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Life in Your Locality



Three's a crowd! Photo by Anna Rudd

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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 www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Longstanton_Village_Institute_Hall_23070.aspx. Email: villageinstitute@gmail.com or telephone **01954 782323**. The Pavilion also offers private party function facilities, discuss your requirements for any family & friends gatherings - e.g. weddings, birthdays, funerals, with **Michael Binks** on **01954 782233** or email longstantonpav@btinternet.com

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

Answers to Memory Lane Dec 2019/Jan 2020



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Close to the limit of living memory, anyone in the village know where?

Who: John Missen and Tom Sivewright dressed as c1930 tractor driver and ploughman.

What: Cambridgeshire Vintage Tractor Club, Annual Ploughing Match.

Where: In Neil Stroude's set-aside field owned by P L & W S Stroude, at the end of Hatton Road.

When: Photograph used as front cover of Longstanton Life, Oct/Nov 2011.



LDHS via Richard Granger



LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first issue of 2020, and as usual we are full of interesting and relevant local news from Longstanton and surrounding villages. On page 4 we introduce the new MP for South Cambs - Anthony Browne, who is happy to contribute to our magazine. We look forward to his bimonthly input. If you went to the Over 60s Christmas Party, go to page 7 to find yourself in the pictures. And read 'The Oldies Gig' poem!

Those of you interested in global news will appreciate our feature article on page 7 about the recent bushfires in Australia, written by Narelle Hassell. On Sunday 15th March, the Friends of St. Michael's Church will be fundraising to aid the Australian Wildlife Appeal - all proceeds will benefit wildlife charities directly dealing with the consequences of the fires. More details about this event can be found on page 12..

Don't miss our Valentine's competition for a chance to win coffee and cake for two in Willingham Auctions cafe. Happy Valentine's Day!

We would like to congratulate Pia Spry-Marques (one of our editors) on her new job, but at the same time we are very sorry that she is leaving - the job is in Spain and she is moving there shortly with her family. Thank you so much for all your help with the magazine, Pia. We wish you all the best!

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

MP for South Cambs

Introducing Anthony Browne



I am honoured to have been elected as Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire – where I grew up, went to school and got married. My role is to represent the interests of *all* of my constituents, both here and at Westminster.

The first weeks in Parliament have been extremely busy as new MPs have been inducted into the often arcane procedures of the House of Commons. I have been busy setting up my offices in both Westminster and the constituency. I have hosted my first surgery, and will hold them on a regular basis around the constituency. If you would like to speak to me about issues of concern, please email me at the address below.

Locally there are many challenges - and opportunities. The City and District Councils have published a consultation on the joint **Greater Cambridge Local Plan**, covering housing, jobs and infrastructure development in our area for the next 20 years. Many local residents are worried about the rapid pace of development in South Cambridgeshire, so I am concerned that the new plan contemplates a **61% increase** in housebuilding in our area. This would equate to **66,700 new homes between 2017 and 2040**. The joint consultation also suggests large scale developments on green belt land. It is crucial that our area does not fall victim to overdevelopment, and I will be fighting for more sustainable development. If you want to see further information on the new Local Plan consultation visit www.greatercambridgeplanning.org.

This month, Network Rail will start a consultation on the locations for a new **Cambridge South Station** for Addenbrooke's and the Biomedical Campus. I am a big supporter of this project and there is widespread local backing, so I will continue to push for it at the Department of Transport and the Treasury. The consultation will start with a series of public events from 20th – 30th January. For more details about the consultation visit www.networkrail.co.uk/cambridge-south-station.

Our transport system needs major improvements to get South Cambridgeshire moving again. I continue to push for the Department of Transport commitment to build the East West Rail (EWR) line with a station in Cambourne. I have written to the Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, making the case for the northern route for EWR.

In the coming weeks, I will be meeting with local NHS service providers, businesses, schools, environmental groups and farmers to talk about the issues they face. If you want to speak to me on any issue, email me at :

anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk

Anthony Browne
MP for South Cambs

County Councillor

Peter Hudson



A Happy New Year to you all.

New Children's Service at the Community Wing in the Pathfinder School

A new regular breast-feeding advisory service will be starting in the New Year at the Children's Centre in the Northstowe Community Wing. Experts will be on hand to give advice and guidance to help all parents and carers. It's fantastic to see so many children from around the area attending the Centre and it's also great to see how many of our friends and neighbours from our own and nearby communities are using the Community Wing for various activities.

Clean Energy Project – Longstanton Park and Ride

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) are furthering their alternative energy programme at the Longstanton Park and Ride where they are investigating the feasibility of a smart energy grid similar to others proposed at similar sites. The project would consist of building carports over the majority of the parking spaces and mounting solar modules on these carports to generate electricity. The electricity would be fed into a battery storage system for distribution out to the site and for sale to local customers. CCC have been approached by South Cambs District Council officers about supplying electricity to the Northstowe development from the project. This scheme builds off experience the team has gathered developing similar schemes for the St Ives and Babraham Park and Ride sites.

As well as installing carports, CCC will also be relocating lighting columns and CCTV cameras to maintain security on the site. Some lighting columns will need to be removed as they cause shading of the panels, with under-canopy lighting installed to compensate. This will also have the benefit of reducing light pollution from the current site. CCC will also take the opportunity to increase the efficiency of the lighting.

As part of any full planning application, CCC will conduct something called a Glint and Glare study. This assesses the amount, timing and location of solar glare from the panels on local residents, businesses and drivers. It essentially tracks the position of the sun against the angle of the panels to determine the resulting refraction of light. The study will recommend mitigation measures for any impacts.

Cambridgeshire Libraries' Space Chase: Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Over 7,400 children joined the Summer Reading Challenge this summer and 4,450 children were awarded medals and certificates for reading 6 books over the school holidays, thus completing the Challenge – an increase of 9% compared to last year. Over 750 children joined the library in order to take part! Libraries were asked to concentrate on encouraging children to keep visiting the library over the summer and complete the Challenge, aiming for 60% completion rate. This is always difficult to achieve when there are so many other activities children can take part in during the holidays.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor

Peter Hudson - continued

The County Council is delighted to report that 16 libraries achieved the target, with five libraries achieving over 70%, namely Burwell, Cottenham, Soham, Warboys and Willingham. The star performer this year, in terms of an increase in participants is Milton Road Library, which last year was operating out of a mobile unit whilst a new library was being built. This summer, at the new library, which opened in June, 168 children took part in the Challenge, an increase of over 300% compared to last year! Cambridge Central Library continues to have the highest number of participants of any library in the county – 679 this year.

