



Longstanton & District Heritage Society

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ANNUAL REPORT

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LDHS is an independent society, launched at an inaugural meeting held at Longstanton Village Institute on 11th May, 2007. Governed by our constitutional obligations, LDHS is run by a committee elected by society members. 50% of the committee must stand for election at the society's AGM, held each September.

Membership prior to renewals on 1 April 2019 stood at **70** although this number does not reflect individual family members. This is the same as last year which indicates that membership of the society is stable. Once again our primary objectives have been met, with the **LDHS Archives** continuing to be both expanded and protected. Advice is currently being sought from various professionals so that the administration and indexing/ recording of the society's archives can begin to follow the standard practices of professional museums and heritage organisations. This is necessary to future-proof the society.

The society has yet again hosted a program of **Talks**, open to members and non-members, which covered a wide range of topics. The first talk of the 2019 Spring Season was free of charge to members and non-members alike, thanks to Homes England kindly agreeing to pay the speaker's fee. A number of new residents from Northstowe attended the talk at the

constituted organisation which has now achieved formal recognition by the Churches Conservation Trust, the building's owner. LDHS will continue to act to protect and promote this ancient church as required by our constitution but we welcome the formation of the Friends group which will work to support this building on a day to day basis.



*St Michael's Church,
Longstanton (date unknown)*

In addition to helping set up the Friends of St Michael's Church the society, under the guidance of the Secretary, continues to act in an advisory capacity for the **Heritage Core Group** and was a consultee during the drafting of the Homes England Management Plan for the **Manor Farm Paddocks**. LDHS continues to work hard with others on the establishment of a **Heritage Facility** on former site of RAF Oakington. LDHS has also spent the last year continuing to raise awareness over Longstanton's groundwater issues and we will continue to do so until the **Kingfisher Pond** is fully restored, as promised by SCDC and the developers. We are pleased to see that the Parish Council has been working on solving this issue also; not only to protect the village ponds but also to protect the buildings and livelihoods of local residents.



*Kingfisher pond, Northstowe
Phase 1 (April 2019)*

LDHS Public Talk Spring Friday 1st March 2019



'Ongoing Discoveries at Northstowe Phase 2' by Alison Dickens

Finds from the large Roman settlement and more, from under the Northstowe Phase 2 footprint ...

FREE PUBLIC TALK

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

Courtesy of Homes England. **Everyone Free**. Talk followed by tea, biscuits and chat.



Village Institute and it was wonderful to see our shared history bringing the old and new communities together. When the society launched in 2007 this was one of our stated aims and to see this happening is vindication of years of work; this result could not have been achieved without the support of our members.

The society has been delighted to act in an advisory capacity and support the official launch of the **Friends of St Michael's Church** as a fully

The Next Year will see LDHS working as usual to protect and promote the heritage of Longstanton, Oakington, Westwick and Northstowe. We also hope to make real progress on formalising the administration of the society and making sure that LDHS is future-proofed so it can continue to serve these communities for generations to come. If you wish to help with the administration of the society please do get in touch.

Hilary Stroude (LDHS Secretary)