



# THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

October 2012

## Village News

### Longstowe Kids Fête

For the first time the Longstowe Kids Fête took place in the Village Hall, on the Playground and on the Recreation Ground. This event was organised instead of the Village Fête to give the families an opportunity to get together and have fun. And it works!

We were sold out on game cards, cakes and the tombola was finished after 30 minutes. The kids played welly throwing, sack race, frisbee and football. They joined in the face painting, the tombola, the second hand toy stall and could buy self made cards and cakes.



The weather was fantastic and some families were sitting on the grass and enjoyed the nice atmosphere around them. Our wonderful playground was a highlight and lots of the children loved to play there. Many parents didn't know this nice place and promised to come again to play with their kids.

There were all ages not only out of Longstowe we had visitors from Caxton, Bourn, Caldecote,

Kingston, Gamlingay and Cambourne. What a great day!

We raised £120 for the Village Hall and the Playground.

Thank you all for your donations, help and coming around!

To see the photos of the day just go to "Longstowe Kids Fête" at Facebook and like it  
It was a wonderful day and we kept the sign...

Thanks again!



*The Team*

*Chris Hoenkhaus*

## New Year's Eve Grand Event !!

At the village hall, 8pm till 1am a social evening with raffle (drawn fairly early) and hopefully some lights and music later on to see in the new year.

Bring your own food and drink etc. £2 per adult for the village hall.

Any donations for the raffle and decorations for the hall gratefully received.

## Kid's Corner

### London 2012 Paralympics

I was very excited when Mum and Dad told me they had managed to get tickets for the Paralympic games and more so when I found out I was going to see the swimming! I was amazed by the size of the site and really enjoyed the whole day. We even managed to see the wheelchair tennis. This is a picture of me inside the aquatics centre.



I was also lucky enough to visit the Golden Post Box in Belton nr Gt Yarmouth where my Nannie and Grandad live, which was painted in honour of Jessica-Jane Applegate who won Gold at the Paralympic Swimming. JJ is pictured here

with her medal when I went to her welcome home parade in Gt Yarmouth.

Lily Burton



### Rolls On Top

Sam, 13, and Charlie Rolls, 11, have had a great 2012 bike trial season. Through the year the boys have travelled the UK to compete in the 7 rounds of the Biketrial Federation British Cup championship. With one more round to go at Shipley Glen, Yorkshire, the boys have already gained enough points to claim the British Champion title in their class.



Sam & Charlie celebrating a win in Blackpool

Charlie has also competed in the European and World BIU Biketrial championships this year. The European rounds were a great success. Travelling with his Dad to Spain, Denmark and Czech Republic, Charlie won all three rounds to become European Champion.

In the summer holidays, Sam, Charlie and Mum went on a three week road trip to the BIU World Championships. They were held over three consecutive weekends. First stop was Saix, France for the first round. Set on a mixture of natural and man-made sections around the local lake, Charlie held his nerve to finish in first position.

The journey to Igualada, Spain took a little longer than expect due to the Spanish fires. This was a very hard trial set on man made sections around the town in the blazing sun. Bike trials is very popular in Catalonia, the town was full of spectators and the event was televised for the local TV stations. Charlie kept his cool to finish in second place.

After a stop off at Grenoble, France for a bit of practice, the last trial in Sonico, Italy was reached. The sections were set on the muddy and rocky hillside of the town. This was a very difficult trial, very slippery and the sections were very long for the 2 minutes



allowed to complete a section. Charlie won this trial to become BIU World Biketrial Benjamin Champion.



Charlie competing in Spain



Bill Slater

Many thanks to Bill, for taking the time and trouble to organise such a good outing.



### **Karate Kid**

Congratulations to Sam Holland who has passed his brown and white belt grading!



Jane Bowden seen here having enjoyed a drive along Red House Lane, at the southern edge of Longstowe. It is a great pity that due to a combination of recent wet weather and abuse of the Right of Way by irresponsible 4WD vehicle users, it has been closed for a large part of its open season. I sincerely hope it doesn't end up closed off to vehicles for good.

*Peter White*

### **Charity Tractor Run**

On Sunday 9th September, there was a charity vintage tractor run, arranged by Mr Bill Slater. Bill had arranged a route that ran along Red House Lane, turning off onto private land that Bill had obtained permission to cross. Eight vintage tractors participated, some of them dating back to the 1950s. There was a stop at Wimpole Hall, where we enjoyed a tea break, then onward to the green at Barrington where we stayed for an hour to enjoy lunch. The old vintage equipment attracted much interest from bystanders, some even wanted to look at the old tractors!

The route continued through other quiet villages, returning home mid afternoon. The weather had been absolutely perfect for the event, which raised £40 to be donated Addenbrooke's Hospital Oncology Department.

