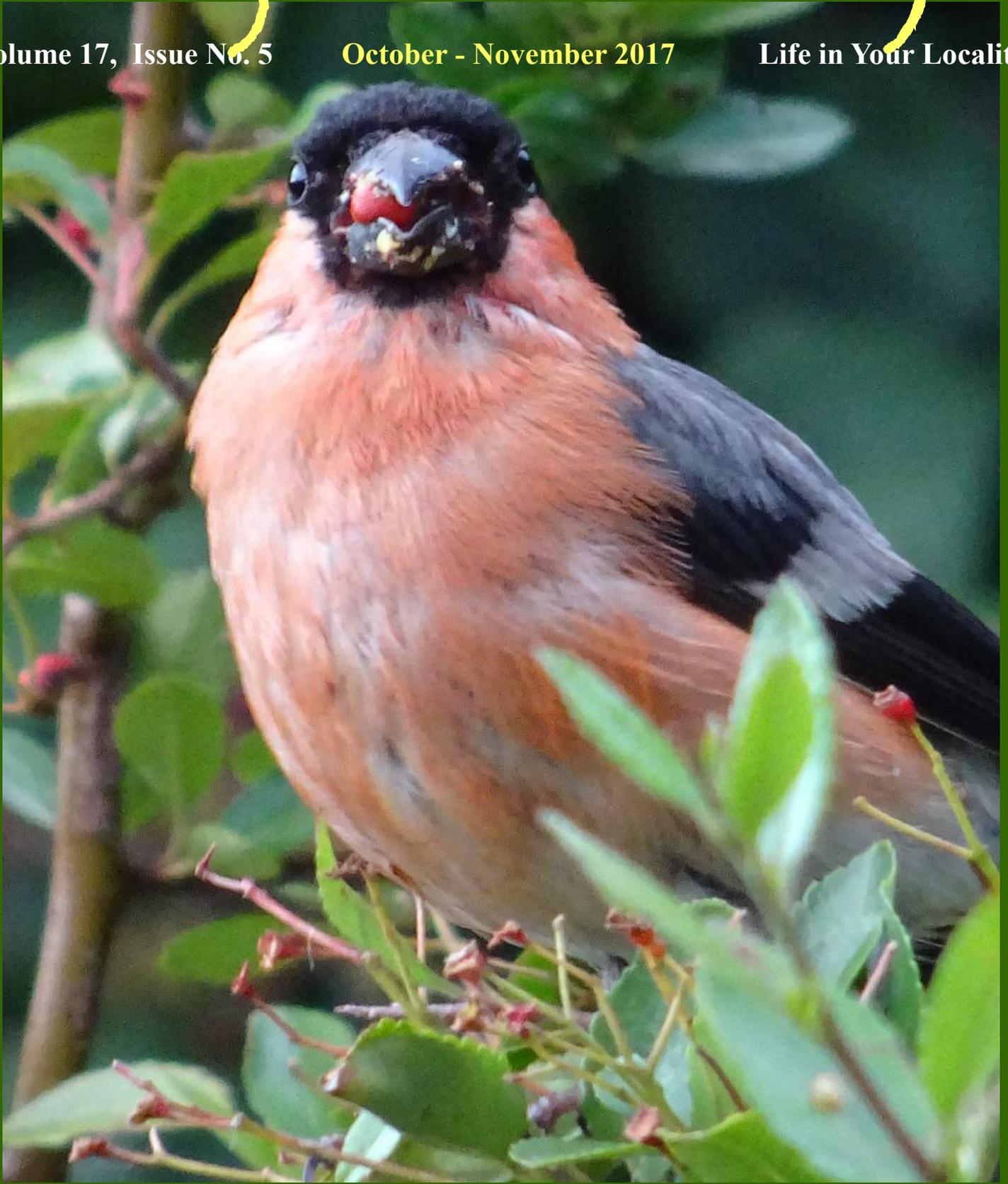


# Longstanton Life

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Life in Your Locality



Bullfinch— Pyracantha dinner time! Photo by Manjeet Bolla

**In this issue:** Afternoon Cream Teas in St. Michael's, Business Feature - Bushel Box, Letters, Longstanton Wildlife. Our regular features, including Sports News, Community Concerns, LDHS Update, Hatton Park News, Memory Lane and many more. New Competition - Dingbats. Make sure you don't miss it!  
Over-60s Annual Christmas Dinner Sign Up Form on Last Page

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# VILLAGE DIARY

<b>SUNDAY</b>	0930-1030	Sunday School	The Rectory, High St.	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1100	Tennis Club Sessions	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
3rd of month	1600-1800	Messy Church	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
<b>MONDAY</b>	1100-1200	Zumba Gold	Village Institute*	Davina Mee	07779 244250
	1800-2000	Bowls Club	The Pavilion	Marion Edwards	01954 780118
	17.30-18.30	Judo (5-7yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	18.30-19.30	Judo (8+ yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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	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		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1000-1100	Music Madness (0-3yrs)	Village Institute*	Sharon Sennitt	07762 206320
	16.30-17.30	Judo (5-7yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	17.30-18.30	Judo (8+ yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1910-2130	Army Cadet Force (12-18yrs)	Cadet Centre	Sgt. Rudderham	07759 056154
	1900-2100	Bell ringers practice	All Saints' Church	Mike Cartwright	01954 781275
	1930-2030	Jazzercise	Hatton Park School	Tina Chasse	01487 841811
<b>THURSDAY</b>	0630-0715	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	1000-1100	Rainbow Club (bump-1yr)	Village Institute*	Susan Meah	01954 781258
	1700-2000	Junior coaching and team play	The Pavilion		coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk
	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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	0930-1130	Little Leprechauns playgroup (0-4yrs)	Village Institute*	Alice Burrell	07779 363990
	1400-1600	Afternoon tea (over 55's)	The Dale Comm. Hall	Please just turn up	
	16.30-18.00	Judo (8+ yrs sparing sessions)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	17.30-18.30	Judo (Adult Session/Beginner+Experienced)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1800	Tennis Club Night	The Pavilion	Sarah Ballard	07985 938959
	1900-2130	ATC (Air Training Corps)	Cadet Centre		01954 781180
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1800-2000	Junior Cricket training	Recreation Ground	Janet Hill	01954 261009
	0915-1000	BodyMod Bootcamp	Recreation Ground	Danny Williams	07946 286068
	9.45-10.30	Judo (5-7yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	1000-1100	Longstanton Colts Football Club (6-12yrs)	Recreation Ground	Louise Gamon	07429 317803
	10.30-11.30	Judo (8-12yrs)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	
	11.30-12.30	Judo (12+ & family session)	Hatton Park School	Szandra Szogedi	

\* 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?

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



Photo LDHS via Neil Stroude

An easy one this time, for all local drivers with satnavs!

**Who:** Persimmon, builders of Phase 1 of Home Farm Estate.  
**Where:** Built at the entrance to Nelson Crescent.  
**Why:** Named St Michael's Park, allegedly without proper consultation with SCDC or LPC, who would have pointed out that St Michael's already existed as the other half of Longstanton and as such would cause utter confusion to our local postal service! It was demolished shortly after this photo was taken and now lives on only in the memory!  
**When:** c. 2006



Photo LDHS



## LONGSTANTON LIFE EDITORIAL

*Dear Readers,*

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer! It's time to pack away those shorts and sandals and get your warm coats ready as it is already quite chilly.

Firstly we would like to introduce two new members of our editorial team - Pia Spry-Marqués and Beth Jones. Thank you for your time, Pia and Beth, and we hope you will enjoy working with us.

