



THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

June 2022



Late publication of Skylark

The publication of this issue of Skylark has been deliberately delayed to allow the reports from the Jubilee Celebrations to be included.

Notice of Road Closures

1 March 2022 and 31 August 2023

TTRO 22/204 Various South, Surface dressing

The following roads are scheduled to be closed sometime between the above dates

Longstowe Road (B1046), Little Gransden;

High Street (B1046), Longstowe;

School Lane (B1046), Longstowe.

Diversion is as follows:-

B1046 –A1198 –B1042 –B1040 –B1046 and vice versa

Covid 19



Regular mask wearing is now becoming rarer but Covid is still with us. Please be considerate to other people who may be vulnerable.

Regular testing and voluntary isolation will make sure you do not carry infection around. Get your booster vaccination if you are eligible.

Covid 19 Co-ordination Hubs

Cambridgeshire County Council:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/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.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Longstowe Hall Gardens Open Day



Longstowe Hall held a special Garden Open Day just for the village residents. The day was a great success with many village families attending.

The gardens and lake were beautiful in the sunshine.



The tea room was open for free tea, delicious coffee and tempting cakes and a good time was had by all who attended.

Village Hall & Playing Fields Fete

Longstowe Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended and who helped make the day a success. It was wonderful to see so many people come and celebrate the event.



Entertainment was provided by "The Invasive Species". We extend huge thanks to Greg Hanlon and his band who played

well into the early evening providing lots of classic songs across the era.



We could not have asked for better weather which allowed the children to enjoy the inflatable slide and electric cars. Thanks should be extended to

Claire Hanlon for her enormous contribution in organising the children's activities and for ably keeping those interested in Pimm's readily supplied.

Kate and Paul Moore provided an excellent demonstration of how an agility dog is trained and provided one to one sessions for those that wanted



to have a go. They would have loved to see more children participating in this process but had many adults who brought their well behaved dogs along to have a go.



John Parsons and Dave kept the barbecue going with burgers selling out by mid afternoon. Specially made jubilee cupcakes and seasonal

strawberries and cream went down well.

Judy worked tirelessly in the kitchen with her helpers producing an



excellent ploughman's lunch worthy of restaurant standard.



The many cakes and scones that were made were enjoyed by all.



There were several entries for the plate competition which are being judged by Bourn Pottery now that they are back from their annual leave. Photos and announcement of the winners will be published in the next edition of Skylark.



The event was a resounding success and whilst the celebrations were never intended to raise funds, merely cover the immediate costs

including food, decorations, drink, bouncy slide, electric cars etc. The celebrations raised over £400 which will go towards a newly established Longstowe Social Fund which can be used on future events in the village.

We would love to see any of your photos from the day. If you would like to you are welcome to send them in to us at longstowepc.clerk@hotmail.com.

Church Jubilee Display

Those of you that had the opportunity to visit the church will have enjoyed seeing the many displays of photographs and



memorabilia from the coronation and previous jubilees.



The displays also included several beautiful wedding dresses from the last 70 years.



Longstowe History Society

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY - 28 JUNE MEETING CANCELLED.

It is with regret that the Longstowe History Society has had to cancel its meeting on 28th June. We hope to be able to reschedule Stephen Baxter's talk on the Norman Conquest & Domesday Survey to a later date. The Society's next talk (the first of the 2022-23 season) will be on Tuesday 27th September 2022 when Chris Sullivan will present "The Story of RAF Gransden Lodge".

Longstowe Parish Council report

Defibrillator

The Parish Council have been successful in applying for a grant toward the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. **EVERYONE could potentially benefit from having a defibrillator nearby. None of us would like to watch our spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, friend or neighbour needlessly die or suffer brain damage, because of a lack of a defibrillator. The British Heart Foundation states every second counts.** We would like to thank those individuals who have already kindly donated towards this purchase and to offering to locate the defibrillator.

The location will require an electricity supply with a running cost of around £3.00 per year. To satisfy the scheme and due to the risk of vandalism or theft, we will also require a lockable external cabinet.

You can contact the council by emailing the Clerk on longstowepc.clerk@hotmail.com or contacting the Chairperson at bcconfidential@caw.ac.uk or by phone on 07803 903047 or by post at The Dene, Old North Road, Bourn, Cambridge CB23 2TZ.