### **Longstowe Village Fete and Show**

This year we were unable to hold a fete and show. The reason was that the Show was not held on the usual weekend was due to a family wedding in another part of the country, at which I needed to be present.

Due to long-standing cricket fixtures and holiday plans of other Committee members, there was only one possible date we could have used, but that coincided with the last week of school holidays. We knew many families with children would be unable to support the event if it were held at that time.

Next year, the fête and show will be back to the usual date. The Show will be in a new format, which should increase its appeal in today's world, where fewer of us grow our own produce. It is planned to increase the appeal of The Show to youngsters in the village.

*Peter White, Show Organiser*

### **Thank You**

Alan, Zoe and Lily would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind wishes following the death of Alan's Nanny Ruby. Although she lived in Gt Yarmouth many of you knew her and the family were very touched by your wishes.

### **New Arrival**

Peter and Caroline White were presented with a 'new' grandson, Riley Arthur Gosling, on 22nd August. Riley weighed in at 9lbs and was off to a good start. It was found, as he approached 10 days old, that he wasn't very well and needed surgery on his heart. He was admitted to St Thomas's Hospital in London where he underwent surgery that was successful in restoring him to health. Some very anxious moments for his family but Riley is now back at home and doing well, as is his mother, another Caroline. Very many thanks to those who expressed interest and concern during his stay in hospital.

*How far away does **your** Skylark get read?*



Seen here being perused in St Marks Square, Venice.

## **Village Hall Matters**

The following Notice is served in accordance with requirements pertaining to an application for a Premises Licence. The Premises Licence certificate replaces the former Entertainments Licence certificate previously held by the Village Hall.

**PLEASE NOTE** that a **Temporary Event Notice** will still be necessary for private, charitable or public events that involve the **supply and sale of alcohol**. Anyone wishing to hire the hall for an event which will include the supply and/or sale of alcohol, **must** notify the Bookings Secretary at the time of hiring for permission and advice.

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE CERTIFICATE**

Notice is given that **Longstowe Village Hall Committee** has applied to South Cambs District Council as the Licensing Authority for a **Premises Licence for Longstowe Village Hall** for the playing and performance of music, for dancing, indoor sporting events, the performance of plays and films, for entertainment of a similar nature, and for the provision of late night food.

Anyone wishing to make representations concerning this application should do so in writing to: **South Cambs District Council, Licensing Section, South Cambs Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA**

Representations in respect of this application must reach the Licensing Authority by **31st October 2012**. Persons wishing to inspect the register or the record of this application may do so by attending the office of the Licensing Section, during office hours, Monday to Friday inclusive. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fine for which on summary conviction is £5000.



## **Longstowe Parish Council: Parish Clerk Vacancy (Part-time)**

[www.scambs.gov.uk/LongstowePC](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/LongstowePC)

The Council is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic person to fill the post of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). This is a great opportunity for a local person who wishes to work flexible hours from home plus one evening meeting each month (excluding August). Training can be provided and is highly recommended, and further details on the post including duties can be provided by contacting Zoe Burton, Chairperson [zoeburton74@googlemail.com](mailto:zoeburton74@googlemail.com)

Hours of work are approx. 3 to 4 hours a week. The salary is on an hourly rate and is to be agreed but would be in the region of £8.34 per hour. There will be a three month trial period (before a full contract is given) and at the end of the three months immediate notice can be given by either side. The full contract is for one year in the first instance and then renewable by mutual agreement. *It is difficult to give a set date for responses/interviews as the position needs to be filled as soon as possible.*

## **Longstowe Parish Council News**

### **Thank You's**

Following many years as a Councillor on Longstowe Parish Council, Peter Hemmins decided not to re-stand during the May elections. I would like to thank Peter for all his help, support and advice he has given to the Parish Council and Councillors over the years. Peter will be missed by us all on the Council.

Following only a few months with Longstowe Parish Council we were saddened to learn of the resignation of Tara Blackaby as Clerk. Tara had to resign with immediate effect on medical grounds and the Parish Council would like to wish her a full and speedy recovery.

### **Welcome**

Following the May elections the Parish Council had two vacancies for Councillors, and following discussions between the elected Councillors (William Bevan, Geoff Hemmins and Zoe Burton) we are pleased to welcome David Rolls and Barbara Cooper onto LPC who have both been co-opted and duly nominated.

### **Theft / Attempted Theft**

Over the last few months there has been a theft within the village and also an attempted theft both of which were reported. Please can we ask residents to be vigilant and if they see anyone acting suspicious to contact the Police immediately.

