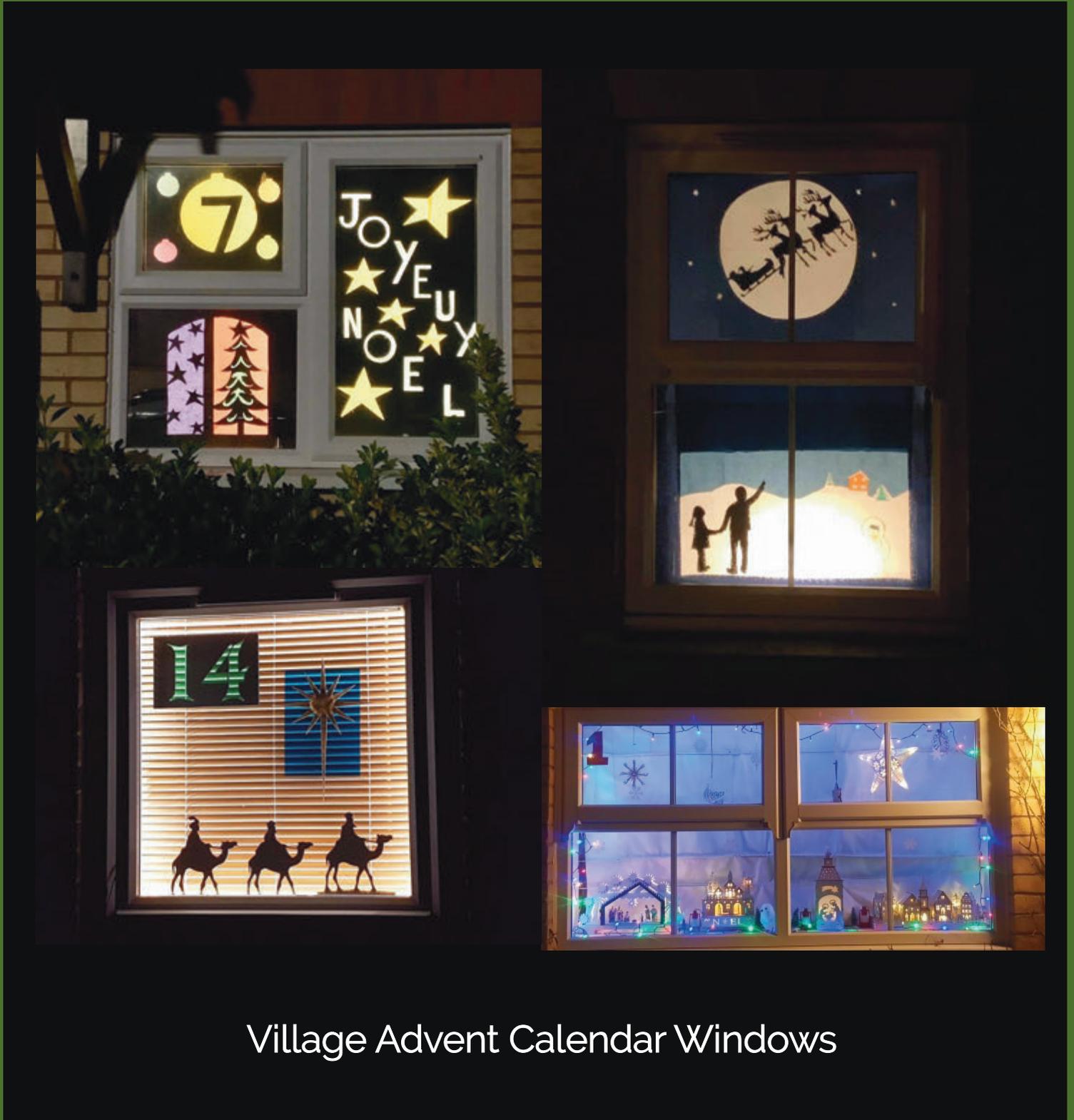


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Village Advent Calendar Windows

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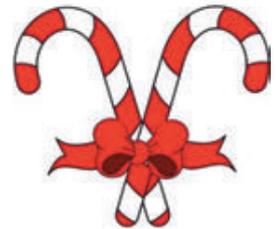
# VILLAGE DIARY

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PLEASE CHECK WITH THE ORGANISER FIRST

<b>SUNDAY</b>	09.30-10.30	Sunday School	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	11.00	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
<b>MONDAY</b>	11.00-12.00	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	18.00-20.00	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	19.00-20.00	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
	2nd of month	19.30	Parish Council	Village Institute*	(Open meeting)
3rd of month	19.45	W.I.	Village Institute*	Patrizia Peters	01954 781283
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.00-12.00	Coffee morning (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	10.30-11.15	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	18.00	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	18.30-20.00	Adult Cricket Training (May-August)	Recreation Ground	Wayne Markillie	07737 313225
	19.00-21.00	Cambridge Freestyle Martial Arts	Village Institute*	Rory/Martin	07523 854251/07535 646234
	19.00-21.30	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00-11.00	Music Madness (0-5yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	19.10-21.30	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154
	19.00-20.00	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00-11.30	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
<b>FRIDAY</b>	09.30-11.00	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Jane Hordern	07960952182
	14.00-16.00	Afternoon tea (over 55s)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	18.00	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	19.00-21.30	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		
	18.00-20.00	Longstanton Juniors Cricket (5-16yrs) includes	Recreation Ground	Richard Jenkins	rkbjenkins@gmail.com
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00-11.00	#Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803

\*Mid week football training available, please contact Louise Gamon (Tel: 07429 317803).

\*It should be noted that the Village Institute is available for hiring for a variety of functions; provisional bookings can be made via [www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton\\_Village\\_Institute\\_Hall\\_23070.aspx](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?

### Longstanton and District Heritage Society



Photo: Longstanton WAAF Nissen Hut via Dorothy Windon

This is one of the earliest photographs scanned into the LDHS digital archives and was kindly donated to us by Dorothy Windon. Dorothy was a regular attendee at the 7 Squadron Memorial Service which is held each year in All Saints' church, Longstanton. Of course, due to the pandemic this year's service could not take place.

Dorothy Windon was a MT (Military Transport) driver in the Women's Auxiliary Airforce (WAAF) based at RAF Oakington. This photo is just one of a number that she donated to LDHS. The image shows the WAAF hut in which she lived during the war. Nissen huts were scattered across Longstanton but hers was one of many that were located in the former Hatton parkland that used to stand behind the Village Institute - roughly where the houses of Thornhill Place and Magdalene Close stand today. Even in the midst of war the WAAF girls endeavoured to bring a sense of normality and some happiness to their lives.

If we look very carefully at the door at the end of the hut we can see the following message:  
1945 A Happy New Year.

The committee of LDHS shares that sentiment and we wish everyone a Happy New Year also.

*Hilary Stroude*  
LDHS Memory Lane Update

# LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

## Dear Readers,

We've got a bumper issue for you to end 2020. There's news from our schools, sports clubs and churches—who have all found ways to stay busy despite the pandemic.

Look out for a special feature with ideas on enjoying Christmas remotely (p13), plus a festive competition (p15) for all the family!

Finally, we'd like to say a special farewell from the magazine to Tony Cowley, who contributed to Longstanton Life for almost two decades. He will be much missed.

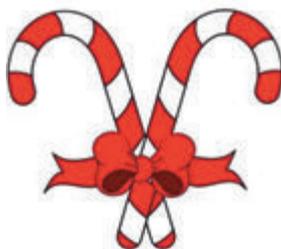
It's cold outside, so why not treat yourself to a hot drink and a biscuit, and snuggle up with your copy of Longstanton Life?

Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

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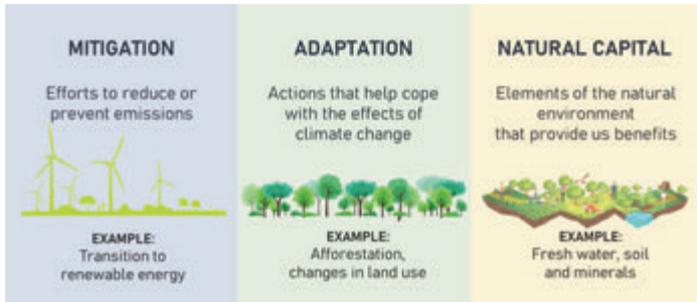
# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor

Peter Hudson

## County Council highly commended for top climate emergency award

Cambridgeshire County Council's work to respond to the climate change emergency has been recognised after it was highly commended for a prestigious national award. The County Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy was highly commended at the 'Leadership in responding to the Climate Emergency' category of the MJ Awards 2020. The County Council agreed in May 2019 to make a declaration of a 'Climate Emergency' which led to the production of an evidence base of carbon emissions across the county. The Council used this evidence to develop its draft Climate Change and Environment Strategy and a vision 'to deliver net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050'.



This vision has already started to be translated into real action. The Council has added a specific priority into its Business Plan which concentrates on helping Cambridgeshire reach this net zero carbon target by 2050. Moreover, it has set up a £16m Environment Fund to take all the Council's offices it owns and occupies off fossil fuels by 2025 and to cut its organisational carbon footprint by 50% by 2023. The Council procures £450m of services every year for Cambridgeshire communities and it will be working with its supply chain to reduce carbon emissions.

The County Council has been leading the way in prioritising climate and environment issues for some time. In 2018 the Council won the British Renewable Energy Awards 'pioneer' category and in 2019 became a signatory to 'UK 100', to lead solutions for rural communities and commit to securing the shift to 100% clean energy by 2050. As a result, the County Council was asked to set up and lead a Countryside Climate Network of rural authorities to work to share best practice across the country and to develop nature-based policy solutions to climate change. This excellent strategy is already a key part of our contribution to the Countryside Climate Network and is sure to be used by other authorities as they work together to tackle climate change and secure a cleaner future.

The County Council launched a Plastics Reduction Strategy to eliminate single use plastics in order to protect the biodiversity of our oceans and marine life. The Council was also named 'East of England Council of the Year' at the 2019 Energy Efficiency Awards, having already invested £22m into carbon reduction schemes to benefit local people, identified £56m to work in partner- further schemes and planted 25,000 trees.

## Local contact tracing scheme expanded across Cambridgeshire

A locally enhanced contact tracing service, which has proven successful in Peterborough in reaching people the national service has not been able to contact, will be expanded to cover the

whole of Cambridgeshire from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Cambridgeshire County Council will be working closely with NHS Test and Trace to contact people who have tested positive for Covid-19, giving those people help and advice to self-isolate, in a further bid to crack down on the pandemic. Council Officers who have undergone special training in contact tracing will be following up on people who have tested positive for Covid-19 but have not responded to a call or email from the national service and getting details about their close contacts. The officers will initially make contact by phone, text or email asking people to call a local number – which has been found to be more effective than a contact from a national number, based on earlier experiences in contacting shielded people.

If this fails, the officers, who will all carry local authority identification, will make house-to-house visits to reach those people who have tested positive. They will be given advice on how they can stay isolated to break the chain of infection and prevent it spreading to their household contacts. They will also be asked to share details of others they have been in contact with. Anyone who is concerned by being contacted can call the Council or local community hub to check the identity of the tracer on 0345 045 5219.

Support is available for people who need to isolate and don't have friends, family or neighbours to help through the network of support hubs run by councils. This information will be given to all those who are contacted. In addition, local councils are running a Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme which entitles people who meet certain criteria to a one-off payment of £500. Those who do not receive benefits (which is a requirement to claim from the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme) but are still adversely affected as a result of not being able to work can also apply for a £500 discretionary payment.

**The most important thing is that we all keep caring for Cambridgeshire. The County Council will work with local people to deliver this locally enhanced test and trace service to make sure that we can stamp out infections and get our county Covid-free.**

*Peter Hudson, County Councillor*

*Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington and Westwick*

## A message from All Saints' Longstanton Parochial Church Council and Over & District Royal British Legion

Covid-19 and national lockdown means donating online is now crucial to support The Royal British Legion's 2020 Poppy Appeal. With thousands of poppy collectors unable to sell poppies locally and many fundraising events cancelled, we are relying on the British public to give as generously as possible this year.

Money kindly donated during the Poppy Appeal supports veterans, Forces personnel, and their families who have served and sacrificed throughout the generations, providing aid in many forms – from bereavement support to homelessness and everything in between. It funds crucial charity work for those in need.

Without the usual large outdoor Act of Remembrance and procession in November, Longstanton villagers missed a significant opportunity to support the Poppy Appeal.

**If you would like to make a donation online this year, you can do so via:** <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

For donations by cash or cheque (made payable to RBL Poppy Appeal), please be in contact with the local RBL representative Jane Matthews Tel: 07983 630265 email: [overanddistrictrbl@yahoo.com](mailto:overanddistrictrbl@yahoo.com)



# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## District Councillors Notes



We hope that you have all been staying safe and well. At the time of writing this, we are still in lockdown and there is a lot of uncertainty about what the next weeks until Christmas and into the New Year will bring. We know that 2020 has been an exceedingly difficult year and our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by COVID-19. We are so appreciative of the response shown by the whole community during the pandemic. Everyone has pulled together and we would particularly like to thank all the volunteers, coordinated by the Parish Council, who continue to do an incredible job supporting vulnerable members of our community.

South Cambs District Council (SCDC) has dedicated pages with information for residents, communities and local businesses on coronavirus support, at [www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus).

If you have suffered a loss of income there are details of support available, including SCDC's hardship fund, at [www.scambs.gov.uk/benefits/hardship-fund](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/benefits/hardship-fund).

**Community Governance Review:** We are finally reaching the end of the Community Governance review process. Option A, with some amendments to the proposed boundary, has been recommended. We spoke strongly in support of this option. The changes will mean:

- A new Town Council will be created for Northstowe;
- Land north of the Guided Busway will become part of Willingham Parish;
- Land west of B1050 (Bloor and future Northstowe Phase 3b) will form part of the newly created Northstowe Parish;
- Green separation land between Oakington and Northstowe will be retained in Oakington Parish;
- Longstanton conservation area and paddocks will be retained in Longstanton Parish;
- The proposed boundary will be amended as recommended by Longstanton Parish Council to align with a hedgerow north of the B1050, meaning this section of the Home Farm estate would remain in Longstanton.

The new Northstowe Town Council will have 15 Councillors, to be elected in May 2021 for a one-year term, to bring it in line with parish council elections for the whole district in May 2022. Longstanton and Willingham Parish Councils will have elections in May 2021, but for a 5-year term. We will remain District Councillors for all residents, including those who live north of the Guided Busway, regardless of these changes.

You can find more details, including our full statement on this and a map showing the new boundaries, via: [www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe](http://www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe)

**Free School Meals:** We would like to thank everyone who donated to our fundraiser to provide free school meals during the holidays for children in our local schools. We were so grateful for the incredible generosity of our community. We are pleased to see that the government has now revised its policy on this, but we are still not clear that the money committed will cover all families in need. We will wait for more details and speak with the schools before deciding what to do with the money we have raised so far. If you would like to donate go to: [bit.ly/36owbkY](https://bit.ly/36owbkY)

**Longstanton Water Levels:** The investigation into the reduced water levels in Longstanton has been carried out and we want to reassure residents that we have been committed to this being fully independent and transparent. The consultant carrying out this investigation was commissioned by SCDC following our re-

quests to the council Chief Executive, but the consultant was chosen by the Parish Council to ensure independence.

