

# Longstanton Life

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Life in Your Locality



*Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition winners: Isaiah Iype (age 10) and Peter Hughes (age 12). See p.12 and read their winning entries!*



*Photos from our readers: Paul Humphreys (age 12)*

**In this issue:** Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition winners, Longstanton Wildlife, Victoria's Charity Trek, Letters and much more. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Memory Lane, Surgery Update, etc. Also: Solution to the Numbers Competition and the winner. Take part in our new Design Competition for Young Readers! And if you are over 60 - don't miss the last page!

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# VILLAGE DIARY

Sunday	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1100	Tennis Club	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
	3rd of month	1600-1800	Messy Church	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
Monday	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
	Term time	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779244250
Tuesday	1030-1115	Mini JAFFAs (pre-schoolers)	All Saints' Church	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1700-2000	Tennis - Junior and adult group coaching	The Pavilion	David Nation	07974 455735	
	1830-2000	Adult Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Please just turn up		
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	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 (0-3yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762206320	
	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	
	1000-1100	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258	
	1845-1930	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	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	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990	
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180	
	1800-2000	Junior Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Janet Hill	01954 261009	
Saturday	0915-1000	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959	
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6 - 12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803	

\* It should be noted that the Village Institute is available for hiring for a variety of functions; provisional bookings can be made via <http://community.longstantonvillage.org/village-institute/>. Email: [villageinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:villageinstitute@gmail.com) or telephone **01954 782323**. The Pavilion also offers private party function facilities, discuss your requirements for any family & friends gatherings - e.g. weddings, birthdays, funerals, with **Michael Binks** on **01954 782233** or email [longstantonpav@btinternet.com](mailto:longstantonpav@btinternet.com)

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



Photo LDHS via Wally Mankelov

This memorial is not to be found in Longstanton but commemorates a mid-air collision between a four-engine flying from RAF Oakington and another smaller aircraft. Can you name where, when, what type of aircraft?

### Answers to Aug / Sept's W, W, W & W?

**Where: The Bull**

**Who:** LTR: Les Dean, Betty Dean, three unknown ladies, George Dean holding commemorative clock, followed by two more unknown ladies!

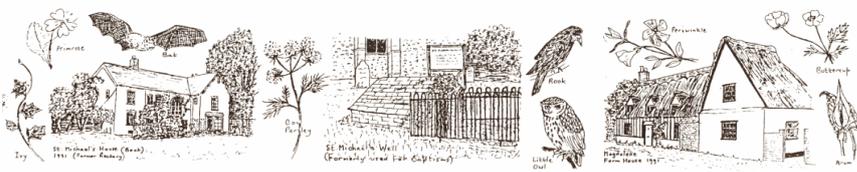
**When:** c.1950

**Why:** To mark George Dean's retirement from being publican of The Black Bull.



Photo LDHS via Margaret Lee nee Bonus

Once more we have **John Fletcher** to thank for responding to Aug/Sept's post. He believes that the gentleman on the left of the above line-up is Les Dean who took over the Black Bull from his father George after his retirement and the lady standing next to him was Betty, Les's wife. He also believes that the lady standing on George's immediate left is Betty Cottman (sp?).



# LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

*Dear Readers,*

Days become shorter, evenings become colder and longer - soon we will have to switch the heating on. Where did the summer go?! Put a jumper on, make a hot cup of tea and enjoy our new issue. First of all, we have some unexpected news from Gill Ashby: she will be leaving the village and stepping down from her role as the Parish Council's Chairman, although the date has not been announced yet (p.5).

Speeding cars in our village seem to be a problem, please read Letters to The Editor and email us with your opinion and comments. Are there any other issues in the village which concern you? Please let us know!

Also in this issue, two winners of our Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition have been chosen - Isaiah Iypes and Peter Hughes, many congratulations to both of them! Their entries are published in this issue and the runners-up will be published in the next one (see p.12). We have a new competition for our young readers, please see page 14 for more details.

If you are over 60 years old – do not miss out on the Over-60s Christmas Lunch! You will find the sign-up page at the back of this issue.

As always we would like to hear from you, read your letters, introduce your business and see your pictures. We aim to print everything from our readers, subject to available space.

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*The Editorial Team*



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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## MP for Cambridgeshire

Heidi Allen



As I write this, I find myself wondering where the Summer went? The six weeks while Parliament is closed, otherwise known as recess, has flown by. Being away from Westminster gives me significantly more time to talk to people in South Cambridgeshire and this Summer, I took the opportunity to spend time with some of our healthcare providers. Conscious of the pressures on our NHS, I

wanted to understand first hand how we are coping with workload locally.

The day I spent shadowing GPs at Comberton surgery highlighted to me the challenges facing the profession. The working day for a GP is very long, with limited time available for each patient, but the work they do in keeping patients away from hospitals is absolutely critical. One of the key issues facing junior doctors thinking of a career as a GP is the high cost of indemnity insurance, something which is covered for them if they work instead in a hospital. As such, I have written to the Minister to see what we can do to change this situation. We are in dire need of more GPs, so this additional burden is unhelpful. I also wanted to see how morale was amongst the wider junior doctor community, so I joined all the trainees at Addenbrooke's at one of their team meetings. Our health service in South Cambridgeshire has been lucky to attract such a diverse and thoughtful group of individuals who care passionately about safeguarding our wonderful NHS. Although my powers as a backbencher are limited and I have no influence over decisions made about their new contract, the least I can do is listen.

Locally, our County Council and Mental Health Trust is working together to provide innovative solutions to support people in crisis. My visit to the newly opened 'Sanctuary' in Cambridge highlighted the importance of providing mental health patients with a 'third space', accessible during times of crisis. The centre was welcoming, calm and staffed by an exceptionally dedicated team who are determined to improve our local mental health provision. I saw a similar ethos at the Women's Refuge Centre in Cambridge and was impressed by the absolutely vital work they are doing for women and children in distress. These two centres provide support for the most vulnerable in our society and deserve our unwavering support.

Disability rights also featured highly on my to do list as I made a visit to the new PIP centre in Cambourne to undertake a 'mock' PIP assessment. This local branch makes a stressful process much easier by saving over an hour's journey time for those requiring assessment. Until recently, disabled claimants of this benefit (Personal Independence Payment) had to travel to Thetford so I am pleased the provider listened to the needs of my constituents and agreed to open a local centre.