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.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning group has met several times and is in the process of producing a questionnaire to be delivered to every household in Longstowe and affected properties on the east side of the A1198. This questionnaire will form part of the submission to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSP) and, if accepted, will form part of their

planning strategy for the next 15 years. **It is important that every household complete and hand back the questionnaire so the views of everyone can be taken into account when writing the Neighbourhood Plan.** Without it, the GCSP will have a free hand on how Longstowe will look in the future and any protestations of your local Parish Council are likely to be ignored. When the Plan is finished, it will be put to the whole village and it must get at least 51% positive votes to be accepted by the GCSP, so putting your views forward now is most important.

Minutes from the meetings will be published on the noticeboards, website and via social media. If you wish to get involved there is still time and you should contact Sharon Brown, Longstowe Parish Council Secretary, on longstowepc.clerk@hotmail.com

A Sudoku Puzzle for you

(Solution on the back page)

				5		7	9	
	9							3
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		7			5			6
		3			8	2		
5	2		1	8	6			
		6					2	
8		1						

The Village Hall

To book, please phone 01954 719669 and leave a message if no one answers, or preferably email longstovevillagehall@outlook.com.

Note: the old mobile number is no longer in use.

🗣️🗣️ There is a senior citizen driving on the motorway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Fred, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there is a madman driving the wrong way on the M11!" Fred says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!" 🗣️🗣️

Village Hall Monthly Teas



The next dates

24th June)
29th July) 2pm to 4:30pm
30th September)

Note: No teas in August

All are welcome to come for a chat with tea and cake.

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, obtain an account balance and issuing cash via debit card. Collection point for some parcels. Use it or lose it!

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

NHS Priority Collections are now made from the local post boxes on a Sunday.

Papworth Team Ministry

Dates for your Diary



**15th, 17th and 19th
August - Papworth
Village Hall,**

Come for one day or
come for three or
anything in between!

Craft, music, lunch, worship and so much, more.

For more info please contact Anne Pettifor
01480 880672



Our team Administrator, Chris Westgarth will be ordained Priest at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 5pm. Please keep Chris in your prayers as she prepares for this

service. If you would like to attend the service you are more than welcome.

Notes From The Longstowe Church PCC (Parochial Church Council)

Church services

10th July Holy communion 10.30 a.m.

31st July team service 10:00 a.m.

August 14th morning prayer 10.30 a.m.

August 28th holy communion 9.15 a.m.

We are looking to hold a Pet Service in September.

We will be holding a Harvest Service and hopefully an Autumn Supper (subject to Covid not reappearing).

Church Electoral Roll

In due course the **Church Electoral Roll for the Parish of Longstowe** will be renewed. Initially, we are asking people who are currently on the roll if they would like to continue but if you would like to “sign up” and you have not previously done so, please just give Maddy a call on 01954 718303 or email to madeleinejones@btconnect.com and it can easily be arranged. By the way there is an advantage to being on the Electoral Roll – a free pass to Ely Cathedral. It is the most wonderful of buildings and so worth a visit & there is plenty of free parking and excellent refreshments.

Longstowe PCC officers:

Dr Sheena McRae: Church Warden

Mr Nicholas Jenkins: Treasurer

Other members of the PCC: Mr Anthony Clay, Mrs Maddy Crowther, Mr Stephen Owen, Mr Peter White.

For day to day communication about the Church in Longstowe please continue to contact Maddy Crowther on 01954 718303. She has stepped down from the “legal role of Church Warden” for this coming year and is acting on an informal basis as Church Warden’s Assistant.

Recycling batteries



This box contains all the batteries that have been deposited at our Village Hall battery collection point during the past 8 months. They will be disposed of correctly during the next

few days.

Although South Cambs resumed battery collection more than a year ago, there are no plans currently to remove the facility at our village hall.

Batteries may also be deposited for recycling in a collection bin in Morrisons foyer and in specially labelled containers at the checkouts of Home Bargains.

In memory of Pam Anderson who died recently.



Pam and her husband Hugh lived in Longstowe for some years. Hugh was a university lecturer in IT and Pam worked in Elstree Studios in London. They moved to Cornwall in 2000. Hugh died of Parkinson's about 10 years ago and Pam passed away in November. Pam left a lasting memorial in Longstowe with the lovely

tapestry replica she made of the Village sign. Originally the tapestry was in the Golden Miller, but now it is on permanent display in the Church - a true reminder of a talented lady.

Here's to you Pam
Daphne Ford

Mobile Libraries

The mobile library visits Longstowe every 3rd Friday in the month.