Cambridgeshire Libraries also buys Challenge materials for children to take part in the 11 community managed libraries. They also had a successful summer, with over 670 children signing up. We had 170 under 16s volunteer over the summer, whose support was invaluable in ensuring the success of the Challenge, as well as our programme of events. 300 themed activities took place across all 34 of our libraries. Each child who completed the Challenge was invited to an Awards Ceremony at their local library, where they were presented with a medal and certificate.

Climate Change and Environment Strategy

Cambridgeshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in May 2019, and in response to this, the Council is developing a Climate Change and Environment Strategy and Action Plan. The strategy outlines how the County Council will: reduce the carbon footprint of the Council and the county; help our communities adapt to the change already happening; and enhance nature and the benefits it provides. More details about what the Council is doing following the climate emergency declaration can be found on the MLEI website:

www.mlei.co.uk/climate&environment/

*Peter Hudson
County Councillor*

Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington and Westwick

Longstanton Parish Council

Dan delaMare-Lyon



A belated Happy New Year to everyone - here's looking forward to making this a great year as we start a new decade in Longstanton.

Christmas Festivities Thank you to all that helped make the Christmas Lights Switch-On so successful. Particular thanks to Rev. Dr Bowen, The Waterbeach Brass Band and

Sing for Joy for joining us at the event. We've had excellent feedback, even with technical difficulties with the PA system. Overall it was a great evening. We'd love to be more ambitious next year, but, as I said at the event, we can only do this with your help. Please let Libby our Parish Clerk know if you can spare some time with events in the village this year, as we have a lot planned.

Community Governance Review The deadline has now passed for the first round of community feedback on potential changes to our village and its boundaries. After a well-attended public meeting, and many presentations by South Cambs District Council (SCDC), residents' feedback will now be reviewed by SCDC and used to create a view of all the opinions shared. As promised, Longstanton Parish Council represented the views expressed at the public meeting and at sessions held at Northstowe, which was clear - Longstanton and Northstowe wish to remain separate. Watch for more follow up from SCDC as they prepare to move into the next phase, which will involve further consultation. I need to say a special thank you to the volunteers and Parish Councillors who gave their time, just before Christmas, to ensure that every house in the village received a copy of the paperwork, giving everyone an extra opportunity to share their views.

New Trees on Home Farm Road Many of you have commented on the new line of trees along Home Farm Road. This represents the first of many projects we would like to undertake to improve the environment around the village (where we own the land and are able to do so). There are several different varieties of tree, both native and non-native, selected to give colour and texture and to encourage wildlife (especially the all-important bees). Thank you to Libby for working with Cambridgeshire County Council to help make this possible, and to Brookfield Groundcare for doing a great job of preparing the land and planting the trees. We look forward to them springing to life in a few weeks' time.

Spring Litter Pick Please keep an eye on the village website, Facebook, and around the village for information about the Spring Litter Pick. These are generally successful, but there's always a lot more to clear up than expected. Please come and join us this year and help keep your village looking its best. All safety equipment is provided, and it is amazing what we can achieve in just a couple of hours. It is also a great way to meet new people in the village.

VE Day We are planning a village event to commemorate and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Europe. Details are still coming together, but the event will be on the early-May Bank Holiday weekend (8-10 May) as part of a programme of events taking part nationally. More information will be in my next update, but we need help from residents to make this event possible. Please contact our Parish Clerk if you can offer help with planning or on the day.

Community Warden Nationally the population is ageing. This is also seen within the village and we are considering whether a community warden may be a valuable service to provide - allowing residents to live independently in their own homes, for longer. We would like to get feedback from residents, (including friends and family of residents) as to whether they would find this service useful and valuable. Please contact the Parish Office to share your views on whether the Parish Council should investigate this further.

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

*Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillors Notes



Community Governance Review The first phase of consultation for the Community Governance Review (CGR) for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe closed on 15th January. We attended many of the drop in events and the community meetings held in Longstanton and Northstowe. We were really impressed to see the level of engagement with the CGR and it was very clear that residents had strong views about the future of their communities, which we hope that they shared during the consultation.

Draft recommendations based on this initial consultation will be published and presented to the Civic Affairs Committee at SCDC on 3rd March. This will be followed up by a further public consultation, running from 15th March until 15th June, when you will have another opportunity to express your views on any proposals. We know that concerns were raised about the consultation questionnaire not being easy to complete during the first phase and this will be taken on board by SCDC in the next round.

As District Councillors we will be seeking to represent the views of all the communities we represent and have therefore not expressed our personal views on what the outcome should be in the initial phase. However, if a preferred option has emerged when recommendations are published, we will of course support this.

The review will finish in September 2020. If any changes are proposed the Council will make something called a Reorganisation Order and then changes would come into force in May 2021. For more information go to: www.scambs.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews

Northstowe Phase 3 One thing that emerged during the CGR Consultation was that some residents were not fully aware of future plans for Northstowe and in particular the plans for Phase 3b, which would be built North and West of the B1050 and would comprise a neighbourhood of around 1000 new homes. Homes England are currently planning to submit outline planning for phases 3a and 3b soon.

We would encourage residents to attend the regular Northstowe Community Forums which are a great way to keep up to date on plans for Northstowe. All residents from both Longstanton and Northstowe are very welcome.

Encourage Tree Planting To encourage and promote the many benefits of planting trees, the Council is offering every Parish in the district a voucher for £60 to cover the cost of three small trees, in exchange for an undertaking to plant the trees on parish council land. We understand that Longstanton Parish Council plan to use their voucher to purchase one larger tree which will be planted on the Village Green.

