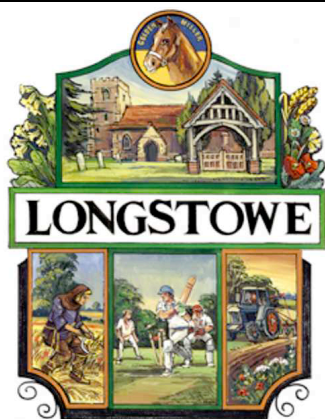




THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

July 2020



Coronavirus (Covid 19)

New National Testing Site: A drive-through coronavirus testing facility has opened at the **Milton Park & Ride**. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste, can book an appointment to be tested for whether they currently have coronavirus. Use the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or call 119.

Covid 19 Co-ordination Hubs

Cambridgeshire County Council: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

South Cambs DC <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents>

Longstowe Volunteer Help: Parish Council and Volunteer Group contacts:

Clerk, Sharon Brown 07587 781217 or Longstowepc.clerk@hotmail.com

Chair, Barbara Cooper 07803 903047 or bcconfidential@caw.ac.uk

Maddy Crowther 01954 718303 – for urgent food, supplies & prescriptions

Victoria Bevan 07832 100441 – a 'phone call for a friendly chat.

Face Masks: the wearing of face masks on public transport has become compulsory. Further details are on the Government's [website](#).

Makes you think. Bourn Surgery website: Your prescription will be ready for collection in 4 working days (excluding weekends and bank holidays). So if you order on a Friday it will not be ready until the following Tuesday.

Longstowe Post Office opening times: Monday, Wednesday and

Thursday 9:00–12:30 for the sale of stamps, issue of pensions, posting letters and small parcels, obtaining an account balance and issuing cash via a debit card. Collection point for some parcels. *Use it or lose it!*

Last collection times: High Street: Mon–Fri: 16:15, Sat: 10:30. Fox Road: Mon–Fri: 09:00, Sat: 07:00.

Local Scam

I have just received a telephone call looking as though it originated from an 01954 number. A rather pushy young

man wanted me to know that “the loft insulation or wall insulation I have had fitted recently may not have been fitted properly and needs checking”. He was trying to arrange a free survey for me before I hung up on him.

All very good but I’ve had neither loft insulation nor wall insulation fitted since we have lived here, though I did myself put a decent layer of insulation up in the roof soon after we moved in.

I tried to call the number back only to find it doesn't exist.

Please be aware, don't give callers like this the opportunity to defraud you.

Peter

A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements

Highways England is launching a supplementary consultation on the improvements scheme. The consultation will last until 28th July. Printed versions are available

To have your say, visit:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a428>

There is a fly-through video which is fascinating to watch.

Neighbourhood Watch

Your co-ordinators are:

Deborah Hemmins 719638

Peter Hemmins 719372

If you see an incident, please take all the details and jot them down.

Numbers, dates, times, descriptions. If matters are urgent dial 999. Otherwise telephone 101.

You can also report incidents at www.cambs.police.uk.

Letter from America

Hello to all my friends in England from your friend in America! I send my heartfelt hope that the Covid-19 outbreak doesn't affect anyone there. It's wreaked such havoc everywhere. I am so blessed to live and work in a small community (by American standards). I'm considered high risk, but also an essential worker, and my company gave those who stayed a \$2 per hour raise. We call it hazard pay! So I've been working a lot, wearing gloves, mask, and behind plexiglass. I'm a Christian and have survived so far although I have 2 autoimmune disorders. My son has a heart condition and diabetes. We all do what we know we must to be safe.

Unfortunately, it did nix my visit to England this summer. I'm heartbroken. I go through Toronto, Canada, so I have to have their borders open too. I'm told my ticket will be honored for up to two years! So I am looking forward to next summer. As I travel through my photos and videos, I'm reminded of a multitude of things different in England. Definitely good things. Both countries have many wonderful landscapes and customs. But I think about what my ancestors would have felt having to leave beautiful England to come to America now knowing what hardship they were to face here. The heartbreak had to be crushing. Much harder than the heartbreak I feel because I can't go there this year but remind myself that it's a valid reason nobody could have foreseen.

