

THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter – October 2011



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Longstowe Parish Council Website

www.scams.gov.uk/LongstowePC

Have you visited the Parish Council website?

If not please do so as the site not only contains Parish Council information, it also contains notices concerning village events etc.

If there is anything you wish to add to the site then please do not hesitate to contact Margaret our Parish Council Clerk (margaret.sharp@ntlworld.com)

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Speed Limits

Although the Parish Council's lobby to extend the 40mph limit on the A1198 North of the village had been supported by the Area Joint Committee, the Cabinet has now subsequently rescinded it. However, the Parish Council has been informed that it is possible for us to apply under the new speed limit policy for an extension, but the funding for this would fall to the Parish Council. Following letters received from residents the Parish Council is looking into this matter and at our September meeting further details concerning this matter will be discussed. The Parish Council have already contacted the police for their advice and support and at the time of writing are awaiting their response. We will of course keep residents updated concerning this matter.

SCDC Disability Forum

At our June meeting Chris Maitland, Chairman for SCDC Disability Forum, attended to report on the services of the forum. He gave a brief background to the forum and their aim, which is to focus on disability issues across all services provided to tenants and leaseholders in the district.

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Police Panel Meeting

Come along to meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team and express your views on crime in your area.

<http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/nhttpage.asp?teamcode=214>

Geocaching

An outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS to hide and seek containers at specific countryside locations. This activity is becoming a popular pastime and residents are urged to monitor the situation within Longstowe in respect of trespassing on private land.

Cllr Zoe Burton

Chairperson Longstowe Parish Council

Textile and shoe recycling

Nationally, consumption of new textiles and shoes has risen substantially in recent years. Around half of the textiles and shoes purchased in the UK, amounting to over 2 million tonnes in 2009, is disposed of despite being either reusable or recyclable.

In South Cambridgeshire we hope to reduce the amount of unwanted textiles and shoes sent to landfill and provide more local recycling facilities for these items. Residents living in Longstowe can use the local recycling bank at the Village Hall to conveniently recycle a wide range of items such as:

- * Clean and dry clothing
- * Shoes
- * Bags
- * Belts
- * Towels
- * Blankets
- * Duvet covers
- * Pillows
- * Sheets
- * Curtains
- * Fabric

Unwanted clothing and shoes are often perfectly wearable and can be used again, providing affordable and much needed clothing for others.

Items which are not reusable such as fabric and worn out clothes can still be placed in the bank for recycling, just make sure they're clean and dry. Cotton can be turned into rags for wiping and polishing. Car insulation and stuffing can be made from knits and woollen materials. And other materials find their use in a variety of other ways, such as building materials, reprocessed upholstery fibres, and home insulation.

For more recycling information please visit www.scams.gov.uk/recycling or email bluebin@scams.gov.uk

Waste, Recycling and Minimisation Officer SCDC

Village News

Village Fete and Show

What a fabulous day – could the weather have been any better?

The fete was a picture with all the stalls and traditional attractions, the games, the roundabout and the bouncy castle; and the marvellous vintage tractors which make Longstowe fete one of their summer venues.

And again this year, the Village Show combined with the Fete to add colour to the pleasure of the day.

Our very special thanks go to all the stallholders who don't just come on the day, but often spend considerable time putting their stalls together before the event. And to all those who donated so generously to the bric-a-brac, the bottle stall, the books and to the raffle, and to those who produced the delicious home-made cakes. Without you it simply couldn't happen.

There were some fantastic prizes in the raffle for which we must thank a number of local businesses; and for a beautiful food hamper, given by one of our local residents.

We'd also like to thank Derek Saunders for the loan once again, of his bouncy castle, and to John and Maddy Crowther for supplying the meat for the BBQ.

Finally, we hope those of you who came and spent your money also enjoyed meeting up with old friends, some of whom return to Longstowe year after year to do just that, and whiling away an afternoon in the glorious late summer sunshine.