This initiative is part of the Council's commitments to transition to zero carbon by 2050 and the doubling of nature across the District. As part of this we would like to identify opportunities for tree-planting and habitat creation (biodiversity) to offset the environmental impact of developments in the district. Trees absorb and store the carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global warming. Trees also help to purify our air, clean and encourage water storage, and provide homes and food for wildlife.

Potholes We have been receiving reports and seeing many complaints on local social media about the state of local roads and dangerous potholes. As District Councillors we do pass on reports we receive, but Highways issues are something that are dealt with by Cambridgeshire County Council. You can report highways problems, including potholes online via:

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

We would also encourage residents to contact our new South Cambs MP to ask him whether Cambridgeshire is receiving any of the Government's promised extra funds for pothole repair.

Please do get in touch if we can help in any way.:
Sarah: cllr.cheungjohnson@scambs.gov.uk 01954 489089
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www.facebook.com/LongstantonOakingtonNorthstowe

Also: www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton_news and monthly email newsletter - with updates on local news as well as wider district issues which will impact us all. To sign up please go to:

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*Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson
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OVER 60s CHRITMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 2019



The annual Over-60s Christmas party took place on Monday 9 December at the Black Bull. As always, it was a fabulous afternoon and evening, and the organisers would like to thank all those who contributed in any way:

- ◆ Andy, Chou, and all the staff at the Black Bull
- ◆ The children of Hatton Park School, who sang Christmas carols to start the party
- ◆ Luan, for singing her heart out and providing the entertainment
- ◆ Longstanton Parish Council
- ◆ Cambridge Building Society (Bar Hill branch)
- ◆ Everyone who donated to the party fund throughout the year
- ◆ All the volunteers who prepared the tables

Margaret Coxall



The Oldies Gig

It's thank you time for the special girls
Who worked so hard to please us.
They brought us food, a Christmas feast,
With pudding and drinks without a fuss.

A lovely smile came with it all,
And music from young and younger.
A raffle too, and cyclamen
Were gifted to all asunder.

The pub itself hosted it all
And cooked the food we'd eat.
So many thanks to one and all
For making this a special treat.

Mr and Mrs Lawson
aka 'Joan and Rick'



HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again and a belated 'Happy New Year' to you all from Hatton Park Primary School.

Since the November issue, lots of great things have been happening as usual! The Autumn Term was a long one and it is credit to our children and staff that it was learning as usual until the end. Just before we closed for Christmas, we enjoyed a fantastic performance of Peter Pan. It was paid for by our amazing Friends of Hatton Park (FoHPS) and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. We also had a visit from Father Christmas who gave the children all personalised Santa hats. Once again, he was helped out by the FoHPS. We held a festive dress down day and donated the money to East Anglian Children's Hospice, one of Santa's favourite local charities.

You may have seen our youngest children out and about the village in December. They made their own salt dough decorations and gave them to local businesses around Longstanton. It was so good for them to appreciate what we have on our doorstep.

Our singing group, Westenders, also went to the annual Over 60's Christmas Lunch and sang beautifully for them. We love being part of the community.

The new year has started wonderfully with great learning opportunities happening. Current themes include Birds, Castles, The Egyptians and The Greeks. We love our children to learn in different ways. As we walked around the school one day, we saw children writing quest stories, undertaking mathematical problem solving, following a mystery trail of feathers, designing their own castles, exploring some new books and finally making and eating their own pizzas. Great stuff. We were also excited to see that our school chickens have started laying. The eggs have already been used by the children to make cakes!

We love that our children think about more than just themselves. Recently, a group of children have been collecting pens that no longer work, bagging them up and weighing them. Mrs Scholan has then sourced a company



that can recycle them for us. Schools use a lot of pens and it is brilliant that these no longer go in the bin. We also have a group of children that have set up a 'help for the homeless' campaign at school. After seeing the number of homeless people when out and about, they have asked our families to donate items such as hats, scarves and gloves to keep these people warm during the colder months. We are proud to support them and hope they inspire others to think bigger.



Finally, a reminder to anyone who is thinking of sending their child to Hatton Park. The first round of Reception 2020 applications closed in January but you can still apply for the second round. If you have not yet decided, call the school and make an appointment to have a look around. We are proud of our school and think that you would be too. Until the next issue.

Anthony Aguda, Headteacher, and the Hatton Park team.

FRIENDS OF HATTON PARK SCHOOL (FoHPS)

Happy New Year! First off, we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fund-raising activities in 2019. We organised the summer fun day, which kicked off the Big Weekend with style, as well as school discos, quizzes, bake sales and other events. Most recently the Friends of Hatton Park funded and produced personalised Santa hats for all the children and staff for Christmas....delivered by Santa himself!



In February, we are planning to start work on redeveloping the school pond area in the school grounds. This exciting, significant project offering "more for outdoors" would not be possible without everyone that has supported our FoHPS fundraising activities over the past few years. We cannot wait for the children to start enjoying the new outdoor pond space when it is finished this spring. Watch this space for updates once work has started!

Dates for the diary:

Cheese tasting evening – Friday 6th March, 7pm for 7.30pm start at Hatton Park Primary School; visit our Facebook page for details of how to book on, or email us (fohpchair@gmail.com) for details

Hatton Park School Quiz – Friday 15th May, 7pm for 7.30pm start at Hatton Park Primary School; visit our Facebook page for details of how to book, or email us (fohpchair@gmail.com) for details

Summer fun day - Friday 26th June, 3.30-6.30pm. We are now starting to organise this event, so if you want to get involved by helping in any way, no matter how big or small, please get in touch with us at fohpchair@gmail.com

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Thank you for your continued support!

The FoHPS Team

NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWS

Well it has been an interesting and exciting second half term at Northstowe Secondary College (NSC). Our NSC family now stands at 77 and we have been promoting our three values of Kindness, Curiosity and Hard work.

Over the past few months, we have been involved in several charitable events; 20 of our students went to London to take part in the recording of a Christmas single to raise money for Shelter. We enjoyed a funky hair and tie event for Children in Need, with competitions and puzzles and families baking cakes. We raised over £200. Our children and families also got involved in The Salvation Army 'Christmas Present appeal' buying presents for children who might not have got a Christmas present otherwise. We sent over 100 gifts.

