project can get underway soon.

The new committee established in September will be working with the school to establish the focal point of their fundraising for

the forthcoming academic year. To keep up to date with the events FOPS will be hosting, follow us on our Facebook page @FOPS.pathfinder

You can also continuously support FOPS by registering to have an Easy Fundraising Account, this way every time you shop on-line FOPS receives a small percentage. Details can be found on our Facebook page.

All that is left to say is a massive thank you for your continual support and we look forward to welcoming you to our future events.

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP



Our toddler group started again in September after the summer break and we were pleased to make some new friends, as well as welcome some old ones back. We welcome families to drop in anytime for some free play and a chat over a hot drink! We ended the summer term with our summer party where

the children (and adults!) enjoyed some tasty treats and dancing. We have some seasonal crafts planned for the children to enjoy over the coming months, so watch this space! We would like to thank the Co-op for their continued support of the group by

providing the milk and fruit snack for the children. A special thank you also to Bethany and Tamara, who left the committee in July - thanks for all your hard work. We are now looking for some new committee members, so any parents attending the group that would like to help out, please let us know.

You can follow our Facebook page for updates and more information: @littleleprechaunslongstanton Little Leprechauns Playgroup meets every Friday morning during term time from 9.30am to 11am in the Village Institute. Ages 0-4 welcome. We have free play followed by a fruit snack, a story, and a craft. Baby area available for little ones. Tea, coffee and biscuits for adults. Only £1 per family, just drop-in!

Felicity and Jane, Little Leprechauns Committee

BREAKFAST CLUB, PRE-SCHOOL & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have had a busy few weeks welcoming children back after the Summer break as well as settling brand new children into our pre-school family. Our once youngest children are relishing being the oldest, and showing they know the room, routines and expectations. The children are loving visiting the chickens that have been hatched and reared by the school and are eager to share with us their favourites. We are excited to share a new 'Hidden in Longstanton' project with the community. By the time of publishing, we are hopeful that you will by now have found some of our hidden items and will join in with the fun. Our children in pre-school, breakfast & out of school club are keen to engage in helping the environment. Please think of us when you are having a clear out. Any clean, good condition items such as

scarves, bangles, blankets, tablecloths, guttering pipes, empty cable reels, picture frames, etc, would be very welcome here in allowing us to create an environment that can be adapted, developed and explored by our children. We look forward to sharing more news with you in the next issue.



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 or shelle.stevens@eyalliance.org.uk

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Friday 15 November 8pm, Longstanton Village Institute



Are you expecting a baby in the next 6 months? Preparing for the arrival of a new baby is a very exciting time and often expectant parents have lots of questions. People want to do the best for their baby, but that will look different in different families. There are lots of options and you might like to find out more to help you decide what might work for you.

You are invited to a gathering on 15 November at 8pm in the Longstanton Village Institute. This is an informal opportunity to meet other local expectant parents. You can come and find out more about lots of issues; bottle feeding, breast feeding, reusable nappies, disposable nappies, car seats, prams, baby slings, cots, co-sleeping, parental leave, local groups to go to. There will not be experts to talk to, but local parents who have

recent experience which they are happy to share.

This event is free and refreshments will be available. However you might like to bring money as we hope to have some second hand items for sale. If you'd like further information please contact Susan Meah 07704377051 or susanmeah@hotmail.com



VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



Another Cricket season ends here at the Longstanton Recreation Ground. With the square now put to bed and the presentations evening over things will quiet down for a while.

It has been a good and largely successful season and the mood in the club is very good.

With the First team having been promoted to the Senior 1 league last season, the club's goals were to maintain that position in Senior 1 for the 1s and for the Second team to maintain a position in the Junior 3 league such that the gap between the two teams did not increase. This we did, and with some notable successes across the season. Firstly, the First team top four batting line up comprised 3 fifteen-year-olds for the majority of the season, testament to our commitment to promote youth, and secondly our Under Fifteen team progressed to the regional finals this season, with a narrow defeat in their quarter final match. We have always prided ourselves on promoting youth here at Longstanton Cricket Club, and this year has shown that to be a great policy.

