



The SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

October 2017



Village News

On Sunday 17th September, a slightly reduced Longstowe Village Fete was held in our beautifully refurbished main hall, with a few stalls braving it outside. If we'd held it on Saturday, we may all have drowned, but fortunately on Sunday afternoon the sun put in a brief appearance, and it only rained towards the end. Thank you everyone for making the effort to come and meet friends and taste our super local burgers and delicious homemade cakes, drink tea and sample the local beer. Hope you all enjoyed playing with the clay and making pottery, and bought some of the lovely hand-painted cards, and a few books to read in the autumn evenings, that are now fast closing in! You helped make a fantastic £1154 for the upkeep of the village hall. Thank you all very, very much.

Can you tell the difference between **'Golden Shower' 4.1%**, a golden ale with Cascade hops and a slight citrus finish, and **'Black Hole Stout' 5.0%**, a full-bodied stout with a complex malt profile? Well the attendees at last weekend's Beer Band Boogie Night (otherwise known as the Longstowe Triple B event) certainly could.

Up to 140 people came together despite rather interesting weather conditions, to enjoy great music, delicious food and beer, and raising a serious amount of money (close to £1300) towards the Village Hall Phase 2 refurbishment - the loos and changing rooms .

Huge thanks to our sponsors who helped so much with covering the costs of the evening (which were not insignificant) :

- Agricole Oil Ltd

- Cam Spice Indian Restaurant-The Hoops Little Eversden
- Knibbs Meat Safe
- M J Rolls Garage Services
- The Red House, Longstowe

A huge thank you to members of the Band “The Emergency Room” not only for the fantastic sound and buzz they created (including the acoustic duo of Ali and Andy who entertained at the start of the evening) but also for their generosity in reducing their performance fee. Thank you guys. They have subsequently said: “Really it was just one big gig involving the five of us, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening”.

Putting on an event is always about team work, so special thanks must go to the Bar team of Kelly, Mandy & Sally—a huge amount of work, to John Parsons and the catering guys, and finally the Gate team under Peter -they did get very cold and needed substance badly when they came in!



Village Hall

It does not seem possible that only in April we were talking about how the work was progressing and inviting people to make a gift towards replacing the hodgepodge of windows across the front of the Hall and various doors to the building. Well, your response was fantastic and we now have a transformed building!

We laughingly talked about *Grand Designs* but “eat your heart out Kevin McLeod” we have done it. The Main Hall is a lovely space. Hopefully over the next month you will get the chance to visit, if you have not already done so, by coming on Saturday 14th October to the Harvest Supper (see further on in newsletter).

The Village Hall Management Committee will also be holding an Afternoon Tea Party on the 11th November by way of a thank you to everyone involved with the refurbishment – meaning you,

our funders The Amey Community Fund, the builders Creative Build and Interiors Ltd and Colin Walker Planning & Construction Ltd, Longstowe Cricket Club and fundraisers, Please see below for details. We have decided that this will **not** be a fundraiser for Phase 2 which is going to be the loo block and changing rooms but rather if people want to make a donation it will be given in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. We really do hope you can make it.

Longstowe Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Forthcoming Dates:

October 18th (a Wednesday this time)

November 16th

December 21st

The Agenda and Minutes for each meeting are on the website at

<http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/longstowe>.

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

It was thrilling to welcome Bishop David (Huntingdon), at St Mary's (Longstowe), to help us celebrate 800 years of the community and church in the parish.



Our special service celebrating these 800 years was clearly meant to be! So glorious was the weather, and total joyousness of the Service, that without fail everyone from the Bishop to the Congregation enjoyed. A very special day and one, which we are sure, will be remembered for a long time but perhaps not quite for 800 years!

A huge thank you to everyone involved- from cake makers extraordinaire, cleaners, Priests, Bell Ringers, Choir and Organ players, and to our researcher- Stephen Owen for his history of Longstowe

Church. And thank you to our Congregation too for making it an exceptional day

Stephen Owen's research on the rebuilding of the Church in the 1860's played a significant part of the celebrations, and we do hope you have the opportunity to hear the story of "Longstowe, its Church and Bells" either in St Mary's itself, or at Stephen and Peter's Talk for the History Society.

The churchyard and field- have looked wonderful this spring and summer. Early on Dick Murden spotted some beautiful wild bee orchids in the actual churchyard and no one could recall previously seeing them. This is the wonder of these rare plants- they lie dormant for many years- just needing the right weather conditions to flower. Talking about plants & trees - one of the cherry trees has died and another looks very sick. There is a plaque on the lynch gate which says the trees were donated for Beautiful Britain in the mid 80's. Sadly we will need to fell later this autumn - such a pity but they are very short lived. It is time to book your seats for our **Harvest & Autumn Supper 14th October 7pm @The Village Hall**. Please see details below. NB. We are also (hopefully) arranging a Quiz

Nite later in the year /early spring.

Do look out for details through your doors on all events.

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.

Longstowe History Society

St MARY'S CHURCH LONGSTOWE

Exhibition

to mark
the 800th anniversary of
the known church in
Longstowe



**Saturday 21st
October 2017
2-4pm**

*Displays on the history,
people, architecture,
monuments and bells of the
church*



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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Harvest Service 15th
October 10.30am
- Remembrance Service
15th November 10.30am.
- Christingle 3rd December
November 3.00pm
- Carol Service by Candles
17th December time to
be advised
- Christmas Day- Holy
Communion 9.15am

Do you support a child in year 9 or above? Do you have questions about their future?

