



THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

June 2024



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

**DUE TO LACK OF COMMITTED SUPPORT FROM THE VILLAGE
THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE CANNOT DO IT ALL ALONE**



Stop Press - Village Teas moved from 28th June to 30th June for Special Event

The Village Hall Teas, normally on the last Friday of the month, will be moved to the Sunday for June only, replacing the Village Fete. In addition to the normal teas and cakes, Pimms will be served while stocks last and hopefully there will be a live band. Donations for the pop up Bric-a-Brac stall will be received at the Village Hall on Saturday morning until 12 noon – no books please.

Longstowe Fete 2024 has been CANCELLED

It is with much regret that we have to announce that the Village Hall Committee has made the decision to cancel the Village Fete for this year. Our plans for the Fete were put together as far back as November last year. We planned to have all the usual stalls plus a few new attractions plus a bar offering traditional beer and locally made cider. We were also going to have more drinks suitable for children following requests made last year.

We had beer on order from a local brewery and a band from nearby Toft who had offered to perform for us. With only three weeks to go before Fete Day we needed to make a decision. By far the biggest problem facing us was an almost total lack of offers of help from the villagers. We just didn't have enough volunteers to be able to provide all the features that we'd planned and arranged. One person after another that we'd asked was unable to commit themselves and there just aren't enough Committee members to do it all alone.

(We would like to take this opportunity to thank those valued few who did come forward and offer their services and time, very much appreciated.)

There would have been stalls to set up, a bar to keep open, cakes, teas and coffees to be made and served, a raffle to run, assistance to be given with parking, a master of ceremonies together with a host of other jobs.

To be fair to the brewery from which we'd ordered draught beer, the girls who make and donate the cider and the members of the band from Toft, all needed to know in good time if we were to cancel so the decision was made to cancel.

Will there be a Village Fete next year? To some degree, that is up to YOU! We need a few reliable volunteers, we just can't do it without you, though we'd love to think we can prevent the Longstowe Fete disappearing into history as did Longstowe Show, the Carol Singers and a host of other events. All called to a halt due to lack of support from the village.

It is events like the Village Fete that help keep a village alive, the community together and provide something for the kids to do. We are consider forming a "Friends of Longstowe Village Hall" group, please see the article later in Skylark for news on this if you'd like to become truly a part of our community.

Peter White
Chairman of Longstowe Village Hall Committee

Peter's Quiz

During the evening of Saturday June 1st, a quiz was held in the Village Hall, a fund raiser for our Village Hall. Despite neither the advertising in Skylark nor the piece on the Longstowe Facebook page bringing in any enquiries or takers, the participants all being either VH committee members or their friends, we enjoyed a most successful evening. We were, for the first time at one of our quizzes, able to welcome a table of entrants from Toft. So good to see new faces at one of these events. The other entrants were a mixture of our committee members and their friends. Their support was much appreciated.



Entrants on six tables battled their way through a hundred questions whilst tucking in to their snacks, bottles of wine, beers and even a few soft drinks. There was much merriment and laughter and the time just rushed by.

Results were quite tightly grouped though there was a clear winning team, who were rewarded appropriately in the form of something they could drink. As with most Longstowe events, a raffle was held with some interesting goodies, some of which had kindly been donated by entrants.

At the end of the evening, I was pleased to be able to announce that we had raised a total of £500, all of which was donated to the Village Hall. I'd like to thank all who supported the event by coming along, joining in and some of them donating raffle prizes. I'd like to thank Chris Morton too, for all her hard work scoring and keeping me in order!

If YOU've never been to one of our quizzes and would like to give one a try, keep an eye on Skylark for announcements.

Peter White

Friends of Longstowe Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is proposing to compile a mailing list for the purpose of posting notices relating to events at the Village Hall, together with items of village news, and perhaps also a few events going on in neighbouring villages. This would help to reduce the need for letterbox drops between quarterly issues of Skylark and give opportunity for a wider breadth of timely information.

Many other villages have lists of contacts and post notices via Email, WhatsApp or Facebook. Longstowe does have a Facebook page (in fact it has two) but this relies on residents being pro-active in accessing it to find out what's going on, whereas Email and WhatsApp come to you directly!

