

THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

October 2018



Longstowe Parish Council: New webpage address:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=360&LS=4>

Longstowe Parish Council

Dates for your Diary:

Longstowe Parish Council meetings:

Thursday 18th October 2018

Wednesday 14th November 2018

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Neighbourhood Watch

Your co-ordinators are:

Deborah Hemmins 719638

Peter Hemmins 719372

If you see an incident, please take all the details and jot them down. Numbers, dates, times, descriptions. If matters are urgent dial 999. Otherwise telephone 101. You can also report incidents at www.cambs.police.uk.

This month, **Cambridgeshire County Council** has been firing up two new specialist machines, known as the 'dragon patcher', to complete their pothole repairs. They will join the county's first dragon patcher which, since January, has made almost 7,000

repairs to potholes and larger patches across Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire County Council has secured a silver award in the Ministry of Defence's employer recognition scheme for showing support to the armed forces and their families.

Heidi Allen MP: from her newsletters

The major infrastructure improvements needed in South Cambridgeshire remain a priority for me. In July, Highways England announced their plans to start construction work on the expressway between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet in 2021/2. This is later than originally planned and I share residents' concerns about the delays. Highways England told me there are two reasons. The engineering at the A1 end is more complex than originally envisaged and they also want the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon works to complete before they begin construction work on the A428.

I am meeting with the Chancellor (along with neighbouring MP, Jonathan Djanogly) soon to ensure he fully understands how vital this road improvement scheme is and that nothing can allow it to be delayed further.

Another much-needed improvement to our local infrastructure is the Girton M11/J14 Interchange. If improvements are not made, the benefits of the A428 expressway and the improvements to the A14 simply won't be delivered as we won't have a joined-up network. With the housing growth anticipated across Cambridgeshire and with new jobs being created at the Biomedical Campus, we need to make sure the growth potential of the area has the infrastructure to match the ambition for the area. I have made a bid for funding for the Girton interchange ahead of the Autumn statement and reiterated how vital it is to the Chancellor and Roads Minister.

East West Rail (Oxford to Cambridge) is another project that many constituents have contacted me about and I want to reassure you that NO route has yet been chosen. Personally, I support a route that is closely aligned with the A428 corridor as public transport is almost non-existent in this part of the constituency. It would also support the housing growth planned at Cambourne and Northstowe, so seems obvious to me. I am pushing this route with Rob Brighouse (Chairman of the East West Rail Company) and am pleased to report he has shown interest and we will be meeting again soon. I'll keep you posted, but please

be assured I will let you know as soon as any route possibilities emerge.

In my newsletters at the beginning of the year, I urged local residents to contribute to the consultation on the Ministry of Justice's proposed closure of Cambridge Magistrates' Court. Well, you did and they listened! At the end of July, the Ministry confirmed the court will remain open. Thank you to the many local people who contacted me about this – there were a number of concerns about the consultation and I am pleased that the right decision has been made. We made this happen!

I'm working hard to find a way to amend the law to strengthen police powers to deal with hare coursing. This crime is abhorrent and devastating for those affected and the current legislation is out of date and no longer fit for purpose.

Looking ahead, I'll be meeting with Royal Papworth Hospital to discuss the future use of the site after they move to Addenbrooke's.

You will be aware from my previous newsletters of the action I have been taking to hold GTR to account for the debacle following the introduction of their new train timetable in May. Over recent months, I have been arguing that compensation must not apply only to season ticket holders – there are plenty of commuters in South Cambridgeshire who have been affected but who are not season ticket holders.

In the last few days, GTR has announced that the compensation

scheme will now also include non-season ticket holders. This is welcome news but GTR still have some way to go to ensure that services are better and I have contacted Chris Grayling again to urge him to delay the proposed rail fare increase until the services have been fully restored AND maintained. My work on behalf of commuters continues and I will be meeting with the new Chief Executive of GTR shortly. I will leave him in no doubt about the strength of feeling of local commuters and will provide an update on this on my dedicated website page –

www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/gtr and in my next newsletter.

My next no appointment “drop in” surgery will be on Saturday 6th October (10.30am -12.30pm) in Northstowe. If you’d prefer an appointment, I’ll be in Bassingbourn on the 2nd November between 3 and 5pm. You can find more details on my website here:

<https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries>

If you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037.

Message from Royal Mail:

SCAM MAIL

What is it?
 Scam mail is illegal mail
 Scam mail targets the most vulnerable
 Scam mail is not normal advertising mail.

What to look out for
 Is someone you know receiving a large amount of mail?
 Are they sending money in response to this mail?
 If so, they could be a target of scammers.

Contact: Royal Mail scam mail team on 0800 0113 466
scam.mail@royalmail.com FREEPOST SCAM MAIL



Collective energy switching: sign up now and save money on your energy bills!

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch is a scheme that builds on the strengths of Cambridgeshire County Council, the District Councils and residents, and brings them together in order to get a cheaper energy tariff.

Taking part in the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch is free and without obligation. The more people that participate in the scheme, the more likely we are able to achieve cheaper energy prices.