In this issue: the afternoon cream tea event has proven to be a great success for the Friends of St. Michael's Church. It was a great turn out and good fun - read all about it on page 6. On the same page you can read about Wendy's farm shop - have you been to the Bushel Box yet? It has recently celebrated its 6th anniversary but there are many Longstanton residents who haven't heard about this shop. Wendy has kindly donated the prize for this issue's Dingbats competition, so take part to have a chance of winning a tray full of seasonal produce (page 15).

Manjeet was stalking some bullfinches recently, which resulted in a fantastic first page photo and a very interesting Longstanton Wildlife piece - check page 12 for an informative read.

If you have any interesting photos you would like to share with us, please send them in! Also all letters and suggestions are always welcome, so if there is something you would like us to include in the next issue (Dec-Jan), please send it to us. The deadline is 2nd November. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Keep warm,  
The Editorial Team*

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**Thursday, 2nd November 2017**

*Contributions for the next issue: by email to [longstantonlife@hotmail.com](mailto:longstantonlife@hotmail.com) or drop off at the Village Institute*

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## MP for South Cambs

## Heidi Allen



As we approach the end of the Summer, the big news from my constituency office is that we've moved! I've been looking for some time for a more visible, accessible office, so I'm pleased we now have a high street location in Sawston. We have been made to feel very welcome and it was great to meet the local businesses who came to our "open house" afternoon. The new address is 82A High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ, telephone 01223 830 037.



Open House to mark the official opening of my new Sawston office

Health was on my agenda this month as I visited Addenbrooke's Hospital to shadow the bed managers in the Operations Centre. They have the challenging job of managing beds and patient flow across the whole hospital, 24 hours a day. They do an amazing job, especially given the huge scale of the task, with the challenges of our growing, ageing population and the great pull of Addenbrooke's reputation. I'd like to thank the whole team for allowing me to spend the morning with them and gain an insight into their work. Spending a morning in the hospital also reminded me of the need for blood donations, so I popped around the corner to the permanent donation centre at Addenbrooke's. They are open six days a week and have free parking (and biscuits!) so there really is no excuse. Simply go to [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment. It's not very painful and it really does save lives.

I continue to work hard to improve our transport infrastructure across South Cambridgeshire, so am delighted that our aspiration to build a railway station at Addenbrooke's has been given the thumbs up by our Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling. I shared our proposals with him just before the parliamentary summer recess and he swiftly grasped the need to ensure that the Biomedical Campus reaches its full potential as a world-renowned centre of excellence. I am confident that the station will not only secure the local economy, but also ease congestion by removing from our roads many of the cars who currently commute to the campus. I also continue to work closely with local communities to improve our rural public transport. Go Whippet's recent announcement to reduce some of their services understandably caused a lot of concern amongst our parishes, so I was relieved that the County Council have retained most of South Cambridgeshire's services, albeit with some changes. Bus provision remains a complex issue in rural areas and I encourage you to lobby your local County Councillor (Councillor Peter Hudson for Longstanton) to ensure that they are aware of your concerns and transport needs.

Some residents contacted me about the County Council's consultation on Children's Centres, which is due to close on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. I met with the council's service director for children and families to gain a deeper understanding of the proposals, and challenged her on the level of analysis that lay behind them. She sent me more detailed data and assessments and I am fully scrutinising this information to ensure that I am happy with the potential changes. If you would be affected by the proposals and want to have your say, you can submit to the consultation until 22<sup>nd</sup> September at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-centres/children-s-centres-consultation/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-centres/children-s-centres-consultation/)

My next constituency surgery is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 10am to 12 noon at the Melbourn Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn SG8 6DZ. This will be my usual drop-in event with no appointment necessary. However, I am also trialing an appointment-only surgery for constituents with more sensitive issues who need a private environment. This will take place at the new office in Sawston on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: please call my office to book.

Details of all the upcoming surgeries can be found on my website at [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries). You'll also find further information about my work and news stories there.

To contact me, please email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk). You can also phone my Westminster Office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830 037 to raise local concerns.

See you next month!

Heidi



Longstanton needs a Community-Led Plan to enable residents to have an active role and voice in planning for the future. The plan is created to cover such things as environment, transport, economy, social and cultural concerns, amongst others. The last Parish Plan expired in 2015.

Presently, should a large development be approved within the parish, there is no evidence to show what the residents would need to counter balance or counteract the effects that development would have on the village. For instance, 100 homes would have an effect on traffic, public open space, road safety to name a few. Without the plan, the parish has less influence on any development in the parish.

In order to create a plan suitable for the needs of the village, we are looking for volunteers from a wide cross section of the community to help. Support will be provided by Cllr Burns ([cldr.burns@longstantonvillage.org](mailto:cldr.burns@longstantonvillage.org) or 07737 990 888), Cllr Dr Sastry ([satignal@gmail.com](mailto:satignal@gmail.com) or 07976 627493) or the Parish Clerk ([parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org)).

If you have never done anything like this, you may still be the best person to help!

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# COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## County Councillor

## Peter Hudson



At the last Parish Council meeting, I was asked for details on the proposed transformation of children's services and agreed to report on it once I had full details, which were not available until after the last edition of Longstanton Life went to press. However, a link to this County Council Consultation, as with all consultations, was placed on the Parish Council Web Site. My document detailing the current proposals along with their implications for

Longstanton may also be found here as well as on the village Facebook page.

### Children's Centre Services Consultation drop in.

The drop-in consultation took place on the evening of 7 September in Bar Hill, but was unfortunately very poorly attended. The outstanding Children's Centre staff explained the plans, describing how the huge costs of building maintenance can be massively reduced by instead renting Parish spaces, saving money to be put back into front line services. They emphasised that there would be no loss of service: messy play, stay and play, one-to-one support visits, telephone advice and online support would all continue. The maternity and child health clinics would also still be available. Moreover, the service would move into the community providing direct local needs. This outreach system is already happening in some areas, with improved take-up of services due to the ease of attending; Longstanton may benefit from this. The Centre's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BarHillPapworthWaterbeachChildrensCentrePage>, has over 2,500 followers and lists all the activities and support available. I left the session feeling much more optimistic, and I very much hope the consultation is successful.

### Flick the switch and save on energy

The County Council has teamed up with independent energy switching scheme iChoors to find the best energy deals for Cambridgeshire residents in preparation for the cold season ahead. Many people are paying too much for their gas and electricity and haven't changed suppliers in years, but residents can register on the 'Cambridgeshire Energy Switch' scheme free-of-charge and without obligation to look to secure a good energy rate for the year ahead.

The scheme will hold an online energy auction on Tuesday 10 October. The supplier who offers the cheapest tariff in the auction will be recommended as the new energy supplier to those who have registered with the scheme. Residents will receive details about how much money they could save on their annual energy bill before they decide whether or not to accept the offer.

I really welcome this scheme and would encourage as many residents as possible to take advantage, as the more people that participate in the scheme, the cheaper energy prices are likely to be. Sign up for the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch and see how much you can save at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch)

### More on using council assets

The County Council is considering projects which develop its assets to reduce costs and generate income. My previous update described how the council is building the Soham Solar Farm, and another great project will transform the Park & Ride site in St. Ives into a renewable energy generator. The County Council has now been granted planning permission to build a Smart Energy Grid, using innovative solar panels on the site to generate electricity.

Solar panels will be installed on canopies above the car parking spaces to generate electricity. This will be used to power efficient LED lighting and support electric vehicle charging, with additional energy being stored and sold to local customers. The County Council is partnering with the government, the town council, businesses and power networks to execute this £3 million project, and securing half of the cost from the European Regional Development funds is essential. If the bid is successful, the County Council will invest the other half and aims to recoup this cost through the sale of electricity.

If built, the Smart Energy Grid pilot project will be three times larger than the current largest solar carport in the country, and could be replicated at other sites around the county. St Ives Park & Ride is well placed to pilot the Smart Energy Grid, and I hope that this concept of generating, storing and selling energy locally will be widely replicated in future.