The Parish Council approved the brief for the investigation. We are expecting the consultant's report to be available before Christmas and we will inform residents of the findings from this. Most importantly we are committed to ensuring that any findings or recommendations from the report are acted upon and, if necessary, enforcement action is taken.

**Cuts to Local Police Officers:** The Cambridgeshire Chief Constable has announced a cut to the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), driven by the need to save money. Our local PCSO comes from the Histon team. There are currently five PCSOs for our area and this will likely shrink to one or two officers. This is extremely concerning with the rise in rural crime and antisocial behaviour we have seen locally. We will be writing to our MP and Police & Crime Commissioner to express our dismay at these cuts and encourage residents who feel strongly to do the same.

As ever, feel free to contact us on these or any other issues:

**Sarah Cheung Johnson:** [cllr.cheungjohnson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.cheungjohnson@scambs.gov.uk)

**Alex Malyon:** [cllr.malyon@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.malyon@scambs.gov.uk)

We hope that however we can celebrate the festive period this year that you have a good Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

## MP for South Cambs



## Anthony Browne

### Response to lockdown

Many of you will have been following the events of the last two weeks closely and will already know how I voted last Wednesday: for the lockdown. I share the anger and frustration felt by many at the announcement of a new lockdown, and at the impact it has on our livelihoods and liberties. But it is absolutely clear that the epidemic is taking off nationally at a very rapid pace, with NHS hospitals terrified of soon being overwhelmed by COVID patients. There is also strong local support for the lockdown according to an (unscientific) survey I conducted. I want to urge everyone to stick to the rules and stay safe, and I give the firmest possible commitment that I will campaign with other MPs to ensure the lockdown ends at the beginning of December.

### Welcoming support for South Cambridgeshire

I very much welcome the news that Cambridgeshire County Council will receive £1,459,490.26 from the government for food and supplies for vulnerable households as part of the £170 million winter support package. I'm also pleased that the Prime Minister has announced the extension of the Holiday Activities and Food programme, which provides healthy food and activities for children during the school holidays and has a massive impact on disadvantaged young people in our community, to cover Easter, Summer and Christmas next year. All MPs including myself agree that it is absolutely unacceptable for any child to go hungry in modern Britain. If you do know of any child going hungry in South Cambridgeshire, do urge their parents to contact my office and we can make sure they get the help they need.

You can email me at: [anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk)



*Anthony Browne  
MP for South Cambs*

# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council Dan delaMare-Lyon



Hello everyone,

So here we are, seemingly racing towards the end of the year, mid-second lockdown and trying to make sense of what is going on in the world. I hope that everyone is managing OK: if your Parish Council can help you, please feel free to reach out. You will have seen a leaflet through your door a couple of weeks back, and I'm pleased to say that many previous

volunteers are happy to help once more, a true testament to the community spirit of our village.

In other news, those of you following with interest will note that the results of the Community Governance Review were presented to South Cambs District Council Civic Affairs committee since I wrote to you last. Thank you to everyone who shared their input and made their views known. As the options were distilled down, sadly there will be some changes to the shape of our village. We wanted to avoid this, but we must follow the national guidelines in completing these exercises, and we will sadly lose some houses in the parish into Willingham and Northstowe.

That will trigger a change in your Parish Council. We are currently responsible for Longstanton and Northstowe, but the changes will mean that we will likely lose 3-4 councillors to the yet-to-be-formed Northstowe Town Council. Not only will Northstowe Town Council need to go on a recruitment drive, but Longstanton Parish Council will also be looking for new members with elections to be held in May 2021.

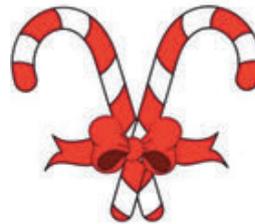
Given the level of activity and energy expressed through the Community Governance Review and other activities (more on that in a

second), I hope that many of you will consider standing for election to become a Parish Councillor in 2021, to help make a difference in your village. The Parish Council is an enthusiastic bunch of residents and is always glad to welcome new members. Full councillor training will be given which is lightweight and accessible (and importantly remote at the moment), and you can commit as much time as you choose to your community (above and beyond the statutory requirements). Please reach out to Libby White for more information and to express your interest. In due course we will be advertising the openings, but it would be great to have some early visible interest.

Finally, you will have received a leaflet about our new community facility. Whilst it is run by one of the charities for which the Parish Council is trustee, I wanted to highlight the ongoing work and to thank everyone for the feedback so far. This will be the start of our journey, and, once we have collated the feedback in the new year, we will progress accordingly. If you offered your help, we will be in touch shortly to make a start on building the community team that will lead this project to success.

As always, if any of the members of the Parish Council can help in any way, please reach out to us.

Details are on the Parish Council website, but we can always be reached via Libby White, our clerk, on 01954 782323 or [clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@longstanton-pc.gov.uk).



Until the next time, I'll wish you an early Happy Christmas and look forward to 2021, hopefully remembering COVID-19 as it fades into history and getting back to allowing our community to grow and thrive!

*Dan delaMare-Lyon  
Chairman, LPC*

**COMING SOON**  
**A NEW Community Warden Scheme for Longstanton**

Are you aged 60 or over?  
Would you like help to continue to live independently in your own home?

The Community Warden is able to offer assistance by providing a daily phone call (Mon-Fri) and support such as:

- Making drinks and a light meal
- A home visit
- Collecting prescriptions
- Small items of shopping
- A listening ear
- Help with paperwork and making appointments
- Signposting to other services where appropriate

If you are interested in this service and would like more information, please call **07445 151 635** or email [wardens@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:wardens@ageukcap.org.uk)

There is a **FREE** 2 week trial and then a small weekly fee afterwards if you wish to remain on the scheme.

## Hungry? How to GET HELP

We know that anyone can reach crisis point and we're here to help when that happens.

- 1. GET A FOODBANK VOUCHER**  
There are several local places you can get vouchers, including some of our schools, and Revd Beth Cope (Pathfinder Church Northstowe) Tel: 07720 330 272 or [contact@northstowe.church](mailto:contact@northstowe.church)
- 2. VISIT A LOCAL FOODBANK (check the website for times and venues)**  
There, trained volunteers will chat with you about your situation. They'll also discuss any dietary needs you may have and exchange your foodbank voucher for a parcel of three days of emergency food. They'll also help to support you in any other ways that they can, providing non-judgmental support at the point of crisis.

Full Details: [cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk](http://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk)

# HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton! We are reporting to you as we hurtle through November with 5 weeks to go before the term ends. We continue to be proud of our children; learning is happening as usual and there is a lot to do. Our younger children have been writing their own versions of *The Enormous Turnip* and deciding if the Big Bad Wolf was actually bad or not. Wolf traps were even made. Some of our older children have been exploring the history around Boudica and others learning about World War 2. Lots of knowledge being taken in!



events, such as Nativity shows and trips out, have not been able to happen. However, other regular events have been. Year 5 were able to get out and about completing their Bikeability qualifications. Our children paid their respects during Remembrance whilst creating a beautiful focal point for the school. They also took part in Harvest and Children in Need. At a time when there are many that are struggling, it is so important to give what you can, be it donations, time or care.



While it is business as usual, making the school an exciting place to learn and grow, it is important to remember that the school is working very hard to also make it a safe one too. Staff, children and families have all been playing their part in ensuring risks are kept to a minimum and that new rules and routines are adhered to.

Thank you to our amazing school community; they are all awesome.