As big a success for the club this season was the All Stars pro-

gramme, 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.

This season has seen 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

Ian Handy, info@longstantoncc.co.uk

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



Well, that's it for another season of outdoor bowls and time to report on results and highlights. There is a mixed bag of results to report – one good, one bad and the rest mostly middling. First the good news: our newly promoted Cambridge & District team in Division 2 had a solid season, winning 9 out of 18 matches and finishing mid-table with 63 points. This team stays in Division 2

for next season. Then the bad: our newly promoted C&D team in Division 4 had a less than stellar season and won only 5 out of 18 games, finishing third from bottom. Normally this place would escape relegation, but unluckily the league is unbalanced between Divisions 4 and 5 so three teams are being relegated from Division 4 with only two promoted from Division 5.

The results for the other leagues are middling. We have two teams in Division 1 of the Business Houses Mixed Pairs League, and both teams ended up approximately mid-table. The A team won 6 out of their 12 games, finishing in 8th place with 35 points. The B team won 7 matches and finished with 38 points in 7th place. The men's team ended up just below mid-table in 12th place with 6 wins and a draw out of 16 matches and 38 points. We also have a team in Division 2 of the Ely & District Afternoon Triples League. Our team did very well and finished just above mid-table in 6th place with 14 wins out of 24 matches and 83 points.



In other news I am delighted to congratulate Longstanton players for winning the Business Houses annual Rose Bowl trophy. The winning team (pictured left) was Glenn Lovell, Jacqui Walker, Chris Horton and Harry Dean.

We again hosted the C&D men's pairs and ladies' pairs semi-finals in August. Despite persistent rain the standard of bowling was superb, and we

received compliments from the players afterwards on how well our green played.

Outdoor bowls has now finished for 2019. We will be starting again in April 2020, and we always welcome new bowlers of any standard, from novice to experienced. We normally send out information about the coming season in about March, so if you think you would like to give bowls a try please send your contact details to our Membership Secretary – Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email marionedwards1@btinternet.com. Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk.

Sadly, I have to finish on a sombre note. One of our members, Tony Aspinall, was taken ill during a club match and was taken to hospital where he later passed away. He was a good bowler and a good friend to the club and will be sorely missed.

Corinne Walsham

LONGSTANTON LIMPERS

As the weather gets a bit cooler into the autumn some people (me included) find it easier to get out for a run as the air starts to get crisper. It's a very different experience exploring the lanes and droves with the leaves starting to turn change colour. As the evening sunlight disappears some of the summer off-road routes get harder to use in the evening but we are exploring what seem to be the constantly changing paths and routes in Northstowe as part of going back on the roads. Runners tend to pull out the hi-viz and head torches at this time of year as the weather doesn't stop us going out!

I'm very pleased to say that the club has recently adopted a policy on plastics, which looks to support our members in reducing single use plastic and provide some guidance on clothing and

products which have more sustainable materials or production elements. We're looking forwards to working with the Parish Council and others on this important issue to support and take action locally where we can. Our members already put time into regular litter picks and our own events have been 'plastic free' for some time. We'll be looking to work with some of the more local races to see if we can encourage them to do the same.

Finally we'll be meeting at our usual time of 7:30 on Monday nights for our social run which welcomes all runners, regardless of ability or experience. We're out and about in all weathers and the emphasis is on a friendly inclusive atmosphere so pop down and say hello! One of the most keenly priced memberships around is also available which gives some additional benefits so get in touch through our Facebook page if you're interested!

Chris Poultney, www.facebook.com/longstantonlimpers

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



At the time of writing we are about to kick off the new season in Division 3 with an away match after winning promotion last season. But before the new season can kick off comes a pre-season where we begin the process of getting ready for the 8 months of football ahead. Everyone returned on 4th July for the first session and as with all new seasons, you gain some new faces and lose a couple. After a few weeks of 20+ players being put through their paces we began a program of fixtures aimed at testing ourselves against strong competition and to give an opportunity to those pushing for a place in the first team.