See you all next year!

Jane Bowden

This year saw the 19th Longstowe Village Show, in the memory of Ernest Hollis. It was timed to coincide with our Village Fete, on the 3rd September.

There were fewer entrants this year than last and some of the best supported classes of previous years were less well supported this time. The entries themselves were on a very high standard indeed. Our judges were extremely impressed with the overall quality and variety of entries, finding it really quite difficult to find a clear leader in some classes.

Mrs Mary Bevan was kind enough to present the awards which were given as follows:

1st overall, Mrs Kath Murden, with 43 points, 2nd Mrs Brenda Murden with 41 points and in third place was Mr Dick Murden.

Noah Nicholls deservedly won the Children's classes with some creative and well executed work. It would have been good to have seen what some of the other children within the village could have produced.

Very well done to all those who did so well, and a sincere "thank you" to all those others who submitted entries enabling us to have plenty to look at and admire, which formed one of the many attractions of The Fete. Toward the end of the afternoon, the exhibits which had been donated were auctioned off and the proceeds given to The Village Hall.

I would like to give sincere thanks to Mrs Bevan for presenting the trophies, to all those who submitted entries, to those who bid for items after The Show, to our judges and to all those who helped on the day.

Peter White – Show organiser

(a web blog about our fete/show, created by a visitor:
www.heidirobertskitchentalk.blogspot.com)

The Longstowe Show and Fete was once again most enjoyable and we feel a great success. This is all thanks to the organisers, in particular Peter White and his happy band of helpers and Dick Murden and his team. It was disappointing that so few villagers entered items for the show, but those that did certainly made it interesting. With such little support we hope that the show will continue in the future.

Lilian & Barrie Dench

Snippets from Sheila

As we pass through the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, making preparation for Winter stores and darker evenings, please look out for elderly neighbours and friends. Ten minutes a day to fill a kettle or flask, or simply say 'hello' can make all the difference to someone housebound.

Christmas is already putting in an appearance in many shops. Every year I plan a long steady run up to the Yuletide! How I envy those organised folks with lists (and those who stick to the lists!) The village will be the poorer for the loss of Caroline, Geraint and Louisa Jones and Pauline and David Harber. We wish both families happiness in their new homes. I'm sure they will pop back to Longstowe on occasions – no-one leaves us completely.

At the Show recently, a chap and his Irish wife spoke – it was John Northrop, now living in Ireland, and who was living in Longstowe as a child in the 60s. So lovely to think they visit and remember Longstowe!

Have wonderful days at Christmas and New Year – and stay healthy over the Winter period. Best Wishes.

Sheila Hemmins

Longstowe Classic Tractor Road Run

July 3rd 2011 22 tractors set off from Rushbrook Close, raising money for Addenbrooke's Cancer Research.

First stop – Hatley and thanks to David Rolls, Mr Sapsed and Lord Astors for the use of their farm roadways. After a 10 minute break, on to Croydon via Farm Road and through iron gates to Wimpole Park (again thanks to Estate Manager), after a 40 minute break, off to Barrington Royal Oak via Orwell to have lunch – both liquid and solid! Thanks again to Barrington P.C. for allowing parking on their green where the raffle was drawn, thank you all who donated prizes. Onward to Haslingfield and all villages to Bourn. Circle of Bourn and home to Longstowe. A tremendous thank you to all the tractor drivers who incidentally have to run on road diesel, my wife and daughter for sorting out the raffle and registering the drivers, also to David Turner for printing the plaques. Money raised = £199.10, over the five years money raised = £1339.41 for British Heart Foundation, Addenbrooke's Oncology and now Addenbrooke's Cancer Research.

Thank you.

Bill Slater

Treat a friend.
COFFEE
and
CRAFTS
Christmas gifts and more
Longstowe Village Hall
Tuesday, 1st November
10.30 to 12.30

In support of
VIP! Companion Services for Older People
Reg charity no. 1140646

Longstowe History Day

Saturday 15th October 2pm to 5pm at the Village Hall, entrance 50p. Refreshments will be served.