We also had a series of Sporting Successes, with our first football tournament against Swavesey Village College leading to victory in both matches. We also had huge success by our wonderful sportswoman, Evie F, who has achieved very highly in Cross Country. This sees her off to County and inter County Championships. We have a table tennis tournament this month and are hoping for continued success. We have also entered the CMAT Maths Championships, where we placed 5th out of the 13 teams, and were awarded the Team Spirit Award for enthusiasm. We were really proud of Evie F, Kenny, Lara and Ethan. In school we are teaching children 'Powerful Words'. This involves students learning about the root of each word, the origin and definition of the word and how to use it. We had an inter-form competition and we were astounded by how much the children had learnt, and how they were able to tackle new words. We have also had several students involved in local pantomimes and one of our students, Cara, has appeared in the Pantomime at the Arts Theatre in Cambridge.

We were lucky enough to be visited by 'CHAOs science', a group of Cambridge University students who came to school to inspire our young people about science. This term we have already been visited by the Director of Churchill College Archives and we have been working on a project using archive material.....more information next time!



We all stopped to remember those who died in wars on 11th November, with a ceremony for Remembrance Day. The students hand-made a wreath and Joshua Monteiro came to say a few words and support us. One of our students, Joshua, played an amazing rendition of the Last post and Abide with me on the Cornet.

We enjoyed taking part in the Northstowe advent window, I hope everyone could guess our country, with our display designed by one of our students Evie N.

The term culminated in a Celebration Assembly, recognising those students who had demonstrated our core values and Rev Beth Cope came to say a few words and give us support.

We have enjoyed developing our little family and are looking forward to 2020.

Carole Moss, Headteacher

THE FRIENDS OF PATHFINDER SCHOOL (FOPS)



This year promises to be another busy year for FOPS. There are going to be some more exciting events, not only for the pupils of Pathfinder School, but also the local Community. This year our focus is to raise funds to create an outdoor shade, so that the pupils of Pathfinder School are protected from the sun in the summer months.

Dates for the diary

15th /16th May (To be confirmed) - Ladies Night

20th June, 12pm - 15pm - FOPS Annual Summer Fayre.

There are many ways that you can support FOPS through activities you do every day such as shopping. FOPS is part of the Co-

op Local Community Fund. If you shop in the Co-op and have a reward card you can choose FOPS as your cause to support, then every time you shop a small percentage goes to us. <https://membership.coop.uk/causes/40854>.

There is also Easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

It's easy to use and the free donations you can raise make such a BIG difference. Simply sign up, choose Friends of Pathfinder School-Cambridge as the cause to benefit, and then download the app. Then every time you shop at certain retailers FOPS will receive a small percentage.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

FOPS

BREAKFAST CLUB, PRE-SCHOOL & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Belated New Year Greeting to you all. We have started off the year busy with the addition of many new families as well as siblings of existing children in attendance.



Kira to Yvonne at **Romsey Mill**. The families she provides support to were over the moon, and we were able to tap into many learning opportunities with our children who are

A big thank you to all our families who joined in with our Christmas gift appeal for Romsey Mill. Together, pre-school, breakfast & out of school club were able to provide gifts, drawing pads and pencils for 33 families. I dropped off the gifts along with Jay, his mummy Ellie, and

now more aware of the importance of giving to others. We cannot wait to repeat the appeal again this year. Another charity we wanted to offer help to was **Jimmy's Night Shelter**. We collected two large boxes of clothing, toiletries, and food supplies. The donations were dropped off by Ruby with the 1st Willingham Scout group and were gratefully received by the shelter.



In December we also had our fundraiser in order to help us to purchase sensory resources for the setting. Thank you to everyone who showed up and supported our event; it means that we can have new equipment that will benefit all our children.

Shelle Stevens, Manager



We offer sessional pre-school childcare from 2 years old & breakfast club and out of school club childcare for Hatton Park children until the end of Year 6. Contact Shelle on 01223 491623 or e-mail longstanton@eyalliance.org.uk

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



We ended the year with a flurry of events at St. Michael's: two performances of *The Snow Queen* and on 20th December a Christingle service. It was wonderful to see these events well attended, particularly as the temperature inside the church was in single figures - we thank all those who persevered, brought blankets and made use of the hot water bottles! Again the theatre group showed their professional mettle and

presented two wonderful performances. We look forward to their productions this year (listed below).

At last count **Christingle donations raised over £100 for the Children's Society**. Thank you to those who donated. Events will continue in 2020 and we start the year's calendar with a fundraiser to benefit wildlife charities in **Australia**. All money raised will go to charities dealing with the catastrophic consequences of the fires in eastern Australia. See more on our Facebook page.

The Friends' committee continue to pursue funding for our most crucial need, **the repair to the thatch**. To be able to utilise this historic building **we need local support** so we look forward to welcoming everyone to events at St. Michael's.

Please look for ads throughout the village, on Facebook pages, online, and in the local community magazines for our events.

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

2020 Calendar of Events:

- **Australian Wildlife Appeal** - Sunday 15th March 12-4pm
- **The Tempest** - Friday 1st May 7:30pm
- **Longstanton VE Day Events** - Friday 8th - Sunday 10th May
- **Cream Teas and Sunday Desserts** - Sunday 7th June 2-5pm
- **Jane Eyre** - Saturday 20th June 7:30pm
- **Michaelmas Medieval Fair** - Sunday 27th September 2-5pm

LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Longstanton WI are looking forward to a jam packed year with great trips and interesting speakers including tales from a lady plumber, village history, mental health and life in the army. There

is also our annual BBQ in the summer and Christmas party in the winter.

We are always welcoming new members and if you fancy coming along on 3rd Monday of the month, you will be welcomed with open arms and cake.

Debbie Lienau

VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



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

2019 was a good and largely successful season and the mood in the club remains very good. With the First team having maintained their position in Senior 1 and the Second team theirs in Junior 3 we were happy with the outcome. With significant inclusion of youth in both teams we were even more pleased as this bodes well for the future. We have always prided ourselves on promoting youth here at Longstanton Cricket Club, and this year has shown that to be a great policy.