## **Sewers Rushbrook Close/High Street**

LPC are aware that the sewers in Rushbrook Close / High Street are of a great concern to residents and always block after high volumes of rain with tankers being called out to clear the drains. An onsite meeting is being arranged between County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, various representatives and residents to discuss future improvements, legalities etc. in the hope that Anglian Water will resolve this issue. As soon as a date for the meeting is arranged the PC will let resident representatives know.

### **A1198 Update**

The Parish Council is awaiting information on why Longstowe was not included within the Minor Highways Improvement Allocations. We hope to be able to report more on this in the next edition.

### **New Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)**

Welcome to Steph Wiltshire who has replaced our former Gamlingay ward PCSO Carly Freed. Based out of Cambourne she will be responsible for Gamlingay, the Hatleys, Longstowe, Croydon, Lt Gransden and Arrington.

### **Arrington Wind Mast**

We have been advised by South Cambs that this application has been refused for a second time on grounds of aircraft safety and adverse impact on the landscape. Obviously an appeal may yet be lodged.

### **Family Website – take a look**

CCC has put all the information you could ever need regarding children and families on one new website. This includes information on Children's Centres, education, benefits, help for parents, support for teens etc. They are still fine tuning it so are interested in your feedback if you have any problems with it. In the meantime government is putting a great deal of money into supporting families with multiple problems including long term unemployment. 10 Family Employment advisors are being employed who will work with a wider team to provide one stop shop support. [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/families](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/families)

### **South Cambs Magazine**

SCDC has out-sourced delivery etc. of the South Cambs magazine PDC handle all customer service enquiries, so if you have any queries about delivery/non-delivery please contact them direct on 01904 606300 or [customerservice@teampdc.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@teampdc.co.uk)

Zoe Burton

Chairperson Longstowe Parish Council

## Church News

Dear All,

What a mixture of weather we've had this year: a wet sunless June and early July, and since then an amazing mixture of bright sun and quite awesome storms.

The harvest started two weeks later than usual, giving us a late July break, which we haven't had in 20 years – what a pleasure!

And so the harvest started – with everyone wondering what might be the outcome. No shortage of grain, wonderful looking crops, but alas lots of shrivelled seeds and low bushel weights– which is what you have to expect when its wet and the sun doesn't come out in June and early July. No chance of much corn meeting the milling specifications, but I hear the mills may be reducing their specifications.

We provide wheat for the Weetabix factory in Kettering and if a packet of Weetabix comes from one kilo of wheat, and the average trailer weighs 12 tonnes, each trailer produces 12,000 packets of Weetabix; what an amazingly productive world we live in.

And the most enjoyable part of the picture is the community that comes together to bring the harvest in – agricultural engineers, tractor drivers, combine drivers, corn merchants, 'piece' makers (for lunch and tea), storemen, bin levellers, lorry drivers, fuel deliverers, headland mowers, visitors (adults and children riding in the combines), and then those preparing for the new season, ploughman, seed merchants, those sowing the new ground, rollers and soil packers. What a privilege it is to be involved.

Perhaps this year the most memorable sight after ten minutes of torrential rain was the late sun catching the purest gold colour of the uncut wheat against the backdrop of the blackest possible sky, and a few remaining huge raindrops each reflecting the sun and looking like silver ball bearings dropping down from the heavens. What a sight!

But it is a time to remember those farmers facing disaster in so many parts of the world, all those who will be short of food as a result, and everyone having to pay more for what they eat; so we try not to waste any of the produce by not overfilling the trailers, avoiding wheat sliding off the trailers at the roundabouts and wheat getting ruined in the pits during the storms.

And with all that productivity, all that beauty of billowing clouds, silver linings, and dramatic colours of the sunsets through the dust of the

combines, we can just sit back and receive it all as an extraordinary piece of luck for each one of us in a vast cosmos, **or** we can take just a little time out, thank our lucky stars, consider the heavens and thank the intelligent being behind it all.

Best wishes,

*Nigel*



Papworth Team Ministry

## Team Evening Worship

*at 6 pm - Caxton Parish Church*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**Dates for the rest of the year are:  
4<sup>th</sup> November, 18 November**

**ALL WELCOME**

*Praise, Prayer, Teaching*

## Wave Café Church

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn,  
7.45 for 8pm until 9pm**



For those who are interested in exploring Christianity in a relaxed and informal way with DVDs, quizzes and discussions over coffee, tea and cake.

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

*Next few dates are: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December*

A short, prayerful service of  
**Holy Communion**

will be celebrated every  
**Wednesday**  
at **midday**  
in **Bourn Church**



Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

If you have particular prayer requests, please contact  
Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke (01954 710426)  
[alexandra.clarke@ely.anglican.org](mailto:alexandra.clarke@ely.anglican.org)  
Wheelchair access provided

## Why Wear a Poppy

“Please wear a Poppy” the lady said,  
And held one forth, but I shook my head.  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,  
And here face was old and lined with care,  
But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on carefree feet.  
His smile was full of joy and fun,  
“Lady” he said “May I have one”  
When she’d pinned it one he turned to say:  
“Why do we wear a Poppy today?”

