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VILLAGE DIARY

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PLEASE CHECK WITH THE ORGANISER FIRST



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
	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
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?

Digging for gold at Longstanton, Cambridgeshire Daily News August 8th 1898



Photo: Longstanton c1900 via Mike Petty

At Cambridge court Detective Sergeant Marsh told how he spent yesterday morning out in rain at Longstanton digging for gold. With a faithful allegiance to mystery and lucre the leisured classes of King Street and its bye-ways mustered to hear the recital of the experiences in the penny Klondike. The detective told how he searched for money in the garden of the prisoner's grandmother for an hour or so.

At last he struck the money with the fork. Some was in matchbox, some in a cigarette case, and the gold in a purse.

Cambridgeshire Scrapbook 1897-1990 has thousands more with links to the actual articles:
<https://archive.org/details/a-cambridgeshire-scrapbook-1897-1990-by-mike-petty-july-2020>
 Read more stories about Longstanton: <https://archive.org/details/LongstantonScrapbook18971990>
 The actual newspapers are in the Cambridgeshire Collection, Cambridge Lion Yard Library.

Mike Petty
 Fenland History on Facebook

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Dear Readers,

As the dark nights start drawing in, we hope you will sit down and enjoy reading this issue.

With the COVID-19 situation continuing to restrict our lives, please remember that all village events and clubs are still subject to cancellation. You are advised to check with the organisers nearer the time whether or not they will go ahead.

After such a long break the children are back at school, albeit it under unusual conditions, read more on pages 7 & 8. And for our youngers readers we have a Halloween competition on page 15.

You may have already noticed that Longstanton now has a Spice Museum! Find out more on page 13.

We are always happy to receive letters, photos and suggestions from our readers. We particularly request local businesses to send us a short article introducing their business and informing the village of the services they have to offer.

We are looking for a couple of people to help with this magazine (see also page 16). So if you have a few hours spare every couple of months, please email us at the address below.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

County Councillor

Peter Hudson



Schools open their doors after an academic year like no other!

Children and young people across the county have sharpened their pencils, polished their shoes and dug out their schoolbags, as many return to school. While schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough led the way in remaining open throughout lockdown for vulnerable children and those of keyworkers, the majority of our school-aged children have not set foot in a classroom since schools went into lockdown on 20th March. In many cases parents have stepped into the role of educators, helping their children with online learning, and fitting this in around their own lives. The upshot of most of our schools remaining open has been the knowledge and experience they have gained in adapting and adding new measures to ensure a safe environment. Our schools have been working in social bubbles for months and are well versed in knowing how to keep people safe. Every school in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was asked to work through a rigorous risk assessment, bespoke to their school. They have thought of everything.

County Hub reflects on its success!

Since March, the County Covid-19 Coordination Hub has been staffed by volunteers and council workers who have been seconded from their normal day-to-day roles in order to help look after the vulnerable in our county.

At the start of the pandemic we identified 19,040 people who required our help. All were contacted by letter and phone and from this the hub has been in regular contact, mainly weekly, with 7,812 shielded people.

People asked for help in many ways; we had 7,763 direct phone calls for help and responded to 5,737 direct emails asking for help. Help came in all kinds of forms. For example, the hub delivered 3,312 food packages and we referred 806 people for befriending support via the Red Cross.

Initially the hub was geared up for practical hands on support such as food packages and delivery of medication, but it quickly became apparent that mental health, loneliness and isolation were additional concerns and the service quickly responded to this. The support officers were invaluable in reaching out on a regular basis to the shielded community. Throughout July support officers worked with the community to help them with transitioning out of shielding. So far 6,185 people who have been receiving regular calls have been supported to learn new skills and processes ensuring that they are able to access food and medication for themselves.

Whilst the hub has paused, there is still lots of information for people who have been shielding on the website of Cambridgeshire County Council. As well as

information about the support that is on offer now the national programme has paused, people can find support available where they live via the Cambridgeshire Online Directory, which provide residents and families with information on organisations, services and events across Cambridgeshire. For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambridgeshire-online-directory

Community projects awarded £5m

Community projects across Cambridgeshire have been awarded a total of £5m as a special fund set up by the County Council comes to a close. A total of 6 initiatives will receive funding in the latest round of applications - the allocations were agreed by the County Council's Communities and Partnership Committee, which met on Thursday 3rd September. The Community Capital Fund, which aims to create opportunities and improve lives and skills across the county, was launched by Cambridgeshire County Council at the start of April 2020 with the first recipients announced in May. The fund will contribute up to £500,000 capital funding for projects which can address issues which are a specific priority for the local community, address inequality of access to services or activities, and implement community involvement in delivery or design of the project. Since the fund's launch, 63 applications have been received, requesting a total of £9,753,587. 35 projects have been granted funding totalling £5m - the full fund budget.