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The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch holds its next energy auction on the **9th of October**. The supplier who offers the cheapest tariff in the auction will offer registered households a new energy contract. From the 22nd of October personal offers will be sent out and households will be able to see straight away how much money they could save on their annual energy bill. They then decide if they want to accept the offer or not.

We are working with iChoosr to provide the energy auctions. iChoosr is an independent and completely impartial service provider. They aim to provide a better energy deal and also ensure that the switching experience is simple and convenient. iChoosr do not supply energy, but across the country iChoosr have successfully switched over 40,000 families who have collectively saved nearly £6 million; making a difference to their household budgets.

In February 2018, over 400 Cambridgeshire families switched energy suppliers through this scheme and between them made savings of over £70,000, saving each household an average of £167 a year.

There are a number of advantages with the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch:

- Signing up is free and without obligation.
- You decide whether you wish to accept the offer or not.
- You can count on the assistance and support of our Customer Care team before, during and after your switch.

How can I sign up for the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch?

- Go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch
- Find your annual energy statement or recent set of energy bills
- Click on the button "Sign up now"
- Fill in your energy details and confirm your registration

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch. You can call us on 01223 714732 or send an email to energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The only thing missing from Bourn Scout Group is you.

Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Email gsl@bournscouts.org.uk for further information

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LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

Film in 3D



“Im Krieg”

A remarkable 3D documentary film of WW1, with footage of peacetime Europe followed by the onset of war, the movement of troops and life in the trenches. The footage is from the other side, but the sentiment is universal and unbiased.

This is the closest you will ever get to the events of 1914-18.

(Spectacles, which will also fit over normal glasses, will be provided)

presented by
Peter White

Tuesday 30th October 2018, 7.30 for 8pm

LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

**Booking advised: mrpeterwhite@btinternet.com
or telephone 01954 719669 -**

£3 (Members free)

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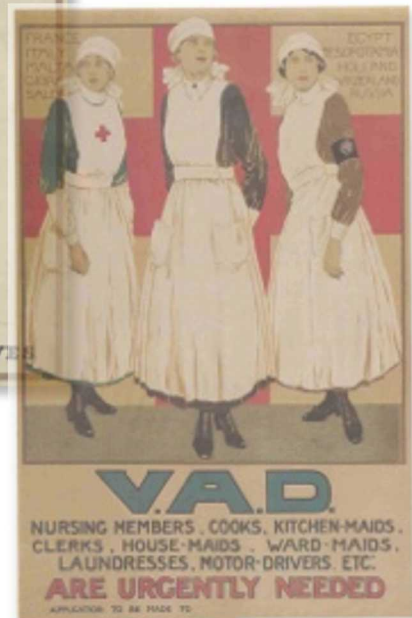
Life in the Great War 1914-18



From egg and blackberry collections,
Red Cross hospitals and Belgian
refugees - a local newspaper reveals life
in a nearby town and surrounding
villages

illustrated talk
by
Sue Jarrett

**Tuesday
27th November
7.30 for
8pm**



**Longstowe Village
Hall**

**Admission £3 (members free)
Everyone Welcome**

Village Hall

Hire Charge per day £120, per hour £12.

For further information and bookings, contact Mrs Caroline White:
LongstoweVillageHall@outlook.com / telephone or text 077 32 160 951

JOTTINGS FROM THE LONGSTOWE CHURCH PCC (PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL):

News Flash: Sunday 23rd

September: Pet Service, celebrating God's Creation. We had a total of 68 feet cross the threshold of the church this morning, raised £55.00 for a small registered charity called Our Special Friends which offers practical & emotional support to enable those facing difficult times to benefit from animal companionship matches, and all attending really enjoyed the service.



"Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?
Who made bats and rats and cats?
Who put the gold into the sunshine?
Who put the sparkle in the stars?
Who made Earth and Mars?
It surely can't be chance!"

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Community & Church happenings:

The next evening to look forward to and one which we hope you will support well is our **Harvest & Village Supper 6th October 2018.**

Although monies raised on the evening are to support the fabric of our church, the Supper is much more about community, having fun, meeting up with people who you have probably only had the chance to wave at during the rest of the year, or meeting new neighbours.

Please see details for time and booking your tickets.

- To help with the evening and catering, all donations of food and prizes are gratefully received!
- Please remember to bring your own crockery, glasses, cutlery and drinks.
- All tickets are for purchase on the door:

THE LONGSTOWE



AUTUMN & HARVEST SUPPER @7PM



SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER
2018

£7.00 per head and £4.00 per child
aged 5-12.

Children under 5 free.

Raffle.

Please contact Maddy on 718303
with offers to help and book your
seat.

Volunteers for help with setting up
on the afternoon are most
welcome.

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

Autumn & Early Winter Services :

- 7th October Harvest Service @10.30am
- 28th October Morning Prayers @10.30am
- 11th November Remembrance Service @10.30am
 - 25th November Holy Communion@ 8.30am
 - 2nd December Christingle @3pm
- 23rd December Carols by Candlelight @3pm
- 25th December- Christmas Day Holy Communion

Please provide copy for the December/January issue by
Monday 10th December to
LongstowePC.Clerk@hotmail.com