One difference, of course, is weather. I'm told that summer is usually fraught with lots of rain. But it didn't happen while I was there either time. So I was able to see a lot of East Anglia. That's

probably more than I've actually experienced in my country. I've seen the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and swum in the Carribean and the Mediterranean Seas and now I've put my feet in the North Sea! My family told me that while I was there the weather here unleashed 3 weeks of thunderstorms and tornado warnings. I'm glad I was there.

The people I've met in England are so different from the general public in my area. I feel I've made real friends with many people in and around Longstowe. Friends that I feel a kindredship with. I have 2 close friends here. I have a whole county of friends there! Everyone I have met, even briefly, made me feel cared about; you were interested in me and America, and treated me as well as any of my friends at home.

We also have a fete. But it's called a Founders Day. It doesn't benefit a church or a non-existent village hall. The money is made by vendors that set up sales in tents. There is a local live band or two. But the city and county makes money off tax charged for each item sold and permits for food service! The merchants make money off sales. No volunteer spirit here. We don't have a village hall and our churches are funded by the members' donations. Need I mention language differences? Okay, one thing... Trump means the same there as here. Well mostly... ooooooppps.

I miss you all. Let me know any questions you have. If you don't have my direct email, I'll be glad to hear from you through Peter White.

Your American Friend,
Jeanne Magers

Could be useful to someone

All this recent wet weather, together with a recent tidy up and clear out of my tractor shed (shack?) led me to think back a few years to when I had to replace its felt roof. Felt roofs are cheap, notoriously prone to wind damage and are good for five years if you are lucky. The tractor shed roof was becoming very leaky and I was faced with having to do something about it during a wet and windy time of year.

My criteria were: it had to be light, totally rainproof, easy to fit, likely to last more than ten years and be CHEAP. It had to be easy to install too, on my own, in damp conditions.

I thought about corrugated metal: too heavy, more than I wanted to pay, needed cutting to fit. I considered felt but dismissed it as too fragile, prone to rips and wind damage.

I pondered long and hard and finally came up with the great idea of using PVC pond lining. Great! Less expensive than felt, available in large widths, so easy to fit, no joins, light, totally rainproof. Five years later it is still keeping the rain out and showing no signs of deterioration. Job done!

Worth considering. After the tractor shed falls down I could still use the PVC to make a pond! PW

Exercise Classes: Keep active for older people, free.

<https://www.facebook.com/oakactivitieskeepactive>.

An anagram to ponder:
SHOOTING PECULIAR CLOWNS

JOTTINGS FROM THE LONGSTOWE CHURCH PCC (PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL):

The Church is open for private reflection and prayer. Please do come in and if you have time can we ask you to sign the Visitors Book.

This morning, as we sat in the porch at the church, having cleaned around for the bats, it was hosing it down with rain, so plenty of time to stare out into the churchyard!

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in
grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can
dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

W.H Davies

Scam email... please be aware that a scammer is sending out emails pretending to be Revd Nigel di Castiglione... Rest assured Nigel would never ask you to purchase Amazon gift cards. Please mark as spam and do not respond. Thank you.

How to contact

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Team Sunday Worship at 10am via Zoom.

Team Morning Prayer at 8.15 every day, Monday to Saturday. Pray with us via Zoom.

Team Morning Praise at 11.15 by telephone only (0330 336 0036), then enter pin code (889466). A short worship service using the telephone, rather than using computers and the internet.

Team Bible Study via Zoom: every Wednesday, 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Giving: We are encouraging as many as possible to maintain regular financial giving to their church during

this period. For many of us an easy way to do this is by setting up a Standing Order. To get the details you need (Sort Code, Account number and name) go to your Church page on the team website and send a message to your PCC Treasurer through the Secure Contact Form facility.

New YouTube Worship: A choice of hymns and songs focussing on the psalms.

Daily Hope: a free national phoneline, 24 /7: 0800 804 8044 – church services, music and prayer.

Dates for your Diary:

Harvest Supper – date **still** booked for 10th October. Fingers crossed!