The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered: “This is Remembrance Day.  
And the Poppy there is the symbol for  
The gallant men who died in War,  
And because they died, you and I are free,  
That’s why we wear a Poppy you see.

I had a boy about your size,  
With golden hair and big blue eyes,  
He loved to play and jump and shout,  
Free as a bird he would race about.  
As the years went by he learned and grew  
And became a man as you will too.

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,  
But he seemed to be with us such a little while.

When war broke out he went away  
I still remember his face that day,  
When he smiled at me and said “Goodbye,  
I’ll be back soon, Mum, so please don’t cry.

But the war went on and he had to stay,  
And all I could do was to wait and pray,  
His letters told of the awful fight  
I see it still in my dreams at night,  
With the tanks and the guns and  
the cruel barbed wire,  
And the mines and the bullets,  
and the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won,  
So that’s why we wear a Poppy son.  
The small boy turned as if to go,  
then said: “Thanks Lady, I’m glad to know  
That sure did sound an awful fight  
But, your son, did he come back alright.”

A tear rolled down the faded cheek.  
She shook her head, but did not speak.  
I slunk away feeling sick with shame  
And if you’d been me you’d have done the same.  
For our thanks in giving, are oft delayed,  
Though our freedom was bought – and  
thousands paid.

And so when you see a Poppy worn,  
Try to think of the burden borne  
By those, who gave their very all  
When asked to respond to their country’s call.  
That we at home in peace might live,  
So wear a poppy, Remember, And Give.

*by Don Crawford submitted by Lilian & Barrie Dench*

## Emergency calls made from mobile phones

I feel this is well worth knowing, especially round here where mobile coverage is marginal at best. Should you be unfortunate enough to need to call the emergency services from your mobile, you are best advised to dial 112 instead of the more familiar 999. Dialling 999 will connect you, but only through your normal service provider, i.e. Vodaphone, Orange etc. If the signal is poor you may be unable to make yourself understood.

If you dial 112, your phone will search for the strongest signal irrespective of provider, and make the call on that network. This could save lives. On your home phone, either number connects to the same place.

Mobile emergency number, use 112. Incidentally, if you use your UK mobile and call 112, it will usually connect you to an English speaking emergency operator in that country.

*Peter White*

## Neighbourhood Watch

### **Your co-ordinators are:**

Deborah Hemmins	719638
Bill Slater	719551
Peter Hemmins	719372
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](http://www.cambs.police.uk)**

## TEAM EAST

Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Boxworth	Elsworth	Knapwell	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
October	1	Trinity 18	6.00 pm Caxton	8.30 am HC (2)	10.30 am HARVEST	6.00 pm EP	11.30 am HARVEST	8.30 am HC (2)	8.30 am HC (2)	
	2			12.10.12 6.30 pm HARVEST		12.30 pm BAPTISM				
November	14/10/2012	Trinity 20		10.30 am FS	6.00 pm HC (2)	12.00 Baptism	10.30 am WFA with Baptism	6.00 pm EP	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC(2)
	21/10/2012	Trinity 20		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 HARVEST	4.00 pm FS
	28/10/2012	Last Sunday		10.30 am HC (1)	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am MP or SoW	6.00 pm EP		10.30 am HC(2)
	04/11/2012	Fourth Sunday before Advent		6.00 pm Caxton	08.30 am HC (2)	10.30 am FS	6.00 pm EP	10.30 am HC(1)	8.30 am HC (2)	8.30 am HC (2)
	2	Remembrance Sunday		10.30 am Remembrance	3.00 pm Remembrance		10.15 am Cenotaph	10.30 am Remembrance	10.30 am Remembrance	10.30 am Remembrance
	3	Second Sunday before Advent		6.00 pm Caxton	10.30 am HC	6.00 pm AAC	8.30 am HC(2)	10.30 am FS	10.30 am FS	
	4	Christ the King			6.00 pm Bread of Life at Elisley (HC)				10.30 am Deanery Service at CVC	
	25/11/2012									pm Baptism

## Home Communion

If you are a regular worshipper and become housebound we still want to share in the life of your Christian community. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01954 719718 and we will be able to help. If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. This also applies to those who are seriously ill and bed bound.

Please let Sally have any items for the January  
 Skylark by Tuesday 11 December.  
 Tel: 719464  
 Email: [theskylark@rocketmail.com](mailto:theskylark@rocketmail.com)