



THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

April Supplement 2024



Longstowe Parish Council

We are excited to invite you to the Annual Parish Meeting, taking place on Thursday, 25th April 2024 at 7 pm. This event presents a valuable opportunity for all members of our community to come together, share ideas, and discuss important matters that affect us all. Your voice is crucial in shaping the future of our parish, and this meeting provides a platform for you to express your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. Whether you have ideas for enhancing local amenities, improving community events, or addressing pressing issues, this is your chance to be heard.

The meeting will be a forum for open dialogue, where residents can engage with parish councillors, community leaders, and fellow neighbours. Together, we can work towards building a stronger, more vibrant community that reflects the values and aspirations of us all.

Date: Thursday, 25th April 2024

Time: 7 for 7.15 pm.

We encourage everyone to mark their calendars and make plans to attend. Your presence and participation are invaluable as we chart the course for the future of our parish.

If you have any questions or topics you would like to see addressed at the meeting, please feel free to reach out to us in advance.



Annual Parish Meeting

Longstowe Village Hall
Thursday 25th April 2024
at 7.15 – 8 pm

Tea & coffee at 7 pm
All welcome

Presentations and discussion include:

Longstowe History Society – Steve Owen
Longstowe Sports / Cricket Club – President, Dick Murden
Longstowe Village Hall – Peter White
Footpath Warden – Ben Holland
Longstowe Parish Council – Barbara Cooper

The April Parish Council meeting will follow –
all are welcome to stay on.

Peter's Quiz

It's back! Come along and enjoy the quiz. Come as a group or come by yourself and join in. Lots of fun and laughs.

Saturday 1st June 7:15 pm at Longstowe Village Hall.

£5 per person, maximum 8 per table. Bring your own picnic and drink. Raffle prize donations gratefully accepted on the night



Chemical Weed Control

Since April 2023, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Highways has been evaluating the impact of a low to nil weed clearance policy along road and pavement edges. This review was conducted to assess the implications on drainage, as well as the safety of road users.

After consideration, the CCC Highways Committee has decided to reinstate chemical weed control, recognising it as the most effective method available. This decision was made in January, and action is now underway to address the concerns raised during the assessment period.

In early Spring 2024, a one-off non-chemical weed removal will take place to clear all existing weeds. Following this, from May 2024 onwards, chemical weed treatment will be conducted twice annually to maintain clear road and pavement edges.

Understanding that some residents may have concerns regarding the use of chemicals in weed management, CCC Highways encourages those with alternative proposals to come forward. If you prefer not to have chemicals used near your area, please feel free to contact CCC Highways directly at

assetdatastrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

and/or highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with your suggestions.

By reinstating a proactive approach to weed control, CCC Highways aims to ensure both the efficient functioning of drainage systems and the safety of all road users. Your input and feedback are valuable in working towards maintenance of roads and pavements.

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AGM

Longstowe Village Hall
Thursday 23rd May 2024
at 7.15 pm

- ❖ Annual election of the chairperson
- ❖ Open Forum
- ❖ Matters arising from previous meetings

All are invited to attend and to bring views, comments, suggestions & volunteer for activities at the Open Forum

The Village Hall Monthly Teas



The Village Hall is open for tea, cakes and friendly chat generally on the last Friday of each month (see Skylark for dates).

The Hall is open from 2 pm to 4 pm on:-
 26 April
 31 May
 28 June

Everyone is welcome to come for a chat with tea and cake.

Longstowe History Society

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

The Wintringham Excavations St Neots



Four years of excavations at Wintringham, St Neots, have recently concluded. These revealed glimpses of a Middle Bronze Age landscape, and Middle Iron Age settlements, followed by a busy Roman rural settlement. Hints of a post-Roman presence, and Early Anglo-Saxon activity will also be explored.

illustrated talk by

Stuart Ladd
of Oxford Archaeology
Tuesday 30th April 2024

7.30 for 8 pm

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

Admission: £3 (Members free) - Refreshments included

Everyone welcome

Over the past eight years, Longstowe History Society has enjoyed some excellent talks on a wide range of topics including ones of particular local interest such as the Bedford to Cambridge railway, an in-depth history of Longstowe Church, the Bourn Valley, a fascinating History of the Old North Road, a 3D presentation of a year of life in Longstowe, an exploration of the extraordinary Royston Cave, Gransden Lodge Airfield (now the Gliding Club), the history of Papworth Hospital, 700 years of manors and village characters in Gamlingay, a trip to the 'Moats' at Caxton and walks in Longstowe to discover glow-worms and document the wild flora... even an exploration of the Cambridgeshire Dialect!

Our next talk "**The Wintringham Excavations**", given by **Stuart Ladd of Oxford Archaeology** on **30th April**, will look at archaeological discoveries

from the site of the massive housing development off the A428 this side of St Neots, which have revealed signs of activity and settlement dating from the Bronze and Iron Age (around 1000BC to 43AD) to a busy network of Roman rural settlement AD43 onwards.

The talk after that, on **25th June**, will be "**The Norman Conquest & Domesday Survey**" with **particular reference to this area**. This will be given by **Prof. Stephen Baxter** the well-known TV presenter of the documentary "Domesday", who grew up in Bourn. His father David Baxter, whom some of you will remember, wrote the definitive and fascinating book on Bourn in Medieval times, and his son Stephen is a Professor and tutor in Medieval history at the University of Oxford.

DO JOIN US. There are five talks a year, £3 per talk, or membership for £10 a year. We have refreshments (which are free!) at 7.30 pm and the talks begin at 8.00 pm.

Village Fete

**Save the date – we've ordered the sun
Come along and enjoy the fun**



Longstowe Village Fete



SUNDAY 30th June 2.00 pm

Sports field



Games

Barbecue

Music

Raffle

Stalls

Cricket

Teas

Longstowe Cricket Club



Why not come along and support your local Cricket Club.

Fixtures 2024

CCA Junior League Division 3

Date	Home/Away	Time	Opponent	Venue
27 th April	A	1 pm	Chippenham CC, Cambs- 2nd XI	Chippenham Park
4 th May	H	1 pm	Fen Ditton CC- 1st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
11 th May	H	1 pm	Northstowe CC- 1st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
18 th May	A	1 pm	Telugu Association of Cambridge CC- 3rd XI	Cambridge University Press
25 th May	A	1 pm	Milton CC, Cambs- 2nd XI	Sycamores Recreation Ground
1st June	H	1 pm	Stapleford CC- 1st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
2nd June	H	2 pm	Fen Ditton CC- 1st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
8 th June	A	1 pm	Steeple Morden CC- 1st XI	Hay Street, Steeple Morden
15 th June	H	1 pm	Madingley CC- 2nd XI	Longstowe Village Hall
22 nd June	A	1 pm	Barrington CC, Cambs- 1st XI	The Pavilion
29 th June	A	1 pm	Fen Ditton CC- 1st XI	Recreation Ground
6th July	H	1 pm	Telugu Association of Cambridge CC- 3rd XI	Longstowe Village Hall
20th July	A	1 pm	Northstowe CC- 1st XI	THE CLUB HOUSE
27 th July	H	1 pm	Barrington CC, Cambs- 1st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
3rd August	H	1 pm	Steeple Morden CC- 1st XI	Longstowe Village Hall
10 th August	A	1 pm	Madingley CC- 2nd XI	Girton College
17 th August	H	1 pm	Milton CC, Cambs- 2nd XI	Longstowe Village Hall
24 th August	A	1 pm	Stapleford CC- 1st XI	Stapleford Recreation Ground

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