The temporary road closure of Hatton's Park at key times of the day has been a great success and thanks go to our families who have kept up the walking, cycling and scooting despite the bad weather. It has made such a difference.



Sadly, some of our annual

As a school, we took part in a week of Unique and United to tie in with Anti-Bullying Week. We spent time reflecting on how important it is to be yourself but also to be united as part of Hatton Park. We revisited our school values – our 6Rs – and how these help us be united against unkind actions.

Remember, applications are still being taken for Reception 2021 until the middle of January. If your child turns 4 this year, they are eligible to start school next September. Do go onto the Cambridgeshire Admissions site and apply for a place: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place). We have had to put tours on hold for now but please look at the school's website and Facebook pages to get a flavour of who we are and what we do. We are hoping that we can offer them again soon. If you have a question, do call or email the school and we will do our best to help you out.

As always, thank you for the support that the village gives Hatton Park. We are all working so hard to make it a school to be proud of.

*Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park Team*

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

Sending autumnal greetings to you all. This term is flying past and we will soon be in the midst of Christmas preparations.

The children, both existing and new, arrived at pre-school, breakfast and after school club in September after such a long break with boundless enthusiasm and energy. The team missed them all very much and relish the opportunity to come in each day for a little normalcy in a hectic, strange, and ever-changing world.

Covid-19 has not stopped our pre-school children from learning. Things are a lot different and some of the resources have changed, but our children have shown how strong, resilient, and adaptable they are.

The past few weeks the children have been buzzing with their plans for Halloween; searching the village for decorated windows was a hit! Fireworks were obviously enjoyed by many from their gardens or windows; the latest lockdown has not put a stop to their zest for enjoying the small joys in life. This past week we've had some moments for reflection, sharing our thoughts about Remembrance Day and creating some beautiful poppies through finger painting and collaging.

Take care and stay safe,

*Shelle Stevens, Manager  
longstanton@eyalliance.org.uk*



We offer sessional pre-school sessions to children aged 2 years until the July before they begin primary school. Please contact Nicole at [nicole.newton@eyalliance.org.uk](mailto:nicole.newton@eyalliance.org.uk) for all enquiries.



## FRIENDS OF PATHFINDER SCHOOL (FOPS)

While working behind the scenes, FOPS has had a successful month. We have again been selected for the Co-op community fund which is a great honour. This is especially helpful at this moment in time when there are limited events and fundraising activities. If you have not already selected a community project to support, please consider us. All money raised will go towards enriching the lives of the pupils of Pathfinder Primary School.

On the lead up to Christmas, FOPS had been collecting donations with the aim of creating Christmas hampers to be raffled off, all the money raised was going towards buying, food boxes for families negatively affected by COVID-19. A big Thank-You to anyone that kindly donated.

All that is left is to say is Thank You for supporting FOPS through this somewhat challenging year! We hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE (NSC) NEWS

We have been overjoyed to welcome all students back to Northstowe Secondary College with Year 7 joining us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Year 8 on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Although school looks a bit different with our Covid safety measures, all our students seem to have been glad to get back into a routine, seeing their old friends and making new ones.

Both year groups have also been wowed by the new building that we received in full on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. They are certainly very lucky to have such space and state of the art facilities and they are so excited to get into the kitchens and workshops. We look forward to sharing pictures of their creations in the next issue. Students have also enjoyed the choice of food available, cooked by our new chef Kevin.

We have been doing our best to get pictures onto the Facebook page, so that our community can get a feel for our school, as an open day was not possible. As soon as Covid restrictions allow, we can't wait to have a proper opening event to welcome our community in for a look around. Meanwhile, you can see a sneak preview here: [www.northstowesc.org/parents-information/transition](http://www.northstowesc.org/parents-information/transition).

Sports clubs are also making use of our brand-new facilities. We have been supported by Specsavers with a grant of £3,500, to provide an additional set of goals to support school matches, as well as equipment for weekend use, like corner flags, to help with local community bookings.



The 3G pitch, which will now be named the 'Specsavers Arena', is already used by local community sports teams from Longstanton, Willingham, Over and Swavesey with school netball, hockey and football making use of the new pitches, as well as our crea-

tive clubs. Although these are currently halted for 'lockdown', we know they can't wait to get back.

We also made a donation to the 'Make a Wish' charity. This was the charity chosen by last year's Year 7. We raised the money throughout the year in addition to our other charity fundraising events.



We have also received 'Plastic Free School' status thanks to the hard work of students before and during the first lockdown. Students wrote letters to their local MPs, completed a presentation to students, a survey for parents, a litter pick and a review of the school. We are very proud to be one of the first Cambridgeshire schools with this award.

Northstowe staff and students were proud to take part in a Remembrance Sunday filming to commemorate our forces as the usual processions couldn't take place this year. The video is now up on YouTube via this link: [www.5folds.online/Remembrance2020](http://www.5folds.online/Remembrance2020)

Our students and Art department have also been busy creating an advent window ready for December. The theme is film based... well, our young people jumped at the chance to include the most talked about film in our window. Mrs Frith, our new Art teacher, is working with the Year 7 Art committee on this. We can't wait for the reveal.



We are so pleased to be back to a more normal life and to work with our young people who bring us such joy.

*Carole Moss, Headteacher, and Harriet Wright*

## The Pavilion

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### 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

**NOT CLOSED**



Who knows what the situation will be like when this addition of Longstanton Life is published. We just hope that everyone has some sort of Christmas and New Year celebration planned and that we are on the way to normality. We missed Easter with the egg hunt and Halloween for the children's party and would expect to have missed the children's Christmas party but let's think positive and see if there are any other ideas for events during 2021. Maybe we will be able to arrange events working around any new rules that there may be.

We would like to thank everyone for their support through the months when we re-opened (July to October) there were bowlers, cricketers, footballers and tennis players who all made the most of the easing of the restrictions and

made the most of the summer. The rules and regulations we had to put into place have been followed, which allowed us to stay open. This was not easy for anyone but we are grateful that our customers realised the necessity of it. Once restrictions are eased we should be able to put the pool table back into place and fill the room up with more tables.



We hope you liked the makeover done in the main bar and would like to thank everyone for all the help we were given. To all our customers and staff we look forward to being here for you all in 2021.

*The Pavilion Team*

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



With Lockdown 2.0 now in force, it can be a little difficult to look forward to sport as we know and love it. But we should as it, among other things, gives us a reason to weather the storm.

Despite a shortened season in 2020, the club continues to plan for the future with the AGM in November, new committee members, plans for winter nets and for the 2021 summer season. We are in good shape and will be there waiting for the return of grass roots sports, in whatever form that may be, hoping of course for something like "normal", which we will now appreciate so much more than perhaps we did.

By way of quick reminder, we did manage to play some First XI cricket in 2020 and we had fun and some success. We hope to build upon this in 2021. Although we were unable to provide any

youth cricket or Second XI cricket this season due to the restrictions, we will be keen to resume normal services across the various teams next year. We will plan to run two adult and multiple youth team as well as the All Stars programme that was a big success in 2019 but could not be run in 2020. All Stars is a national cricket programme providing cricket for 6-10 year olds and we will be hoping again for good numbers as we had before. We see this as a great opportunity to offer something back to the community and for the kids, to encourage this great game and maybe even to inspire potential cricketers. We will share more information as plans develop.

In the meantime, have a great winter and we will be in touch again soon.

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

*Ian Handy, [info@longstantoncc.co.uk](mailto:info@longstantoncc.co.uk)*

## LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



It's been a while since I last wrote in Longstanton Life and during this time, we have had a bit of a change to our way of life... This has been a major presence in everyone's day to day existence and put football into perspective.

We played our last game of the season for both teams on the 14th/15th March 2020 and wondered if we would have a 2020/21 season at all. But after a summer of change, we saw football, among other things, start to get to grips with the new normal.

