



# *THE SKYLARK*

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

October 2016

## **Village News**

### ***Longstowe Dog Day for VIP Companionship for Older People***

Once again we had the most amazing summer's day for the Dog Show held in August for the small charity VIP Companionship for Older People that supports older people living in the rural communities of South Cambridgeshire. In fact it was nearly too hot, and the number of dogs competing was very slightly down on entries for 2015. But despite this we still raised over £600 for the charity through entry fees from the classes and the sale of the delicious cakes made by volunteers and served during the afternoon.



This note is by way of thanks to everyone involved with the day and to the Village Hall Committee for agreeing to us to holding the event. Thanks also to all the owners who brought their special

friends along. Thank you everyone – we could not do it without you.

This year prizes awarded to the entrants i.e. the canines, were paw shaped biscuits made by Rudi's the Doggy Bakery from Potton and the championship award also made by them was a doggy carrot cake which looked so delicious that it had to be freed from the Cake Stall at one stage as it was nearly given out with tea! Other prizes on the day, were very kindly given by Sophie Rice of Barkley Grange, Hilton (the doggy day care centre)

Special thanks to Caroline White who once again agreed to judge the dogs. Thank you very much Caroline.

Maddy Crowther

### ***Longstowe Fête and Show***

Our fête and show were run together on Sunday 18th of September. We were so fortunate to have had such a lovely warm afternoon which helped attract many visitors. Many had travelled from other villages to support the event. There were many attractions including, for the second year, the wheelbarrow race and the always popular book stall, brick a brac, teddy tombola, rifle range, bottle stall, barbecue and bar, and making its first appearance this year: welly wanging! On offer in the bar were a locally brewed beer and cider made in Longstowe which was donated by Gen and Lucy who are having much success locally with their cider making. Knibbs Butchers generously donated the high quality meat and sausages, our thanks go to them too. The Cubs put on an interesting display based around celebration of 100 years of operation and showing some of their recent activities. Fen Feeds and R G Services kindly sponsored the rosettes for the show winners. We thank them for their generosity. Also, a huge thank you to Kellie Rolls for taking on the door to door collection.

Overall Show winner was Zoe Burton who had entered a wide variety of samples for the judges to examine.

The Fire Brigade, due to last minute commitments were unable to attend this year, we hope they



may be able to attend next year. All in all a very successful day due to the huge amount of effort put in by the organisers and other volunteers, together with the generosity of village residents and those who kindly spent their cash with us.

At the end of the day the event had raised £1,500 which will be used entirely to support our Village Hall.



This is Lily Burton's 1st placed story from show:

## Lily in Longstowe

Lily lives in a little village called Longstowe, in a cottage which belonged to a railway worker. For one week each summer Lily's cousin Poppy visits from Cornwall. Poppy loves being with her 'up country' cousin and Lily counts the days until Poppy arrives.

The first morning Lily and Poppy were up early and out before the sun had had time to fully wake up. The girls biked up the back field and along the old railway line which lead from the railway station to the other end of the village. They headed towards the old disused aerodrome, biking as fast as they could pretending to be planes coming into land. Before they know it they were across the fields and outside the old Golden Miller Pub.

"Who was the Golden Miller?" asked Poppy as she noticed the old sign with a horse and jockey wearing blue and yellow 'silks'.

"He was a famous racehorse who was trained in the village by a gentleman called Basil" replied Lily.

"And I am still the only horse to have won the Grand National and Gold Cup in the same year!"

"Who said that?" questioned Lily turning round to see who was behind them.

"I did" was the reply, but the two girls could not see anyone around. "Up here" said the

voice and the girls noticed that the horse on the sign was speaking.

"Can you help me, I've been up here for many years and would really like to stretch my legs".

"What can we do?" questioned the girls a little scared.

"Say Gallop, Gallop, Gallop, whilst jumping high three times".

So the girls did as they were told and within a blink the horse was prancing around, stretching his legs and swishing his tail in front of them.

"Thank you so much" said the Golden Miller "how can I repay you?"

The two cousins thought for a while then Lily had a great idea. "I have always wanted to ride around the village - would you take Poppy and I for a ride?"

"I would love that" replied Golden Miller.

Lily and Poppy jumped up onto Golden Miller. Lily first, holding onto his reins, then Poppy who wrapped her arms around her cousin's waist and held on tight.

First they visited the church and Lily told Poppy how she loved the Christingle service when all the lights are turned off and there is just the glow of the candles - "It's magical!" said Lily.

Then they headed up a long drive leading to an Elizabethan Hall. Lily and Poppy loved imagining themselves as grand ladies arriving in a horse and carriage and walking around the gardens in the summer sun.