Pre-season is also where local villages invite their neighbours for mini cup competitions to add a little bit of spice to the pre-season football. We entertained

Swavesey FC in the Jock McAvoy Memorial Cup, which I'm pleased to say stayed in the village. After a nail-biting 90 minutes the game ended 4-4, so we went to penalties to get a winner and with both teams having their shooting boots on, this took some time with it finally finishing up 9-8 in our favour. The following week we were invited to Over to take part in the Ken Garner Memorial Trophy. We were drawn to play the hosts in the semi on the Tuesday night, with the winners going forward to play Swavesey in the final on Friday, following their win against Cottenham the night before. The match was a great test for us as Over play 2 leagues above us in the Cambs League. After a back



and forth first half we went in to the break at 2-2. Early in the second half, we took the lead and quickly added to it to make it 5-2 and you might assume

that would make it relatively safe, but that wasn't the case. With 10 minutes to go Over piled the pressure on, as they didn't want to get knocked out of their own tournament at the semi-final stage for the second year running! Fortunately they couldn't close the gap and we won 5-4!

So another final against Swavesey within 10 days beckoned and as the match kicked off, it was clear they had no intention of losing to us again. We were put under a lot of pressure which the lads handled without a fuss, so with the first 45 minutes drawing to a close at 0-0 we always had a chance. Once the second half started, we found our stride and took the game to Swavesey. Our own period of pressure paid off, with Adam Winter running at the opposition's defence resulting in him winning a penalty, which skipper John Hughes coolly stepped up and scored. This somewhat stirred the pot and Swavesey fought back, only to have their dreams of winning squashed when Tom Stagg hit a wonder goal that sent team mates and watching fans into ecstasy. Longstanton returned home with the neighbours' silverware at only the second time of asking, with the game ending 2-0!!!

Pre-season has been a great platform for us to build our team upon and now we enter the new season with both the Saturday and Sunday teams chomping at the bit to get going. We look forward to seeing you down at the rec over the coming months, supporting the lads and enjoying a beer with them afterwards in the Pavilion.

Ben Lee - 1st Team Manager, Longstanton FC

LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

While we didn't have the scorching summer that we all enjoyed last year, we still managed to have some great weather for our year's events. We again held our Quorn Family Cup in April which was well attended. We then followed that a couple of weeks later with our Bright Ideas for Tennis event, where we hosted a couple of ex-professional players who gave us some wonderful coaching sessions. This was the most popular event of the year, with over 50 people attending! We followed this with our annual Jake Benton Memorial Trophy in June where we were treated to some great junior tennis matches. Congratulations to Arnas for a hard-fought win in the final. Finally, we held the Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend event in late July, which saw plenty of attendance and a few new members joining on the day. A big thanks to everyone who got involved in all of our events, and we hope you all enjoyed your time on the courts!



Juniors taking advantage of the sunny weather to participate in the Big Tennis Weekend

We've completed virtually all of our Business House League matches, faring much better this year in the men's doubles with two wins, one draw and two losses, with one more match left to play at the time of writing. We've also competed well in the mixed doubles, with three wins and two losses, leaving us third in the league. Well done to all of the team members for taking part, which is a great way for us to meet and play members of other clubs in a friendly social setting.

Coaching started again after the summer break, 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 if you're interested in taking part.

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

We're into 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 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.

Hope to see you on court soon!

Damian Kramer, Club Chair

Recognising our Volunteers

Whilst out working around the reserve, it's not unusual for me to be asked by visitors about how we manage the site and how many staff are responsible for it. These visitors are often surprised when I tell them that there are only two staff working on site to look after the almost 400-hectare reserve with its 16km of pathways. I then tell them about our amazing group of volunteers on whom we are reliant to carry out much of what we do.



Practical work party volunteer group doing some hedgerow management
Photo by Simon Freedman

Whether it is walking around the trails picking up rubbish, checking infrastructure for damage, running events, welcoming visitors in the car park, doing breeding bird and other biodiversity surveys or carrying out our essential habitat management work, there is almost no aspect of the job that volunteers are not involved in.