I have also worked with colleagues from the Papworth Trust, Anglia Ruskin University, the DWP and Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge City MP) to run a Reverse Jobs Fair in September.

We invited local employers to a free networking event to showcase the value of employing disabled people. Dozens of businesses came along and saw how employing disabled staff could bring real value to their organisations whilst also delivering the jobs and independence that disabled workers deserve. Next challenge is to get some concrete job offers – watch this space!

Our job fair coincided with the end of the 2016 Paralympics, with South Cambs resident Clare Cunningham competing in the Paratriathlon. Already a gold medal Paralympian swimmer I'm sure you'll join me in cheering her on, admiring her determination and dedication to this second sport.

Determination and the belief that two heads are better than one was very much in evidence as local resident Alison Kitching and I negotiated with Stagecoach for reduced rates for sixth formers. I'm delighted we managed to secure a better deal in time for September and hope other operators will consider following suit.

As always, please do get in touch with any issues and you're welcome to come to my "no appointment needed" drop in surgeries. The next dates are Saturday 8th October and 19th November.

You can find full details on my website:

[www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries) or drop me an email at [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) or call my office at 01954 212707.

Heidi

## District Councillor Notes



A14 Upgrade: Preliminary work on this project is starting. Completion is due during 2020.

There will be a public information exhibition at Oakington Pavilion on Saturday 15 October between 10am and 4pm.

Northstowe Phase 1 Construction began in mid-September on the first houses, on the Bloor Homes site, to the west of the B1050. The aim is to have some of these complete during Q1

of next year.

Hattons Road Balancing Ponds: My own attempts to find out how these are progressing has met with no response from Gallagher, so I joined a site visit which had been arranged by our Flood Group on Saturday 17 September. Unfortunately the site manager did not turn up – I suspect that they cancelled work that day after the heavy rain of the day before.

Anyhow, a group of seven of us decided that we had been "invited", so went on our own, unguided, tour. We trudged round with our boots completely covered in heavy grey clay.

The larger, north, pond seems mainly complete. It is some 250m x 200m and 3-4m deep.



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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

We could not properly work out what was going on with the south pond because it consists of three separate ponds which have not yet been joined up.

The plans that we have been told about anticipated that this work would take place between April and October. I will badger Gallagher to find out what the revised completion date is.

If you have any concerns or need clarification please contact me on [crr.riley@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:crr.riley@scambs.gov.uk) or ring me on 01954 208000 and I will do my best to help.

*Alex Riley, District Councillor*

## Longstanton Parish Council

October 2016



### Northstowe

As everyone is now aware building has commenced on Northstowe with the first houses now under construction on Crab Tree Corner. For many this is the culmination of a lengthy wait; for others, perhaps less so. What it does mean, however, is that the new community is now really going to be arriving. For those that were not aware there

is a group within the village called the 'Northstowe Community Working Group'. This group of residents have been looking at - amongst other things - putting a Welcome Pack together for the new residents of Northstowe. The group hold meetings every couple of months on a Saturday morning between 9 and 11am and they will advertise the agenda for their meetings on the Parish Council website.

If you would be interested in helping with this group please contact Nutan Patel, Project Officer for Northstowe ([nutan.patel@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:nutan.patel@scambs.gov.uk)). The group has links with other new build communities so it can share problems found within new build communities and plan around them.

There were definite teething problems with the recent opening of the Pathfinder School and the safe movement of children. Hopefully these have now been overcome, together with the problems of the road surface itself. If you have problems, please contact the contractors who are keen to assist.

### Longstanton Village Hub aka "hubdate"

The proposed new build Community Hub for Longstanton has now reached a pre-application stage. A lot of work has been going on in the background to bring it to this point and once the pre-application is done, work will begin on the full planning process.

Now is the time to begin the fundraising work to assist the project. If the project is to work we need everyone to help in fundraising. Grant applications will be drawn up but the project will not happen without the Community and all of us who live here to help as much as we can, as grants often require matched funding.

We have a fantastic list of events from ideas put forward earlier (see previous LL May 2016). Now the autumn is coming we can begin to get this rolling and make use of the brand new event centre at the Pathfinder School. We are looking for an events

organising team to get this going. We would welcome volunteers for this - please contact Cllr John Street (via our Parish Clerk) and let us get the events programme in everyone's diary.

Work also continues on the business plan itself with regard to activities that will be held in the Hub. If you are thinking of events you would like to see in the Hub or groups you would like to participate in, please get in touch with Cllr Neil McPhater (via our Parish Clerk)

### Longstanton Community Volunteer Group

Following correspondence from the County Council regarding work that they can no longer carry out by themselves, it was agreed at the last LPC Council Meeting to set up a Volunteer Group.

This group will help with such activities as sign cleaning, verge and pathways clearing and other unspecified tasks but which all go to make Longstanton a more attractive village to live in.

If you would like to help with this group please get in touch with Libby our Parish Clerk on [parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org.uk)

### Speedwatch

A new Speedwatch group is also being set up within the village following some serious problems encountered within certain roads in the village. If you would like to help with this group please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. With real evidence of speeding, further action can be taken to make our village safer. Full training and equipment is provided.

Finally I would like to make you aware I am leaving the village and as such standing down from Council. I would like to first thank everyone — both Councillors, Libby (Parish Clerk), residents and friends for their support and help over the past 5 years.

It has been quite a journey to reach where we are today and I know going forwards Longstanton is going to be an amazing place to live, with a Community and Community Hub to match.

The Council continue to work on your behalf on all aspects of the Village and really appreciate your input so if you have any questions or want to be kept up to date with what's happening please contact the Parish Office or send an email so we can add you to the database for the Parish.

*Gill Ashby, Chairman LPC*

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# LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING



Longstanton's regular "knit and natter" group meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 8pm in the Black Bull Pub, Longstanton. There is no charge - just bring along your project to work on and buy a drink from our hosts at the bar. We also love a show-and-tell, so do

bring along finished items or new yarn purchases for us to admire! No need to be an avid knitter or crocheter to attend - we're an inclusive bunch, so other needlecrafts are welcome. If you've never done crochet/knitting before but would like to try then do bring along some yarn and tools and we'll give you some free pointers to get you started.

We're also trialling a monthly charity knit night on Tuesday 27th September, where we'll put our skills to use to make twiddle-mitts for dementia patients or hats for premature infants. At the time of writing, the first charity night has not yet happened, but if it proves popular then we plan to make this regular on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Come and join us!