Another big success for the club in 2019 was the All Stars programme, ably organised by Callum Andrews and supported by various others. This programme provides cricket for 6-10 year olds and we had 30+ attendees regularly across the summer. Friday evenings had a real buzz about them down at the Pavilion – well done

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

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

Looking forward, winter nets are planned for Friday evenings at Hills Road and will run from February 25th to March 31st. All welcome. If you are interested and need more information, see contact details below. 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.

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 TENNIS CLUB

As I write it's unseasonably warm outside, but it's likely we'll have some cooler weather coming our way shortly. This won't stop us playing though, and we'll soon be busy preparing for the new season. There's no better time to join the club, especially as any membership taken out now will last right until the end of March 2021. If you act quickly, you'll also have the chance to enter the draw to win Wimbledon tickets. Members: don't forget that you also need to opt in before the Feb 23rd deadline and ensure we maximise our club's ticket allocation. Last year one of our new members was lucky enough to win tickets for the Men's Final day!

Our Christmas get together at the Black Bull was great fun. It was lovely to catch up with regular and new members alike, after what seemed like a long and busy year for everyone. Chou very kindly supplied us with some delicious food, which all disappeared very quickly! Now it's time to get back on court and burn off some of those Christmas calories!

At the start of the winter season we entered a men's team into the LTA Winter League. It had been many years since we last entered an LTA league, so we were a little unsure how we would fare. However, I am very pleased to say that our team did us proud, drawing in two matches and winning the remaining five, leaving us at the top

of the division. Congratulations to all who took part and represented their club so successfully!

David Nation's coaching continues every Thursday from 5-8pm, so please contact him on coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk if you'd like to book on his next course. Coaching is available to both adults and juniors, from beginner to advanced level and is open to both members and non-members. Members benefit from discounted rates for coaching, so it's worth joining the tennis club and putting the skills you've learnt into regular practice. Further details on membership and coaching can be found on our website www.longstantontennis.co.uk

You can also find out more about the club by popping down to one of the club sessions and meeting some of the members. Club nights are Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm, and Sunday mornings from 11am. Alternatively, the tennis courts are available to all on a 'pay and play' basis (£5 per hour). Simply book a court via our website. You will be sent instructions on how to access the courts with your booking confirmation.

Happy playing, and we hope to see you on the courts soon!

Damian Kramer, Club Chair

LONGSTANTON AND NORTHSTOWE LIMPERS

We don't normally do big announcements, we're too busy going out running. We have got some news to share though... As our club has grown over the last few years and become an established part of the local community we've made some improvements and added new things, like the extra sessions, an additional night...and it's fair to say we've learnt a few things along the way.

We have a well-attended Monday night session which has a great range of runners of different interests and abilities. You may have noticed that we're running more sessions in, through, and around Northstowe as the routes open up again, and that we're catering to runners from the whole of the local area.

To reflect this, we've been considering things and have changed our name to the Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers, meaning that runners in the new community now have a natural home, and can see where they live reflected in race results. When we took the decision to formally affiliate with England Athletics we always intended to provide support and cater for new residents while the houses are built and things are set up. So what does this mean? In many ways, not a lot in terms of our

friendly and inclusive approach. We'll still be here, maintaining the Monday session as the key club night, and offering the same benefits and value for members. It does mean a new logo, new kit (same colour!), updating webpages and a host of other tedious but important back office things.

It will also mean that for affiliated members, the name of the club will change slightly in race listings. It will probably mean more members and the continued expansion of the club over the next few years.

We'll be looking to build the number of run leaders that we have and can provide funding or support for anyone interested in training up to lead a session. If you've seen Chris or Lizz do it you'll know it's pretty easy...it would be great to have some more resilience in the club and explore providing club sessions on different days and at differing times.

The Committee is working well but could use more support and representation from the members. Again, if you're interested then let us know!

The Committee:

Chris, Glenn, Hans, Helen, Jon, Lizz and Kim

LET'S NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE RAIN!



For many people in Australia they will know someone who has been affected by the bushfires: such is the unprecedented scale of this tragedy. At the most severe end there are communities who have experienced loss of life (as in the very pretty historic town of Cobargo), and people whose homes and livelihoods have been damaged or destroyed. At the less severe end are those whose annual summer vacation was interrupted by evacuation from the numerous holiday resorts on the south coast of NSW and north-eastern Victoria. This latter aspect might seem minor but there are harsh economic impacts on many coastal communities totally reliant on the summer holiday trade. Many coastal towns became either areas for evacuees, or evacuated.

Having been brought up in a very small town in rural Australia and having three of my four siblings living in rural communities, I am quite aware of the challenges they face. The three-year long drought has impacted their environment and is the reason the fires have wrought such devastation. On my sister's farm they have had to take feed and water daily to their livestock, at very great cost, as pasture has died off and dams dried up. As the early fires (of spring!) approached there was a constant need to be on ember watch; all this whilst my brother-in-law and nephew did their duty as volunteers with the Rural Fire Service. Only this week (13/1) my sister wrote *'This is not normal drought or fire conditions, but we are told that we are to expect more of these conditions, more often, in the future.... We are expecting a much lower calving rate in the next year, so income will be affected for many years to come, even if it rains next week! We are lucky in comparison*

to those many people who have lost everything. The town of Gloucester has joined the long list of communities who have no town water. The council has to truck it in every day. Many farms in the Gloucester region have completely destocked because they ran out of dam and creek water.'

Relative to the geographic scale of the drought and fires, the human toll has been low – but still devastating. In contrast, the loss of property is to such an extent that it will take some time for it to be quantified – it will be a long drawn out process. This dispels the myth of Australians living a 'Summer Bay' (Home and Away) type existence.

What is different with this natural (or should that be manmade?) disaster is the ferocity of the fires. The impact of the much lower rainfall over years has resulted in a heavy 'fuel load' (dead trees, leaves, brush, etc.) on the ground. Traditionally, in coastal regions the very high temperature of a summer's day is followed by thunderstorms resulting in a fantastic lightning show, and rain – lots of rain – torrential rain. And yet, the rain has just not come at the end of the intense summer days of November and December, nor in the usual milder and wetter winter or spring months. But, there have been storms with lightning strikes, with catastrophic consequences. Should the expression a 'perfect storm' be used here?