Join us at the **Transition Event East**, the conference to debate and discuss the future for young adults with additional needs. **Book your place today!**

Agenda includes:

Education Health and Care Plans update

Hear how you can ensure an EHCP is a true reflection of a child's future plans and what to do if it's not.

Navigating transition

How can you successfully navigate transition with local authorities to secure the best possible future for the child you support?

Employment

How can young people maximise their opportunities to find meaningful work?
What are businesses doing to help them with this?

Workshops include:

Exploring benefits

Discover what benefits and funding are available to young people and how to ensure they are receiving what they are entitled to.

Volunteering matters

Hear about the benefits of volunteering and how young people can become more involved in their community.

Assistive technology

What technology is available to help young person's into adulthood?

LONGSTOWE HISTORY SOCIETY

The Bourn Valley* *unravelling the* **Medieval Landscape*



Looking at ten parishes on either side of the Bourn Brook - from Caxton, Bourn Kingston and Toft to Grantchester and Haslingfield - revealing prehistoric fields and lanes, and their development in subsequent centuries. Discover how to explore the history of your own landscape.

illustrated talk by
Dr Sue Oosthuizen

Tuesday 28th November, 7.30 for 8pm
LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

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

Calls to 999 and 101

There has been a high volume of calls to 999 and 101. Non-emergency incidents where the suspects are not at the scene, such as theft, criminal damage and burglary, can be reported via

<https://www.contactcambspolic.e.uk/Report/Crime/>. Anti-social or careless driving can also be reported on the website at <https://www.contactcambspolic.e.uk/Report/AcDriving.aspx>.

And if it is not a 999 medical emergency but you need medical help fast, call 111.



Could your group use some extra funds?

Are you a community group, club or charity looking for guidance?

Tuesday
10th October 2017
4pm — 8pm
Meeting Room
Memorial Hall
High St
Swavesey
CB24 4QU



Tesco Bags of Help

Funded by



We are hosting a 2 part event .

You can book to attend both or just one part.

Part 1: 4pm to 6pm Duties of trustees training

This aims to help committee members/ trustees to better understand their role and responsibilities This session will be helpful both to new trustees as well as people who may have been trustees for some time but who would welcome the chance to revise some of the key responsibilities.

6.00pm to 6.30pm refreshments & networking

Part 2: 6.30pm to 8pm Guidance on fundraising

After refreshments and the opportunity to network there will be the chance to hear speakers who can offer a range of funding guidance and to ask them your questions. Those participating are:

Katie Dean Grants Community Project Officer
Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.
Administer Tesco Bags for Life grants programme with grants of up to £4000 available to support community projects.

Bill Pike Charity Director of The Evelyn Trust. A grant-making charity supporting health and wellbeing projects in Cambridgeshire. This includes small grants of up to £10,000.

Simon Fairhall CEO of Living Sport. Simon is an expert on how organisations can help sports clubs to grow and develop coaching staff, increase their participation rates, and support with the purchase of new equipment and facility development.

To Book

call 01223 464696 or email:
enquiries@cambridgeccvs.org.uk

BOURN SURGERY How To Save A Life

Are you interested in first aid?
Bystander emergency life support when someone collapses.
Wednesday 11th October from 7pm
Refreshments will be available.

If you wish to attend, please e-mail
CAPCCG.bournsurgeryPPG@nhs.net, or telephone
Bourn Surgery on 01954 719313.

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Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Depot have an open day on Monday 16th October at Whittlesford Highways Depot, Station Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4NL.
to attend email Ciara Cousins at
ciara.cousins@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or telephone 0345 045 5212

Highway faults can be reported online via
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>.

Door-to-Door Pedlars

There have been several reports of Door-to-Door salesmen that have been causing some residents concern. It is illegal to sell door-to-door without a pedlar's licence. Door-to-door pedlars can cause alarm as people fear that they may be "casing" or "eyeing up" your home. The truth is that the majority of pedlars are young people who are duped into buying stock, then driven around by a gang master to sell door-to-door. They are often unaware of the legal requirement to have a licence. People falling for this scam may have fallen on hard times, and can often look unkempt or not appear to be very good sales people, thus suspicious. Whilst people continue to buy from them, they will return to an area. The best thing to do as a community is

to politely decline doorstep sales.

Cambridgeshire Trading Standards recommends that you should not buy or sell anything on your doorstep. For further information: <https://southcambscops.org/2013/05/20/door-to-door-sales-what-you-should-know/>

Theft of high-powered vehicles such as BMW, Audi, Volkswagon and Mercedes: please be aware that burglaries are being committed to obtain vehicle keys as improved security means that these vehicles are more difficult to steal without a key.

Cambridge Ice Rink

The £1.85 million loan that South Cambridgeshire District Council will be providing to Cambridge Leisure and Ice Centre (CLIC) has now been signed by the Council and CLIC, which means work can now progress to the construction stage. The venue, on land off Newmarket Road, is to be leased from Marshall of Cambridge and is expected to be completed by summer 2018. The 56 metre by 26 metre permanent rink, with room for up to 1,000 spectators, will be built to international standards next to the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site.

**AUTUMN & HARVEST
SUPPER - SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER 7PM
THE 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!!***

Please send items for the next
edition
By the 15th December

Clare.rebbeck@cruk.cam.ac.uk

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 **101**

Website: www.cambs.police.uk



**Saturday 11th November 2017
@
Longstowe Village Hall**

You are invited to **Afternoon Tea**

In celebration of Phase One completion

**2.30pm onwards
ALL WELCOME**

PLEASE DO COME