Our next regular groups are scheduled for 11th October, 8th November.

Our next confirmed charity knit night is scheduled for 27th September, with possible future meets on 25th October, 22nd November.

Keep up with our plans and discussions on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1441585476057404/>

our enthusiastic knit-committee,  
*Alice, Samanta & Sarah*

## LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Longstanton WI met back after the summer break with a funny talk about Britain's comedy greats which took us all on a trip down memory



lane trying to remember all of their catchphrases. Despite a break we did meet twice away from the village to walk locally. A great couple of evenings with good company and giggles.

October sees another funny talk about food and then in November we'll be getting all practical in readiness for Christmas with crafts and cakes.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

*Debbie Lienau*

## 100 CLUB



A small lottery that has been set up to help raise money for the proposed re-ordering project in All Saints' Church, Longstanton.

You can take part in the project's realisation. The "100 Club" is one way of doing that. If you like the idea of supporting the project and feel you have a small amount to give towards the funds then this could be a way for you to do so.

It has the added benefit of the chance to win some money back. A donation of £2 per number per month (for a year) will buy you entry into the lottery. The lottery will be drawn monthly with a chance to win £40 (based on 100 members).

For more details and a full set of rules please contact: Louise Gamon at [louise.gamon@gmail.com](mailto:louise.gamon@gmail.com) or 07429 317803

Details about our re-ordering project and the "100 Club" can be found on the Friend's website at:

<http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk>

**100 Club Winners so far:**

**August: 1st – No.45 (for the 2nd time!)  
2nd – No.30**

**September: 1st – No.66, 2nd – No.69**

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Off To University or College? There is an outbreak of Meningitis W at present. Public Health England is urging young people starting university or college to have a vaccination to protect them against 4 strains of meningitis – Meningitis ACWY. If you have not had this vaccination please contact the surgery for advice.

Flu Vaccinations – We should by now have received our “flu vaccinations”. Please call and book your appointment. The vaccination is recommended (and free!) to all patients over the age of 65, pregnant women and those patients who have a long term medical condition regardless of age. If you are unsure please ask us.

Private flu vaccinations are available at a cost of £10 for those who are not eligible for free NHS flu vaccination. Please ask in pharmacy.

Flu vaccines for Healthy Children The campaign to reduce flu in the community by vaccinating healthy children continues. This winter healthy children born between 01/09/2011 and 31/08/2014 are eligible to receive a nasal flu vaccination. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

The Shingles Vaccination The following groups of patients are now eligible to have a shingles vaccination 1) Patients born between 2/9/42 and 1/9/46 and 2) Patients born between 2/9/36 and 1/9/38. If you fall into one of the above age groups please contact the surgery to make an appointment. This is a “one off” vaccination for those who have already had the vaccination, it does NOT need to be repeated.

Patient Surveys Both the practice and the pharmacy are required to conduct a patient survey on an annual basis. You may be asked to complete a questionnaire when you attend the surgery and we would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation. We are always happy to receive your feedback either on the website, or in our patient comments boxes, or by email to [willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net](mailto:willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net) This will help us to review and improve our service.

Carers Support Meetings The next carers meetings are on Wednesday 12th October 2-4pm and Wednesday 9th November 2-4pm. Please feel free to pop along and get some free support and advice or just come along for a cup of tea and a chat. There will be no meetings in December or January.

*Sharon Unwin – Practice Manager – October 2016*



## NEWS FROM LONGSTANTON BREAKFAST CLUB, PRE-SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**Just a quick note to say we've moved:** Over the summer break Longstanton Pre-school and Out of School Clubs moved to our temporary location, along with Hatton Park School, to the Pathfinder School on the Northstowe site.

We have very quickly settled into our new home, and the children and staff are enjoying our new spacious environment.

Children, old and new, are very pleased with all our new equipment and have been making the most of all the learning opportunities these will provide. The builders' trucks and diggers are also providing lots of interesting



observations. I am sure there will be lots more exciting news to report after the half term, when we have fully settled in.

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

*Tracey Leach, Manager*

## LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

Little Leprechauns is back! We're running 9.30 - 11am Fridays during term time in the Village Institute for pre-school children aged 0-4 years. The children are enjoying rediscovering the toys and making new friends. In our first group of the term we heard a dragon story and then made our own fearsome fire-breathing dragons at craft-time.

If you've not been before then come and join us! There's no weekly commitment - just £1 donation on the door. There's tea/coffee for the adults and a fresh fruit snack at story-time for the

children. The group is a mix of free-play, quiet story time and craft time.

If you have your own pre-school child and would like to volunteer as a helper then speak to one of the committee - this term the group is run by Felicity, Margaret, Charlotte and Alice, often assisted by Lynn and Lucy. We have a Facebook page to keep you up-to-date with our activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/littleleprechauns/>

*Alice Burrell*

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB

September 2016



We are nearly at the end of the outdoor season, so time for a results update and some other news. At time of writing our C&D division 4 team are lying third with two games left to play. There is only one point separating the second, third and fourth clubs with Longstanton perched precariously in the middle on 71.5 points. Interestingly, our last two matches are against the other two in

this group so if we win both we are in with a good chance of second spot and promotion! Watch this space...

Our C&D division 5 team also have a shot at promotion. Here we are currently second with one game left to play. Coming second would normally secure promotion, but because there are fewer teams in this division the league committee are considering only promoting one team this time. To be certain of going up we would need to come top, which means we would have to win our last match and the team that is currently top would have to lose theirs. So there is a mathematical possibility at least of both our teams gaining promotion.

In the Business Houses mixed league our division 1 team is in danger of relegation, currently lying fourth from bottom with all matches played. The two teams immediately below are within three points and both have two games in hand, so it is not looking hopeful. On the other hand, our division 2 mixed team is sitting in second place

with one game left to play. We can still be caught because the four teams just below have games in hand, so promotion is possible but by no means assured. There is only one division in the men's league so no promotion or relegation dramas there, and Longstanton is sitting comfortably mid-table.

For the first time since 2010, Willingham and Longstanton bowls clubs competed for the Wilstanton Cup. This is normally played two rinks at home and two away but because of problems with Willingham's green, this year all rinks played at Longstanton. Congratulations to Longstanton for our first victory since 2005. In our annual charity friendly against Cambridge University Press for the Fred Pearman Trophy, the Press retained the trophy and £162 was raised for the Sue Ryder Homes.