Of course, what has captured global attention is the plight of the unique wildlife of Australia – the sight of badly burned koalas, possums, wallabies, wombats, all the cuddly ones, has generated impressive donations! However, underestimated in news footage are the birds and reptiles, equally unique and important to the biodiversity of the environment, but less visible. Recovery work by wildlife charities will be challenging, costly, and it will remain so for a very long time. Impact on Australia's wildlife isn't just a local or national tragedy it is a global tragedy.

Narelle Hassell

On Sunday 15th March, the Friends of St. Michael's Church will be fundraising to aid the Australian Wildlife Appeal – all proceeds will benefit wildlife charities directly dealing with the consequences of the fires. Please come along (12–4pm).

Further details on our Facebook page: **Longstanton St. Michael's Friends Group** where there are articles from ABC Australia, and a list of recommended charities relating to the crisis.

LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING

Longstanton Knitting and Crochet Group is a friendly and inclusive group of people who love a good chat over a drink in the local pub. We run a knit-and-natter style meeting, usually at 8pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Black Bull Pub, Longstanton. We bring our projects to work on while we chat and drink.

You'd be most welcome to join - just turn up on the night and buy a drink from our hosts at the bar. It doesn't matter what your skill level is, or even if you've never knitted or crocheted before - we're happy to start you off with pointers if you come along with the needles/hook and yarn.

Our December "Christmas Dinner" meeting featured a delicious Chinese meal, and in January we welcomed a lovely

new member who came for some pointers with her first project.

Come and join us - we'd love to see you! It's best to check our Facebook page for details of our next meeting times. We also use the page to chat, share knitting-related news and share yarn, patterns and equipment.



www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet/
(Photo: Crochet Mandala Blanket by Steph)

A Nightingale Sang in Fen Drayton Lakes

Nightingale is one of those species that most people have heard of, but few have seen. These renowned songsters are closely related to the robin, but are a little larger and the very definition of a 'little brown bird'. Despite their plain looks, nightingales are deserving of their reputation as wonderful singers with studies identifying up to 600 different sounds in their repertoire.



Nightingale - John Bridges (rspb-images.com)

Sadly, nightingales are not doing well in the UK. They are summer visitors, arriving to southern and eastern counties in the spring from their wintering grounds in West Africa to spend the breeding season here. Data from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) suggests that the UK breeding population has declined by 90% since the 1960s, and they have recently been placed on the Birds of Conservation Concern Red List, meaning they are at the highest level of conservation concern and at risk of disappearing as a UK species. We are lucky to be in a part of the UK where nightingales are

clinging on. In the 2018 breeding season, we located two territorial singing males on the reserve. Unfortunately, we didn't find any in 2019, but that doesn't necessarily mean that there were none.

Now that we are in the winter habitat management season, we are carrying out important work at the reserve, as guided by our reserve management plan, to create new areas specifically designed for breeding nightingales following guidance published by the BTO and advice from other sites. It will take a while for us to see the fruits of our labour, but we are hopeful that nightingales will continue to sing at Fen Drayton Lakes for many years to come.

Get involved... Wednesday Wander

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

Volunteering

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

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

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

SWAVESEY CAMERA CLUB

Annual Photographic Exhibition (Free entry)

Saturday 25th April, 10am - 5pm

Swavesey Memorial Hall, High Street, Swavesey, CB24 4QU

(Parking available at the back of the hall)



Elephants - Etosha National Park, Namibia by Maggie O'Moore



Swavesey Camera Club

One of the leading clubs in East Anglia

Our Annual Spring Exhibition is now a well established event in Swavesey. This is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to the public and our wider community. Participation by all members is positively encouraged and in addition to prints, there will be a continuous display of projected images and AV presentations. As in previous years we plan to host an Open Photographic Competition within our Annual Exhibition.

For further info and to see some of our members photos check out our website: <https://swaveseycameraclub.co.uk>

Maggie O'Moore
Committee member

Richard Harrison
Swavesey Camera Club President
Email: richardharrison340@gmail.com

WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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Option 2 | Health Visitors: 0300 029 50 50 Out of hours cover: Ring 111 Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Christmas Tree Many thanks to Andrew and Mary Coe for donating the surgery another beautiful Christmas Tree.

Lucky Squares total Thanks again to all those who purchased our Lucky Squares and congratulations to those who won prizes. We managed to raise and donate £280 to Magpas this year.

Minor illness – when to get help from your GP Children can get between eight to 10 colds a year, and a cough can last at least three weeks before it starts to improve. Most minor childhood illnesses don't need a GP appointment and can be treated with basic medications that you can buy at your local pharmacy. Have a look at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG's guide to childhood illnesses on their website or pick up a copy from the Surgery:

www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/leaflets-and-guides/your-guide-to-childhood-illnesses/

Don't swallow up your NHS - use it wisely this winter Winter illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs can easily be treated at home with medicines available at low cost from your local pharmacy - no GP appointment or prescription required.

Be sure to stock up on the following winter self care essentials to not only help save you time and help you to feel better quicker, but help save the NHS much needed resources.

- pain relief (paracetamol)
- cough and sore throat remedies
- first aid kit
- upset stomach treatment
- rehydration treatment
- heartburn and indigestion treatment

Your local pharmacist can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you – no appointment needed.

Do your part to keep antibiotics working Taking antibiotics when you

don't need them puts you and your family at risk, as this encourages harmful bacteria that live inside you to become resistant.

We can all do our part to keep antibiotics working. By washing your hands regularly and properly, you can reduce your risk of contracting bacterial infections. You can also help the NHS prescribe fewer antibiotics by taking appropriate self-care steps. This includes speaking to your pharmacist for advice about your symptoms. It's also crucial that you take the full course of antibiotics if you do get them prescribed – even if you start to feel better before your course is complete.

You can find out more about how you can do your part to stop antibiotic resistance in its tracks by visiting:

www.antibioticguardian.com

Welcome back Dr Brown! Dr Brown has now returned from maternity leave, and we are delighted to have her back in surgery again.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery on Weds 19th February, Weds 18th March, Weds 15th April 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.

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.