We started with small 6 person sessions and as the government guidance changed, we adapted and had our first pre-season match on the 5th Aug. With everyone keen to be involved after a long layoff, we played friendlies through August and into September. The announcement came that the season would start on the 12th Sept when we were away to Histon.

Since then, we have had senior football back in the village. Starting a season well hasn't been something we have found easy. At halftime on the first Saturday, in the sunshine at Histon, we were 2 -1 down but, unlike previous years, the lads dug deep and we came out on top winning 3-2. We also made a small piece of history as we won our opening game for the first time. To make sure we didn't get carried away, we followed our opening day win with a defeat and a draw in the next two games.

It was time to show we had improved from last season's inconsistencies by putting some wins together. I'm pleased to say the lads responded and we went on to win our next 5 fixtures finding

ourselves sitting top of the table by a point after 8 games. Unfortunately, we weren't able to add to this

as the country went into lockdown and once again football was put on hold.

As you may or may not be aware, we have two senior men's teams playing football in Longstanton on a Saturday afternoon and a Sunday morning. Kicking their season off on the 20th Sept,

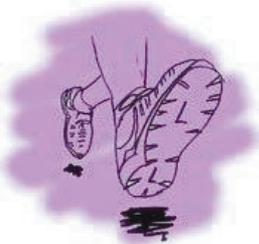


our Sunday team opened up with a very entertaining 6-4 win v Steeple Morden. They followed that up with another home win to be unbeaten in the league prior to the suspension of football during November.

We look forward to when we can once again play football for our village and hope it won't be too far away. Until then, we must all stay safe and do whatever is necessary to keep everyone around us fit and healthy so we can all get back to enjoying everything this fantastic club has to offer.

*Ben Lee*

## LONGSTANTON LIMPERS



We've been busy doing what we can this year...which has been quite a lot! We haven't been able to do our regular Monday sessions so have been doing some very small group sessions for our members, virtual challenges and even a virtual 'Couch to 5k', which had a good number of successful graduates.

At the moment, we have our challenge to encourage people to stay active through the winter, whether running or walking. We've prepared our 'Winter Warmers' to give people something to focus on and to raise some money for charities and our local schools. Anyone can take part and there is something for everyone. There's a mixture of virtual running events, a longer-term challenge for runners and walkers and of course our 'Couch to 5k' sessions for beginners or people wanting to get back into running.

These activities are perfect to give you some focus and challenge over the winter and are something positive to get involved with. Did I mention we'll be donating the profits to our three local schools and a mixture of charities? Sounds good...so check out the details on our Facebook page and get involved if you can. We'll be back with our traditional 'Couch to 5k' sessions in the New Year as well and if the virtual events go well, we may try a few more! At the time of writing, we can't yet restart formal club activities but we have been enjoying meeting up in pairs and small groups to get back a bit of running normal. We've held a socially distanced committee meeting to look at what we want to offer going forward. The exciting news is that, as we can't guarantee 'normal' club activities, core membership will be free this year. Anyone is welcome to join up and benefit from our collective local running knowledge and hopefully we'll be able to resume some group training and social running. Now is a great time to let us know what you would like from us and to get involved.

*Chris Poultney*

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



Many years ago, I received a postcard from a friend. The picture on the front was that of a giraffe with its head above a dark grey rain cloud, its eyes looking upwards to the blue sky and rays of sunlight. It reminds me of that well-known Monty Python song 'always look on the bright side of life'.

I have fixed this postcard on my bedroom door. It encourages me daily to cultivate an optimistic spirit that looks beyond any present dark reality to brighter things ahead and beyond the immediate storm.

This image has helped me through the current chapter of life that is Corona virus. I also focus on good news stories - noticing and celebrating stories of hope and joy where one person's effort has made such a difference to supporting another. There are plenty out there locally, nationally and worldwide - from good neighbours, compassionate citizens and people of faith. Even though challenges continue at this time, we can be thankful that many people are lifting their heads above the clouds.

'On Making Choices' is a little book written by Margaret Silf which is packed full of wisdom on decision making. She suggests that life is like a game of snakes and ladders as we seek to navigate our way through challenges and opportunities. Some choices seem to drop us at the bottom of a ladder. Things look rosy... chance throws us a good opportunity... we just need to climb. In

other situations, the head of a snake hisses in our direction. If we're not careful, we may slide downwards where we never wanted to go. Sometimes we will find ourselves on a square at the foot of a ladder and the head of a snake.

Ladders invite us 'up', to go beyond the present, towards the best. It may not be the easiest option and may involve a climb into the unknown. Yet, if we embrace the adventure, it will form and grow us. The Bible is full of stories of folk who have stepped out in faith to follow God's lead and have seen their life transformed for good.

Looking back, 2020 may well have felt like a game of snakes and ladders with more than its fair share of ups and downs (or a rollercoaster if you prefer that metaphor). In the new year that lies ahead, my hope and prayer is this: guide us Spirit of God to make good choices, to spot ladders and ascend them.

As a church we will recall the good news of Jesus birth this Christmas. How we do so will depend on national and Church of England guidance at the time. There will certainly be Covid-safe audio and online worship. Look out for more information nearer the time. We hope that work will commence in the New Year on the final stage of the re-ordering project in All Saints. This will create a unique community space in the local church, open to all.

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## Church Times

### All Saints' Church, Longstanton

For exact dates and details of activities being held please refer to the church notice board or go to the website:

[www.friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk](http://www.friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk)



### Catholic Sunday Mass

**Cambridge:** (OLEM) Our Lady and English Martyrs, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 1JR. Tel: 01223 350787/ web: [www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)

**Bar Hill:** (serviced from OLEM)

**St Ives:** The Sacred Heart, Needingworth Road, St. Ives. Tel: 01480 462192/ web: [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)



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Details of weekly events and news on the website: [willinghambaptist.org](http://willinghambaptist.org)

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Find us on Facebook:  
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### Emmanuel Church Northstowe

Sundays 10:30am Northstowe Community Wing. All welcome.

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## EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

Christmas this year may not work out as we would have liked or planned. The large gatherings of family and friends, the pantomimes and carol services may not be allowed. But perhaps our interrupted plans mean we can have time to remember the real heart of Christmas.

Two thousand years ago a young engaged couple found all their plans turned upside down. The wife-to-be became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. A rushed marriage followed, once God confirmed to the husband-to-be that this was part of God's plan. Then government regulations, a census requiring their presence in the husband's hometown, meant a journey south to Bethlehem while Mary was heavily pregnant. The baby born not in a private room but a shared family space, the room the animals were kept in. It was not what they had planned.

So the real Christmas story connects with our interrupted plans and disappointments. And it does so as good news - into this

mess comes one who will deal with the darkness around us and the darkness inside us. The baby born at Christmas is God's tender mercy to us, "by which the rising sun will come us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:78-79)

If you'd like to learn more about the real heart of Christmas, which no interrupted plans can spoil, then join us in our Advent and Christmas events. Our plans are still tentative as we send this off to Longstanton Life, so check out our Facebook page or website for our events, whether online or in person. May the Lord bless you this Christmas.

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*Pastor Josh Monteiro*

# THE FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Finally, as the year is ending and we approach the festive season, there seems to be a new optimism. Perhaps, like so many community groups, we can all look forward to resuming activities in 2021. Fundraising efforts across the sector have faced new challenges whilst the core need for that funding has remained unchanged. Fingers and toes will remain crossed for continued optimism and a step into the new normal.

Let's be positive: next year the Friends of St. Michael's look forward to booking our favourite theatre company and holding a variety of events that will bring the community together in different ways.