John Fletcher, one of our active members, celebrated his 90th birthday in July and was presented with a cake and card after the Fred Pearman Trophy match. Many congratulations to John for reaching this milestone and still enjoying being active and playing bowls!

The season is nearly over but there is still time to come along for a last roll up. If you think you would like to try bowls, then please come along to one of our Monday evening club nights at 6pm. There are bowls you can borrow and people there to help you. We just ask that you wear flat-soled shoes. Alternatively please contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email [marionedwards1@btinternet.com](mailto:marionedwards1@btinternet.com). Also visit our web site [www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk](http://www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you!

*Corinne Walsham*

## LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

The long Summer nights might have rapidly drawn to a close, but that's no reason to stop playing tennis! The courts are available in pretty much any weather, and some hardy souls still turn up for club nights under the floodlights regularly throughout the winter, so it's not too late to join us if you're tempted.

Looking back over the summer months, our men's and mixed teams have both been busy playing against other local clubs in the Business Houses leagues. Thank you to the captains of both teams for arranging all of the fixtures and getting teams out.

The junior coaching school run by David Nation on Sunday mornings in July and August was as successful as ever. It was great to see so many youngsters and newcomers using the courts and learning new skills. David's first ever regular weekday coaching for both juniors and adults, on Tuesday evenings from 5-8pm starting 13th Sept, has also proved very popular.



All sessions for the first half term are fully booked, but do please contact David directly on: [davidnation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidnation@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested in signing up for future courses. Further details, including the cost of each course, can be found on our website <http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk/coaching.html>

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our 24 hour tennis marathon at the end of July, either by playing, sponsoring players and donating money, or providing support and refreshments

on the day. The event was held to raise much-needed funds for resurfacing our courts, with the final total being a fantastic sum of over £1000. Play started at 9am on Sat 23rd July and continued without stopping until 9am on Sun 24th July, just in time for the start of David's junior coaching session so I'm sure they saw some tired players!



Many thanks to Louise for organising the roster of players to ensure continuous play throughout the 24 hours. We were delighted to see that lots more people turned up than expected, especially all the junior players that came along. It was a beautiful day weather-wise and perfect warm night, although I doubt that was much comfort to the team of four people (Bill, Cheryl, Florian and Andy) who managed to play for the entire night shift. I'm sure they had quite a few blisters between them after all that! Andy played for an impressive total of 16 hours in all. Special thanks to The Pavilion for keeping open all night so we could access toilets and get water, and to local residents for tolerating the extended use of floodlights for this one-off worthy cause. There was some great tennis played and since the marathon we have seen an upsurge of interest in the club.

If you'd like to find out more about the club, please contact Sarah Ballard on 07985 938959, or pop down to one of the club sessions and meet some of the other members. Club nights are Wednesdays and Fridays from 6pm, Sunday mornings from 11am and Thursday evenings from 7:30pm for more competitive play. Alternatively, the tennis courts are available to all on a 'pay and play' basis (£5 per hour). Just phone Rachel (780704) and borrow a key.

*Sarah Ballard, 07985 938959*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Longstanton Life,



Further to the letter from Mr P Weaving (LLV016) regarding speeding in Longstanton, I support his view and I also have big concerns over the issue of parking, particularly at the Co-op store. A significant number of motorists have no intention of using the car park provided even when ample space is available. By parking outside the entrance they not only obstruct through traffic but also impede vehicles trying to enter/exit the car park. It is common practice for many vehicles driving north to still be on the Ladywalk side of the road at the pedestrian crossing due to the vehicles parked on the Co-op side of the road. I have had more than one close encounter whilst using the crossing or driving out of Ladywalk and I know I am not alone.

What I find particularly frustrating is that I highlighted this when the Co-op first opened, almost two years ago. I wrote to our District Councillor, the Parish Council, our Speed Watch Coordinator and the Police. Two years on the problems are just as bad, and so what have any of those I wrote to done about it? Action is long overdue and I remain very surprised that we have not had a serious accident.

**Royston Rose**  
**Ladywalk, Longstanton**



I endorse Pete Weaving's concerns about speeding traffic in the village. Speed guns seemed to work, one has to ask why they have been stopped, perhaps the Parish Council knows? I have heard that some residents in St Michael's voiced their opinions with the amount of cars using the airfield road.

I had first hand experience of this on 9th September. I was at the zebra crossing outside the Co-op letting a parent and 3 young children use the crossing - it was 08:45. They just made it over when a black car followed by a silver car followed by a black car overtook me on the right hand side of the crossing. The parent looked at me if to say "that was a close shave" but as I cannot lip read it could be something else.

I followed the first black car who had a child passenger who went into the new school as did the silver car.

I realise that with the on road parking outside the Co-op your view is impeded but that is no excuse to over take a stationary car at a zebra crossing .

It seems to me that a Lollypop person could be employed at this crossing, paid for out of our precept or by the developer before someone is injured.

**Mick Yarrow**

Dear Neighbourhood Watch colleague,



You may have heard of No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) - set up, as the name suggests, to deter cold callers and to empower local residents to say 'no' to unsolicited sales people. They were set up by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards in areas of known distraction burglary and rogue trading activity to protect the vulnerable residents living there.

Over the years more than 140 No Cold Calling Zones were set up across the county and whilst they still offer some protection and empowerment to residents, it is felt that a new focus is required to maximise the effectiveness of the zones. Formerly Trading Standards would set up the zone by putting up lamp-post signs and giving residents some information including 'We're Not Buying It' stickers. However, this is usually where Trading Standards involvement ended.

As residents come and go, fewer and fewer recognise that they live in a No Cold Calling Zone and fewer still know what it means or are empowered by it. It is therefore recognised that greater benefits can be had by the zones being managed by a local coordinator. A local person can tailor a zone to the area concerned, ensure that residents have the tools they need to say 'no' to uninvited sales people and act as a local point of contact for all matters scams related - not just doorstep crime.

We are therefore looking for community-minded people to look after their local No Cold Calling Zone - and what better people to ask than Neighbourhood Watch coordinators?! There is very little, if any, additional work over and above your Neighbourhood Watch duties and Cambridgeshire County Council can provide some new materials to support the hand-over (although in the longer term you would be very welcome to produce your own materials at a local level).