*Peter Hudson*  
County Councillor

## Longstanton Parish Council



**New Councillor** I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Dan delaMare-Lyon as our newest Councillor for Longstanton Parish Council. In addition to his role as Councillor, he is also the Community Speedwatch co-ordinator for the village. Please do contact him if you would like to be involved.

**Youth Council** Longstanton Youth Council has been working on organising a replacement activity for the Connections Bus; please keep an eye on the website and social media for information as details are confirmed.

They will need adults to attend the activity for safety reasons, so if there is anyone who can spare some time on a Tuesday afternoon, please contact the Parish Clerk at [parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org).

### Ongoing Council Work

- Installation of the new village gateways on Home Farm Road, Hattons Road, School Lane and Station Road. The speed limit for three of these roads has also changed to 40mph (certain signs were temporarily incorrect).
- Agreement for improved maintenance of the Recreation Ground which will provide a better playing surface for the clubs and hopefully, better drainage.
- Ongoing communication with the Local Highways Officer with the aim of filling in-range pot holes, providing additional gully sucking for drain clearance (especially for the blocked drains on Woodside) and noting additional faults including broken drains and faded markings.
- Working towards adopting two further areas of land within Home Farm Phase 3a.
- Ongoing liaison with developers on the adoption of Home Farm roads. This includes the roads in Phase 2 which have been outstanding for 10 years.

**Longstanton Feast** In the last edition of Longstanton Life, I noted the possibility of reintroducing the '*Longstanton Feast*' or similar. It seems that most other local villages already have an event of this type. Ideally a group of volunteers would run this event rather than the council, although the Clerk and I would be happy to be involved in the first year. Please do contact the Clerk for further information and to volunteer.

The Christmas Light Switch-on will be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017** on the Village Green. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for updates.

**Northstowe** The next community forum at the Pathfinder School will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017, with a drop-in from 6pm and the meeting at 7.30pm.

**Council Vacancy** We continue to have one vacancy for the position of Councillor on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact Libby White, Parish Clerk by email [parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org](mailto:parish.clerk@longstantonvillage.org) or 01954 782323.

### Message from Anglian Private Pumping Station Campaign Team:

We may have some good news for those parishioners who have a private pumping station on their property and have not yet registered it with Anglian Water.

Currently, homeowners spend hundreds of pounds every year for electricity running costs, maintenance and repairs to look after these private pumping stations. They may even have been flooded if it's broken down in the past. As of 1 October 2016, many of these private pumping stations automatically transferred over to Anglian Water and became our responsibility. We have taken over all of the maintenance and the running costs too, saving customers hassle, worry and money.

Local residents should get in touch with Anglian Water if they think they have a private pumping station. To help customers identify and report the pumping stations, further information can be found: [www.anglianwater.co.uk/privatepumpingstation](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/privatepumpingstation). If you have any questions, please email [privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk). For other queries, please contact our Public Affairs Team on: [public.affairs@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:public.affairs@anglianwater.co.uk).

Thank you in advance for your support.

*John Street*  
Chairman LPC

## Cream Tea Afternoon at St. Michael's

After a week of changeable weather we were fortunate to experience one of the nicest days of the summer on 13th August. Doubtless, the weather contributed to the enthusiastic turn out for the 'cream tea' afternoon at St. Michael's church. It was a resounding success raising over £500; other donations raised the total to over £700.



The usual army of cooks, tea makers and dishwashers ensured it went well. We are grateful to All Saints, and to the Parish, for allowing us the loan of some

equipment for the day. Needless to say, the generosity of those attending made it all worthwhile.

Events such as these, and the regular opening of St. Michael's, draw attention to the need to maintain and use this building. We will continue to hold events in the church although they will be limited in the colder, shorter days of winter.



The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) have encouraged the regular opening of the church, to enable the public to enjoy the building and to appreciate its historic significance to our community. Since the end of June, the daily opening has resulted in over 170 people signing the visitor's book at the church. Again, the contributions from visitors have helped raise funds for CCT's work in maintaining the building.



Please continue to watch noticeboards for things happening at the church – a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th Sept (10.30-12.00). Also in the planning stage is a bulb planting afternoon, and a Christingle service in December.

These are early days for the Friends of St. Michael's Church group (FOSM) and we would very much like to encourage residents to support us by joining. The larger the membership, the more likely we are to harvest a wide range of ideas that will benefit the whole community.



Household membership is just £5:  
Email: [fosm2017@gmail.com](mailto:fosm2017@gmail.com), or phone 01954 201766 for details.

*Narelle Hassell*

## Growing Willingham Farm Shop Celebrates Sixth Birthday



The Bushel Box Farm and Coffee Shop is celebrating six years of serving the community with a special cake baked by founder, Wendy Jones, using pears grown on the farm.

This popular small business situated in Willingham, Cambridgeshire, began in 2011 and is located on the Manning Fruit Farm, a 100-acre site with 38 acres of orchards which has been growing fruit for over fifty years, specialising in apples and plums, but also growing pears, apricots, peaches and asparagus.

Wendy (Jones) who grew up on the farm and has a real passion for local produce explains why she wanted to establish a farm shop:

"We would sell some of our own fruit from one of the outbuildings here at Manning Farm at certain points of the year and it was great to see how much people enjoyed buying our produce and chatting to us about it.

"This memory stayed with me and when I had the opportunity I decided to open an all year-round farm shop on the site.

"At the beginning it was just me selling to people who had always come for our fruit. However, over the six years the customer base has grown to still include these traditional shoppers, but we now have a lot of younger people and families from the surrounding area because they are keen to know where their food comes from, to eat more seasonally and to enjoy the personal touch that only a small business like this can offer."

Wendy still knows the names of many of her customers, but the success of the business, which also includes a weekend coffee shop, means that she has taken on additional staff from the surrounding area.

Team member and loyal customer, Jane commented: "Wendy be-

lieves in sourcing regional and seasonal produce wherever possible. I think she would like to apply this to everything, but does balance it with having imported items such as bananas, oranges and ginger as well as securing a year-round supply of things like courgettes, salad items and calabrese which are important to our customers."

"There is obviously a great range of fruit and vegetables but on top of that we stock a variety of goods from local suppliers including fruit juice, coffee, tea, preserves, ice-creams, cakes, sweet and savoury snacks."

However, it is not all plain sailing and the Bushel box faces the same challenges as many small businesses along with being at the mercy of Mother Nature; this year the family had many anxious times with the late frost, which put a lot of the produce at risk; but then the very warm early summer mean that a lot of the fruit has arrived earlier.

This includes the plums for which the farm shop has a well-deserved fantastic reputation, stocking around 35 varieties over the course of each season, which are all grown on the premises.

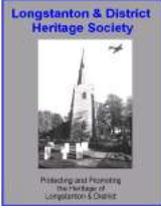
The Bushel Box (130 Station Road, Willingham, CB24 5HG) opened on 17 August 2011. The shop is open Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 6pm and on Sundays from 10am – 4pm. The coffee shop is open Saturday and Sunday, 10am – 4pm.

Website: [www.bushelboxfarmshop.co.uk](http://www.bushelboxfarmshop.co.uk)

*Allie Birley*

*In photograph left to right: Grace, Jane, Wendy (shop owner), Rachel, Eloise and Allie*

**Results of 2nd Longstanton Test Pitting**



**Access Cambridge Archaeology (ACA)** with the **Cambridge Archaeological Unit (CAU)** as part of the **University of Cambridge**, ran a weekend of archaeological test pitting in the village of Longstanton on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in conjunction with the **Longstanton and District Heritage Society (LDHS)**. The test pitting tied in with more recent archaeological work at Northstowe on Phase 2, where the excavation is going to uncover more about the large Roman settlement that has been identified on the old Oakington Airfield.