Exhibits will include:

- Photograph books of 20th century people and events
- Old School Record Book
- Sports Club history
- Railway history and memorabilia
- Histories of St Johns Farm and Glebe House
- Pre-enclosure map dating from 1796

In addition, if you have anything relating to Longstowe which you think people may be interested to see, please contact Dick Murden 719628.

Please tell family and friends with Longstowe connections, and anyone else who may be interested, to come along.

Karate Kid

Congratulations to Sam Holland who has now passed his green belt grading!

Happy Birthday

... to Janet Goldsmith who celebrates her 80th birthday 20th November. Janet is holding a Christmas sale in November look out for posters nearer the time.

Longstowe Village Hall Pub Night

Come and enjoy a drink
and social evening on

Saturday 12th November 2011
6.00 pm to 12.00 midnight

- Real ale, lager, cider, wine, selected spirits & soft drinks
- Hot & cold snacks
- Raffle & table top quiz

All proceeds will go towards a toddlers section for the playground

*Hope to see you there
Mandy Holland*

Church News

Introducing our new Team Vicar – Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke.

I'm Alexandra, married to Chris and we have two young sons, Theo and Oliver. We recently moved into Bourn Rectory, and I will shortly begin ministry in Bourn, Caxton, Kingston and Longstowe. We are returning to the Papworth Team after a couple of years in Hampshire where I served in six busy country parishes. We had spent the previous 4 years in Eltisley where I served my curacy in the Papworth Team, so amid the challenges and joys of moving house and schools we are finding that there is much that is familiar. I love the diversity of parish life, meeting and working with people of all ages, backgrounds and interests and I am looking forward to getting around the villages and meeting many people in homes, clubs, school and social events in the coming months. Following my licensing service in Bourn Church on 19th October, I will be working part-time, available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in addition to Sundays.

Parochial Church Council:

The American philosopher Henry Thoreau said "Things do not change; we do", and this is truly the case for our PCC, as we say a sad goodbye to our very long standing, dedicated and hard-working Church Wardens Geraint and Caroline Jones who are moving to Willingham later this Autumn. We have been counting up the number of years that Caroline and Geraint have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Church and together they have probably given service in excess of 45 plus years! Truly amazing.

Our PCC is rather sadly lacking in numbers of people now and we would very much welcome anyone who would like to be involved with the Church and our community. This does not necessarily mean that you need to turn up to worship on a regular basis, or make a financial commitment, though such possibilities are always encouraged. What we need is to get more people involved to ensure that our beautiful and very special Church stays central to the community and that St Mary the Virgin does not end up in any way merely a site of historical interest.

Having said the above – it may be that you would rather not get involved in the administrative affairs of the Church but would be very happy to give a supporting hand helping on an occasional basis, say with:

- Flowers
- Brass Cleaning
- Cleaning
- Social activities such as the Harvest Supper, Carol Singing and making the Christingles for our candle lit service at the end of November. We all have great fun and can assure there is much merriment!

Please do give Maddy a call on 718303, if you would like to know more or are happy to help.

Pending the Annual PCC meeting to be held next April members of the PCC are:

Rev'd Nigel Pearson and or Rev'd Alexandra Clarke, Tone Clay, Maddy Crowther, Dr Sheena McRae (ex-officio) and Alma Walker.

Maddy Crowther and Sheena McRae (aka Sheena Jenkins) have agreed to act as interim Church Wardens. Tone Clay has kindly agreed to broaden his remit so he is now responsible for the fabric as well as being the Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council.

Two Dates for Your October Diary!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest thanksgiving this year is Sunday 9th October at 3pm.

This is a Family Service so do please come and join us. Refreshments will be served in the church after the service.

We do look forward to seeing you.