Some of the projects granted funding by the committee are:

- £198,000 to extend the Community Hall in Gorefield
- Up to £10,000 for new audio/visual equipment at Hilton Village Hall
- £20,000 for new playground equipment for Eversden Parish Council
- Up to £150,000 for Market Place enhancements in Wisbech
- £88,855 for Hauxton Village Hall
- £50,000 for the Brampton's Men's Shed
- £12,000 to refurbish the Youth Centre for Stapleford and Shelford Youth Initiative
- £15,000 for outdoor equipment for Christchurch Community Centre
- £81,000 for a stable block conversion at St Mary's Church, Bartlow
- £65,000 for the Melbourn Village Hub
- £275,000 for the extension of the pavilion in Girton
- Up to £75,000 for improvements to West End Park, March
- £25,597 for the Overcote Rd project in Over.

*Peter Hudson
County Councillor*

Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington and Westwick

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Longstanton Parish Council Dan delaMare-Lyon



Well, we are still clearly living in interesting times - I'd hoped by now we might be able to re-schedule some of the things postponed from earlier in the year, but here we are, rapidly heading into Autumn, but still enjoying the late summer, and it still seems every other day that the guidance around how we go about our daily lives changes. Making sense of what is going on around us and how and what we are allowed to do is a seemingly constant task. That said, I hope

that you and your family, loved ones and friends are weathering the ongoing pandemic, and have managed to enjoy some of the summer, albeit in difficult circumstances.

Longstanton support volunteers Firstly for this update, I want to say a massive thank you to all that have helped out with the Longstanton coronavirus support team during the most challenging days of the pandemic. Over a hundred people came forward to offer help to those vulnerable, elderly, or simply needing a hand to get through the day-to-day activities. Whether it was grabbing some shopping, providing missing supplies, or picking up and dropping off prescriptions, the community rallied round to help each other and provide much-needed support. While this continues for some (both providing and needing support) the demand has passed its peak, and, hopefully will continue to decline. That said, we will re-activate the support team should we unfortunately have to enter lockdown again. I'd like to thank everyone that offered support, often offering help within seconds of requests being made, and importantly, I'd like to thank our Parish Clerk Libby White for making it all happen. This was no small task, and was often seven days a week.

Postponement of village events Sadly, as many of you have commented, we've taken the decision to postpone all our planned village events this year, as with the regularly-changing guidelines about what we can and cannot do, we cannot be sure that we would actually be able to complete any of our plans. This has meant no Big Weekend this year, but one of the things we had planned for the weekend is still moving forwards, and the observant amongst you may have seen it arrive...you'll be able to read more about that in another article in this issue!

We will endeavour to re-schedule the postponed events to next year, or later in the autumn if it becomes possible with sensible application of the government guidance.

Your input on community buildings On behalf of the Longstanton Village Hall and Recreation Ground charity, I'd like to ask for your help. In the coming few weeks you will see a leaflet coming through your door asking for your input. Some of you may recall that a few years back we looked at an ambitious plan to replace the Pavilion with a new community facility, but ultimately this didn't yield a plan to go forwards for many reasons. The charity and the parish council have been working hard in the background to put the right framework in place and clear a lot of hurdles to allow us to re-consider this activity, however now we need to consider what to do with the ageing Village Institute building too. The leaflet will share some of the thinking and ask for your views on what you'd like to see happen to both buildings. At this stage, it's about setting out options and establishing direction, but later stages will be much more detailed once the village has given its view on what it thinks is needed. Please take the time to give your input, and, even better, if you have any background in design/construction/project management or other areas key to such a project, and would be able to help out, please let either Libby White or myself know - we will be most grateful for specialist help as we move forwards with this in conjunction with the Charity!

Until next time, stay safe. As always, if the Parish Council can help you in any way, reach out to Libby, myself or any of your Parish Council members.

Dan delaMare-Lyon
Chairman, LPC

MP for South Cambs

Anthony Browne



I have been out and about across the constituency over the last few weeks, seeing first-hand some of the fantastic work being done by residents as well as understanding the troubles that many have faced. From tackling flooding in Bar Hill, to

meeting with innovative local businesses in Oakington, to sneaking a behind-the-scenes look at IWM Duxford's latest exhibits, it has been a genuine pleasure to be back out and about.

This includes visiting some of our local farms, the backbone of South Cambridgeshire's rural community and economy! I have been discussing two key local farming issues this month - nature-friendly practices and stopping hare coursers. We are fortunate to have the Chairmen of two national groups in our area - Martin Lines of the Nature Friendly Farming Network and Robin Page, former BBC presenter and Chair of the Countryside Restoration Trust - both of whom have welcomed me to their farms. I have been working with DEFRA to ensure that their views, and those of many constituent farmers, are heard as the Agriculture Bill moves forward and is put into practice.

In terms of hare coursing, with the season now upon us it is more important than ever to remain vigilant. I am very glad of the insight provided to me by local farmers and landowners and have already laid a number of questions in Parliament to focus national attention. We must look at new ways to secure a firm deterrent for coursers, who continue to plague not just our local farms but those up and down the country, and I will keep you informed as I work with DEFRA and the Home Office on such measures. More information on Hare Coursing can be found here - www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Property-and-animals/Rural-crime - and I strongly urge anyone who witnesses any suspicious behaviour to report it via the tool provided.

I also had the chance, one or two times, to help out by eating out! I was delighted to see that over 122,000 meals have been claimed for by the 107 restaurants, cafes and pubs in our area, proof that local people are supporting our local businesses. I have no doubt that there are businesses in South Cambridgeshire today which, without this brilliant scheme, may not have made it through the summer. I hope local people will continue to support them in the months ahead.