The organisation was aided by Rodney Scarle of the LDHS and our base for the two days was at The Manor Longstanton, kindly hosted by Hilary Stroude. The weekend started with around 30 people arriving at The Manor for a quick briefing by Alison Dickens (ACA's manager and Senior Project Manager at the CAU) and then it was out to site in the early autumn sunshine to start digging.



A total of **11 test pits** were excavated over the weekend, the majority in private gardens and sited along the length of the village between **Thatchers Wood** in the south, up the **High Street**, in **Thornhill Place** and **Hattons Park**, to **Striplands Farm** and **Hattons Farm** in the far north. An additional pit was sited in the far east at Rampton Drift. Cat Collins (ACA) toured the test pit sites with Alison both days to offer advice and support where needed and were joined by Project Officer Matt Collins from the CAU on Sunday, who is currently running the Northstowe Phase 2 excavations.

All the groups excavated to a decent depth and uncovered a range of finds, all of which adds to our understanding of the wider picture of previous settlement here and how it ties in with what has been discovered during the much larger excavations at Northstowe.



Of note, how a potential of three archaeological features were able to be identified within the confines of these small **1m<sup>2</sup> test pits**, all of which were found in the north of the village and close to the Phase 1 works, suggesting that the archaeology identified there does indeed extend west into the current village as they were recorded as being on the same alignment as the features identified in Phase 1.

The excavations also showed that there has been a significant deposit of builder's rubble at both

Thatchers Wood and Rampton Drift. There was one test pit that was excavated close to the original Manor site of Hattons Park (and named after the last Lords of the Manor) and sited likely where Longstanton Primary School is today. Just to the west of this was excavated test pit five which uncovered a range of likely 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century brick rubble and mortar suggesting that this may have been the site of or was close to some outbuildings associated with the Manor or even remnants of the wall itself when it was taken down. A nice find from this test pit was also the discovery of an Electro Plated Nickel Silver spoon, probably also of 19<sup>th</sup> century date.



At the end of the weekend, all the volunteers, garden owners and interested members of the public gathered back at the Manor for a brief summing up by Alison on what was found and tying it into the wider landscape, with a chance to see all the finds on display before they were bagged up and transported back to Cambridge for analysis by ACA.

ACA would like to thank again all those who took part in the excavations and to those whose gardens were dug up and to both **Rodney Scarle** and **Hilary Stroude** for their organisation beforehand as well as hosting the event at The Manor. There are many more phases of this Northstowe investigation and hopefully we'll be able to come back and dig in Longstanton again in the future. Watch this space!



*Cat (Catherine) Collins, ACA*

*(With apologies and many thanks to Cat for editing her blog on the ACA website that provides a very full account of the 2nd Longstanton dig - Tony Cowley)*

**First LDHS Autumn Talk of 2017  
Samuel Pepys by Dr Gordon Hewlett**

The LDHS AGM for 2017 was successfully held on Friday 1 September and marked the 10th AGM of the Society. It was followed by a talk on Samuel Pepys by Dr Gordon Hewlett. He gave a very amusing and animated presentation, in the same style of the one he gave on Sir Christopher Hatton almost exactly a year ago.



*Samuel Pepys*

Pepys was born in 1633 and due to his father's connections he was made sure of a good education in Huntingdon and at Cambridge. The talk was uniquely introduced with a warning to those in the audience of a sensitive disposition to turn away when Gordon described in some detail, aided by a sketch, of a large stone being removed from

bladder by very crude surgery, when Pepys was still in his 20s! He recovered to rise to being Administrator of the Navy by his 30s. He kept his famous diary in short hand, that provides his most enduring legacy. He survived the great fire of London and the plague and died in 1703. Gordon's talk was warmly applauded before several good humoured questions from his appreciative audience.



*Samuel's school at Huntingdon*

*Tony Cowley*

**LDHS Last Public Talk for 2017**

**Friday 3 November: 'Bricks in West Cambridgeshire'**  
(17th and 18th centuries)



- **Michael Coles** (back by popular demand)



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**

# HATTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello to all of Longstanton. We did it! Hatton Park has successfully returned to its home in the heart of the village.



Moving out to Northstowe came with its challenges but everyone agreed that it was worth it. My thanks go to the Local Authority, Kier Construction, and to The Pathfinder School for making this move safe for our pupils. Now we are in our 'forever home', I must express my thanks and gratitude to Kier Construction. They were respectful, reliable, and adapted to the changing needs of a growing school. The building is fantastic and is clearly the result of hard work by all involved. The children and their families have given many positive comments too. Please do look out for posters advertising our official opening, where you will be able to come and see the school for yourselves. Just give the children some time to make the building their own! My thanks also go to my dedicated staff who gave up their time over the Summer break to ensure that the building was ready and welcoming for our children on 5th September. Hatton Park is lucky to have them.

I am pleased to say that our last year's Year 6 children are settling in well to Secondary life as Year 7s; some of them have already dropped in to have a look around and tell us how things are going. We were all really proud of them and the results that they achieved with us at the end of the year. We'll miss them but know that they are ready for their next step in life.

The term has started well, with the children becoming used to the new layout and spaces that make up the school. They have already impressed me with their attitudes and behaviour, something that we pride ourselves on at Hatton Park. The Reception children have

started with a flurry of activity, bringing to life their wonderful new learning space in the heart of the school. The Year 1 children have been busy accessing the 'Balanceability' programme where they use balance bikes as the first step towards learning to ride a bicycle. Year 2 are immersing themselves in exploring the fascinating history of 'The Great Fire of London'. For the first time, we have two



Year 3 classes. These children are now starting the Key Stage Two curriculum. Year 4 are rather excited about their learning theme of 'Chocolate' and the prospect of a trip to Cadbury's World. Year 5 and 6 have moved into the rather lovely back extension we fondly refer to as the Year '5/6 Wing' and are loving using our new Dance Studio.



The entrance to the school has a really safe feel now that the gates are closed at drop-off and pick-up times. My thanks go to the school and local communities who have made this happen. Many parents have already commented about the improvement. Now that we are

currently at 273 pupils and growing, it was necessary! We regularly remind our families that need to drive, to park respectfully around the village. However many families have appreciated being able to once again walk, cycle or scoot to school now that we are in a much more central position.

Once again, it is good to be home and back in the centre of the community. We love involving as much of the community as possible so if you have a skill to demonstrate, memories to share, or would just love to help out with reading or leading a club, please do get in contact with the school. We'd love to hear from you. Just remember, as safeguarding our children is of the highest importance, we will ask you to complete a DBS check. Just speak to the School Office for more information.

I look forward to showing you around our wonderful school soon!

**Anthony Aguda**  
Headteacher

## LITTLE LEPRECHAUNS PLAYGROUP

Little Leprechauns is up and running again so if you have a little one then do come and join us! We have had a number of new families who have joined the group this term and would love to welcome more. The children have so far had lots of fun creating underwater scenes and woodland creatures in our craft times and there are plans for a lot more fun creations.



If you would like to keep in touch with what we are doing join our Facebook group for the latest information.

The group would like to thank the Co-Op for its continued support. We would also like to give a big thank you to Alice Burrell who has

been a fantastic committee member for many years and is now stepping down from these duties. Emma, Felicity and Lucy are the current committee members and any other parents attending the group who feel they are able to come and help would be very welcome to come and join us plan, prepare and run the group.