At this stage we invite you to get in touch with Elaine Mountfort (contact details below) if you know you live in or near a No Cold Calling Zone or would like to find out if you do and we will provide further information about what is required to be a No Cold Calling Zone coordinator. However, we will be in touch with individual Watch coordinators in due course as we start to map where there is cross-over or neighbouring NCCZ and NW schemes.

**Kind regards**  
**Elaine Mountfort**  
**Community Protection Officer**  
**Telephone: 01954286006 or 07845002752**  
**Email: [elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

**PS 346 Mark Rabel (Histon Police Station): please report speeding concerns via this link <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>**

## Looking for somewhere to 'park my bike'!

I am a cyclist who cycles to work in St Ives and cycles down the Bus Way - weather permitting.

I live in Bar Hill and find the road between Bar Hill and Longstanton particularly dangerous in rush hour. I have been fortunate enough to have had a friend who has let me store my bike in their garage, allowing me to drive to Longstanton (safely) then change from car to bike and cycle to work. This has now stopped as my friend has moved away. However I would like to continue cycling to work and wondered if anyone has a small space in their garage to store (securely) my bike.

If this is a possibility please reply to [mrlangford@hotmail.com](mailto:mrlangford@hotmail.com) with your contact details



# HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again to all of Longstanton. I am writing to you from our temporary home of The Pathfinder School site in Northstowe.



After the fun of packing up a whole school and then unpacking ready for the start of the new year, we were ready to welcome the children back. Huge thanks go to the staff of Hatton Park who gave up their own time over the Summer to

make it all happen.

The building is a wonderful place to be relocated to and, despite the expected teething problems, the children have taken to the new space beautifully. Change is always challenging but we have worked tirelessly with families, the Site Contractors and the Council to make everything work to the best of our ability.

## The New Building

As you will hopefully see from the photographs, the building is beautiful. We are thoroughly enjoying the space after reaching capacity at our old building. There is lots to explore and use, especially the outside space. The 'pac-man-lily pads', as named by the children, are a firm favourite. We have explored many different ways for the children to move around the school and its grounds, particularly at the start and the end of the day. Many thanks go to the parent community who have been great at giving us feedback on what is working and what is not, and working with us on keeping the children safe at the start and end of the day. The building site around us is of great interest at break times when we can watch the machinery at work. We are looking forward to using this great resource in our learning too as we build relationships with the site team.



## Routes to School

As there are now a very large number of families walking from the village to Northstowe, there are a few things that I wish to

ask the Longstanton community to help us with. If you are driving along the route from the village towards Willingham and vice versa, please be aware of the increased number of children and their families using the paths. We have employed Mrs Haingo Jenkins as a Road Safety Warden who stands on the corner near Mitchcroft Road. If you are interested in a paid position for an hour a day, promoting the safety of our children along the route, please do contact the school. Secondly, I am concerned that a number of drivers have misinterpreted the road signs at the traffic light junction that leads to our new site.



There is no left turn from Willingham allowed into the site and no right turn out of our site. If everyone is aware then we can all be vigilant.

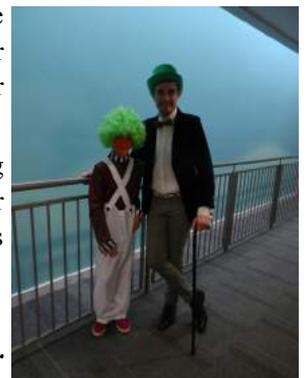
We must say a huge thank you to the Longstanton Co-Op who organised and funded enough Hi-Viz jackets for every child at Hatton Park and at Longstanton Pre-School. This has really helped to make our children visible along the route and will be extremely beneficial during the winter months.

## Roald Dahl Day



We had a great day on the 16th September, celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl's works. The children and staff dressed up as their favourite characters, and we explored the life of the famous author and why his books are still popular today.

We are looking forward to exciting times ahead as we use this site as our own, and watch the developments back at our usual site with interest!



*Anthony Aguda, Headteacher*

# LONGSTANTON FLOOD ACTION GROUP

A few of us from The Longstanton Flood Action Group were due to be given a guided tour on Saturday 17th September, by the site manager Phil. Seven of us turned up, but sadly the site manager did not.

We therefore walked around the sites of both ponds and took lots of pictures. Until you get up close to them, you can't really get a feel for just how vast these ponds are going to be. The largest we estimate is 250m long and the second at least 100m. They are enormous. So when finished we have high hopes that we will not flood in the future.

Although the site manager didn't turn up, we had tried to visit the site the week before and the manager happened to be there. He was estimating that they were approximately 3 weeks behind schedule, for an end of October completion.

**Our next flood meeting is 17 November at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, you are welcome to join us.**

*Jackie Long*



## A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Preparatory work to build our construction compounds has already started and we expect to begin main construction work later this year. The new A14 will open to traffic in 2020, with some work, such as removal of the Huntingdon viaduct, continuing beyond that. To find out more about the scheme and how it affects you, come along to one of our public information exhibitions.

### Public information exhibitions:

**Bar Hill Village Hall**  
Saturday 1 October, 10am – 4pm

**Oakington Pavillion**  
Saturday 15 October, 10am – 4pm

**Madingley Village Hall**  
Tuesday 4 October, 2pm – 8pm

**Swavesey Memorial Hall**  
Wednesday 19 October, 2pm – 8pm

**Alconbury Memorial Hall**  
Wednesday 5 October, 2pm – 8pm

**St Ives United Reform Free Church**  
Thursday 20 October, 2pm – 8pm

**Brampton Memorial Centre**  
Saturday 8 October, 10am – 4pm

**Judith's Field Hall, Godmanchester**  
Monday 24 October, 2pm – 8pm  
(please note this change of venue, which was previously advertised as Godmanchester Town Hall)

**Milton All Saints Church Hall**  
Tuesday 11 October, 2pm – 8pm

*from Highways England*



## The Pavilion

**Tel: 01954 782233**  
**Over Road, Longstanton**  
**longstantonpavilion@gmail.com**  
**www.longstantonpavilion.weebly.com**  
**Find us on Facebook**

**OPENING  
HOURS**



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



Winter is fast approaching and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us through the summer months, cricket club, bowls club and tennis club and to congratulate them on their results. It makes all our lives more pleasurable having lovely customers to serve.