Location Rushbrook Close

Arrival Time 11:10 am

Departure Time 11:25 am

Frequency Monthly

Revised bin collection date for the Summer Bank Holiday

The black bin collection normally on Wednesday 31st August will be collected on Thursday 1st September. All other collections remain the same.

Charity Tractor Run



The annual Tractor Run is being held on Sunday 26th June and should be in Longstowe around 3.00pm. Once again we will be collecting for Addenbrookes.

Ray Parcell
Cambs Tractor Club

Wildlife Trust West Cambridgeshire

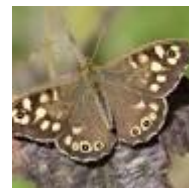
Wildlife Trust West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update:
July and Aug 2022



The summer months are great for butterfly and beetle spotting on our nature reserves. Longhorn beetles are especially visible as they are quite big, sometimes colourful, and have long antennae. A common species is called the spotted or black and yellow longhorn (for obvious reasons!) The larvae develop in rotting wood, and the adults feed on flowers.



You might also come across the sexton beetle, a type of burying beetle that feeds on carrion. Males and females cooperate to bury a corpse of a small mammal or bird, the female lays her eggs next to it, and then they care for the larvae after they hatch! These beetles are being studied in our West Cambridgeshire Hundreds reserves, as part of a research project by the Department of Zoology at the University of Cambridge.



In dappled shade you might see the brown and cream speckled wood butterfly, the adults feed on honeydew which is the sugary sticky liquid made by aphids as they feed on plant sap.



In the sunnier rides, you might spot the speedy bright orange silver-washed fritillary.

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants are protecting and managing the West Cambs 100s woodlands to ensure these special place remains for generations to come. They are not average woodlands:

- they have unusual geology and therefore soil type, which means they support some unusual species like oxlip
- some are unusually large in size, which means they have a great diversity and abundance of common species
- they have been woods for hundreds of years which makes them very rare habitat

In order to look after our reserves, we need your help. People and dogs disturb wildlife, so please stick to the official paths and keep your dog on a lead. Barbeques risk setting soil alight where it has a high carbon level like in woodlands or in peaty areas. They are not permitted on any of our reserves. Please get in touch if you are interested in how you can volunteer on these reserves.

I run walks and family sessions throughout spring, summer and early autumn, and also attend events. These are a chance to learn more about local wildlife and how we manage our reserves, and also to ask questions directly to a staff member. Please check out our website for more information.

www.wildlifebcn.org/events

Rebecca Neal, Communities and Wildlife Officer, The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants

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BCN Facebook/Twitter: @wildlifebcn

The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, Buff Wood, and Cambourne Nature Reserve.

District Councillor News

Local Elections 2022:



I am honoured to be back as the District Councillor for Caldecote Ward for the next 4 years with a 3-to-1 share of the votes cast. I will continue to represent and serve everyone, whether you voted for me or not, to the best of my ability.

You can find out more details of

the elections on my blog at

<https://tumihawkins.org.uk/district-council-elections-2022/> or on my facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi>

Council Tax Rebate £150

SCDC is now implementing the Government scheme of giving £150 council tax rebate to owners of properties in Bands A-D. This money does not have to be paid back (unlike the energy loan). If you pay your council tax by direct debit, then you should have received your payments by now. Those that do not pay by direct debit need to complete a short application form. Please email energyrebate@scambs.gov.uk or go to

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/energy-rebate> to apply online

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

Project Catalyst-Community groups Has the lockdown period given you new ideas and opportunities to form a new community led group, and you want to continue doing that in a more organised and structured way. Then Project Catalyst can offer practical help, guidance, and funding to allow you to do this. Grants of up to £300 are available for ideas or groups like walking or fitness group, creative groups, peer support group for people with shared interest or health concerns, allotment or gardening group, or any other activity you came up with. For more information, call the Care network on 03300 945750 or email wellbeing@care-network.org.uk

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) – Cambourne to Cambridge Busway Consultation

Reminder that the C2C project started on 16 May and is ending at midday on 11 July 2022. It is on the ways they propose to mitigate the environment impact of the proposed busway as it links Cambourne to Cambridge via Bourn Airfield new village, a new Travel Hub at Scotland Farm, through Hardwick and West Cambridge campus via a dedicated busway. It also has active travel path for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders proposed to run alongside it. I will be sending in my comments and encourage everyone to do so too. Please go to

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/c2c-eia-2022>

Luton Airport Flight Path and Holding Area change

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) approved the airspace change in November 2021 following public consultation from October 2020 to February 2021. Flights are supposed to be above 8,000 ft in most areas above our ward. Unfortunately, that is not what is happening now as some of you have noticed increased aircraft activity and noise levels. I am now working with a group of residents and Parish Councils so we can raise a formal objection to the CAA and London Luton Airport. We are also holding a public meeting on Tuesday **5th July, 7.30pm at Little Gransden Village Hall** which I encourage those affected to attend, so we work out how best to collate data to present.