*Little Leprechauns Playgroup meets every Friday morning during term time from 9.30am to 11am in the Village Institute. Ages 0-4 welcome. We have free play followed by a fruit snack, a story, and a craft. Tea and coffee available for adults; baby area available for tiny tots. Only £1 per family.*



**Emma, Felicity and Lucy**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Longstanton Life,



In the last edition of Longstanton Life, Stephanie Ness complained that I do not communicate via a Facebook page to inform residents of County Council works and issues. Well, Stephanie is absolutely correct, I do not...and the simple reason is, that on becoming a County Councillor three years ago I did set up a Facebook page, but residents were very non-responsive, and I could see it was getting no reach whatsoever. So I asked a lot of people about it and the consensus was, "we already have an excellent village website and Facebook page, so why try to compete or replicate it?"

I always present the Parish Council with a monthly report which is added to the website, all the County Council consultations, along with major announcements are posted on the website and Facebook page, so therefore, it seems everything is already covered on the communications front. The Parish Council provide this excellent website and Facebook page, so people don't have to go searching in different places, it is a one stop click, if you like. I also prefer for all of these things to be non-political and factual.

I see and speak to our friends and neighbours in the Co-Op, the Post Office, walking around our village and not forgetting when I pop into the Pavilion and Black Bull. It's good to communicate face to face.

All my contact details are available on the County Council web site, and you will see from my recent annual report that last year alone I worked personally with 148 residents, all through email, telephone or face to face, who contacted me with various issues easily and quickly, and I very much look forward to helping many more over the next four years.

*Many regards  
Peter Hudson  
County Councillor*



We wish Margaret and Jeff a good and happy time in their retirement. They have been a good support in the village. Margaret will be missed with her support to the Senior Citizens Xmas Party event, nothing was ever too much trouble.

All done with such kindness, and we thank you very much!

*All the very best.  
From Margaret, Hazel and  
Friends of the S.C.X.P. Committee*



I have lived in the village for several years now, but I have never met anybody who has a plausible explanation for exactly why the road from Longstanton to Oakington is notionally closed to traffic.

There's no doubt that it's an important transport link, as demonstrated by the large number of cars that are passing along it at more or less any time of day. So you would think that there would have to be some very good reason why they are not supposed to do so, but I have not been able to find out what it is.

I've even done some research into the history of why it is closed, but not managed to find any explanation beyond "because it is". I did find one reference to it not being safe for traffic, although it is not clear how or why – but if that's the case, given how important the road is, surely the sane response is to make it safe instead of closing it down?

Over the next three years while work on the A14 continues, this role is going to be even more, not less, essential to people not only in Longstanton and Oakington but from the surrounding villages as well. Perhaps another of your readers, or one of the columnists from the various Councils, can explain just why we do have this extraordinary situation where it is not legal for them to get between two neighbouring villages along the road that was put there for the purpose?

*Yours faithfully,  
Dominic Simpson  
Rampton Drift*

## LONGSTANTON CROCHET AND KNITTING

The club meets once or twice a month in The Black Bull pub to natter and to share our appreciation for everything yarn related. We love to share and admire each other's projects, patterns and yarn-related purchases. The conversations continue between sessions on our online Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/longstantonknitandcrochet>, where we share ideas, news and plans.

We meet at 8pm on the second Tuesday in the month, and also often meet for an extra charity knit night at 8pm on the fourth Tuesday, where we have previously made twiddle mitts for dementia patients. We are due to start with a blanket composed of contributed 5 inch Granny Squares - let us know if you'd like to contribute squares, even if you can't attend the meeting!

We have had the pleasure of welcoming yet more new joiners to our club. One visitor from outside Longstanton commented that she was on the lookout for a friendly, welcoming club to craft with; she is very happy to have found us.

We also received a kind donation of the volume "Fancy Needle-

work Illustrated" from a member of the public which is over a hundred years old (see picture). We have all enjoyed it and have contacted the Victoria & Albert Museum to see if they would be interested to add it to their extensive needlework archives.

Sad news for us local crafters is that we are shortly losing our local Cambridge yarn store. The Sheep Shop has been flying the flag for independent yarn shops for 6 years and we are disappointed to hear it is closing. Discounted stock will be on sale until October or until it runs out.

Please get in touch on our Facebook page to say hello or for help and advice. The group continues to be grateful to the Black Bull for hosting us.

*Your enthusiastic knit-committee: Alice, Samanta & Sarah*



## LONGSTANTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



With the summer break over, Longstanton Women's Institute returns on September 18th with a talk about Victorian nursing in London's East End. October 16th then sees us don fancy dress as we hear spooky stories from the past.

You don't need to be able to make jam or bake cakes to be part of the WI. There's always tea and cake at meetings though! If you enjoy diverse company, why not come and say hello at one of the meetings? They start at 7.45pm at the Village Institute.

*Debbie Lienau*

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB



It has been 4 seasons since Longstanton have had a men's side in the Cambs football league. 2017/18 season sees the return of competitive football to Longstanton. We started back in June with pre-season and followed that with 6 pre-season matches where



we pitted ourselves against experienced higher level opposition to test where we were ahead of the coming season; we completed our pre-season with 3 wins and 3 defeats.

Our first game of the season saw us away to Thaxted Reserves which didn't end in our favour unfortunately, then came the return of men's football on the recreation ground after a 1,236 day absence! Our second game of the season saw us play a team from the league above in the Lower Junior Cup. We finished the 90mins at 4-4 and went into extra time which didn't see any more goals, so the tie went to penalties. With the pressure mounting, our captain and village lad, John Hughes stepped up and scored. He was followed by goals from James Pickford and Dan Parker. Between these saw our opposition miss the target and then our keeper, Ryan McCormack, make a save, leaving Ben Leach to score the winner and put us through to the next round!

We play most Saturdays and our fixtures can be found on our Facebook page or on posters at the Pavilion. We would love to see you at the rec cheering the lads on.

Thank you for your support.

*Ben Lee - Longstanton FC Manager*

## LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

It's feeling decidedly autumnal now, with a definite chill in the air, but that's no reason to stop playing tennis! The courts are in use all year round, with floodlights available during evening clubnight sessions. To book a court, simply use our online booking system <http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk/book-a-court/>. Members can book for free while non-members pay a £5 'pay and play' fee per use.

Coaching continues throughout the winter too, with sessions running in 6 or 7 week blocks every Tuesday and Thursday during term time. To find out which class best suits your ability or standard, please contact our coach David Nation directly by emailing [coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk](mailto:coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk). David coaches both adults and juniors of all abilities, so he'd be delighted to hear from you. Coaching is open to both members and non-members (with members benefitting



from a reduced rate). Individual personal coaching is also available. It's been a busy summer season. One of the highlights was our very first Junior Tournament, held on the morning of Wimbledon Men's Finals day (July 16th). The event was really well attended, with 17 local junior players entering and having a great time. Many parents stayed to watch and cheer from the baseline, making the most of the good weather. Taking part and having fun was the name of the

game, with the structure of the day planned to accommodate a wide mix of ages and abilities. There was lots of mixing in, with everyone playing quick-fire doubles matches (4 games each) and then swapping partners and opponents.



Everyone played in 3 matches each and a tally of games won was kept for each individual player, in order to decide the winner. **Ini Kaz-eem** was the overall winner with 10 games, closely fol-

lowed by runner up **James Parker** with 9 games won. The trophy presented to Ini was the *Jake Benton Memorial Trophy*. Jake was a very keen junior tennis player and a wonderful member of the club, who sadly passed away far too soon. We were delighted that Jake's mum Jacqui was available to join us for the tournament and to present the inaugural trophy. We hope that this will be the first of many Junior Tournaments, underlining the growing interest in junior tennis at the club, and long may it continue. Many thanks to our coach David Nation for organising the event along with several other committee members, particularly Damian Kramer.