So, to our latest venture: to celebrate the Christmas season the Friends of St. Michael's are hosting a **Reindeer Project** (see p15). The aim of this project is to inject some fun into the restricted environment in which we have found ourselves. It will also help the communities of Longstanton, Northstowe, and those further afield, celebrate the festive season; whether that be on your daily walk, run, cycle or as a backdrop to seasonal photographs. It should be considered as an activity for us all. **How will this be done?** ... By decorating the churchyard at St. Michael's, with a herd of individually crafted reindeer. From a sustainable source of logs and cuttings, small family groups can create their own masterpiece to be on display. All materials will be provided. The Christmas window decorations of past years, along with the

decorated Christmas tree on the village green, have helped enhance the village seasonal spirit, and so we hope this will too.

As one of the FoSM committee members remarked, "perhaps we can see this as a first community arts project". It is certainly hoped that future opportunities of this nature can be held in St. Michael's so the building is put to continued good purpose, for all of us.

**Email the Friends group to book your slot:**

[fosm2017@gmail.com](mailto:fosm2017@gmail.com)

However, please note that due to the continuing Covid situation, access or entry to the church building of St. Michael's will remain restricted to weekends from 2nd Dec.

Whatever your plans for the next months, we wish you well and look forward to a better year in 2021.

*On behalf of the Friends group we send our best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year.*

*The Friends of St. Michael's  
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## WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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**Christmas Bank Holidays** Please note we are expecting the surgery to be **CLOSED** on the bank holidays Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. If the Government or Public Health England require us to stay open for the bank holidays due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will inform patients via the website, Facebook and posters at the surgery. At the time of writing, we are expecting to be closed as usual.

**Please contact NHS 111 if you need medical help and assistance when we are closed, and they will direct you to the most appropriate service. For life threatening emergencies call 999.**

**Repeat Prescriptions** Please ensure you have enough medication in advance of the holiday period. Last ordering date for repeats before Christmas will be **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. Orders can be collected on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December before 6pm in Willingham, and before 1pm in Longstanton.

Last repeat orders for New Year are on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December**. Collection on New Year's Eve 31<sup>st</sup> December before 6pm at Willingham, and before 1pm at Longstanton.

**Help us to help you** Your GP practice is open and if you need to see your GP, please ring us on 01954 260230 or visit our website for details. You can also call NHS 111. **Please do not come to the surgery unless you have an appointment.** A clinician will speak with you over the phone before booking your face to face appointment. Appointments are also being delivered online and over the telephone. If you are asked to come into the surgery for a face-to-face appointment, please remember to wear a face covering. Measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery. If your query is in relation to COVID-19 please visit NHS 111 online in the first Instance, [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

**Flu programme Over 65 and/or high risk:** If you are aged 65 or over or have a health condition which entitles you to receive the NHS flu jab and have not yet received one please can you contact the Surgery and let us know. We will need to try and acquire stock from the NHS, so in order to do this we need to know how much to order.

**Under 65:** At the time of writing, we are still awaiting guidance from public health regarding the extended flu vaccination programme for those age 50-64 who do not normally receive the vaccine and are not in the higher risk groups.

When we have more information as to how this programme will roll out, and how many vaccines we will be allocated from the NHS, we will contact those eligible via text message and letter to invite them in for the flu vaccination.

Please do not contact the practice now, we will contact you when the vaccines are available on the NHS. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Carers' Meeting** Due to the pandemic, the carers' meetings are still currently postponed until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at [susan.lawson7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.lawson7@nhs.net) or 01954 260230.

**Merry Christmas** And finally, we would like to wish every one of our patients a Merry Christmas! This year has been one of the most challenging years in the history of the practice. We understand the many changes to our procedures have caused some frustration and things are now very different to how they use to be. We would like to thank you for your understanding, patience and co-operation as we continue to battle the pandemic through the winter pressures. We are very grateful for all the support we have received.

We wish you a healthy, happy and safe Christmas, whatever that may look like this year. We will continue to put your safety and health at the heart of everything we do as we move into 2021.

**Stay safe and take care of each other.**

*Lisa Smith  
Assistant Practice Manager*

## PATHFINDER CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

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### Praying, exploring, and sharing whether we're apart or together

Whether we meet online or in person, we are still here to walk with those of all traditions, supporting each other practically (e.g., litter picks, food banks, friendship) as well as prayerfully. Through lockdown, we've been meeting weekly on Sundays on Zoom, as well as livestreaming news catchup and Evening Prayer on Facebook and YouTube on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Building on the widely-shared Remembrance videos, we are working with All Saints' Church Longstanton and the other churches of the 5folds family to make several Advent and Christmas videos: these will all appear on our YouTube Channel as well as on social media: [bit.ly/PathfinderChurchYouTube](https://bit.ly/PathfinderChurchYouTube).

You can find out more, and will be able to book into any in-person services or events we might be able to run, by visiting our new-look website: [www.northstowe.church](http://www.northstowe.church)

### Christmas isn't cancelled!

This year, Christmas isn't going to look the same. But it still matters that we find ways of showing our love for those around us. And perhaps this year, more than ever, we will find hope in the love-story of God himself turning up in the messiness, hardship, and confusion of human history. Then, even though we may be apart, we might find comfort knowing that we are NOT ALONE.

Here are some ideas that you might like to try:

- Can you find a way to virtually share the opening of presents with family or friends? Take time to enjoy each other's pleasure, even from a distance?
- Find an online/in-person Christmas service that suits you and your family and find out more about the Christmas Story. We hope to join our sister churches offering special Advent and

Christmas services, including a Northstowe Midnight Communion around the Campfire – even at social distance... but if legislation prevents this, we will still find ways to mark this most special season with prayer, music, and readings online.

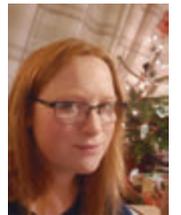


Northstowe's 2019 Midnight Campfire

- Decide not to exchange gifts just with family and friends but also give some money away to a charity that benefits others.
- Get some fresh air or find a quiet spot at some point on Christmas Day to give yourself time to reflect on the need of the world for the love and peace that Jesus promises. (And challenge yourself to follow in Jesus' footsteps by being an influence to love and peace.)
- If you are using a crib scene, leave the baby out of the manger until Christmas Day, then find a special moment to add him to the scene.
- If you made a Christingle at school or in a service, or used our Christingle-at-home resources, light it and think about the symbolism: the fruit and sticks for the natural gifts of all four corners of creation; the red ribbon for the love and forgiveness brought by Jesus; the candle for Jesus the Light of the World.
- Light a candle as a prayer for those for whom Christmas is a difficult or sad time.

Revd Dr Beth Cope

*Revd Dr Beth Cope is the Pioneer Priest and Minister for Pathfinder Church Northstowe, part of the 5folds family churches. Working alongside Revd Lucy Cleland and Revd Simon Gill, she is available to talk through the Big Questions of life, as well as for weddings, baptisms, and funerals whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. Contact her at Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe (01954 261 181) [contact@northstowe.church](mailto:contact@northstowe.church)*



## AN UPDATE FROM FEN DRAYTON LAKES

**Looking back** As we approach the end of the year, it's a good time to look back over the past months of a year unlike any we've had before.

2020 started with flooding. Water levels across the reserve were very high throughout January and into February, submerging many trails and joining the different lakes into more or less one single waterbody. All this water meant that we had high numbers of ducks, gulls and other water-birds. As the flooding went down and the land started to re-emerge, a spectacular flock of over 1500 black-tailed godwits descended onto the site, likely displaced from their usual feeding grounds still flooded further downstream. Many of these birds had been colour-ringed, allowing individuals to be identified with binoculars. One individual was at least 25 years old.