However, while I am glad to be looking forward, conquering the invisible enemy of Covid-19 remains a key part of our lives. Please do continue to follow social distancing requirements and wear masks when prompted and, as ever, please don't hesitate to reach out if you think I can help.

You can email me at: anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk.

Anthony Browne
MP for South Cambs



COMMUNITY CONCERNS

District Councillors Notes



community.

We hope that you have all been staying safe and well. We know it has been a very difficult time but we have seen a fantastic local response during the pandemic and we would, again, like to thank everyone, particularly the amazing team of volunteers co-ordinated by the Parish Council, who have been supporting the

As a reminder, South Cambs District Council (SCDC) has dedicated web pages with information for residents and communities on coronavirus support, which can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Response to Northstowe Phase 3 outline planning application The consultation on outline plans for Northstowe Phase 3a and 3b closed on July 14th. We would like to thank all residents who submitted comments. As District Councillors we raised objections to the Phase 3a application, citing a number of concerns, including inadequate green separation, increased traffic and the location of the proposed Southern Access Road East.

We broadly support the application for Phase 3b; however, we did ask for firm commitments on the Northstowe Co-ordination Statement between Homes England and Endurance Estates and Digital Park developers to ensure there is co-ordinated development on these three sites west of the B1050.

We also argued for more robust and enforceable conditions to be placed on the developers. We know the issues with enforcement on Phases 1 and 2 have caused significant disruption for residents. We have asked for:

- Strict, enforceable limits on construction times;
- Specific, proactive measures to monitor dust and noise, and measures to mitigate and resolve issues;
- Construction vehicle access only from the B1050 and A14.

We are expecting the applications to go out for further consultation before going to planning committee in the Autumn - dates for this to be confirmed. We will be attending the committee to speak, and residents are also welcomed to attend. You can view our full comments via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe, or we would be happy to send them via email.

Community Governance Review (CGR) The second round of consultation for the CGR closed on 15th September. We would like to thank all residents who contributed to this. As a reminder, all the options proposed consider Longstanton, Northstowe and Oakington as separate parishes.

The next step in this process will be for all the responses from residents to be considered and a recommendation on any changes to be made to the Civic Affairs committee (which neither of us sits on) who will meet on 3rd November.

We should know the outcome of the CGR by the end of November, following a meeting of the full SCDC. Any changes will come into effect next year. You can find all the information about the CGR via www.scambs.gov.uk/cgr-down.

Allotments: Longstanton and Northstowe residents working together We have been really pleased to see the progress made on the allotments and community garden at Northstowe. Huge thanks to the Horticultural Association for all their hard work getting these up and running.

We are especially pleased that, on our insistence, the agreement with the Horticultural Association allowed Longstanton residents to have a plot in Northstowe provided they were active members of the Association. This has allowed both Northstowe and Longstanton residents to come together and build the association and plan their plots. There are more exciting plans to come forward for the community orchard and community garden. We love that the communities are literally growing together!

For more information, contact the Northstowe Horticultural Association here: northstoweallotments@gmail.com

Longstanton water levels Following our requests to the council Chief Executive and planning team at SCDC, a water consultant has been commissioned to investigate concerns about reduced water levels in the village and whether this is, in any way, related to development at Northstowe. The engineer, who was chosen by the Parish Council to ensure independence, will investigate and provide a report to the Parish Council and SCDC.

Fly-tipping We have had a couple of fly-tipping incidents in the village over the summer. We would like to thank all residents who reported these. This has allowed SCDC to successfully investigate and to take action. A fixed penalty notice has been issued following an incident of fly-tipping near to the cemetery. As this fine was not paid the council have begun prosecution proceedings.

As a reminder, if you witness fly-tipping taking place you should call 999 and report a crime. You can report a fly-tipping incident via the SCDC website (www.scambs.gov.uk/report), choosing the 'envirocrime' option.

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

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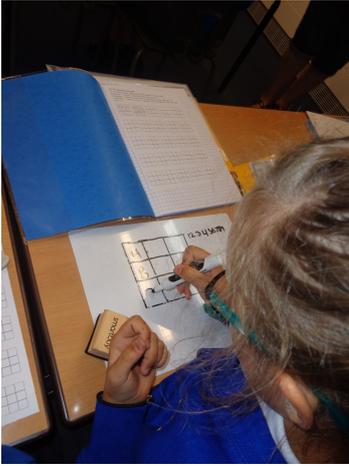
*Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson
District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe*



HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton!

I am reporting to you one week into the September term. It has been wonderful to welcome back everyone and have the whole school together after such a long time.



Our children are amazing. They have come back to a school that is largely familiar to them but with some really important changes. They have taken it in their stride and risen to the challenges of being in school during these strange times. They are a credit to us, their families and the wider village.

Hatton Park still feels like Hatton Park, but we are clearly working hard to keep everyone safe while still teaching and learning. Classrooms are set out a bit differently, adults are distancing from each other and different ages are being kept separate from each other. It is strange for everyone, but necessary. We are lucky to have a brilliant set of staff. From our cleaning, catering and office staff to those working in the classrooms, everyone is working hard as a team.