The Longstanton pool team finished 2nd in Division 8 and have gained promotion although it seems that it will be a leap into the 6 Division next season and some pool teams have been lost. Please come and support us in our home matches on a Thursday night.

We will be organising the Children's Halloween Party and Children's Christmas Party, dates to be confirmed we will let you

know via the web page [longstantonpavilion.weebly.com](http://longstantonpavilion.weebly.com) which we are hoping to keep up to date this year (!) and through Facebook. We are also hoping to be serving food again. Probably a limited menu and only at certain times, but if you have any ideas please let us know. We are serving bacon and sausage rolls on a Saturday as usual.

Let's hope for a mild winter although at least you feel like you are actually at the ground when watching the football match in your coat!!

*Michael, Suzanne and The Pavilion Team*

# Longstanton Life Young Journalist Competition Winners!



We had a very good response to the Young Journalist Competition and the judges have been busy going through all the entries. We picked two winners: Peter Hughes from Swavesey Village College in the 12-14 y.o. age group category and Isaiah Iype from Bar Hill Primary School, in the 7-11 y.o. age group category. We also picked a few runners up, whose entries will be printed in the December – January issue of Longstanton Life. They are: Chelsey Bailey, Sophie Egan, Paul Humphreys, Abigail Hughes, Chloe Proudfoot and AJ Debono.

Thank you all for your hard work, we did enjoy reading your entries and we are sure our readers will do too!

## A New Dimension in Toys to Life Gaming

By Peter Hughes, age 12, Swavesey Village College



How far will Lego video games go to conquer the gaming multiverse? In 2011 Skylanders: Spyro's Adventure introduced a new style of gaming called 'toys to life' games and since then Disney Infinity and Nintendo's Amiibo have been introduced. The newest toys to life game is a game by TT games and Lego called Lego Dimensions.

Dimensions is in the style of the original Lego games such as Lego Star Wars, but with the added feature that players put real Lego figures and vehicles on a toy pad that brings them to life in the game. You build the characters and vehicles along with the portal, and you can also rebuild all the vehicles into two other forms.

The game follows the adventure of Batman, Gandalf and Wyldstyle as they quest through the Lego multiverse trying to rescue their friends from Lord Vortech. The starter pack includes the disc, toy pad, portal build, bat mobile and the main characters. This is all you need to play the main levels and enter three dimensions (corresponding to each figure) to explore.

There are currently 14 franchises, including Dr Who and Ghostbusters. Each franchise has a Dimension to explore (using a figure from that franchise to enter that dimension) and some have a new level. You can purchase extras in three different types of packs:

fun packs (one figure and one vehicle), team packs (two figures and two vehicles) and level packs (one figure, two vehicles and a new level).

I would rate this game 8/10. It's fun to manipulate the figures and rebuild the vehicles as you play, and the inclusion of multiple franchises is well handled in the storylines. I've only marked it down because of the cost of buying extra packs. New franchises are planned, including Harry Potter and ET.



## Reading Rampage

Isaiah Iype, age 10, Bar Hill Primary School



My favourite hobby throughout most of my life is the joy of reading. Some people may think books are boring. Well guess what? Reading is the most common and popular hobby in the world. Reading is much more educational than watching television and just as interesting. I bet you're still thinking "How an earth is reading better than watching television?" I'm going to show you...

Reading is a skill you'll need for the rest of your life and watching television is not a skill. In my opinion, the best books are fiction books that teach you lessons and techniques that will help you in other areas of learning. To those of you who love reading: the best readers make the best writers.

I love super suspense stories especially if I read them in bed at night because they really scare you and you can't put the book down. I also like fantasy because it makes it easier for you to use your imagination. Magical myths have heroes and villainous beasts where normally the hero goes on a journey. The thing to remember about myths is that they always have a meaning. Awesome action-adventure are

stories that normally have a mission in unknown settings and they are really adventurous. Detective/mystery are stories which involve characters trying to find out a piece of information which is hidden in the climax. It's supposed to be puzzling. Other genres are science-fiction and romance. Science-fiction is a type of story which involves a lot of technology (e.g. robots, time machines etc.) It normally takes place in a scientific setting (e.g. outer space etc.) Romance is a type of story where two characters love each other.

Have I tempted you to read now?

## LONGSTANTON HATTON CHARITY

Longstanton Hatton Charity was set up by the Charity Commissioners in 1898 for the benefit of deserving persons residing in the Village.

The Charity owns two pieces of land, both situated in Over at Bare Fen and Gravel Bridge. They are leased to two local Farmers and the rents from these parcels of land provide a modest monetary gift at Christmas for deserving elderly residents of Longstanton. The criteria required to benefit from this Charity is that recipients must be over 70 years of age and have resided in the village for at least 20 years.

If you fulfil the above conditions and would like to add your name to the waiting list please contact one of the Trustees on the telephone numbers below:

*Sylvia Hicks 01954 780840, Ann Meadows 01954 780373  
Pat Sheridan 01954 260758, Carol Collis 01954 201083*

# NATURE RESERVE



## Earthworks at Fen Drayton Lakes

A very exciting project is happening at Fen Drayton Lakes! Work is currently underway to

deliver improvements to the wildlife habitat as part of the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership Scheme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The work, which is one of the biggest projects to happen on the reserve in several years, will be a major boost to the fortunes of some of our key wildlife species. Earthworks contractors, Miles Waterscapes, will be carrying out the earthworks to the north of Ferry Lagoon and on Moore Lakes until early autumn.

We are enhancing existing islands and wet features, re-profiling lakes shores and removing invasive willow scrub for the benefit of birds all year round. The habitat will be especially beneficial for species such as lapwing, snipe, redshank and wintering ducks. These wetland birds favour open conditions, where they can spot approaching predators, and areas of marshy, shallow water which

are perfect for feeding and roosting. These birds tend to avoid lakes ringed by trees and so, after the work is completed, the reserve will be much more attractive for wetland species.

The improvements will also increase the abundance and diversity of species associated with these wetland margin habitats, such as amphibians and aquatic invertebrates and plants.

Amazingly, we are already seeing an effect – since the work began last week, greenshank, common sandpiper, ruff and dunlin have already been making use of the newly exposed mud!



We plan to keep disruption to our visitors to a minimum.

If you have any questions about the work taking place, please send us an email [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)

## LONGSTANTON WILDLIFE

As the summer draws to an end we focus on a species of insect that is important to our food industry. Can you guess what species we'll be looking at?? Here's some more clues: this species is an insect that flies, pollinates flowers, makes honey and can sting. Of course the species is bees!