Bins: Wednesday, *=Thursday

1 July		Blue & Green
8 July	Black	
15 July		Blue
22 July	Black	
29 July		Blue & Green
5 August	Black	
12 August		Blue
19 August	Black	
26 August		Blue & Green
*3 September	Black	
9 September		Blue
16 September	Black	
23 September		Blue & Green
30 September	Black	

SCDC: Put your green bin out every fortnight. We guarantee to empty your green bin every 4 weeks, but please put it out every fortnight and we'll empty it if we can.

Loan Sharks:

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) recognize that this period may be one of increased financial pressure for some people. The Team is committed to ensuring that illegal money lenders (loan sharks) do not

take advantage and profit from other people's hardship. The Stop Loan Sharks helpline service remains open and fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage not only victims but friends, family members and the wider community to come forward if they suspect someone is suffering at the hands of loan sharks.

History and Archaeology

Children in the Viking Age Teaching Guide: A pack of worksheets, slides and background for teaching 5–8 year olds about childhood during the Viking period: <https://sscip.org.uk/resources/>

Hidden Depths: Resources using archaeological evidence to engage young people about what it means to be human, and how assumptions about human nature affect their lives, mental health and wellbeing: <http://www.hiddendepths.org/>

Council for British Archaeology Books and Publications: The CBA have temporarily made all of their publications available to download for free: <https://new.archaeologyuk.org/books-and-publications>

Fire safety in the home

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has released a useful online booklet explaining good smoke alarm habits, how to avoid fires in your home, how to avoid electrical fires, how to plan an escape route and the benefits of making a bedtime checklist.

Read the full guidance [here](https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/media/2764/nfcc-fire-kills-fire-safety-in-the-home-covid_sml_.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery): https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/media/2764/nfcc-fire-kills-fire-safety-in-the-home-covid_sml_.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

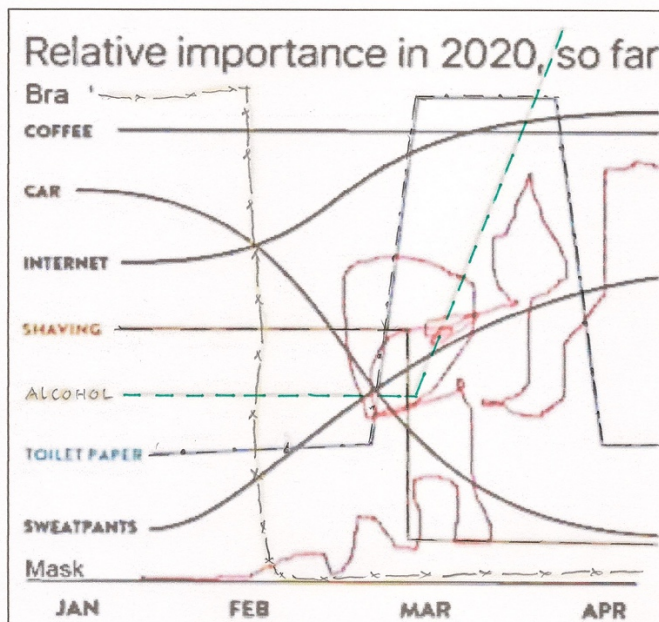


To report a pothole

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

For Sale:

I have a couple of petrol-powered two-stroke generators for disposal. 240v 600/800 Watts. Good working order and not knocked about. They are £25 each. If interested please call me on 01954 719669. Peter White



Safe and well checks continue

Safe and well checks for people who the NHS believes should be shielding who have not yet registered have been continuing.

Recently, the Co-ordination Hub has been supported by the British Red Cross and redeployed staff, including county council library staff members, to make contact with just over 2,000 people to check whether they are okay and need help and support.

As a result, 27 people who required urgent help and support were identified.

Rob Hill, part of the hub team, said: "... We know from the visits we have made so far how essential this work is.... I cannot thank enough the redeployed staff and volunteers we have supporting us on these checks. Their hard work is making sure that some of the most vulnerable people in our communities are supported."