Our volunteers come from a diverse range of backgrounds and cover a broad age range, from teenagers to septuagenarians. Some are avid birders and nature lovers, others just enjoy being outdoors for a few hours. All are passionate about the site, keen to be involved and invaluable in the management of the reserve.

If you would like more information about the volunteering opportunities here at Fen Drayton Lakes, please get in touch.

*Simon Freedman
Assistant Warden*

Get involved...

Stargazing

Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.
Saturday 12 October, 8.30-9.30pm. Booking required .

Wednesday Wander

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

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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Charity Walk Jan, our nursing assistant, would like to thank all the patients who kindly sponsored her Marathon Walk for Charity on 20th July. We are delighted to announce she raised £705 for Macmillan Cancer Care. I'm sure you'll agree this is a wonderful achievement and we are all extremely proud of her.

Lost Property If you are missing your glasses you may have left them at the surgery! Please ask at reception.

Flu Vaccines We have now received our flu vaccinations. Please call and book your appointment. The vaccination is recommended (and free!) to all patients over the age of 65, pregnant women, and those who have long term medical condition regardless of age. If you are unsure please ask. A limited number of Saturday appointments are also available so please book as soon as possible.

Over Day Centre *The Over Day Centre Association* is a charity that provides professional care catering to individual needs, in an environment that is friendly, engaging and health & safety conscious. Over Day Centre supports individuals in their desire to maintain social interaction and to stay as independent and active as possible with opportunities to make new friends and participate in enjoyable activities. The service provides much needed support and respite for families caring for a loved one.

Currently it costs £21 per day to attend including a hot 2-course lunch and all drinks and morning & afternoon snacks. The minibus will collect from home, and has a wheelchair lift (there is **no** extra charge to use the bus). For further information please contact the The Over Day Centre Association on 01954 231807 or email care@overdaycentre.co.uk

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

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are on 16th October, 20th November & 18th December from 2:00pm-4:00pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

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

Lisa Smith - Assistant Practice Manager

NEWS FROM NORTHSTOWE



The last couple of months have seen the Phase 1 housebuilders working hard to ensure that the growth of Northstowe stays on track. We now have well over 400 homes occupied, and a population of over fifteen hundred people.

Northstowe Secondary College has now opened, with the first 70 pupils being taught in a spare wing of the Pathfinder Primary School before moving into their bespoke new building at the end of September. Many community activities are already planned to run at the school, from Beginner's Italian to Yoga. For more information please look at the Swavesey Village College website.

The Phase 1 community allotments should be ready for the new Northstowe allotments association to take over in October. While these allotments have been specifically provided for Northstowe residents, the allotments association has been working with SCDC to find ways for keen green-fingered residents of the local

villages to get involved.

The pathways around the playing fields between Northstowe and Longstanton will be finished by the end of 2019. This will enable residents of the two communities to access each other's facilities. I'm sure those in Longstanton will enjoy being able to walk to the variety of events, such as Bounce and Scouts, that are available in Northstowe and I know Northstowe residents are excited to have a pub within walking distance!

Every month sees a variety of different community consultations on a wide variety of topics, such as the town centre strategy, Phase 3 housing or health and wellbeing services. Four times a year we run the Community Forum, which is the best way to find up-to-date information about Northstowe; the next will happen on 6th November.

To contact us about Northstowe, including if you wish to join the Northstowe mailing list, please just email:

Northstowe.Community@scamb.gov.uk

Jon London

Northstowe Community Development Officer

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

As autumn closes in and winter approaches, we near the end of our 2019 calendar of events at St. Michael's church. The Christingle Service, on the 23rd December in aid of The Children's Society, will be the last event at the church until 2020.