Any fresh produce or flowers for decorating the church can be left either in the church porch on the 6th or 7th or with Maddy at Wrights Farm House (the Gransden end of the High Street). **Children are encouraged to bring produce and offer it within the service itself.**

AUTUMN & HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 21st October starting at 7pm

Please bring your own crockery, cutlery etc and your own drinks.

At the door: £6 per head and £3.00 per child aged 5–12.

Children under 5 free.

Please contact Maddy on 718303 to book.

Raffle and tabletop quiz.

Donations of food and prizes for the evening are very welcome.

N.B. Please phone soon to ensure a seat!!

Future Dates for Your Diary:

Special Services:

- Harvest Festival Family Service, 9th October 3pm
- Liscensing of Alexandra Clarke @Bourn Church 19th October, 7.30pm
- Act of Remembrance @ Longstowe 13th November 3pm, Remembrance Service @Bourn 10.30am
- Christingle by Candlelight – Families, 27th November 3pm
- Carol Service 18th December 10.30am
- Christmas Day – Family Service with Archdeacon

Events:

- Autumn & Harvest Supper, 21st October 7pm
- Carol Singing around the Village date tbc
- Quiz Nite date tbc.
- Open Gardens, June 2012 – further details to follow

Confirmation

If you are interested or know someone who is, in attending confirmation classes please contact Revd Stephen Day on 01480 831915 or another member of clergy. Thanks.



Papworth Team Ministry

Team Evening Worship

at 6 pm - Caxton Parish Church

Sunday 2nd October 2011

Sunday 16th October 2011

ALL WELCOME

Praise, Prayer, Teaching

Reflective Worship



Candle-light



Chants

Prayer

Bible readings

Sing or pray

Listen or think

Yelling Parish Church
27th October, 24th November

Refreshments at 7.15pm
Worship starts at 7.30pm

For more information, or to ask about transport, contact Mel Eyeons on 01480 839909 or Steve Day on 01480 831915



As we count down to the Olympics
the Papworth Team Ministry present

more than GOLD

Speaker: Graham Daniels, Director of Christians in Sport

Plus enjoy fellowship over a full English breakfast

Saturday 8th October 2011

from 8.30am – 10.30am

Only £10.00 each



Tickets from:

Tim Burgess, 11a Varrier Jones Drive
Papworth, Cambridge CB23 3GJ

(01480) 830490 tim.burgess@typhoon-tim.co.uk

at Caxton Village Hall



Wave Café Church

– a new venture for the Papworth Team



**Wednesday 5th October at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn,
7.45 for 8pm until 9pm**

Wave is an exciting new Team venture for those who are interested in exploring Christianity to meet together in a relaxed and informal place, from those who are thinking about it for the first time to those who have been investigating for a long time. We aim to consider questions about faith by using DVDs, quizzes and discussions over coffee, tea and cake. The idea is to give people who wouldn't feel comfortable in a more formal church-type setting a safe space to ask questions, meet others and say what they think and feel. There are no stupid or forbidden questions!

For more information please contact Fiona Windsor on 01954 267535 or Ruth Terrell on 01954 718575.