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

Lisa Smith - Assistant Practice Manager - February 2020

SWAVESY CLIMBING WALL

The indoor climbing wall at Swavesey Village College's Sports Centre is open to climbers of all abilities. The wall has eleven ropes between 6.5 and 8 meters, each with two to four routes. It is not currently possible to lead climb on this wall.

TUESDAY EVENINGS

7pm until 9pm - £5

Climbing for anyone age 18 or over.

This session is overseen by qualified instructors who are able to teach anyone interested in learning the ropes the basics of climbing and how to belay.

Able climbers have the freedom of the wall.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

9am until 12 noon - £5

Climbing Academy

Open to all able climbers who would like to practice and improve their climbing technique.

10am until 12 noon – £4

Public Open wall - Open to anyone age 5 or older
Looking for something to do with the children? Why not bring them to the wall and let them climb under the supervision of our qualified instructors.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.ak-tivities.com>
aktivities.ltd@gmail.com

Preloved Clothes Sale

Do you struggle to store all your clothes? Do you find yourself wanting a whole new wardrobe? Do you find yourself floundering in a massive pile of clothes you never wear?

Well no longer. You can get rid of it all for the very low price of however long it takes you to clear it all out.

For one morning and one morning only, Longstanton's All Saints' Church will be hosting a '*preloved clothes sale*'.

Between Monday 9th of March and Friday 13th of March you can drop off all of your cast off clothes at the church. We accept clothes of all kinds, for all ages, shapes and sizes.

But don't forget to drop by on **Saturday March 14th** from **10.30 to 12.30** to find that new wardrobe you have been pining for or simply to browse to your heart's content and enjoy

the pop up coffee shop.

All money raised at the event will go towards

All Saints' Church roof repair fund.

PRELOVED
THE JOY OF SECOND HAND



VALENTINE'S COMPETITION

It's the month of February and love is in the air! With Valentine's day and a leap year, it's the chance of an extra dosing of love. So in this issue, we have a "hearty" competition for our readers.

In the image opposite there are 6 pairs of heart halves. Five of these pairs can be put together to make Valentine's-related words, all you have to do is find these 5 words. The 6th pair of heart halves don't make a word but are thrown in to make it slightly more challenging.

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: longstantonlife@hotmail.com before Thursday 13th February. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry.



WILLINGHAM
AUCTIONS

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive coffee and cake for two at the Willingham Auctions Cafe, kindly donated by Willingham Actions. The winner will be announced in the next issue. **Good luck!**

Happy Valentine's day!

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION WINNERS

The winner of the junior Christmas competition was Thomas Rowney (aged 10), and the winner of the senior Christmas competition was Debbie Lienau (pictured on the right). Congratulations to both of them!

The answers were:

Juniors - there were 12 snowflakes, so the answer was "12 drummers drumming".

Seniors - 1) Money, 2) Turkey, 3) Ghost, 4) Scrooge, 5) Humbug, and the connection was 6) A Christmas Carol.



COMBERTON RAMBLERS

If you are making a new resolution for 2020 why not join a walking club that will put you together with like-minded people.

The benefits from walking is a good way to get fit. It strengthens the heart and improves circulation by raising the heart rate to a safe level. Walking also gives people the opportunity to spend time in the fresh air and enjoy exploring the countryside.

Comberton Ramblers walk alternative Sundays between 5-7 miles.

New walkers are very welcome to join us with 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member. Annual membership fee is £8.50 per person.

Our full walks programme and photos can be viewed on www.combertonramblers.org.uk

For further information please contact Stella, the Secretary.

Email: stella.ramblers@hotmail.com
Tel: 01954 210049



St. Michael's Church
Longstanton

Come along to enjoy coffee, cakes, quizzes, raffle and a real Aussie sausage sizzle!

All proceeds to help support wildlife charities dealing with the aftermath of the fires



This is a Churches Conservation Trust approved event

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON

A belated Happy New Year to all our readers and to say how wonderful it was to meet so many visitors and villagers over the Christmas period. We hope you were given a warm welcome and look forward to seeing you throughout 2020.



We would like to say a big thank you to all who supported our **Advent Fayre** back in November, we raised **£684** which will help us to finish the repair work to the church roof. Thank you. The winner of the Christmas Hamper was Louise Gamon.

We kicked off the New Year with a wonderful concert performed by twin sisters Hannah and Naomi, known as **Classical Reflection** and we hope this will be the first of many such events. This shows how the church building can be used as a community space. Such a great building is there for all to use not just on Sunday. The Northstowe Cubs and Beavers held a meeting there in January when they were unable to use their usual venue. So if you are looking for a venue give us a thought.

Our **monthly Coffee shops** are working well; in January we raised £137 for Hatton Park School. If you know of a local charity that would like some support then let us know, they could be considered for a future month. It is on the second Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm, delicious cakes, bacon butties, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. All donations go to the chosen charity.

February 8th is our next Coffee Shop when we are supporting Northstowe Secondary School, then March 14th will see us supporting Northstowe Scouts. On that day too there will be a sale of Pre-loved clothes organised by the youth of our church and raising money for repairs, an on going problem with such an old building.

The **recruitment process for our new Team Vicar** is under way with interviews taking place on March 4th, so next time I hope to have some good news of an appointment.

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.

OVER AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION committee would like to thank all those involved in supporting the Remembrance Day Services and also the volunteers who did a wonderful job during the Poppy Appeal. The total raised this year from our branch which covers Over, Willingham and Longstanton was an amazing £5749.29.

We are trying to find any W/WII veterans in our branch villages and also Swavesey and Bar Hill. If anyone is able to help with this please contact Jane on 07983630265.

EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

What image comes into your head when you think of "Christians"? Your picture of a "typical Christian" may be of a white person going into an ancient stone building. But today there are more Christians attending church in China than in Europe, and in Africa than North America. The church today is truly global.