We continue to welcome ideas for community use of St. Michael's and hope to expand the variety of performances and uses of the building, both secular and religious. Further discussions on this aspect with various authorities and organisations are on-going. The Churches Conservation Trust's initiative with *This is*

My Theatre has resulted in productions that have maintained their very high standard and popularity. Who could forget Mole, Badger, Ratty and Toad in *Wind in the Willows*? Their final performance this year will be an adaptation of *The Snow Queen* on 30th November and 14th December (see ad). **Please remember that the church is unheated so wrap up warm for our winter events.**

We look forward to collaborating with the theatre group next year for performances of *The Tempest*, *Jane Eyre*, and *A Christmas Carol*. To enable us to publicise the performances and our other activities to a wider audience, we now have a Facebook page. Please do look us up at: Longstanton St. Michael's Friends Group.

As ever, for further information regarding these and other events at St. Michael's please contact us at fosm2017@gmail.com.

The Friends of St. Michael's Church

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION

In this issue, we have a spooky Halloween competition for the younger readers.



Hidden in this issue are 10 pumpkins like this one with a letter on it. Find all pumpkins and rearrange the letters to create a Halloween-related word.

This competition is open only to children aged 11 years or younger.

To enter the competition, send your answer to Longstanton Life either by (a) posting at the Village Institute, or (b) email to longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Monday 21st October. Remember to include your name, age and contact details.

The first person randomly selected from the correct entries will receive a Halloween bucket full of treats. The winner will be announced in the next issue. **Good luck!**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

TRAVEL WORD SEARCH COMPETITION WINNER

The winner of the travel word search competition was Gill Clarkson, pictured here receiving a bottle of wine from Alex, at the Longstanton Co-Op.



Congratulations to Gill! Our thanks again to the Longstanton Co-Op for donating the prize.

The 10 answers we were looking for were: Country, Passport, Tourist, Adventure, Cruise, Suitcase, Holiday, Flight, Beach, Accommodation.

The keen-eyed amongst you noticed that the first "A" in the word "accommodation" was missing in the grid, our apologies for the error. In order to be fair we only looked for the 9 remaining words from all entries.

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



We're back from our summer break and the tea and cake were flowing as we all listened to Roy Stoner from the Longstanton & District Heritage Society as we learned about the history of the railway through Longstanton.

The role of the society is to archive the past & the present changes as well as lobbying local government and other agencies to protect heritage and landscape and conse-

quently we were treated to a delight of photos and video of the local area.

The train line was built to transport freight and this was particularly important for the local fruit picking season where typically 2500 tons of fruit was dispatched in 1950's.

October sees us listening to a local auctioneer's stories so why not come along.

Debbie Lienau

The Pavilion

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The summer is now behind us with only a few cancellations on the cricket and bowls front due to the weather (although it should be noted that the bowls teams are very hardy and prove that you do not melt if left out in the rain). We would like to thank all the teams for their support with the catering for all their events.

Football season is now with us which means that we open at 10.00 on Saturday mornings, we will be serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and Bovril, the griddle will again be on serving up bacon rolls. We are thinking of starting up the breakfast menu again and would be pleased if people let us know if this would be of interest. We would like to wish all the teams good luck for the coming season, we are looking forward to filling up the trophy cabinet.

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 17.00 until 23.00
Friday: 17.00 until 23.30
Saturday: 10.00 until 23.30
Sunday: 12.00 until 22.30



There is a Halloween disco planned for 26th October, the plan is to have a children's disco and then move onto the adults. We are looking forward to seeing the costumes you will be coming up with for this year.

We will also be having a mug painting session. Each one will then be individual so we are hoping to keep track of them on a Saturday. We will be posting the date on Facebook in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you when you come over to admire the work that has been carried out by the team on the changing rooms and the outside of the building. An inspiring thing to behold.

Michael, Suzanne and the Pavilion team

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The harvest is gathered, the nights are drawing in and Christmas will be here before we know it. We celebrated the Harvest on 29th September with four other churches in our Team and collected foodstuff for the Ely Foodbank, afterwards enjoying a shared lunch in the church.

Looking ahead to November make a note in your diary: the Advent Fayre is on 23rd November in the church from 2pm - 4pm, come along and get some early Christmas shopping with no crowds and no parking problem. We shall have all the usual things, tea and cakes, jams and chutneys, cakes, decorations, cards for sale and some surprises. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome.