| Month | Sunday | Title | T.E.W | Boxworth | Eisworth | Knapwell | Bourn | Kingston | Caxton | Longstowe |
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| October | 1 | Trinity 15 | 6:00 pm Caxton M Eyeons | 8:30 am HC (2) FW | 10:30 am FS tba | 6:00 pm HARVEST FW/ER | 10:30 am HARVEST PG/ER | 8:30 am HC (2) PG | 8:30 am HC (2) NP | |
| | 2 | Trinity 16 | | 07.10.11 @ 6.00 HARVEST +Bishop Ey/FW 10:30 am FS ME | 6:00 pm HC (2) NP | | 10:30 am WFA FST | | 10:30 am HARVEST NP/RT | 3:00pm Harvest NP |
| | 3 | Trinity 17 | 6:00 pm Caxton Rev'd Dr M Thompson | 10:30 am MP | 10:30 am AAC | 8:30 am HC(2) | 8:30 am HC (1) | 10:30 am FS | 10:30 am HC(1) | |
| | 4 | Last Sunday of Trinity | | 10:30 am ME | 6:00 pm FW | FW/ER | PG | PG | R Stephenson | 10:30 am FS+Baptism NP |
| | 5 | Fourth Sunday before Advent | | | | 6:00 pm All Souls ALL | | | | 8:30 am HC FW |
| November | 1 | Third Sunday before Advent | 6:00 pm Caxton N Pearson | 08:30 am HC (2) FW | 10:30 am FS FW | 3:00 pm EP FW | 10:30 am HC(1) AC | 8:30 am HC (2) PG/SD | 8:30 am HC (2) AC | |
| | 2 | Remembrance Sunday | | 10:30 am Remembrance Archdeacon | 3:00 pm Remembrance FW + ER | | 10:30 am Remembrance AC | 10:30 am Remembrance PG | 10:30 am Remembrance RT | 3:00 pm Act of Remembrance NP/AC |
| | 3 | Christ the King | 6:00 pm Caxton | | 8:30 am HC @ Knapwell FW | | 10:30 am Deanery Service at Comberton Leisure | | | |
| | 4 | Advent 1 | | 10:30 am HC (1) FW | 6:00 pm EP FW | 10:30 am MP/Sow PG | 6:00 pm EP PG | | | 3:00 pm Christingle AC/NP |

Neighbourhood Watch

Your co-ordinators are:

Deborah Hemmins 719638
 Peter Hemmins 719372
 Bill Slater 719551
 Peter White 719669

If you see an incident, please take all the details and jot them down. Numbers, dates, times, descriptions. If matters are so urgent then dial 999 directly. Otherwise telephone 01345 456 4564. Website: www.cambs.police.uk

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| | 1 | 04/12/11 Advent 2 | | 8.30 am HC (2) FW/ME | 10.30 am FS/Christingle FW | 6.00 pm Carols FW/ER | 10.30 am HC(1) AC | 8.30 am HC (1) PG | 8.30 am HC(1) AC | |
| | 2 | 11/12/11 Advent 3 | | 3.00 pm Christingle FW | 10.30 am AAC FW/ER | 6.00 pm Carols FW/PG/AC | | 6.00 pm Carols AC/PG | 10.30 am HC (1) AC | 8.30 am HC(2) AC |
| | 3 | 18/12/11 Advent 4 | | 6.00 pm Carols ME | 6.00 pm Carols FW | 8.30 am HC(2) FW | 8.30 am HC (1) PG | 6.00 pm Carols AC/PG | 10.30 am Carols NP/RT | 10.30am Carols AC |
| | 24/12/11 | Christmas Eve | | | 11.30 pm HC(1) FW/ME | 3.00 pm Crib Service PG/AC | 11.30 pm HC(1) AC | 9.30 pm HC PG | | |
| | 4 | 25/12/11 Christmas Day | | 10.30 am HC FW | 8.30 am HC(2) Archdeacon | 10.30 am FS AC | 10.30 am All Age HC PG | 10.30 am AAC NP/RT | 10.30 am HC Archdeacon | |
| Jan | 1 | 01/01/12 Christmas 1 | | | 10.30 am All Age Communion at Bourn PG | | | | | |

AccessArt Drawing Workshops for Children aged 6 to 10*

£8 per session, including all materials

16:45 -17:45 Granchester Village Hall, The High Street, Granchester, Cambridge

Tuesdays: 20th September to 18th October and 1st November to 6th December

Please book on 01223 262134

We will be confirming the time and place of sessions for older children and adults very shortly.

Please note AccessArt documents its workshops and shares the outcomes via our well-respected website www.accessart.org.uk, which is used by teachers and individuals across the UK.

*Age range appropriate - if you have a child younger or older and you think they would enjoy the sessions we're very flexible.

Please let Sally have any items for the January Skylark by Monday 12 December.

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