A big difference that you may have noticed is that the County Council have set a temporary road closure on Hatton's Park at busy times of the day. The road is closed to moving vehicles 8:30-9:00 in the morning and 3:15-3:45 in the afternoon. The school community and Hatton's Park residents have been working together to make it a safe place for the children to arrive and leave. The difference has been astounding. Thank you to everyone that has made the effort to walk, scoot or cycle to school, or to park safely elsewhere in the village. We are always looking for volunteers to mar-

shal the road. Currently, our volunteers are made up of Hatton's Park residents, school staff, and representatives from the Church family. If you would like to help keep our children safe as part of the Longstanton community we'd love to hear from you. Half an hour a week would make all of the difference. It has been brilliant to have our lovely Mrs Morley back out of retirement. The children have been excited to see her at the road entrance in her hi-viz. Our thanks go also to Mrs Davie who has been invaluable in liaising with Hatton's Park residents.

We have been busy inducting our new Reception Classes into school. They are about to start their exciting primary school journey. For the first time, we are full at 60 children with a waiting list. It is wonderful that we are so highly thought of; thank you for your support as a village! It seems crazy, but applications are now being taken for Reception 2021. 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:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place>

It is really difficult to offer tours of the school during the day as we need to keep visitors to a minimum. However, we are able to accommodate them after school so contact the school office and book a place to meet me and have a look around. It would be lovely to see you.

Lastly, we said a sad farewell to our lovely Mrs Alexander at the end of the Summer Term. Mrs Alexander worked at Hatton Park for 25 years and has been the face and voice of the school for most of those. She ran the office with efficiency and professionalism and will be greatly missed by everyone. The opportunity arose for her to retire and to spend quality time with her family, including grandparent duties! She has left the office in the hands of a new team who continue the work she has done for the school.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER LOCKDOWN



As the leader of Cambridge Primary Education Trust, which includes Hatton Park Primary School, and a teacher for over 30 years I have not experienced anything close to what we have gone through over the past six months.

Throughout this period we have left, and will continue to leave, no stone unturned in our pursuit of health and safety. In preparing

for the return of all year groups to our schools in September, we have built on the core approach we had taken for the phased return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils from early June but revisited everything within government guidance.

The Trust has developed a robust risk assessment that has been personalised for each school. All of our schools have prepared their environments; updated their health and safety arrangements to ensure that social distancing can be adhered to; revised their cleaning arrangements; purchased PPE and additional cleaning products; and ensured that staff are familiar with all new procedures and protocols such as increased handwashing and cleaning.

Over the summer holidays all this work continued and we updated parents and carers across our five schools on our

plans for September. From the logistical challenges of staggered start and finish times, different breaks, lunchtime and toilet use arrangements and managing social bubbles, to quarantining, use of bikes and scooters and parental social distancing there has been lots of information to try to get across.

At the same time there are things we will all miss which are just not possible at the current time – large gatherings, such as assemblies, in particular. From the children's perspective, yes it is a different environment to one they are used to (and there is lots for us adults to continue thinking about) but the main thing is that the children are back within our schools.

We have desperately missed the 'buzz' of day-to-day school life as we know it, but on that first day back – Monday 7th September – it was heart-warming and very emotional to hear the joy of children playing in the playground again and the chatter within our classrooms.

Whilst we will react to whatever comes next, and provide whatever support is needed for our children now they are back as well as continuity of education in the case of a local outbreak, we continue to set high expectations in terms of school operations, curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support, and assessment and accountability.

*Lesley Birch
Executive Principal/CEO
Cambridge Primary Education Trust*

NORTHSTOWE SECONDARY COLLEGE (NSC) NEWS

We have been overjoyed to welcome all students back to Northstowe Secondary College, with Year 7 joining us on 3rd September and Year 8 on the 4th. 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 and to see their old friends and make new ones. You will see that our children are coming into school in uniform or PE kit, this is because we are not allowed to have whole classes in our changing facilities at present.

Both year groups have also been wowed by the new building that we received in full on 15th July. They are certainly very lucky to have such space and state of the art facilities. Students have begun their first DT lessons, 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 is not possible at the moment. We already have lots of sports bookings in our outside spaces and are looking forward to welcoming clubs and groups into our indoor spaces too. As soon as Covid restrictions allow it, we can't wait



to have a proper opening event to welcome in our community for a look around. Meanwhile you can see a sneak preview here: www.northstowesc.org/parents-information/transition/

Although our usual trips and visits are on hold at the moment, we have been creating a huge piece of art work that has individual creations made by each of our new Year 7 students. Sports clubs have begun, with netball, hockey and football making use of the new pitches, as well as our creative clubs. 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



FRIENDS OF PATHFINDER SCHOOL (FOPS)

Due to lockdown restrictions Friends of Pathfinder School (FOPS) have been unable to do any fundraising since March.

However, a new team has been formed this September and they are looking into how to do new and exciting fundraising whilst following the government restrictions. Please look at their Facebook page to see what they are planning @FOPS.Pathfinder There are still many ways that you can support FOPS daily.

FOPS is part of the Co-op Local Community Fund, if you shop in the Co-op in Longstanton and have a reward card you can choose FOPS as your cause to support. Every time you shop a

small percentage goes to us.