We have a 'Pop-up' Coffee Shop in aid of charity on 12th October from 10 -12.30pm. Do give yourself a break and drop in and support a worthy cause. This will be a regular feature on the 2nd Saturday of each month, so if you know of a local charity that could benefit please get in touch.

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On Friday 25th October there will be a free film show from 3pm - 5pm in the church for children accompanied by an adult. We will serve refreshments and have a Pop-up Tuck Shop. Watch out for more details on All Saints' Longstanton Facebook page.

November 16th BIG QUIZ for Tear Fund - see separate advertisement for details.

The process of recruiting a Team Vicar to take up residence in the vicarage in Longstanton is ongoing and we hope to have someone in place sometime in the New Year.

If you would like to discuss any matters or have any ideas where you could help us please contact one of the Church Wardens, whose details are below. If you wish to speak to clergy then Revd Simon Gill can be contacted on 01954 230434 or email: simon@5folds.org.uk

Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am do come along and join us. Check the website 5folds.org.uk for all the latest news. **The 7th Squadron Memorial Service will be 13th October at 10.30am and our Remembrance Service this year is on Sunday 10th November at 10.50am.**

If you would like more information on any of the above or have questions about baptism, marriages or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact our Administrator, Gillian Beale 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk or one of the Church Wardens Arthur Savage 01954 780121 arthur.savage.46@btinternet.com or Sue Gamon 01954 782371 sgcoutures64@gmail.com

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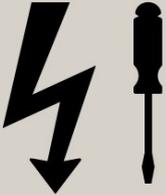
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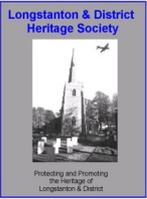
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KINGFISHER POND LATEST

The state of the Kingfisher Pond, as seen by the photographs all taken on the 8/9/2019, could hardly be worse!

What has become of SCDC's promise to restore it to its treasured natural state? By the evidence of these pictures, it seems to have come to nothing.

First it lost water, coincidentally at the same time as the start of the drainage of the Northstowe Phase 1 land, then weeds and sedge began to take over. Surrounding trees began to die as a result of their roots being exposed. An amount of fly-tipping has also taken place.



Where tree cover now appears to be missing, - figure stands on footpath Photo Steve Smith



Lower water levels have meant weeds and sedge have taken over Photo Steve Smith



Fly tipped and made to photograph! Photo Steve Smith

Surely, the trashing of this natural feature, formerly the source of so much local pride, is equivalent to an ecological 'war crime' and is unforgivable?

To think that it was only a very short time ago, Jeff Harrison, Longstanton's own wildlife photographer, was regularly contributing to Longstanton Life glorious pictures of Kingfishers living and breeding in harmony with the environment that this pond once provided.

Since it became clear that such a delicate ecological feature was in danger of being destroyed by over an enthusiastic commercial development of land, LDHS have featured the plight of the Kingfisher Pond in several

issues of the Longstanton Life over recent years - the last being for our Feb-Mar update.

New readers of these columns may be asking, why LDHS considers the fate of the Kingfisher Pond to be so important? Longstanton's rural heritage, included several ponds previously in harmony with their surroundings. Since development of the area began in 2015, these features have been all but decimated. The jury may be out regarding the reason why the village ponds have lost their water but, the same cannot be said of the Kingfisher Pond. These photographs clearly show how close development has come to the pond: at least one public footpath now runs alongside one side

of the pond and where tree cover now appears to be missing!

And let's not forget what all the fuss is all about, one of Britain's smallest most colourful birds and their habitat - a living breathing pond, full of small fish and their food supplies, etc...

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Report on LDHS Talk, Friday 6 September 'Cambridge at War 1914-1918: From the Front to the Backs' by Mike Petty

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Friday 4 October:



LDHS Public Talks Autumn 2019

'Northstowe, Learning Lessons from Previous Towns?' by Ian Hunter

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