At the time of writing, there are now 18,893 people on the shielded list, with 4,538 people telling the hub that they need ongoing support.

Aware of the additional pressure upon unpaid family carers during the coronavirus lockdown, Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council have been busy calling carers to make sure they have access to support... Information for carers is available on the County Council / City Council websites.



Beat the Heat

Coping with heat & COVID-19

Stay cool at home



Many of us will need to stay safe at home this summer



Know how to keep your home cool



Look out for others safely, follow COVID-19 guidance

Stay cool, keep well



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Slow down when it is hot



Stay connected, listen to the forecast

Cooler, safer places



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Self-isolate at home if advised to do so



Use cool spaces considerably, keep your distance

Watch out



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Cool your skin with water, slow down and drink water



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/heatwave

PHE publications gateway number: GW-1289

to refer the matter to the Committee. You also still have the right to ask your District Councillor to refer the matter to committee.

What has not worked well so far is that if the call-in request is rejected, the service has not always provided feedback to you to explain why. We have not put in place a process to ensure that parish councils get feedback on call-in requests. Now that we have the Area Team Leaders in place, I hope that you will work closely with them to talk through any concerns you may have.

I want to reassure you that we value the role of Parish Councils, and the insight that you bring to the table. Parish Councils are Statutory Consultees as per legislation which you can read yourself at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consultation-and-pre-decision-matters#Statutory-consultees>. That is not changing in anyway.

Representations by parish council before determination of application

25.—(1) Where the council of a parish are given information in relation to an application pursuant to paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 1 to the 1990 Act (local planning authorities: distribution of functions)(1), they must, as soon as practicable, notify the local planning authority who are determining the application whether they propose to make any representations about the manner in which the application should be determined, and must make any representations to that authority within 21 days of the notification to them of the application.

(2) A local planning authority must not determine any application in respect of which a parish are required to be given

Planning applications and the Parish Council

The Parish Council is often asked about planning decisions. This is taken from South Cambs District Councillor's June report to Parish Councils, along with some Government instructions:

You (the Parish Council) consider an application and send in your call-in request (a request that the matter goes to the Planning Committee and/or that the Parish Council views are considered) as normal giving material planning reasons as well as any other information you consider necessary based on your local knowledge. These form the basis of the discussion to determine if the call-in is accepted or not.

Furthermore, the new guidance is that where an application is controversial or sensitive, then the Planning committee would normally expect the Case officer

information before—

(a)the council of the parish inform them that they do not propose to make any representations;

(b)representations are made by that council; or

(c)the period of 21 days mentioned in paragraph (1) has elapsed,

whichever occurs first; and in determining the application the authority must take into account any representations received from the council of the parish.

(3) The appropriate authority must notify the council of the parish of—

(a)the terms of the decision on any such application; or

(b)where the application is referred to the Secretary of State—

(i)the date when it was so referred; and

(ii)when notified to the appropriate authority, the terms of the Secretary of State's decision.



The Parish would like to thank all those local businesses who have offered a delivery service to the village.

Anagrams of vegetables: all answers are one word

BEE AIRGUN	SLEEK	OR WARM	EGO CUTTER
AIRFLOW CLUE	AS BEN	STEAM TOO	WEEDS
CRY EEL	CLEAR ICE	SO TEAPOT	SCARS ROT
RIPS PANS	ROB COLIC	SUPRA SAGA	BEER TOOT
SEAP	TAUT GNOME	CABLE EARS	NOW SECRET
IS HARD	IN SOON	LAKE	SLASH LOT

Village Hall Hire Charge per day £120, per hour £12.

For further information and bookings, contact Mrs Caroline White:

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The Skylark welcomes a new editor, Chris Morton, and we wish her every success.

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Longstowe Parish Council: webpage address:

<http://www.longstoweparishcouncil.co.uk>

aubergine; leeks; marrow; courgette; cauliflower; beans; tomatoes; swede; celery; celeriac; potatoes; carrots; parsnips; broccoli; asparagus; beetroot; peas; mangeltout; calabrese; sweetcorn; radish; onions; kale; shallots

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