We are contacting friends in the village to find out if this kind of direct contact might be of interest, and whether or not they would be willing to give permission for their contact details to be held responsibly and for them to be contacted from time to time. Emails, if that were to be the medium of majority choice, would be sent 'bcc' in order to keep contact information secure and comply with data protection regulations.

It would be really helpful if you would let me know what you think of this idea and which mode of contact you might prefer. Email me on longstovewillagehall@proton.me marking your email "Friends of Longstowe Village Hall".

Kind regards
Jane

Comments overheard about Skylark

I manage to get around the village frequently and speak to many villagers about various topics. As a Parish Councillor I receive my fair share of complaints about this and that. Some are relevant so I try to do what I can to assist, some comments are less relevant. In the past few months I have received, and overheard, the "Skylark" doesn't have a lot of interest in it. Some have said that they aren't interested in the Parish Council news.

The fact is that Parish Council news HAS to be in it, as Skylark is paid for by the Parish Council so their news HAS to be in it. Try reading it, you may be surprised at what you learn. Sometimes Skylark is delayed. A typical cause of delay might be holding back printing awaiting the list of Church service times, from Papworth, sometimes one of the proof readers is slowed down by other duties. Sometimes it is delivered late because of the weather! This last delay is due to the severe illness of the Editor.

As for other content of Skylark, the Editor's job is to assemble the items he / she has received, cut out anything considered unsuitable, see what is left then decide how to fill eight sides of A4 with something readable.

One problem is lack of items received. One could count on the fingers of one hand (I'm not counting the thumb!) the number of villagers who submit anything at all for inclusion in a year, let alone in the three month period between issues.

I recently looked at a magazine from another village, they have three times the population of Longstowe but the villages manage to submit a number of interesting articles for their monthly magazine. Last month's issue included a pub review, items on gardening, reports on various village societies and notices from their church about forthcoming social events.

So, People of Longstowe, what can YOU contribute? Have you visited anywhere recently and found it particularly good, bad or otherwise noteworthy? A garden, a restaurant, a Farmers' Market? Other villagers may be interested to read of your experiences. Do you have opinions on such local events like Friday Teas? Do you go there? What did you think of it? Where else do you get a hot drink and piece of home-made cake for £2?

Would you like to see any changes to our Village Hall? Maybe you'd even like to volunteer to help with events at our Village Hall.

Have you been on holiday to somewhere interesting? Found anything interesting growing in your garden? Have you seen any of the Asian Hornets that are supposed to be coming our way? Do you know what Asian Hornets look like? Do you have opinions on the way the churchyard looks or the even the church itself? Did you know there had been a fund raising quiz for the Village Hall at the beginning of the

month? We raised £500, what stopped YOU going along?

If you don't want your name published in Skylark, just tell the editor that you'd like "details withheld", but nothing can go into Skylark if the editor doesn't know who the contributor is.

Our Editor works hard to not only edit and put together Skylark, she even prints it and assembles it herself, all done voluntarily at home. Chris is definitely one of the "doers" in the village and as such deserves support.

Please see Skylark as a valuable asset, please consider contributing something. If you do, you will be making a difference.

Contact details for Skylark appear on the back page of this issue.

Peter White

Longstowe Parish Council

Street Lighting

(I'd been wondering why the PC was apparently paying for daylight street lighting, so it's been costing everyone money!).

A street light has been found to be on all day near St John's Farm House, - now reported. However, it is very easy to report on the South Cambs DC website, link below and for anyone to do this.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/environmental-health/streetlighting/report-a-streetlighting-fault/>

Speed watch

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our community, we would like to draw your attention to the importance of our Community Speed Watch initiative. Community Speed Watch is a volunteer-operated scheme aimed at monitoring and reporting speeding vehicles in specific areas where speeding is a concern to the community. Your involvement in this initiative can have a significant impact on road safety within our village.

All drivers exceeding the 30-mph speed limit on the high street or 40-mph on the Old North Road will receive a letter from Cambs Police, highlighting the speed limit and the dangers of speeding. Repeat offenders will receive a visit from the constabulary. The presence of the Speed Watch group itself acts as a deterrent to speeding, making our roads safer for everyone. However, we are in urgent need of

additional volunteers to join Speed Watch to make it viable to run . If you can spare just an hour every couple of weeks, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Training is simple and involves watching a short video and reading guidance notes, followed by a session with trained volunteers. Please consider lending your support to this vital community initiative by contacting Barbara Cooper at 07803903047 .