There is also Easy Fundraising;

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

It is simple to use and the free donations you raise make such a BIG difference. Simply sign up to Easy Fundraising, 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 everyone for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS

Unfortunately due to the special measures that we would need to put in place for the group to restart at the Village Institute, including a rigorous cleaning regime, social distancing and limiting numbers, we have sadly decided that we cannot feasibly open the group again until January 2021 at the earliest. We hope you are all keeping well in these difficult times and we hope to see you all again soon!

You can follow our Facebook page for updates and more information: @littleleprechaunslongstanton

*Jane, Felicity and Liz
Little Leprechauns Playgroup Committee*

When open: Leprechauns Playgroup meets every Friday morning during term time from 9.30am to 11am in the village institute. Ages 0-4 welcome. We have free play followed by a fruit snack, a story, and a craft. Baby area available for little ones. Tea, coffee and biscuits for adults. Only £1 per family, just drop-in!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED (OWLS)

OWLS Community Car Scheme is planning to resume operating in October following the recent COVID lockdown and restrictions. The service will initially be limited to medical journeys including one-way trips to hospital as our pool of voluntary drivers has dwindled due to personal issues, many involving household shielding at this time. Could you help?

We are looking for new volunteer drivers who have a 4 door car and could offer to do about one journey a week. Drivers receive 45p a mile in total and have to undergo a DBS check. PPE will be provided and there will be strict procedures in place to protect drivers and customers such as the wearing of masks and use of hand sanitizer when entering the car.

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VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



It has been an interesting year for all of us, from many perspectives. As the saying goes – "interesting times".

We really did not think we would get much cricket in this season given the way the year started. With patience and the appropriate respect for the necessary precautions we did, however, manage to get a few games in in the latter part of the season and they were

very welcome.

Cambridgeshire Cricket Association did a great job in responding to the evolving advice and climate for sport and had prepared a set of "mini leagues" (~5 teams in each) to provide cricket for any teams that wanted to enter teams, and when we got the green light, we were on it like a flash. Our First team played games across the month of August, and with some success, winning all of our "pool" games. With new recruits James Mynott and Declan Fitzhenry fitting in quickly and delivering from the start with bat, ball and gloves we enjoyed our cricket and were competitive too – this can be a difficult balance to hit. New First Team captain Joe

O'Gorman and vice-captain Ian Calvert set a great tone and the team spirit became apparent very quickly. We finished unbeaten, having won a tough match against Sawston & Babraham Second team, winners of their group in a play off match in early September.

Unfortunately, we were unable to provide any youth cricket or second team cricket this season due to the restrictions, but we will be keen to resume normal services across the various teams next year.

The pitch has now been put to bed and we begin to look forward to winter nets and preparations for next season. We will intend 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. Remember 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, winter well, and we will be in touch again soon.

Ian Handy

Contact: info@longstantoncc.co.uk

LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



Well, what a summer it's been! We didn't see this coming, did we? Hope everyone is still well and managed to enjoy some aspects of the summer in spite of restrictions and lockdowns.

Luckily for our bowlers, we managed to set up some social distancing measures in line with the recommendations from Bowls Eng-

land. The rink widths were adjusted a bit so that we could have games on three rinks with large gaps in between. This gave everyone plenty of space to stand 2m apart while playing. We also

kept a strict rink-booking system meaning that we could ensure that the guidelines were being followed. So, in spite of all league fixtures being cancelled, we managed to have a number of club roll-ups and friendly matches against teams from local villages.

The outdoor bowls season is now finished for this year and will resume in some format or another next April. At the moment no one can say whether the leagues will be running again, but there will be some bowls at least.

We send out membership packs for the new season in March. If you think you would be interested in having a go then please contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email marionedwards1@btinternet.com to be added to our mailing list.

Stay well!

Corinne Walsham

LONGSTANTON WI

WI members have been busy since the start of lockdown with many helping out in the local community, like one lady who says:

"I was on reduced hours so I joined the volunteer group in Longstanton. It soon became obvious that we are a very helpful village as you had to be very quick to respond to the various requests! But I'm pleased that I was able to help a number of our residents."

She also managed to sort out that 'odds & ends' drawer, you know the one we all have but can never find anything in it quickly (see the picture)! This is a great idea.

We've also had members busy making scrubs for the NHS, and picking up baking skills that were hiding. As a group, we've also sent all our ladies a packet of seeds to grow and competitions to enter to help keep them busy and make them feel that they're not on their own, as well as organising small groups to go out for local walks.



Debbie Lienau



Here we are in October, watching the autumn colours in the hedgerows and fields around reminding us that we are nearing the end of another calendar year.

Autumn and harvest normally signal our annual Michaelmas Fayre at St. Michael's Church. When we last submitted an article for Longstanton Life, we hoped that the pandemic would have eased and we would be able to plan some autumn events including performances in the church and events in the churchyard. Sadly, no.

We are certainly missing the communal gatherings that events at St. Michael's present to us. Like many community groups, our AGM has been postponed indefinitely; despite this we still value the support that our members have shown by keeping their memberships live during these unusual times. **Thank you to all our faithful FoSM members.**

The restrictions applying to small indoor spaces has meant we are unlikely to plan any Christmas plays, or a Christingle service, in St. Michael's. As we were building this as a tradition we are disappointed to have this

disruption. Perhaps 2021 will provide more opportunities.