And that means it is returning to its roots. Christianity arose in the multicultural Roman Empire. While Jesus was a Middle Eastern Jew, his followers soon crossed the massive cultural boundaries between Jews and non-Jews with the good news of God come to put us right. In the book of Acts, which covers the first 30 years of the church, we read of Samaritans becoming Christians, then an Ethiopian official, then a Roman centurion and his family. Soon there is a multicultural church in Antioch (where followers of Jesus were first called Christians), including an African church leader. Then we read of the church growing in Europe. And all the time people and letters are being exchanged, revealing the new diverse community of the church.

Before Christmas we finished a series in Paul's letter to the Colossians. He includes this statement about the church: "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." Looking around Emmanuel Church and seeing Chinese, Dutch, Nigerian, American, Sri Lankan, Zambian, Swiss, and people from the four nations of the United Kingdom, all worshipping together, helps us to see that Jesus is good news for everyone, and that with Jesus in us we can unite despite our differences. So whatever your cultural background, you would be very welcome to visit us one Sunday morning.

Minister Josh Monteiro - emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

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



Catholic Sunday Mass

Cambridge: (OLEM) Our Lady and English Martyrs, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 1JR. Tel: 01223 350787/ web: 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



Need home communion for the sick or house bound?

Please contact: Fr Edward Tredota, 01480 462192



Details of weekly events and news on the website: willinghambaptist.org

Please contact: Emma Launchbury
secretary@willinghambaptist.org

Church Office 01954 260538

Find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/WillinghamBaptist

Emmanuel Church Northstowe

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

www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Contact: josh.monteiro@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org



The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 10th May 2020

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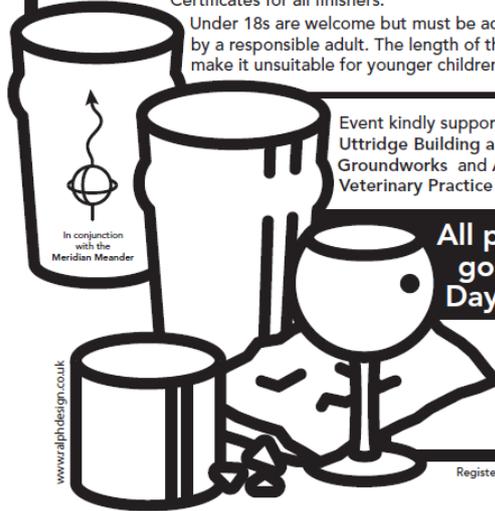
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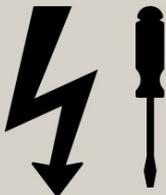
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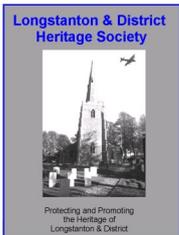
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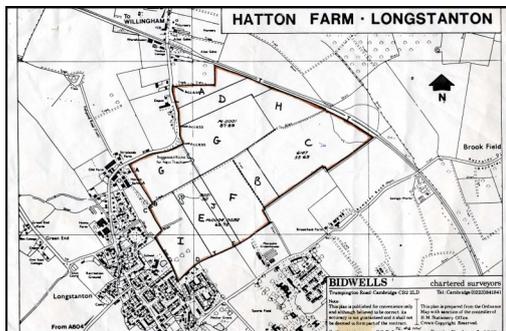
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As new residents of Northstowe will know, Phase 1 is being built in large part on a former golf course. People may be less familiar with the history of the area before the golf course was built. This article provides a snapshot into the history of the golf course site which originally formed the majority of Hatton Farm.

The original Hatton Farm covered 250 acres and was located to the east of Longstanton High Street, just as the main village of Longstanton All Saints' gave way to more open countryside.



Bidwells sales particulars Hatton Farm, c 1990. LDHS via H Pedersen

In 1963, Hatton Farm was purchased from Mr Granger-Wilson by Erik and Hazel Pedersen. Erik, born in Denmark in 1922, spent a number of years farming in Africa before deciding, along with his wife, to purchase a farm in the UK. Hence, Erik and Hazel became the owners of Hatton Farm, which was predominantly run as an arable farm. Of course, being Danish meant that it was perhaps inevitable that Erik and Hazel would have some pigs on the farm. Their house at this time was Hatton House, which still stands today on the High Street, opposite Mitchcroft Road.

In 1987, Erik and his wife decided that the time had come for him to retire. On 25 October 1988 the farm hosted a tractor sale, which in those days was a common way of disposing of farm machinery and equipment. The farm itself was sold in 1988/89 to Thoday's seed merchants, a well-known local name at this time. It was Thoday's that sold the Hatton farmland to the organisation that built the golf course and of course in recent times that land has begun the process of redevelopment to form Phase 1 of Northstowe.



Above: Hatton Farm and yard, pre 1985 - LDHS via H Peder-

However, this is not the end of the story of Hatton Farm. The farmyard was redeveloped for houses and a look at the brick wall adjacent to the High Street shows that one of the farm buildings survived and now contains garages for some of the houses in Brewer's Close.

The old farm pond survives as an oasis for wildlife in the centre of the houses and at the rear of the estate, if you look closely enough, you will see the name Hatton Farm on the gate. Here Erik's wife and other family members live with what remains of the farm. This land is ear-marked as green separation between Northstowe and Longstanton and is a precious haven for wildlife and rescue animals.

There were two main ponds on the original Hatton Farm - one is now on Northstowe Phase 1 and is referred to by locals as the Kingfisher Pond. The other pond is located within the new Hatton Farm. Both ponds have struggled in recent years because of problems with the groundwater in the gravels. Even after all our recent rainwater levels the ponds are still well short of where they should be at this time of year. Both the Kingfisher Pond and the area of land that now forms Hatton Farm are precious; not just as reminders of an old historic Longstanton farm but because they provide a haven for wildlife that has been displaced by various local developments. It is hoped that Northstowe residents will come to love the Kingfisher Pond as



Images:

Above: Kingfisher pond - LDHS via C Hayden, 2012

Right: Hatton Farm, c 1985 - LDHS via H Pedersen

Below: Hatton Farm house and yard, c 1985 - LDHS via H Pedersen

Man on golf course, 2005 & Kingfisher pond, January 2020 - both LDHS via H Stroude



much as we all do. Of course, development and renewal are vitally important but it is nice to see glimpses of a historic past left within the landscape.

Hilary Stroude (Secretary)



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