As with all insects the body of a bee is composed of three distinct parts: the head, thorax and abdomen. All species of bees have four wings. The front wings which are larger than the rear wings, hook with the rear wings when the bee is flying; and they unhook for folding when the bee is not flying. Did you know, bees wings flap about 11,000 times per minute and that is why they sound like they are "buzzing"?! There are around 250 different species of bee in the UK: 225 species of solitary bees, 24 species of bumblebee, and 1 species of honeybee.



Bumblebees look quite different to honeybees. Bumblebees are larger and rounder than honeybees, are covered in lots of soft hair and are black with yellow stripes. Honeybees are golden yellow with brown stripes. Bumblebees and honey bees pollinate plants and crops. Did you know honey bees can sting only once? This is because their stingers are barbed and tear off when they try to get away. However, bumblebees can sting more than once because their stingers are smooth and do not get caught in the skin when they fly away. Bumblebee colonies or hives are smaller than honeybee colonies. Honeybee colonies are large and can survive for many years because they huddle together for warmth and eat the honey to stay alive in winter.

Both bumblebees and honey bees live in large families. They produce honey from the pollen and nectar of the plants they pollinate. They store the honey in honeycombs in their nests or hives and use this to feed their young. There are three types of bee: queen bees that are the egg-producers, workers which are non-reproducing females, and drones which are males whose main role is to find and mate with a queen bee. The queen lays eggs singly in cells of the comb in the hive. Larvae hatch from the eggs usually in 3-4 days. They



are then fed by worker bees and develop through several stages in the cells. The cells are capped by worker bees when the larva pupates. The queen bee and drones are larger than the workers and require larger cells to develop.

For many years now, bee numbers have been declining rapidly and our bees are in BIG danger! Bees are facing both loss of habitat and poisoning from toxic neonicotinoid pesticides (also called neonics). Did you know in the UK bees have lost about 97% of their grassland habitat?

We can all do something to help save the bees by creating bee friendly spaces in our gardens, schools, work or public green places. We can help bees by:

1. Avoiding the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, the harmful compounds in these pesticides are imidacloprid, thiacloprid, acetamiprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam. These compounds are common in many bug killer/insecticide sprays. So next time you go to pick up a pesticide read the label first!
2. Sowing plants such as: herbs (e.g marjoram, chives, mint, sage, thyme), comfrey, lavender, Buddlejia, foxgloves, honeysuckle, sunflowers, cornflowers etc.
3. Planting wildflowers and seed flowers e.g. bulbs such as crocuses, bluebells, daffodils etc.

Don't forget these plants can be planted in pots on a patio, if you don't have a large garden!

To help you we have a pack of bulbs to give away! This has been very kindly donated by the Oakington Garden Centre. Just send your name and contact details by email to: [longstantonlife@hotmail.com](mailto:longstantonlife@hotmail.com)



The lucky reader to receive the pack of bulbs will be randomly selected from all entries received by **Monday 17th October**.

**Remember we need bees to pollinate our fruit and vegetable crops!**

*Manjeet Bolla  
(Photos taken by Paul Bolla)*

# YOUNG READERS DESIGN COMPETITION !!!

In this issue we have a design competition for our young readers. The competition is open to children **aged 4-10 years**. We would like the children to design a picture (A4 or A5, landscape) for the front cover of the Christmas (Dec-Jan) issue of the LL magazine. So you might want to think of doing a design with a Christmas theme!!

To enter the competition, send your design to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by scanning and

emailing to: [longstantonlife@hotmail.com](mailto:longstantonlife@hotmail.com) before **Monday 31st October**. Remember to include your name, contact details and age with your entry.

The winner will be announced in the next issue, with their design on the front cover! Runners up will also have their designs included somewhere in our Christmas issue of the magazine. So young designers get your pencils and colouring paraphernalia out.....and good luck!!

## NUMBERS COMPETITION WINNER

The winner of the numbers competition in the last issue was Alice Burrell. She correctly provided the missing numbers for all 5 patterns. Alice is pictured here (on the right) receiving her bottle of white wine from Sinthuja, Senior Customer Service Assistant at the Longstanton Post Office and Stores. Congratulations Alice!

We'd like to extend our thanks once again to the Longstanton Post Office and Stores for donating the prize.



Here's the answers to the competition:

- A. 2 3 5 7 11 13 (prime numbers)
- B. 1 4 9 16 25 36 (square numbers)
- C. 51 53 55 57 59 61 (odd numbers)
- D. 3 8 18 38 78 158 (double previous number + 2)
- E. 108 110 112 114 116 118 (even numbers)

## VICTORIA'S KILIMANJARO CHARITY TREK



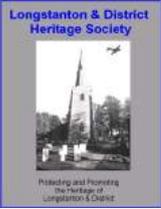
My name is Victoria. I've lived in Longstanton with my family for over a year and on the 26th November I'm trekking up Mount Kilimanjaro for World Child Cancer. I heard about World Child Cancer through work – I will be doing the trek with a group of colleagues – they

are a charity focused on evening the odds in terms of survival rates between children living in this country and children living in developing countries. In the UK, a child diagnosed with cancer has an 80% chance of survival; in Malawi, that chance is only 10% due to lack of resources, awareness and severe poverty. I signed up to do the challenge, part of which involves raising £3990, because I wanted to take part in something big this year; I didn't know what that was until I got the email back in January. I've never done anything like this before. As my family said, "you don't even like to walk to the bus stop – how do you think you'll manage walking up a mountain?" A fair point but I wanted to try and really push myself this year. A big part of that has been the fundraising; so far, I've ab-

seiled with friends down the side of Broadgate Tower in London, attended car boots, helped running a cake stall (I can't bake), put on three quiz nights, two of which had raffles with prizes donated by local businesses as well as family, put on fundraising picnics, run errands and been lucky enough to receive quite a few donations to my everydayhero page. I'm still raising money but now my focus has to turn to fitness. It will be a seven day trek, averaging six hours of walking a day under conditions of extreme altitude (Kilimanjaro stands at 5895metres above sea level), and I will need to draw on my mental reserves as much as my physical. Approximately two thirds of the people who attempt to summit Kili are successful - altitude related problems being the main reason for the others turning back. There's not much I can do about this, as I've no clue how my body will react, for now I'm practising my breathing through yoga, building on my fitness by going on long walks and to the gym, and plan on taking iron tablets to build up my red blood cell count. The most I can do is keep myself hydrated. I hope I will make it to the top.