If you are interested in joining the club or finding out more, please have a look at our website [www.longstantontennis.co.uk](http://www.longstantontennis.co.uk). Alternatively, pop down to one of our club sessions on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 pm, and Sunday mornings from 11 am.

Hope to see you on court soon!

*Sarah Ballard 07985 938959*

# VILLAGE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

## LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



With matches and ground renovations complete, the 2017 season is now finished and we can therefore look back on another successful year for Longstanton Grasshoppers Cricket Club, both on and off the field.

**On field successes:** Most notably a huge congratulations to our U13 Junior team who managed to reach the last eight in the National Cup competition, after winning the Cambridgeshire competition, and were only one win away from making the last four in the country. This was a truly outstanding achievement.

Congratulations also go to our Midweek XI who managed to win division 2 of the Business League and our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, which includes a large number of our junior members, who achieved promotion through a series of high scoring performances. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished fourth, just missing out on promotion and all of our junior teams performed well in their respective leagues. In 2017 we also had several of our junior members representing Cambridgeshire County age groups, which is something we are hugely proud of.

**Off field successes:** We successfully obtained a grant that enabled us to refurbish the practice net on the recreation ground, which is free to use for anyone wishing to participate in practising cricket during the summer months. We only ask that the displayed rules of the net are adhered to, to allow us to maintain this facility for everyone's benefit. The cricket club also managed to retain its ECB Clubmark accreditation status which is a three yearly ECB assessment of the cricket club to ensure the club is managed and is delivering cricketing opportunities to the defined ECB criteria. This is important as it demonstrates the club adheres to the latest ECB policies and standards and is vital when applying for funding streams to maintain and improve facilities and equipment.

In 2017, the cricket club ran a total of eight teams; four senior (2 Saturday, Sunday and Midweek) and four junior (U15, U13, U11 and U10) aiming to provide cricket for all ages and abilities. To do this takes a great deal of effort and organisation, so a big thankyou to all committee members, volunteers and parents who have helped over the last 12 months in making the club successful, we look forward to your continued support in 2018.

To find out more information on how to get into cricket, playing or organising, you can contact Longstanton Grasshoppers Cricket Club at [sjpryor1@gmail.com](mailto:sjpryor1@gmail.com).

*Steve Pryor*

## LONGSTANTON BOWLS CLUB



What an exciting finish we had to the end of the 2017 outdoor bowls season! Our two Cambridge & District teams were both fighting for final rankings in their respective divisions. The division 3 team was chasing promotion to division 2. Thanks to a run of good wins at the tail end of the summer, we went into the last match needing only one and a half points to secure second place and promotion. Unfortunately, we

only gained one point, so lost second spot to Newnham by half a point. The division 4 team was fighting for placement at the other end of the table and was desperately trying to avoid ending up in one of the bottom two relegation places. Although we had some good wins mid-season, we gradually sank down the table as other teams with games in hand overtook us. We ended up rock bottom, so having come up from division 5 last year, we are returning there to play with all our old friends again in 2018.

In the Cambridge Business Houses Pairs Bowls League the two Mixed teams had a very successful summer. The A team ended up comfortably just below mid-table in division 1, but the B team in division 2 had a storming season, winning 9 out of their 12 games and finishing top of table. They will be promoted for 2018, so we will have both Longstanton mixed pairs teams in division 1. The men's team had a steady rather than stellar summer, finishing just below mid-table.

We put in a very creditable performance in our first year in the Ely & District mixed afternoon league. At some points during the final

third of the season it looked like we might gain one of the three promotion spots from division 2 to division 1. In the end though we finished a very respectable 6<sup>th</sup> from 13 teams, only 11 points shy of a promotion place.

This year for the first time Longstanton bowls club was invited to host the C&D men's singles and ladies' singles competitions semi-finals. I am pleased to report that Longstanton's own Cath Locking (of the village, not the bowls club unfortunately) was a winning semi-finalist. We wish her the very best of luck in her final at Abbey bowls club on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Hosting the semi-finals was a great honour and a compliment from the league on the quality of our green. Many thanks to Paul Walsham, David Slights and the Green Team for all their hard work improving the green and bringing it up to competition standard.

Unfortunately outdoor bowls has now finished for 2017 – it seems to last no time at all! We will be starting again in April 2018, and we always welcome new bowlers of any standard, from novice to experienced. Don't worry if you do not want to play in matches – there are regular club roll ups on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons, so there is something for everyone. We normally send out information about the coming season in about March, so if you think you would like to give bowls a try please send your contact details to our Membership Secretary – Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email [marionedwards1@btinternet.com](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 FLOOD ACTION GROUP

The ponds are now finished and fully functional.

This is good news for Longstanton and a relief to those who have flooded in the past as the ponds will provide us with much needed-protection from future flooding events.

Whilst the landscaping looks complete when driving past it, it is actually due to be completed in the autumn. Gallagher will have

responsibility for maintaining the site until such time when it will be transferred to SCDC. There is no intention to open this area to the public.

The Longstanton Flood Action Group continue to meet regularly and will provide any updates that may be of interest to Longstanton Life readers.

*Jackie Long*

## What's been happening

Now that the summer is over we turn our attention to making sure all the habitats are in good shape for the following spring and breeding season. We have already begun clearing viewpoints around the lakes to give visitors views of the wildfowl which arrive in the winter months. We will soon start removing willow from the reedbeds in order to provide better quality habitat for bitterns, marsh harriers and bearded tits and will coppice sections of hedgerow which have become old and leggy in order to rejuvenate them and provide nesting habitat for species such as whitethroat and blackcap. Additionally, we are also removing the mature willows which line the lake edge of ferry lagoon, in order to provide our winter wildfowl and breeding waders with muddy edges in which to feed.

## Wildlife

This autumn's arrival of passage migrants started off with a bang when a local birder found the reserves first ever wryneck along middle fen. The wryneck is a striking bird which is closely related to woodpeckers. They used to breed in the UK but now only occur as a passage migrant. Passage waders have also been dropping

into the reserve and these have included ruff, dunlin, common sandpiper and green sandpiper.

This year we also discovered a new species of damselfly on the reserve. The willow emerald damselfly is a species which has recently colonised the UK and is undergoing a range expansion from Norfolk and Suffolk. These damselflies lay their eggs in the branches of willow which overhang water, meaning that Fen Drayton Lakes should be a perfect home for them. The first individual on the reserve was found on 29th August and hopefully there will be more to come. Furthermore, if this new species colonises the reserve then this will take us to 19 species of dragonfly and damselfly which breed on the reserve in abundance.



*Willow emerald damselfly: Hugh Venables*

As winter starts to set in, the lakes take on a different feel. Gone are the insects of summer as we say hello to flocks of wildfowl, such as wigeon and teal, which migrate to spend the winter in the Ouse valley.

*Luke Wake (luke.wake@rspb.org.uk)  
Assistant Warden, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes*

## LONGSTANTON WILDLIFE

The days are getting rapidly shorter and colder, the leaves are falling, and autumn is definitely here! Whilst we have the beautiful colours associated with autumn, the animals are busy getting ready for the cold winter months. There is a plentiful supply of berries, fruits, nuts and seeds everywhere which provide food for animals in preparation for winter.



One such animal is a bird (photo, left), the bullfinch that has been feeding on berries in the garden. These bullfinches visited regularly until they had stripped the *Pyracantha* plant of all its berries, as can be seen by the photos (front cover and opposite) of a male bullfinch caught red-handed, or should that be red-beaked?!