East West Rail (EWR) drop-in events

The EWR Company have announced holding two community drop-in events in South Cambridgeshire in the coming weeks – and one in Cambridge. These are

designed to provide communities with a chance to meet and speak to members of the project team. EWR say that they are still in the process of reviewing the feedback received during the second Non-Statutory Consultation and so do not have any new information to provide now. However, they do want to listen to views and will offer as much information as possible at this stage.

The event details are as follows:

- [Wednesday 29 June](#) - 2pm to 8pm - The Clayton Hotel, 27-29 Station Rd, Cambridge, CB1 2FB
- [Tuesday 19 July](#) - 2pm to 8pm - Haslingfield Village Hall, New Road, Haslingfield, CB23 1JP
- [Wednesday 20 July](#) - 2pm to 8pm - The Cambridge Belfry, Back Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6BW

Health and Wellbeing

I recommend the Action for Happiness calendar at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar>. Each month a calendar is created packed with simple everyday actions you can take to give you a boost. Check it out and see if it works for you.

Regular Updates Don't forget to check out my monthly reports to the parish councils on my blog at www.tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports for full details on all these and more.

Here to Help You so contact me if you need help with SCDC services (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc) by phone 01954 210840/07802 323269, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>

Construction of full-fibre broadband network in Longstowe is underway

County Broadband, a specialist rural provider, has confirmed that work to build a new full-fibre broadband network in Longstowe is underway after enough residents signed up for the service.

Full-fibre broadband delivers fibre cables directly to the door of each home which means download and upload speeds of up to 1,000 Mbps are available.



Currently, the village only has access to Superfast broadband which, although is sometimes referred to as fibre, relies on copper cables which reduces speeds and reliability – particularly at peak times.

County Broadband is building new broadband networks in hundreds of villages across the region after securing a combined private investment of £146m from Aviva Investors. Work has already completed in other parts of the county with thousands of customers already connected.

James Salmon, from County Broadband, said: “We’re very excited to start building our new full-fibre network in the village and deliver some of the fastest broadband speeds available in the UK.

“We’ve heard from residents that they are increasing relying on the internet for streaming and downloading films, working from home and accessing online services from banking, shopping to GP appointments.

“The reality is the existing part fibre, part copper networks can’t keep up with this growing demand. That’s why we’ve been working to help future-proof villages with full-fibre connectivity.

“Building these networks won’t happen overnight, it does take time, but we will keep residents updated throughout the build.”

Residents can pre-order their full-fibre connection at www.countybroadband.co.uk.

🤔🤔 “Whenever I see a man with a beard, moustache and glasses, I think, ‘There’s a man who has taken every precaution to avoid people doodling on photographs of him.’ – Carey Marx 🤔🤔

Longstowe Cricket Club Fixtures 2022

Cambs Junior League Division 3 West

(All matches start at 1-30pm and are 40 overs per side)

Date	Home/ Away	Opponent	Venue
25 th June	H	Cambridge St Giles 3rds	Longstowe Village Hall
2 nd July	H	Great Shelford CC - 1 st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
9 th July	A	Barrington CC Cambs – 1 st XI	The Pavilion, Barrington
16 th July	H	Harlton CC – 1 st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
23 rd July	A	Comberton CC – 1 st XI	Comberton Recreation Ground
6 th August	A	Cam Kerala CC – 2 nd XI	Caldecote
13 th August	A	Cambourne CC – 3 rd XI	Lower Cambourne
20 th August	H	Cambourne CC – 3 rd XI	Longstowe Village Hall

Sudoku Solution

5	9	6	4	2	3	1	7	8
8	2	1	6	7	5	9	3	4
4	7	3	9	8	1	6	2	5
7	5	2	8	1	9	3	4	6
9	1	4	5	3	6	7	8	2
6	3	8	7	4	2	5	1	9
1	8	9	3	6	4	2	5	7
3	4	5	2	9	7	8	6	1
2	9	7	1	5	8	4	6	3

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no later than **Saturday 20th August** to LongstoweSkylark@hotmail.com

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