The junction at the crossroads on the Old North Road

There are ongoing concerns regarding the safety of the crossroads at Longstowe on the Old North Road. The matter has been raised with highways authorities multiple times, recognising that it is ultimately a matter for the County Council to address.

To further address this issue, Anthony Browne, Conservative MP, has graciously offered his support. He will be reaching out to all residents in Longstowe and Bourn to invite them to participate in a short online survey regarding the safety of the crossroads. The survey will be conducted through Mr. Browne's website (www.anthonybrowne.org). Your feedback will be invaluable in assessing the level of concern within the community and determining the next steps to address the issue.

We encourage everyone to participate in the survey to ensure that your voices are heard. Your input could play a crucial role in advocating for necessary safety measures to be implemented at the crossroads. While success is not guaranteed, it is essential that we take action and start the process of addressing this pressing issue.

In addition to the survey, we are also seeking volunteers to carry out monitoring and/or capture videos/photos of the junction to further demonstrate the problem. Your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated and could provide valuable evidence to support our case.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and let's work together to make our village roads safer for everyone.

In addition to our road safety efforts, we are also seeking volunteers to help maintain our sports field. Your contribution, even just an hour or two occasionally, can make a significant difference in preserving this valuable community asset. If you're interested, please reach out to John Murden for further details.

Finally, we would like to remind residents that **The Skylark**, our village publication, is always open to contributions from the community. Whether you have news to share, reports from local organisations, or details of upcoming events, we welcome your submissions. And don't forget to support our advertisers, whose contributions help sustain **The Skylark** and our community as a whole.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making Longstowe a safe and vibrant place to live.

Townlands Trust: Supporting the Longstowe Community Since the 19th Century

Did you know that back in the 19th century, a Trust was established specifically to help maintain our beloved church and support those in need within Longstowe? This Trust continues to serve our community today, albeit with some specific legal conditions.

How the Trust Works

The Trust's funds can only be used up to the amount of interest earned each year. Trustees must balance the needs of the church and the people of Longstowe, carefully considering requests four times a year.

How to Apply for a Grant

If you, or someone you know, would like to be considered for a grant, please reach out to John or Maddy Crowther at Wrights Farm House on the High Street. They can provide more details on how the Trust operates and how it might help you.

Keeping It Simple

We understand that nobody likes asking for help or dealing with lots of paperwork. That's why we keep formalities to a minimum. John and Maddy are available to explain the process in detail and assist you in any way they can.

The trustees meet up to four times a year to review requests, so do not hesitate to get in touch. Let's continue to support one another and our cherished community of Longstowe.

Thanks Barbara

Are you an Older Driver? - Workshop

Cambridgeshire Constabulary were pleased as ever to help Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service run a recent older driver workshop at Cambridge Fire Station.

Below you can see Nick Southern, our casualty reduction officer.



The workshops are free, in person sessions designed for those over 65 and currently driving, to help them keep driving safely for longer.

They are delivered using community spaces and fire stations and so far, we've helped run more than 10 courses to more than 100 drivers.

Are you interested in attending a session, or do you know someone who might be? There's more sessions lined up in the future in areas across the county including Sutton, Chatteris and Whittlesey

Find out more [via the fire service's website](https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/road-safety/older-driver-workshops/). There is a limit of 15 people per workshop.

<https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/road-safety/older-driver-workshops/>

Use the above link provided for more information.

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 debit card. Collection point for some parcels. Use it or lose it!

Here are the collection times for our local mailboxes:

- High St, opposite to our Post Office, 10.45 a.m. weekdays, Saturday 4.00 p.m.

- High St, outside Reading Room, 9.00 a.m., weekdays, Saturday 7.00 a.m.
- Fox Rd, (Close to A1198 junction), 9.00 a.m. weekdays, Saturday 7.00 a.m.
- Morrisons are also a good bet as they have unscheduled collections as well as the advertised ones.

A Sudoku Puzzle for you

(solution on back page)

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The Village Hall

Longstowe Village Hall Hire Charges

Standard Hourly Rate £16

All lettings **must be booked in advance** and terminate by midnight. Maximum of 135 people.