Challenges for the charity sector and fundraising groups are obvious. It was therefore good to see that the Churches Conservation Trust enlisted musicians to perform a 'virtual' concert in some of the CCT churches. Hosted by Jools Holland, this concert is available on **YouTube** under the Churches Conservation Trust. It is certainly worth seeking out, not least because it features our favourite performers from *This is My Theatre*. It also reminds us what potential there is for events when life returns to some form of 'normal'.

Despite the sombre outlook for the coming months, during lockdown we noticed an increasing number of visitors to the churchyard. Local residents and cyclists from other villages became aware of the small unassuming building on the edge of the village. Our inability to have our visitors book accessible, has meant we have lost the record of people who visited in the last 6 months. If you have come to St. Michael's during that period you can always email us and we will enter your details: name, date, address (optional) and any additional comments you would like to make. Alternatively, you could text 0775 7980769.

To continue celebrating the local history of St. Michael's we are composing '*Stories from the Churchyard*'. Do come and read the first biography of the Cervantes expert, Dr Anthony Close. Biographies of those connected to the church are always sought so if you have a family story to tell, do contact us.

The church is now open most days 11am-4pm so please do make use of this lovely space, whilst respecting the necessary guidelines.

Stay safe and keep well,

The Friends of St. Michael's Church
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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



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



This a warm 'hello' from Reverend Lucy Cleland, your new Team Vicar in the Rectory at Longstanton. I arrived in August having headed south from the Yorkshire Dales. I join the 5folds group of churches which includes All Saints Longstanton alongside Over, Northstowe, Swavesey and Willingham. It will be good to meet people face to face as I am out and about

in the village. Feel free to say 'hello' if you spot me walking, cycling or running along the footpaths and lanes. Rarely do I decline a cup of tea or coffee. I would be delighted to meet up for a chat with anyone who would like to. You can reach me via lucy@5folds.org.uk or 01954 27758. I hope that our paths overlap before long.

In the churchyard at All Saints', we have 5 prayer cards based on the five senses (vision, sound, touch, smell and taste) placed around our outdoor space. They are there for anyone and everyone to use as guides for reflection and prayer. Each contains a bible verse, some thoughts and some prayer suggestions. They could be used either outside where they are placed (they are reasonably private) or they could be photographed with a smartphone and used in a different location. All of the details are on our Facebook page (search: All Saints, Longstanton). Or watch the video at: https://youtu.be/_nHeejFagXc

Our children's activities will continue to meet online until we are able to meet in person once again. So if you'd like to join Jigsaw (children up to 11 years) on Sundays, Mini Jaffas (children up to 5 years) on Tuesday mornings or Rainbow Baby club (bumps and babies up to 12 months) please contact Susan Meah 07704 377051. On Sunday evenings at 9pm, you are welcome to join us via Zoom for a short traditional service called Compline. Please contact Susan Meah for the Zoom link.

Church wardens: Arthur Savage arthur.savage.46@btinternet.com, 01954 780121 or Sue Gamon sgcoutures64@gmail.com, 01954 782371.

If you have questions about baptism, marriages or funerals, please don't hesitate to contact our Administrator, Gillian Beal 01954 203459 or email admin@5folds.org.uk

EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

In the first written history of the church, we find this description: *And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there was no needy person among them.* (Acts 4:33-34) Experiencing God's grace (we might say generosity) to them, Christians were transformed to be generous. God's generosity meant giving his Son to become human and then die to rescue lost humanity. He gives us forgiveness and everlasting life as a gift, which we cannot pay for or pay back, but must receive. We can't repay God but we can begin to reflect him in our lives. Our generosity can be expressed in caring for people's practical needs.

There are many ways of doing that, and one organisation Emmanuel Church is partnering with is Christians Against Poverty (CAP). This is a UK charity which, through local churches, delivers debt counselling, money management, job clubs, life skills groups, and support for people breaking habitual dependencies. Whether your needs are longstanding or a result of the Coronavirus lockdown, there is help available. Visit capuk.org to find out more. If you are in debt CAP are working locally so you can contact Jo Scoones on 07770884570 or email johannascoones@capuk.org

We have been running our Sunday services online during Covid-19 restrictions, and it remains unclear whether there will be available premises to meet in person this term. Check our website: www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org for where you can find us on a Sunday.

Pastor Josh Monteiro

Happy 2nd Birthday! Pathfinder Church Northstowe

There has been much to celebrate for the 5folds family of Anglican Churches! First there was the arrival of the new team vicar, Revd Lucy Cleland, who moved into Longstanton (see article from All Saints' Church). But there were also celebrations in nearby Northstowe, as the young Church of England church there celebrated our second birthday.

Pathfinder Church Northstowe grew out of more than ten years of local Churches Together churches praying and dreaming about how best to meet the needs of a new town. In 2019, Revd Beth Cope moved into Northstowe, becoming part of the clergy team serving Longstanton, Willingham, Swavesey and Over, but with a particular focus on Northstowe. Over the past 2 years, a new church has gathered, with an inclusive ecumenical welcome to those of all traditions and none. It aims to complement what's on offer in the surrounding villages, and is committed to "praying, exploring, and sharing" in a way that draws on the great richness of the historic traditions while being shaped by the local context.