Bullfinches have a massive appetite for berries/buds particularly those on fruit trees, although they do also feed on insects and seeds. The bullfinch (latin name: *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*) is named after its bull-type

beak. Bullfinches are quite plump and timid birds. The male bullfinch is pink-breasted, with pink cheeks and a blue/grey back. The female bullfinch has a lot paler breast with a brown back. They live in various habitats such as woodland, hedgerows, and orchards. The females build the nest using mainly twigs and moss. They like to nest in bushes and shrubs. The average lifespan of

bullfinches is two years. The bullfinch belongs to the finch family of birds, Fringillidae. Other popular species of finches include the chaffinch, greenfinch, goldfinch, siskin, and brambling (also known as the bramble finch).

Autumn is the time to keep a look out for flocks of birds that are migrating, either away from here to warmer climates in the south (such as swallows and house martins), or those that are arriving here. This latter group falls into two categories: (i) winter visitors that will spend the winter here, such as redwings and bramblings, and (ii) passage migrants that stop off to feed and rest for a brief while (usually a few weeks) in the UK during their migratory journey; such birds include common/green sandpipers and black terns.

Also in abundance at this time of year are these tiny creatures which most of us may want to keep away from....spiders! However, their silky webs certainly look very beautiful in the morning dew and it is fascinating to watch them spin their webs.

Finally, don't forget the flora this autumn. There are lots of different types of berries around the village, the most appealing for us being blackberries. Blackberries are tasty not only to us but also to many animals such as blackbirds, thrushes and squirrels. You could also look out for fungi which pop up not only in woodland areas but also on lawns and parks, as well as on tree trunks. But be very careful as some species are poisonous, and wild fungi should only be eaten (or touched) if they have been identified with absolute certainty as being safe.

*Manjeet Bolla*

## COMBERTON RAMBLERS

Walking is good for you, good for everyone! Going for a walk is good for your body, your mind and the environment. For such a simple activity, the benefits are endless. It is good for your health, it lifts your mood, it is a sociable activity and a great way to meet new people. It also counts towards the recommended 150 minutes of physical activity you should be doing each week.

### So why not join the Comberton Ramblers?

We walk alternative Sundays between 4 and 7 miles. We are a friendly/informative group and enjoy exploring the varied country-

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

Our full walks programme plus photos can be viewed on [www.combertonramblers.org.uk](http://www.combertonramblers.org.uk)

For further information please contact Stella the Secretary: email [stella.ramblers@hotmail.com](mailto:stella.ramblers@hotmail.com) or tel. 01954 210049.

*Stella*

## WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

Reception Tel: Willingham 260230 Longstanton 207600 Dispensary: 207602 District Nurse Team: 01223 726469  
Option 2 Health Visitors: 01954 207612 Out of hours cover: Ring 111 Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

**Thursday Afternoon Opening:** From Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Willingham Surgery will start to open a small clinic on Thursday afternoons. Emergencies will no longer need to contact the Over Surgery for treatment as we will have a single GP available at Willingham. A limited number of advance bookings with the GP will also be available. Please note the Dispensary and Pharmacy will remain CLOSED on Thursday afternoons.

**Surgery Closure Afternoon:** Please note the surgery will be CLOSED due to staff training on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm. If you experience a life threatening emergency you should call 999. If you have an emergency which is not life threatening, you should call the surgery on 01954 260230. Further instructions will be on the answer phone message about how to access urgent care. The surgery will re-open at 08:30am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November for all other matters.

**Flu clinics** are now booking at both Willingham and Longstanton surgeries. 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 long term medical conditions regardless of age. If you are unsure please ask.

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

**Flu vaccines for Healthy Children** The campaign to reduce flu in the community continues this year by vaccinating healthy children. This winter, children born between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2015 are eligible to receive the free nasal flu vaccination at the surgery. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

**NHS Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)** from the end of September you can send your repeat prescription to any pharmacy electronically. You can order your medication from the surgery dispensary in the usual way allowing 2 working days notice as before. You need to nominate which Pharmacy you wish to collect from by completing a nomination form. These are available from reception or Willingham Pharmacy. For further information ask the Dispensary or Pharmacy team. Please note if you are ordering by phone you should ring the Dispensary on 207602 NOT Willingham Pharmacy.

**HepB for babies** HepB has now been added to the vaccination programme for babies at 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks of age.

Any child born on or after 01.08.17 will be eligible. Please speak with your nurse or Health Visitor if you have any questions.

**Patient Surveys:** We conduct a patient survey annually in order to get your feedback and look at how we can improve and adapt our service for you. You may be asked to complete a questionnaire when you attend the surgery, or alternatively you can complete the survey anonymously online via our website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk. Your feedback is greatly valued, and you can do this either by posting a review on our NHS choices page, or by completing the form on the website, or by posting a comment in the box at reception.

**Carers Support Meetings:** Our next meetings at Willingham Surgery are on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November & 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. We will put you in touch with other agencies who can advise on benefits, and offer support and relief when you most need it. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

**Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics** The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are 18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> November & 20<sup>th</sup> December. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

*Sharon Unwin – Practice Manager – October 2017*

### Willingham Surgery:

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08:30 – 1:00</b>	<b>2:00 – 6:00</b>
<b>Appointments</b>	<b>08:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>3:00 – 5:00</b>

### Willingham Pharmacy:

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08:30 – 1:00</b>	<b>CLOSED PM</b>
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## The Pavilion

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Where did the summer go? Luckily not much rain – well not on a Saturday – so nearly all cricket games played. Well done to all the teams, great results.

We are now into the football season with the new senior team playing. We're doing bacon rolls (or sausage judging by the number we sold this weekend). We are planning on selling soup as well so that you can cuddle a cup when the weather gets colder! Why not come down and cheer the teams on a Saturday morning? We would also like to say thank you to the Bowls Club for their continuing support with supplying the bowls teas. We know they are happy for anyone to have a go on a Monday night once the season starts again.

We have introduced quiz night on the last Friday of the month.

### 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



First one in August was good fun and we look forward to more competitors for the September one on 29<sup>th</sup>. Dates for future ones will be on the notice board in The Pavilion or check out our website. We start at 8.00 pm with a cash prize.

We are also arranging our own Memory Walk on 22<sup>nd</sup> October leaving from The Pavilion at about 12, further details to follow. Future dates for your diary include Halloween, Children's Xmas party and New Year's Eve party – again keep your eye on notice board, web page and Facebook.

Please remember we are not a members club, and we would appreciate if you can pass this on to any new villagers.

*Michael, Suzanne and The Pavilion team*

# ELY FESTIVE 5k RUN RETURNS



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is delighted to announce that registration is now open for Ely Festive 5K, which takes place on 26 November. Those wishing to be part of the fun are encouraged to sign up early to avoid disappointment!

The run has a merry reputation with an appearance from Santa and dozens of snowmen, reindeer and even Christmas puddings crossing the line in Ely Market Square from 11am. Santa hats and medals are available for finishers with prizes awarded for fastest male, female, boy and girl,

fastest team and best fancy dress. There will also be delicious mince pies to enjoy from Archer House.

Senior Events and Marketing Officer, Tasha Hills, comments "Ely Festive 5K returns for another year, and has seen a flurry of registrations since it's online launch just a few days ago. The popularity of the event grows every year and as always the community's support is essential. We would be delighted to also hear from local businesses and organisations willing to lend their help and maybe even volunteers to help marshal the fun run."

Sign up at <http://www.arhc.org.uk/Ef5k-register.asp> or for a postal registration form (to be returned by 20 November) call 01223 675888.

Registration will close upon reaching 650 participants or at 1pm on 24 November. The family friendly event costs £12.50 for adults and £8 for children under 16. Register before 30th September to be in with a chance of winning Bib Number #001.



## SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS) DIARY OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2017 - MARCH 2018

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017	"BUMBLEBEES" A presentation by Brian Eversham From The Wildlife Trust
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	"WILDLIFE AMONG THE MIDDLE LEVEL WATERWAYS" Presented by Cliff Carson Environmental Officer for the Middle Level Commissioners
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017	<b>CHRISTMAS SOCIAL</b> The usual mixture of food, wine and members' memorabilia A good chance to get to know each other! Suggestions for the next cycle of activities welcome. Why not bring a friend (or two)? Please bring a contribution of food or drink
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	"DRAGONFLIES OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE" Presented by Val Perrin From the British Dragonfly Society
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	To Be Announced
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	To Be Announced

All meetings are at Over Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. If you need a lift phone: Frances Parish-01480 498301 or Pat Miles-01954 780485. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MAILING DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE. IN ORDER TO SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE DIARY OF EVENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT SOCS BY EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT: [frparish@ntlworld.com](mailto:frparish@ntlworld.com). Admission Free unless otherwise stated.

However a donation of £2 per indoor meeting towards overheads & refreshments would be much appreciated.

## WILLINGHAM LADIES HOCKEY CLUB Are looking for New Members?

Willingham Ladies Hockey Club is open to any ladies over the age of 17yrs who would like to play hockey on a fun basis. We are not in a league and you don't have to commit to coming every week. So why not give it a try. It's a great way to keep fit! Players meet at Willingham Recreation Ground/ Ploughman Hall Car park at 9.30am on Saturdays from September to May.

For further details contact Teresa: phone 01954 260177, or email: [teresa.fcca@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.fcca@gmail.com)

**You don't even have to own a hockey stick as we have a supply.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to join our distribution team!

We are in need of volunteer distributors to deliver Longstanton Life once every two months to around 180 homes on the following streets: \*Part of Duddle Drive, \*Part of Mitchcroft Road, \*Walker Way, \*Swallows Close, \*Holland Walk, \*Hart Close, \*Lothouse Way.

These were previously divided into 2 rounds, but any help you can offer would be much appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Emma on [emma@wilsonsofcambridge.com](mailto:emma@wilsonsofcambridge.com) or 07717 297429.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

## 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, one situated in Over village and the other at 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:

<i>Sylvia Hicks</i>	<i>01954 780840</i>
<i>Carol Collis</i>	<i>01954 201083</i>
<i>Ann Meadows</i>	<i>01954 780373</i>
<i>Pat Sheridan</i>	<i>01954 260758</i>

# DINGBATS COMPETITION!

In this issue we have a “dingbats” competition. For those of you that may not know, dingbats are visual word puzzles from which a well known phrase or saying has to be identified. The 6 dingbats shown below need to be solved:

1. WHEEL WHEEL DRIVE WHEEL WHEEL	2. 13 DOZEN	3. 123456 US
4. BIG 4BOOTS BIG	5. B T BUSH E A	6. T L E B

To enter the competition, send your answers to Longstanton Life either by posting at the Village Institute, or by emailing to: [longstantonlife@hotmail.com](mailto:longstantonlife@hotmail.com) before **Friday 27th October**. Remember to include your name and phone number with your entry.

The first person randomly selected from those with the correct answers will receive a tray full of seasonal produce, kindly **donated by The Bushel Box Farm Shop**.



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

## FOOD LOGOS COMPETITION WINNER



The lucky winner of the food logos competition was Hayley Clements. She is pictured here with her Tesco Gift Card. Congratulations Hayley! Our thanks again to Tesco. The answers were:

1. McDonald's
2. Lurpak
3. Starbucks
4. Pepsi
5. Uncle Bens'
6. Fosters
7. Wall's
8. Nestlé
9. Pringles
10. Weetabix



## PIG/PORK BOOK COMPETITION WINNER

The winner of the Pig/Pork book competition was Karen Griggs. She is pictured here receiving her copy of the book from author Pia Spry-Marqués. Well done Karen! **“Turkey”** was the correct answer to the question: ‘In which modern day country can you find the sites of Çayönü and Nevalı Çori, two of the locations in which pigs are thought to have first been domesticated?’



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**All Saints' Bell Ringers**

*The majority of this last quarter has been taken up by the summer holidays so activity has been spasmodic. However, we have rung for two weddings which is always a happy occasion. We have also had new ringer/learners from the local Air Cadets, they are keen to learn and in doing so they can use it as part of their Duke Of Edinburgh's award scheme. We would welcome anyone who would like to try the bells with a view to becoming part of our ringing band. Please contact me on: [mikec321@btinternet.com](mailto:mikec321@btinternet.com) or tel. 07768 735910*

*Mike Cartwright*

**Ball Room Dancing**

*I have had one or two inquiries for beginners classes. We do not have a beginners class but we would be prepared to take on a very small group, say 2 or 3 couples, to get to grips with basic steps in the waltz, quick step, cha cha cha. and the foxtrot. We meet Thursday evenings at 7.30 for one hour, come along and you would be made very welcome. If you are able to dance a little and you would like to improve, please feel free to contact me by e-mail on: [mikec321@btinternet.com](mailto:mikec321@btinternet.com) or tel. 07768 735910.*



*Mike Cartwright*

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LONGSTANTON



Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, the harvest gathered in so let's celebrate! Join us for a three-course Harvest Supper in the church on 7th October for just £15/pp. Tickets must be bought in advance from Sue Gamon (019054 782371).

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 8th October 9.30am. This will be an All Age Service with a baptism so come along to help us celebrate this occasion. Gifts of fruits, vegetables and non-perishable goods will be taken to the Over Day Centre and Foodbank.

October 29th is a 5th Sunday so we will have a joint five-church service in St Mary's Church in Over at 10.30am. The family service will be led by GenR8, an organisation working to help young people come to know Jesus. There will be lots of fun and activities for children as well as Holy Communion.

November 18th 2-5pm: Advent Fayre in the church. It will be a 'one stop' shop for all your Christmas needs: no crowds, no parking problems; refreshments will also be available.

The Cake Club continues on Mondays from 2-4pm in the Dale Communal Room. A comfortable warm space for old and young alike. All welcome so come along and enjoy delicious homemade cake, good company and a nice cuppa.

In September, we said farewell to Lynda, our Team Vicar, who has moved to pastures new at Cottenham. We shall miss her and wish her all the very best in her new position.

Service dates and times to take a note of:

- 15th Oct - 7th Squadron Service at 10.30am
- 29th Oct - no service in Longstanton (10.30am at Over)
- 12th Nov - Remembrance Service at 10.45am
- 26th Nov - no service at Longstanton (10.30am at Willingham)

**Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9.30am. Check the notice board during the vacancy as times may change.**

If you would like more information on any of the above or have questions about baptism, marriages or funerals please contact our Administrator Gillian Beale 01954 203459 [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk), one of our vicars - Rev. Julie Anderson 01954 231496 [julie\\_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk) - or the Church Wardens - Roger Valentine 01954230519 [rvalen6199@aol.com](mailto:rvalen6199@aol.com) - and Sue Gamon 01954 782371 [sgcoutures64@gmail.com](mailto:sgcoutures64@gmail.com)

**Julie Anderson, Team Rector  
& Sue Gamon, Church Warden**

## 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. The Friends would like everyone to come and see what is afoot. A display with graphic impressions is in the church, which is open during daylight hours every day.

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 £50 (based on 100 members).

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

Or 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.5, 2nd - No.15**

**September: 1st - No.40, 2nd - No.41**

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Longstanton  
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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: <http://friends-of-all-saints-church-longstanton.org.uk/>



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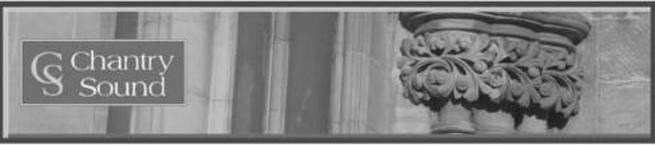
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Please arrive by 2pm and the entertainment will begin at 2.30pm

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