NB: Licensable events and all events where alcohol is to be consumed, must be notified to the Booking Clerk.

For booking and further details, contact:

Christine Morton 07747 307833

email: longstowevillagehall@proton.me

Village Hall Monthly Teas



The monthly Village Hall tea party will be from 2pm to 4pm on:-

30th June – Moved to Sunday for Special Event

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

Library Services

Get more from your library

Mobile Library :- Rushbrook Close, Longstowe , 3rd Friday of the month 9:40 am - 10:15 am

The Library Presents has been bringing arts activities to Cambridgeshire Libraries since 2018, thanks to funding from Arts Council England. Full details of the program, along with booking information can also be found at www.library.live/the-library-presents

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the brochure please email thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

The Longstowe Church PCC (Parochial Church Council)

Why not come down for a cup of tea and a piece of cake on **Friday 5th July between 3pm and 4pm** and watch a game of cricket to be put on by the choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge?

At 6pm they will sing Evensong in the Church. All are welcome both at the Cricket ground and Village Hall and in the Church later on, for a very special afternoon and early evening, celebrating Summer

Here is an extract from **the Minister's Report** (Revd. Nigel Pearson Associate Priest) from the recent Annual Meeting which the reader may find interesting:

"In contrast to many congregations there has been no significant fall back in regular attendances compared to pre-covid times. One very memorable service was Compline sung by Selwyn College in July followed by an impromptu rendition of Shenandoah in the graveyard after the service. Many thanks to Richard Medd for initiating the service and to Rev Arabella Milbank Robinson for running it with such skill.

I am particularly grateful to all of you who clean, decorate and maintain our church building...One other particular thanks I would like to give again this year is to Steve Owen and Peter White for the work they put into management of the building. And finally I recognise that none of all this would be happening without your regular, faithful giving and your prayers. Thank you..."

The conservation of flora and fauna in the churchyard these past two summers, has we know caused a little comment from time to time and we now hope the tweaking of this year's management plan will ease

concerns. We do still appreciate how the cut grass is looked after by the Hemmins family and by Will and Mercedes. Our plan very much reflects the **Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award** backed in February this year by the General Synod , to tackle biodiversity crisis in the UK.

SUMMER IN LONGSTOWE

With many apologies to Rupert Brooke!

A hundred Vicars down the lawn ;
Curates, long dust, will come and go
On lissome, clerical, printless toe ;
And oft between the boughs is seen
The sly shade of a Rural Dean . . .
Till, at a shiver in the skies,
Vanishing with Satanic cries,
The prim ecclesiastic rout.....
Stands the Church clock at ten to three ?
And is there honey still for tea ?

Future Dates for Your Diary:

June –

Sunday 9th Holy communion 9.30 Nigel Pearson

Sunday 23rd Morning Prayer 9.30 Nigel De Castiglione

July

Friday 5th Evensong with Selwyn College Choir prob 6.30pm

Sunday 14th Holy Communion 9.30 Geoff Dodgson

Sunday 28th Morning Prayer 9.30 Amanda Norman

August

No services

Pet Service 8th September

Longstowe PCC officers:

Dr Sheena McRae: Church Warden

Mr Nicholas Jenkins: Treasurer

Other members of the PCC: 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.



St Mary's The Virgin, Longstowe

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Wildlife Trust BCN West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: June 2024

Climate change is here and now, and it is significantly affecting your local nature reserve. Changes are happening faster than species can adapt. It is making the work of The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants, enhancing habitats and biodiversity and people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife, even more challenging. The topic is huge, but here are some local impacts.

Hotter drier summers

- Wildlife is stressed, reproduction reduced, and species are more susceptible to disease.
- There is a greater risk of fire.
- Wet areas are at greater risk of drying out.

Warmer wetter winters

- The window we have to do woodland management is reduced, making it difficult and more expensive to employ contractors, and harder for staff and volunteers to complete essential tasks.
- Footpaths are becoming wider and more de-vegetated, and this is degrading the important "edge" habitat of woodland rides.

- Site closures, aiming to protect species on the edges of increasingly muddy footpaths, are more frequent and longer.