Pathfinder Church are delighted to have really strong local links not just with All Saints' Longstanton and the other Anglican Churches in the nearby villages, but also with Willingham Baptist and the St Ives Free Church (URC). Moreover, we appreciate opportunities to connect with other local churches and community groups wherever there will be a benefit to the local community: do get in touch if have ideas for things to do together! Last year's Sustainability Day, which attracted several hundred people keen to make Northstowe and Longstanton greener places to live, is just one example. The 13 mile 5 Folds Way Walk, which will hopefully return next Easter, is another.

Northstowe Phase 1 residents continue to look to All Saints' Church Longstanton as their Parish Church for special events such as weddings and funerals. (And, even in these strange times, we are able to make weddings personal and meaningful.

Northstowe residents are also part of patterns of daily prayer in the beautiful historic church here in Longstanton. However, we also recognise than worshipping in the *place where you live* helps new communities put down roots, and serve their community. So, in non-COVID times, we partner with the local community on Sunday Mornings for litter picks, dog walks, or coffee mornings, and meet in Pathfinder Primary School on Sunday Afternoons for a faith-based gathering featuring interactive resources for all ages.

NOTE: If you, or someone you know here in the Northstowe and Longstanton area, cannot afford food, Pathfinder Church hold Cambridge City Food bank vouchers (cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk) Do contact us in confidence.

Revd Dr Beth Cope

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Missed GP Phone calls The GP clinics continue to be booked as telephone appointments initially, and you will only be given a face to face appointment if the doctor is unable to help you over the phone or via video consultation.

If you have a booked telephone appointment with the doctor, please ensure we have the correct contact telephone number for that day, and make sure you are available for the call throughout the morning session (between 8:30-1pm) or the afternoon session (between 2-6pm). Due to demands on the service at this time, we are unfortunately unable to give you a specific time for your call. If you miss your call, the GP may try once more later in the session, but should you miss the call again you will

receive a text from the practice to say you have missed your appointment and will need to speak with the reception team to re-book your appointment at a later date.

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 or 01954 260230.

Urine Samples Please only drop off urine specimens for testing if you have been requested to do so by a clinician. If you are symptomatic and believe you have a urinary tract infection (UTI), please call reception who will arrange for you to speak with a clinician over the phone.

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*Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager*

LONGSTANTON'S FIRST MUSEUM!



In 2017, Longstanton Parish Council adopted the third and final phone box from BT (the one located near the Doctor's surgery) for £1 and asked you, our residents, what you thought we should do with it. A third book swap would have been too much, right?

Some ideas were 'interesting' - we didn't think we could feasibly do the fish tank. But of all the suggestions, the parish council liked the idea of the Longstanton Spice Museum, an idea originating from an episode of Alan Partridge. It took from 2017 until August 2019 to establish contact with Steve Coogan (the actor who created Alan Partridge) to get his permission to use his idea.

Since then we have: created a plan, the kiosk has been removed, restored and



delivered to a new location and we have spoken with Bart Ingredients who will help with the contents of the museum. If you are on Facebook, you may have seen some of the photos we have shared with you during the refurbishment,

completed by Remember When UK. Carl's methods for painting the Kings Crown were quirky to say the least (see front page)!

You will have seen that Brookfield Groundcare have created

its new base on the Village Green (to enable us to have electricity from our supply on the Green). We will be installing a small path from the main path to the museum with an 'interpretation board' which will give a little information

about the history of the phone box (a lot of children now do not realise what they were other than book swaps and homes for defibrillators) - this idea came about when we realised that our phone box is quite rare - a Kings Crown Mark 1 which dates back to between 1935 and 1939.



Going forward, we will be working with Urban Splash who have expressed an interest in helping, and hopefully Steve Coogan will be able to come and officially open the museum next year (delayed from this year).

We truly hope you will enjoy our unique museum.

Libby White

The 2020 breeding season is coming to a close with many of our summer migrants either getting ready to depart or already gone to spend the winter months in Southern Europe and Africa. Whilst we were unable to carry out formal surveys this year, regular visits by staff and reports from visitors over the past months indicate that it has been a good year for our breeding birds.

At least one bittern was once again present on site and could be heard booming from Holywell in March and April. This species of heron is a reedbed specialists and was almost extinct in the UK in the 1990s. Due to concerted efforts across the country they are now steadily increasing in number with almost 200 territorial males recorded in the UK in 2019.



Turtle Dove - Simon Freedman

After just a handful of sporadic sightings last year, turtle dove returned to the reserve with a probable three individuals regularly heard making their signature purring noise from different locations in June and July. As one of the UK's fastest declining bird species this is good news and although no young have been seen, we hope that they successfully bred on site.

Although tern rafts were not deployed, common tern nested in some numbers on two of the Moore Lake islands with around 35 apparently incubating adults seen with the 200-plus black-headed gulls.

Other species of note included at least 35 garden warbler territories across the reserve, lapwing nesting on Ferry Mere, and sand martins once again in Webbs Hole Sluice just off the north-most end of Middle Fen.