"Are we going to the little house?" asked Golden Miller.

"What little house?" questioned Lily "I have never seen a little house here before".

"Many years ago a little girl helped me out of the sign and we came down here. We crossed a bridge, passed the lake and in the woods and there was a little house. I can't remember the girls name but she said she loved to play in the little house with her friends" said Golden Miller "but that was over 35 years ago".

Lily and Poppy both wondered who the little girl was, did she still live in the village, and was the little house still in the woods?...

## **Leslie Medlock**

Many remembered Leslie Medlock who sadly died on September 1st aged 93 years. Leslie, Sheila and daughters Sandra and Janet used to live at 'The Orchards' on Old North Road until they moved to March to be close to Janet, Sandra lives in the USA.

A good few friends went from Longstowe to March crematorium, together with others from surrounding villages. The family were most pleased to see so many friends and were comforted by their company, and they send their thanks and best wishes to all.

## **Dog Fouling**

A few dog foulings have occurred in the village playing field, please clear up behind your dogs. Barkers Corner is becoming a mine field of dog poo, it is only partly public footpath the rest Longstowe Estates, I've been the victim of treading in dog poo, please clear with a stick into the rough or use a bag. Several people love to walk round our fields who are not dog owners, please be considerate to other people and clear up behind your dogs as I do.

Thank you!

*J. Cawdery*

## **Church News**

### **Autumn & Harvest Supper**

**Saturday 15th October  
7pm at Village Hall**

**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 for purchase on the door:**

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

**Children under 5 free**

**Raffle**

**Please contact Maddy on  
718303 to book in.**

**Volunteers to help set up on the  
afternoon are most welcome.**

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

## **Harvest 2016**

Another year goes by!

For those few growing the earlier winter Barley, the dull first half of June was a bit of a disaster, but the sporadic sun in the second half of June provided enough energy to the later Spring barley, wheats and oil seed rape crops to produce average yields, but not for everyone.

Sadly one of our tractor drivers had suffered a stroke since the last harvest and was no longer able to join us: our best wishes and prayers for him for his recovery.

With the sun coming out, the combines went in for the oil seed rape in late July: what an easy harvest weather wise! Only two days rain to get the newly sown oil seed rape going, but with wall to wall sunshine, little storage drying has been required this year.

And apart from one trailer inadvertently hitting the barn door which needed repairing – no accidents (wonderful!) but the usual machinery breakdowns included one of the combine drivers having a 6.00pm 'sinking feeling' only to find the back axle has broken in half: the vast cost of shipping a new piece in from America was avoided by jacking the combine up, removing the axle that evening, and welding it together the next day and the combine was back in action within 24 hours. A huge thank you to the two very skilful engineers who achieved this remarkable feat.

More people took the advantage to ride in the combines this year than ever before, and one mother and her 14 year old from Cambourne showed such an interest in farming they stayed for the whole day... the new management here are definitely 'up' for encouraging the younger generation to explore a career in farming.

But the staggering productivity of the land remains breathtaking: I mentioned last year the wheat figures: if all our 900 tonnes of Zulu wheat went for Weetabix, at 2000 ½ kilo packets a tonne, the retailers should see 1.8 million packets. And here's a new one: the oil from Oil seed rape is used in a thin layer to separate the nougat from the toffee in Mars Bars. One tonne of oil seed rape would produce enough oil for 1.25 million Mars Bars; so the 266 tonnes of OSR on this farm could be enough to produce 332 million Mars Bars!

And a thought for the year: do we just sail on and assume all this productivity and food is our 'right' or that this is just the way it is, or do we thank the God behind all life for the extraordinary productivity of the earth we have been given? I will go on my annual pilgrimage and give thanks for this abundance and you are welcome to slip through the open church door anytime you like and do the same.

Best wishes,

Nigel Pearson 10th September 2016



### **Jottings from The Longstowe Church PCC (Parochial Church Council):**

After a lovely Harvest Festival Service this past weekend it is time to book your seats for our Harvest Supper 15th October 7pm @The Village Hall. Please see details below. Enclosed is also a flyer making reference to the Supper which basically says:

"Please support or else we will have to allow it to lapse in the Village Diary and consign to history".

This would be a very sad step but we really do need a good number of guests to make it viable. 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. At the Fête the other Sunday it was fantastic to see so many people – so why don't we have a go at a record breaker on the 15th October?