Chaotic seasons

The timing of things like migration, hibernation, reproduction, and emergence, can be linked to day length or temperature. This causes issues when the temperature is not what it should be for the time of year. Insect emergence is more flexible and often linked to temperature, but the development of reproductive organs and migration behaviour in birds is more influenced by day length.

- Chicks may hatch before their food is available.
- Butterflies may emerge before their foodplant.
- Hibernating species may wake up early and find limited food available.
- Bluebells may decline as they are less able to adapt their time of emergence to unpredictable springs. Oak and ash trees can vary their leaf burst by 6 weeks or more, but bluebells can only adjust by around 3 weeks. Over time, this may mean areas of our woodlands become too dark for bluebells to thrive, and the "edge" habitat near wide paths and open areas will become more important.
- Migrating species may pause in their journey due to cold weather, meaning their breeding season is reduced.

What are we doing?

- Sometimes closing our sites is necessary to protect fragile ecosystems under increasing pressure. The bar for closures may change as ecosystems become more fragile.
- Our landscape-scale conservation approach means we are helping to make the land in between our nature reserves more useful for species that may need to shift their range.
- We protect and manage nature reserves which store carbon in soil and vegetation and provide safe havens for biodiversity. Across our patch we manage over 100 sites.
- We have some nationally important sites which act as significant carbon sinks (e.g. Great Fen and Strawberry Hill)
- We teach people about climate change, why it is important, and how they can reduce their impact.
- We study the effects of climate change and how they can be mitigated through our Research and Monitoring programme, and with partnerships with universities.

- We stand up for wildlife.

Please consider how you impact your local nature reserve, because nature is in trouble.

- Keep dogs on leads
- Respect site closures
- Walk elsewhere when paths are muddy
- Don't have BBQs on our sites
- Use official entrances and stick to the middle of paths
- Support the Wildlife Trust movement by becoming a member, volunteering, supporting an event, or donating.

Email: rebecca.neal@wildlifebcn.org

Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

Wildlife Trust BCN main 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, and Cambourne Nature Reserve.



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Cambourne Open Gardens

With the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants

Saturday 22nd June 2024 - 10am to 4pm

The Manor House, Broad Street, Gt Cambourne

Meet our team of staff and volunteers and spend some time in our wonderful wildlife garden!

- Join a tour of our wildlife garden
- Get tips on wildlife gardening
- Get crafty with a sustainable children's activity
- Buy a plant
- Take a photo on our tractor
- Wood working demonstration
- Support your local Wildlife Trust by buying a bird box, book, or gift
- Guided walk around Cambourne Reserve (booking required)

Limited parking is available on site (disabled parking available), there is also parking at Morrisons nearby and our Cambourne Nature Reserve car park off School Lane.

Explore more events online: wildlifebcn.org/events

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Grass Snake sighting



I was recently invited by a friend, to go and look at a grass snake he'd seen in amongst a pile of leaves around a domestic drain, adjacent to a corner of a brick wall.

This snake must have been a young one as it was about the same diameter as a cigar and just over two feet long.

We watched it for a few minutes as it disappeared down through a grid and reappeared a minute or two later, exploring gaps in the brickwork.

The grass snake is harmless to us and shy. It is the largest snake that is native to U.K. Common it seems in England, Wales and Northern Island but not to Scotland. They are to be found in wetland areas but also survive in dry grassland and near ponds. During a recent very hot summer I did see one in our garden, I couldn't determine its length as I saw only bits of it at a time as it moved in and out of logs. It was quite large however, compared to the one we watched the other day, being a similar girth to a decent sausage.

Peter White

Longstowe History Society

There will be an exciting programme of events taking place at Peterborough Museum alongside the current [Introducing Must Farm, a Bronze Age settlement](#) exhibition.

From May - Sept 2024, the exhibition showcases artefacts from the Must Farm settlement excavations near Peterborough. A window into life 3,000 years ago, the site dubbed 'Britain's Pompeii' has captured imaginations worldwide. Alongside this, there will be exciting events to dig deeper and bring the site to life. In particular, we hope the online talks will appeal to those who might not be able to travel to see the exhibition in person.

Online talks

Following the publication of the final report on the Must Farm settlement, hear from the archaeologists and specialists involved in the excavations and post-excavation research to discover the most up-to-date research and theories about the site.