Get involved...

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Dovercourt Lighthouse by Maggie O'Moore

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www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Hope to see you there !

Maggie O'Moore
Committee member



HALLOWEEN COMPETITION



In this issue, we have a Halloween-themed competition for our younger readers (those aged 10 years or under).

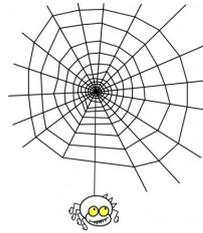
Hidden on the pages of this issue of the magazine are 7 pumpkins, each with a letter on it. Arrange the letters to create a Halloween-related word.

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 Sunday 25th October. Remember to include your name, age, and parent/guardian contact details (email/phone number) with your entry.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive a couple of pumpkins (in time for carving them!), kindly donated by Larksfield (see advert below).

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The answers were:

- 1) White radish, 2) Strawberry, 3) Cherimoya, 4) Pomegranate, 5) Okra, 6) Leek, 7) Mango, 8) Yam, 9) Aubergine.



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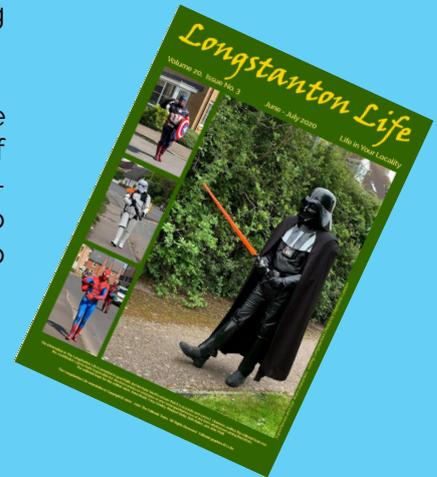
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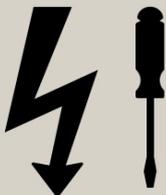
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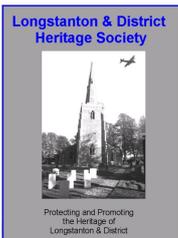
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AGM & AUTUMN TALKS

It is with regret, but perhaps inevitable, that the LDHS committee had to postpone the Society's AGM which was due to take place in September. The AGM will now take place remotely in November and details will be sent out to members in due course. Sadly, we have also had to cancel the entire Autumn series of talks but we sincerely hope that these talks can resume next year.

LDHS REVIEW

After more than a decade of archiving the histories of Longstanton, RAF Oakington and Oakington Barracks the Heritage Society finds itself at a crossroads. With notable successes such as the formation of the LDHS Archives, achieving Grade 2 listed status for the rare Oakington pillboxes and our contributions to the Heritage Working Group, local schools and other organisations, we have achieved a considerable amount since we launched in 2007.

However, with both the outline planning stages for Northstowe and the current governance review nearing their conclusions, the role of LDHS needs to be reviewed to make sure the Society is best placed to meet the future heritage requirements of our communities. We need to ensure that our archives are not only protected but that our digital archives are more widely accessible. Whilst we wait to see when/if the phase 2 commitment for display and storage of LDHS archives will be met, we have to plan the Society's future. We simply cannot wait indefinitely for this commitment to be fulfilled. We are pleased that Longstanton Parish Council (which has representatives from both Longstanton and Northstowe) and our other elected councillors have expressed a desire to help LDHS protect the archives so that they can be stored and displayed here within our communities. There are a number of options which will be considered over the next year. Of course, it is LDHS members who will decide on the way forward once the review is complete.

However, even whilst the review is taking place the most serious threat facing the Heritage Society is the lack of people willing to actively help share the considerable workload involved with running the Society and safeguarding our unique archive. Volunteers are urgently needed. If you can help and have computer / admin skills

please do contact us as soon as you can. For further information please visit our website and/or our Facebook page. Alternatively, please contact the Secretary using the details provided below.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MARJORIE BARNES COLLECTION

For people who did not know Marjorie she was a Longstanton resident for many years. She was an active member of All Saints' church and was on the Parochial Church Council for many years. When Marjorie died a relative of hers dropped a box off for the Heritage Society and apart from a cursory look through at the many papers it contained, time constraints meant that the box remained safely on a shelf along with the other LDHS archives. That was until lockdown enabled me to go through the box and scan some photos that I found there.



View of Church Farm and the High Street from All Saints' church tower c 1929

In the box was a card from Margaret Woolley which contained a note and some old photographs, two of which can be seen here. Margaret was the wife of Rev. H B Woolley, who was made Rector and Vicar of the United Benefice in 1923. The photos are estimated to date from c 1929.

The photograph above shows the view of Church Farm on the High Street. The house and barn remain standing today opposite the Post Office. The photo below shows Rampton Road (formerly Church Lane) and the paddock



View of Church Lane (now Rampton Road) c 1929

and cottage that once stood near the church. Once again, LDHS has saved photographs for our communities which otherwise would have been destroyed many years ago. LDHS has an on-going responsibility to safeguard this unique collection and we will continue to work with others to ensure that this can be achieved in a way that will preserve this collection for generations to come.

Hilary Stroude (Secretary)