### **Future dates for your diary:**

- Pet Service  
16th October 10.30am
- Remembrance Service  
13th November 10.30am.
- Christingle  
27th November 3.00pm
- Carol Service by Candles  
11th December 3.00pm
- Christmas Day – Holy Communion 9.15am

## **Longstowe Parish Council News**

### **New telephone number for power cuts**

If you have a power cut, call 105 – a new, free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

Find out more at [www.powercut105.com](http://www.powercut105.com)

### **Could you be a #CambsNotspotter to improve mobile, Wi-Fi and broadband connectivity?**

A new crowdsourcing initiative is asking local people to gather vital data to help plug gaps in fixed and mobile coverage in Cambridge and surrounding areas. Led by Cambridge Ahead business group, the campaign is calling on all residents, employees, students and businesses to help identify 'not spots' (areas of no or low connectivity) by becoming a #CambsNotspotter. The project will show where mobile phone signals, Wi-Fi and broadband access are poor then encourage providers to take action to improve them.

We are focussing our efforts with specific providers so to be a #CambsNotspotter, all you have to do is:

1. Participate! Download the 'OpenSignal' App from Google Play / App Store and get involved in identifying where there is limited mobile coverage
2. Log in! Make use of free Wi-Fi in public buildings and open spaces in and around Cambridge by selecting 'CambWifi' and 'the\_cloud' Wi-Fi networks on your device
3. Check your strength! Run an independent broadband speed test for your household or small business broadband at [www.thinkbroadband.com/CambsNotspotter](http://www.thinkbroadband.com/CambsNotspotter)

The initiative supports the work of Connecting Cambridgeshire superfast broadband roll out, providing free public Wi-Fi with the University of Cambridge, and making smart use of technology to tackle city challenges as part of the Greater Cambridge City Deal.

Find out more at: [www.cambridgeahead.co.uk/CambsNotspotter](http://www.cambridgeahead.co.uk/CambsNotspotter)

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

# History of the Long Case Clock



illustrated lecture  
by  
**Dr Colin Lattimore**

*This lecture looks at early timekeepers, starting with sundials and moving through various other methods of timekeeping leading up to the emergence of mechanical clocks; in particular the long case clock. Covering the scientific, artistic and social aspects of this well known item of domestic furniture.*

**Tuesday 29th November, 7.30 for 8pm**  
**Longstowe Village Hall**

**Admission: £3 everyone welcome (Members free)**  
**Refreshments included**



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# Have you checked when your concessionary **BUS PASS** runs out?

**It's up to you to check when it does  
and get it renewed.**

If you don't and your pass has expired you will be refused free travel.

Passes can be renewed up to 6 weeks before their expiry date.

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on the back of your pass.

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Papworth Team  
Ministry



## Team Evening Service

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 6.00 pm  
at Caxton Church

*Praise, Prayer, Teaching*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October



at Manor Farm, Bourn,  
7.45 for 8pm until 9pm

For those who are interested in exploring  
Christianity in a relaxed and informal way.  
Please come and bring a friend.

For more information please contact Mike Bigg  
on 01480 839147.

A short, prayerful service of

## Holy Communion

is celebrated

**Wednesday**

at **midday**

in **Bourn Church**



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



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## 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 so urgent  
then dial 999 directly. Otherwise telephone  
01345 456 4564.**

**Website: [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)**

# TEAM SOUTH

Month	Sunday	Title	T.E.W	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe		Eltisley	Croxton	Toseland
October	1			10.30 am	8.30 am	10.30 am			10.30 am		6.00 pm
	02/10/2016	Trinity 19		HARVEST	HC (2)	W4A			HC		HARVEST
	2			10.30 am	6..00 pm	10.30 am	8.30 am		4.00 pm	3.00 pm	
	09/10/2016	Trinity 20		W/fA	EP	HARVEST	HC		W4A	HARVEST	
	3		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am		10.30am		10.30 am		
November	16/10/2016	Trinity 21	Caxton	HC (1)	W4A		Pet Service		FW + Baptism		
	4	Last		10.30 am		8.30 am	10.30 am		6.00pm	10.30 am	
	23/10/2016	Sunday		FW		HC (2)	HC		FHC	HC(2)	
	5			10.30 am Full Team Service at Bourn							
	1	All Saints		10.30 am	8.30 am	10.30 am			10.30 am		6.00 pm
November	06/11/2016			FHC	HC	W4A			HC		Songs of Praise
	2	Remembrance		10.30 am	10.55 am	10.30 am	10.30 am		9.00 am	8.30 am	
	13/11/2016	Sunday		Remembrance /FS	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance		Act of Remembrance & Service	Act of Remembrance	
	3	Christ		10.30 am					6.00 pm	6.00 pm	
	20/11/2016	the King		Deanery Service at CVC					EP at Knapwell	HC at Caxton	
November	4			10.30 am		8.30 am	3.00 pm		6.00 pm	10.30 am	
	27/11/2016	Advent 1		FW		HC (2)	Christingle		FHC	HC	

## 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.

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

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