*Victoria Stevens*

You can read more about the charity and Victoria's fund-raising efforts at <https://kilimanjaro16.everydayhero.com/uk/Victoria>



**Hatton Park School Heritage Board**

The LDHS was delighted to be asked to participate in the design and editing of a heritage board to stand in front of the old school pond at the back of the school that would provide historical information regarding the site/area in straightforward plain English. The draft boards were designed on an A3 format also consisting of historical information regarding Longstanton centred on the area of Hatton Park School and wild life to be found there. Draft text mainly drawn from LDHS and other local sources, appropriate images and logos used were all approved and provided by Amy Firth, who co-ordinated the project. Text for the wildlife section was solely provided by LDHS and Jeff Harrison supplied the photographs.



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**Re-Ordering Plans For All Saints' Church**

The original church on the site of All Saints' burnt down in 1349. Rebuilt later in the 14th Century it is the Grade 1 listed building we see today. Look closely inside the church and you will find that a few fragments of the earlier building remain.



However, as we enter the 21st Century, people's needs have changed and the decision has been made that All Saints' Church, its worshippers, visitors and the local community will all benefit from its modernisation with two of the most important additions being a toilet facility and a better kitchen. LDHS has been monitoring the proposals for this re-ordering for a while and is pleased to hear that much of the internal heritage will remain intact, including the Hatton Pew. We understand that the only major loss is the organ which has to be disposed of to make way for the new facilities.

For more information on a number of fund-raising initiatives in place, the plans or make a donation please visit their website: <http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk/>

**Museum Update**

Many of you will be aware that the society has made a public commitment to try to obtain a heritage centre / museum for Northstowe on the former site of RAF Oakington. This plan still requires progress in two key areas:

Firstly, the Northstowe Phase 2 Section 106 agreement must be finalised and a Heritage Strategy for Northstowe needs to be produced. We understand that progress on the former is ongoing and that this should enable work on the latter to commence in the autumn of this year. Secondly, funding has been provided for the work on the heritage strategy. LDHS is delighted because for many years we have been highlighting the need for Northstowe to have a heritage strategy. We fully expect our museum proposal to be an important part of these heritage strategy discussions.

**AGM / talk/ impromptu cheese and wine!** 2 Sept

Business was conducted in a relaxed and smooth manner, helped by the knowledge that our chairman had invited all present to join the trustees in an impromptu cheese and wine party once the AGM was over!

After the chairman, Roy Stoner's address; secretary, Hilary Stroude's report; treasurer, Will Johnson's report had been concluded and appropriately voted for successfully, the re-election of the trustees took place. Hilary Stroude, Roy & Jane Stoner and Tony Cowley all were re-elected without objection. The trustees then voted unanimously to re-confirm Roy Stoner as LDHS chairman, Hilary Stroude as secretary and Will Johnson as treasurer. The AGM was closed just before 8.00 pm when Roy played host going to each of our audience in turn, taking orders with regard to red or white wine or tea. A cheese board, together with biscuits/crackers and butter, was also circulated.

It was announced that unfortunately the advertised talk, 'Basket Making in Cambridgeshire' would not now take place due to the non-appearance of the speaker! However, at short notice Hilary Stroude gave a pre-prepared and much appreciated talk 'Memories of Rural Longstanton'.



Tony Cowley

**LDHS Public Talks Autumn 2016/ Spring 2017**

- Friday 7 Oct:** 'Chivers Jam Factory at Histon' (1873-1960) by David Oates
- Friday 4 Nov:** 'Impact of the Second World War on South Cambridgeshire' by Dr. Anthony J Cooper
- Friday 3 Mar:** 'The Changing Face of the Public House' by Mark Donachy (Landlord of The Red Lion in Histon)
- Friday 7 April:** 'Suffragettes and Votes for Women' by Mary Dicken
- Friday 5 May** To be confirmed...

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

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



**Hilary Stroude**, Secretary, Longstanton & District Heritage Society, The Manor, Woodside, Longstanton, Cambridge. CB24 3BU  
For more information on any of the above, please contact us on: Tel: **01954 782560** or e-mail [hilarystroude@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilarystroude@hotmail.co.uk)

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Exciting news from All Saints' this month as we open our 'tea room'. ALL SAINTS' CAKE CLUB will be opening on Monday afternoon 3rd October from 2 - 4pm. Come along for a nice cuppa and delicious homemade cakes. Take time out to meet friends old and new. There is plenty of space for young children to play safely whilst you enjoy your tea and we will be open every Monday during term time so take a break and come and join us.

At the end of October we welcome our new Team Vicar (designate), Lynda Davies, to Longstanton – she will be working alongside Julie, our Team Rector (designate) and will bring many skills to our new team of 5 churches. Lynda will be Licensed by Bishop David at Swavesey Church on Saturday 29th October at 5.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend this service. Lynda will be living at the rectory in Longstanton with her husband Martin and I know you will all give them a warm welcome to our village.

On Sunday 23rd October we are having a Beetle Drive, with prizes, for all the family. This will take place in The Village Institute from 3pm - 5pm, bring your own drinks, snacks will be provided and the cost is just £5 per family with any profits going to the church building fund. We look forward to meeting you on the 23rd.

Don't forget that our All Age Service is now on the second Sunday of the month at 9.30am and we have a service of worship every Sunday morning at 9.30am with Sunday School. Do come and join us to celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for all his gifts.

If you would like more information or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Julie Anderson 01954 231496 [julie\\_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk) or one of the Church Wardens Ann Shaw 01954 780074 [shawann49@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shawann49@hotmail.co.uk) or Sue Gamon 01954 782371 [sgcoutures64@gmail.com](mailto:sgcoutures64@gmail.com)

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Please feel free to contact me by email on [mikec321@btinternet.com](mailto:mikec321@btinternet.com) or on mobile 07768 735910

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## All Saints Bell Ringers

The ringers have continued to practise during the summer on Wednesday evenings, only Saturdays were stopped for the holidays. Our youngsters are improving all the time and we are extremely proud of them. Our little band of ringers also goes some way to maintain the friendship they enjoyed at Hatton Park as well as making new friends at Swavesey.

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