All talks will take place online, beginning at **7:30pm**. Tickets cost £8.

Wooden artefacts from the Late Bronze Age settlement at Must Farm – specialism, craft and use

Speaker: Michael Bamforth
Thurs 20 June

Nearly 200 wood and bark artefacts were recovered from excavations. Artefacts provide valuable insights into how tools were made, what they were used for and perhaps even who made them.

Exhibition Tours

First Saturday of the month, 3:45pm
£5pp

Join an experienced guide for a tour of the Introducing Must Farm, a Bronze Age settlement exhibition. Discover the remarkably preserved and unique objects from the site, the story they tell of 'cosy domesticity' destroyed by catastrophic fire 3,000 years ago, and their implications for our understanding of Bronze Age Britain. Plus, get hands-on with replica artefacts made based on evidence from the site.

Tours are also available for private group bookings at a time which suits you.

Willow basket workshop

Sat 22 June, 10am – 4pm
£85

Basket weaving techniques have been used for thousands of years and willow artefacts, including eel traps, have been found in the ancient river channel at Must Farm. This workshop will use willow to make a small round basket with a simple trac border. You will be guided by an expert weaver to create a completed basket to take home at the end of the day. Refreshments/lunch are included.

To book events, visit:

<https://peterboroughmuseum.org.uk/events/must-farm-events> or for more information call 01733 864663 or email museum@peterboroughlimited.co.uk
peterboroughmuseum.org.uk

Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

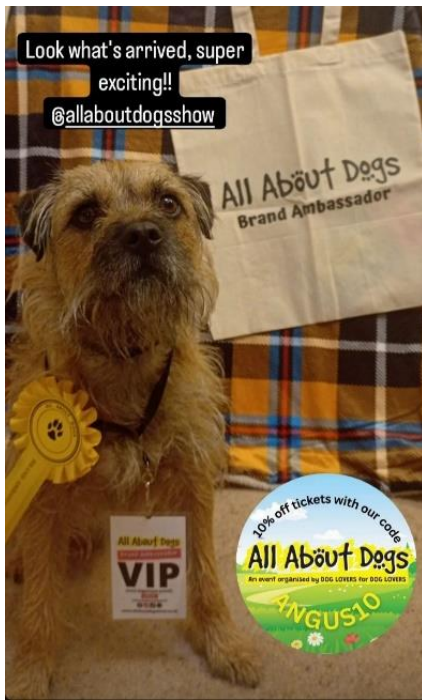
Angus' Adventures

Following the success of winning Best Puppy at Gransden Show in 2022,



I followed this up at the 2023 show by winning 1st in 'dog the judge would most like to take home', but my dog mama wouldn't let that happen! I then went on to win Best Novelty overall, and can't wait to attend the show this year!





At the start of 2024 I was very lucky to be selected as one of the Brand Ambassadors for All About Dogs shows. This was a huge honour for me and my dog mama. The events are a great day out for dog lovers with demonstrations (I saw Lucy and the Trickstars from BGT), fun classes, breed meet ups (I love

the Terrier meet up where I can just go crazy with my friends), have-a-go activities and loads of stalls to buy treats!

I had a go in the big K9 swimming pool which was a little scary at first but I soon got in and had a good swim around!



So far we have been to Newbury, Newark and Hylands Park Chelmsford where I took part in a few fun classes, including fancy dress where I was Harry Potter but wanted to be in Hufflepuff as they are loyal, patience and hard workers – just like me!

I was placed 6th in waggiest tail at Newbury, 3rd in fabulous fella, 3rd in friendliest dog and 1st in perfect pedigree at Hylands.

I have also been selected to be a Brand Rep for The Dog Shack which is a family run business from Norfolk selling dog harnesses, leads, blankets etc. and very tasty treats from their doggie bakery! For those on Instagram, you can catch-up on my adventures via my page [angus.the.border](https://www.instagram.com/angus.the.border)



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
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
6 th July	H	1 pm	Telugu Association of Cambridge CC- 3rd XI	Longstowe Village Hall
20 th 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
3 rd 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

Sudoku Solution

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

Please send items for publication in the September 2024 Skylark by no later than **Monday 12th August** to LongstoweSkylark@hotmail.com

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

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