As we headed into spring and what would usually be a busy time as we prepared for the breeding season, we entered what was to be a year like no other. Over the next few months, Fen Drayton Lakes served as a perfect way for people to escape the confinement of their homes to enjoy a walk in the countryside for a little while. The car park was regularly full as visitors walked, cycled, bird watched, dog walked or simply sat and enjoyed the weather.

Sadly, we were unable to carry out any formal breeding bird surveys this year. However, from our own site visits and reports from the increased number of visitors, we can be somewhat confident that it was a good year for many species. At least one bittern was again present and could be heard 'booming' from

the Holywell Lake area in March and April. After just a couple of sporadic sightings last year, there were apparently three turtle doves on site, regularly heard purring from different locations in June and July. Although the tern rafts never made it into position, common terns nested on two of the Moore Lake islands with around 35 nests. There was a good number of black headed gull nests too, at around 200. Other species of note included at least 35 singing garden warblers across the reserve and lapwings nesting on Ferry Mere. Dragonflies also had a good year with two reserve firsts: lesser emperor and southern migrant hawkler - both colonising species from mainland Europe that are making their way north through the UK.

Heading into autumn we were able to tentatively begin our annual habitat management jobs around the reserve. This is the vital work that ensures habitats remain suitable for the species we aim to attract. Despite the working restrictions, we made good progress and will continue with these jobs throughout the winter to prepare for what will hopefully be another good breeding year in 2021.

**Events** Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

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Phone: 01954 233260

Visit [rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](https://www.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes)

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# A Covid Christmas



Look back to last year when 2020 was still a blip on our horizons and who could have predicted that events would unfold like this? With toilet roll and alcohol gel becoming such prized commodities, at least there's no trouble thinking of what to get people for Christmas. Eau de aloe, anyone? Given the rules we're

operating under at the time of writing, in a year of 'new normal', Christmas may not be the same.

In thinking of some of the things that will be different – not the food, thankfully – I tried to think of how a Covid-Christmas would run. At our house, we will be without the busy chaos of two dogs, four children, two teenagers, and eight adults we usually host. Keeping everyone entertained is a big thing at Christmas. And games like 'Speak Out' (try to guess a word being spitted out from around a tight-fitting mouthpiece) may be a bit covid-criinge inducing now. As so many of us are getting used to using technology to come together, here are some ideas on how to have fun – remotely.

**Choose a platform:** Zoom may be your go to when it comes to meetings, but unless you have a pro account there is a 45 minute limit on how long you can host for – which could be a bit disruptive for family gaming.



If you're on social media, the easiest option would be Facebook messenger, where you can create a chat group (you can mute it if the notifications get too much) and use this to make a video call. You could also do this on Whatsapp (and if you have the mobile app, use it on your laptop too).

Other platforms include Google Hangout and Google Meet. You can create appointments in your calendar on Google (in the browser so you don't have to download any apps) and send an invite to your usual lot (even if they don't have a gmail account). Of course, other options are available, but I will run out of words.

**Host a quiz:** My instant go to. Either host one yourself; be lazy and ask family and friends (not the ones attending) for their old quiz questions, find questions online, play on an app like Quiz Up or set up a challenge using kahoot.com (<https://kahoot.com/home/family-friends/>). Or participate in a public one being hosted on Facebook, such as Jay's Virtual Pub Quiz.

**Try Online Gaming:** Old favourites such as Monopoly, Risk and Cluedo can now be played online. If you're not afraid of screen sharing and your family have phones or laptops to play on (it's easier than it sounds, promise!) you could buy a party pack from jackboxgames.com and try out a variety of games such as Drawful or Quiplash, described as a game of 'wits and wittiness' where you complete sentence prompts and try to out do each other. For a free version of Drawful, where you guess the word your partner has drawn try Skribblio.

**Be Traditional:** Games like Charades can be easily played over a video call. Split your gathering into teams and use an online word generator for prompts if needed. Name, Place, Animal and Thing or Scattergories are another great game to play. Pick a letter and the first person to write something for all categories in the chat wins. For example: *Adele (the famous singer, not your nan), Amsterdam, Aardvark and Antenna.* I Packed My Bag and

In It I Put... is a memory game my family play at Christmas, expanding the list of items to recall with items ranging from normal to incredibly bizarre. I would like to remind my six-year-old cousin that Mr Hanke the Christmas Poo does not belong in anyone's bag.

**Watch a Film:** When you're tired of games and just want to chill, there are options such as the Teleparty browser extension for watching films with friends on Netflix or other streaming services and talking over chat, or Scener.com (if you want to see people's eyes welling up watching the Notebook).

**Make the most of it:** I hope this list inspires you to also use the internet and your friends as a resource for coming up with ideas on how to enjoy this season. Whatever you do, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a cheery wave to 2020, which will soon be behind us.

*Victoria Stevens*

## LONGSTANTON LIFE DISTRIBUTOR NEWS

A few Longstanton Life distributors have recently decided to hang up their bags and so I would, on behalf of the team, like to say a massive thank you to Pippa, Nancy, Fred and Pat, Sylvia, David and Jane, John, and Kate. Your hard work delivering the magazines in your own time, in all weathers, for many years, is very much appreciated by us and all the villagers who receive it. Thank you also to the new volunteers who've stepped up, and to those who've taken on an additional round. We still need a few more distributors: it takes 10-90 minutes every two months and can be done in one go or over a week: we can find a round to suit you!

If interested, please contact me at the following email address: [longstantonlife@hotmail.com](mailto:longstantonlife@hotmail.com) with the subject title "Distributor volunteer", or drop a letter with your contact details into the post box outside the village institute.

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## IN MEMORIAM - TONY COWLEY, A LONG-STANDING EDITOR OF LONGSTANTON LIFE



### Anthony St John Cowley

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Longstanton Life is sad to report the passing away of Tony Cowley, on 24 October 2020, after a prolonged illness. He was a member of the LL editorial team for the past 16 years, having joined the magazine in its early years. Tony was of great assistance to the magazine in the first years of its publication. He did lots of copy-editing, and as a true Longstanton native always ensured the highest standards of local historical accuracy.

Tony was committed to doing whatever he could to help the village. In October 2001 the centre of Longstanton was severely flooded and Tony discovered that the flooded areas had mysteriously been removed from Environment Agency maps of areas liable to flood. The situation was

further aggravated by the sale of some 300 ex-military homes and their connection into an unmodified village sewage system which simply could not cope. Here was a cause that allowed him to use his considerable energy, commitment to the village, and engineering expertise. During 2002 Tony kept up a dogged barrage of complaint over the situation the village had been left in. Anglian Water did eventually sort out our sewage problems and mercifully the creation of the lakes off Hatton's Road by the Northstowe developers seems to have sorted out the flooding issues. However, Tony's commitment certainly accelerated officialdom's responses. Although by this time Tony was already disabled by Multiple Sclerosis, he was determined to minimise its impact on his life and remained cheerful.

Despite moving to Cottenham in 2004, Tony's commitment to Longstanton and its magazine was unwavering. With his passing away, the village has lost a loyal friend and supporter.



*Longstanton Life editorial team and friends,*

*Longstanton Life is thankful to Alex Riley, Harrison Sherwood and Louise Gamon for their input.*

## IN MEMORIAM - JOAN LAWSON



The Longstanton Life team was recently very saddened to learn of the loss of one of our loyal and hard working distributors, Joan Lawson, who delivered to the High Street from the corner of Hatton Park down to the church, for many years. She was very well known in the village, born and bred here. I personally knew her as one of my children's "dinner ladies" at Hatton Park School, and also in my role as distribution manager for the magazine. Whenever I dropped off her batch of magazines we always had a

lovely chat and catch up, and she would ask after my family and what we were all doing. I do believe she remembered all the children she used to look after.

So on behalf of Longstanton Life I would like to say thank you to Joan for all she did and to extend our deepest sympathies to Rick, the family, and all those who knew and loved her. Joan will be very much missed.

Joan Elizabeth Lawson - a village girl who always came back  
Until 8 September 2020  
Poem by Rick

### '1962 and More'

I saw the train puff puff away,  
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But half way there, guitar on back,  
I saw a girl, "that special face".  
(so perfect)  
I formed a band and played about,  
And rehearsed in the Astra".  
Then a knocking at the door one day  
Revealed that special face, "I'll ask her".  
(so friendly)  
A devoted pair we now became,  
Engaged, then married, still young at heart.  
Then soon a boy and then a girl,  
A family now you couldn't part.  
(so giving)  
Now all grown up, so much gone by  
Grandparents we then became.  
Three lovely boys we love them all,  
Life now fulfilled. We won this game.  
(so loving)  
Now resting in a special place,  
We can't forget that face,  
So many memories, they always stick  
With family, friends and especially Rick.

*'The Astra was the RAF cinema across the road from the woods pre Magdalene Close.*



# CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



Christmas is going to be somewhat different for all of us this year. Since we're all going to be spending a lot more time inside, why not give our Christmas competitions a go?! They're fun and will help you get into the Christmas cheer. 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 candy canes. Find and count all the candy canes, but be careful because there are some candy cane pairs and you need to count each candy cane.

**Senior** – open to anyone over 10 years. There's nothing like a Christmas hit to get us in the festive mood! But can you name the artists of your favourite Yuletide jingles? Unscramble the anagrams in the red table opposite (1-6) to find the name of an artist or band. Then match the artist or band to their popular Christmas hit in the green table (A-F).

To enter the competitions, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Sunday 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 prize, **kindly donated by the Co-Op**. For the younger readers, the prize will be a selection of Christmas chocolates, and for the senior readers the prize will be a bottle of Prosecco and a box of chocolates.



Band or Artist	Song Title
1) IHAAMR RYACE	A) Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
2) NBGI RSOYCB	B) Fairytale of New York 
3) KFNRA NSAIRAT	C) Last Christmas
4) HMAW!	D) Do They Know It's Christmas?
5) HET GESOPU	E) All I Want for Christmas Is You
6) NDBA IDA	F) White Christmas

The winners will be announced in the next issue. **Good luck!**

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## HALLOWEEN COMPETITION

The winner of the Halloween competition was Isabelle Lourdes (aged 5)—the answer was: Haunted. Our congratulations to Isabelle. She is pictured here with her prize of a pumpkin. Our thanks again to the **Larksfield Farm** for donating the prize.



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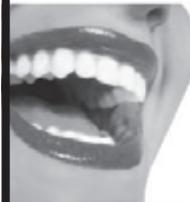
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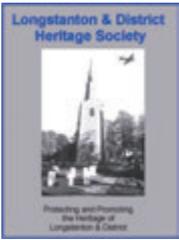
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## AGM & SPRING TALKS 2021

The 2020 AGM for the Longstanton & District Heritage Society (LDHS) took place on Friday 6 November via a Zoom meeting. We are grateful to all those members who attended the meeting and helped us meet this constitutional obligation. During the AGM the Secretary advised that with the pandemic on-going it is not yet possible to make a definitive decision about the spring talks which should take place next year; however since the AGM took place there has been some positive information about a possible coronavirus vaccine so we remain optimistic. We will review the position in January when we will hopefully have a better understanding of the situation.

## HERITAGE ANNEX

Just before the AGM started we were provided with an update with regards to the Heritage Annex. Unfortunately, the pandemic has caused problems which have impacted on both costs and timescales for the project. The only information we have at this point is that work is underway to resolve these difficulties and the Heritage Society will be updated regarding the outcome in due course.

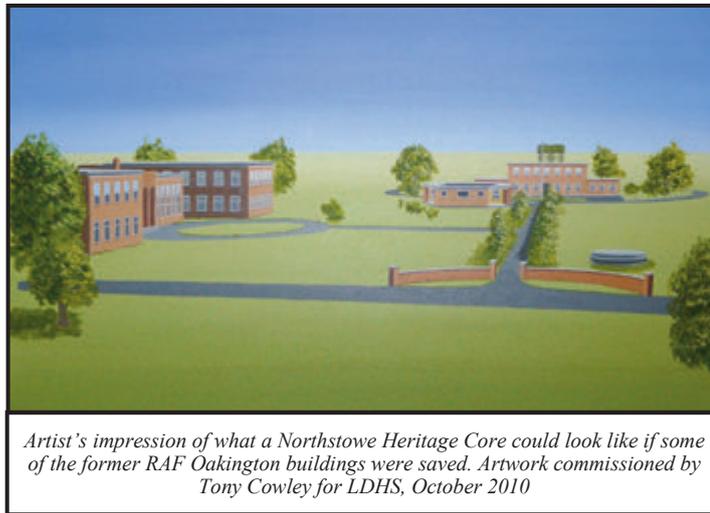
Clearly any delay to the delivery of a heritage building for Northstowe is disappointing but we are assured that alternative proposals will be put forward. From the Heritage Society's point of view we are optimistic that any review of the building and its management may refocus efforts, so that the building can better accommodate LDHS and our archives. With the Homes England Section 106 commitment for the display and storage of the LDHS archives unfulfilled this rethink may help the Heritage Society find a proper home for the archives after all.

## SPOTLIGHT ON: TONY COWLEY

It is with immense sadness that we recently learned that Tony Cowley had passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in hospital. Many residents of Longstanton and members of the Heritage Society will be aware of Tony's pivotal founding role in both *Longstanton Life* and the Longstanton & District Heritage Society. In the case of LDHS, Tony and I started working together on the formation of the Society back in 2005 shortly after I created the Longstanton Archive. Tony's dedication to the village and the Heritage Society was largely carried out away from the limelight but his contribution to both was unwavering.

Many of you will know that Tony had been unwell for many years but he continued to work on the LDHS Updates for *Longstanton Life* until just a few months ago.

It is no exaggeration to say that Tony was a dear friend and colleague to many people but for me, we were simply on the same wave-length. Having recognised the importance of safeguarding the heritage of Longstanton and Oakington parishes from imminent development he worked tirelessly to achieve that. Tony's dedication, hard-work and determination influenced everyone around him: he was my mentor, sidekick and friend. His work has, in the words of someone who met him, '*left a legacy and ripples*'. The heritage building on Northstowe, when it comes, will be his legacy. And the ripples? Who knows, but I shall look forward to finding out...



*Artist's impression of what a Northstowe Heritage Core could look like if some of the former RAF Oakington buildings were saved. Artwork commissioned by Tony Cowley for LDHS, October 2010*

Many years ago, as part of our campaign to save some of the RAF Oakington buildings, Tony commissioned some artwork to depict what a Northstowe Heritage Core could look like (*pictured left*). Tony was so proud of this piece of work, which he donated to the LDHS archives. It was first published with the words: '*Living Memorial or Fading Memory?*'

Our mission to fulfil Tony's dream of a living memorial continues. We have yet to achieve the LDHS goal of a heritage facility for the communities of Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick and so our work must continue. Tony dedicated the last 15 years of his life to LDHS and this project, and as a village and a Society I hope we can finish the job that he helped to start all those years ago.

If anyone would like to find out more about LDHS and how you can help support our work please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Hilary Stroude*



**Tony Cowley**



# Over 60s 'Spring' Party

In view of COVID-19, we were unable to hold our annual Christmas Party as we could not safely distance.

However, as an alternative we are offering a main course meal of homemade pie and peas followed by dessert of sticky toffee pudding, delivered to your door on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**.

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