

Northstowe News

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**News and Updates
from all Northstowe's
social clubs and groups**

News and Updates

EDITORS' WELCOME

Welcome to Springtime in Northstowe! Hopefully soon we'll see wildflowers bursting into colour around Pioneer Park and the Green, and maybe we'll see or hear some young birds around the Waterpark. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in sport clubs and other social groups, as the weather warms up and the evenings get longer (and remember the clocks go forward on 27th March!) Maybe an article in this very magazine will give you the idea of something new to try? Plus we have all the usual updates about things happening in Northstowe – from councils, schools, religious communities, Pioneer café, Northstowe Arts and more. We hope you enjoy reading!

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Northstowe News is produced by a small group of volunteers. We're always looking for regular or one-off articles, photos, artwork, event reports, notices, and anything else that may be of interest to the Northstowe community. If you would like to write in the magazine please email northstovenews@gmail.com with your questions, ideas and contributions.

The submission deadline for the May / June / July issue is **April 1st**.

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HOUSEHOLD BIN COLLECTIONS

Thursday 3rd March	Black Bin
Thursday 10th March	Blue and Green Bins
Thursday 17th March	Black Bin
Thursday 24th March	Blue and Green Bins
Thursday 31st March	Black Bin
Thursday 7th April	Blue and Green Bins
Thursday 14th April	Black Bin
Saturday 23rd April	Blue and Green Bins
Friday 29th April	Black Bin



Report Missed bins at:
<https://www.scamps.gov.uk/bins/report-a-missed-collection/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Hello Northstowe!

We are **Mihaela Stan** and **Kathryn Beck**, the new Northstowe Community Development Officers.

Northstowe is one of the most significant new towns taking shape in South Cambridgeshire and we are excited to join you on the journey of this vibrant, thriving and growing community.

It is wonderful to have already met lots of established and growing community groups already making a difference in bringing everyone together. We have already heard lots of ideas for activities and events in 2022, which we look forward to supporting into fruition. In addition, we will be happy to signpost and being the general point of contact on community matters, whilst working in partnership with the Town Council, local groups and agencies.

With over 1000 homes already in Northstowe and many more being built, we want to ensure that everyone feels part of their community, integrated and proud to call Northstowe their home, so; if you have an idea for an activity, event or group that could positively impact your community, or perhaps just like some information on the area, please do get in touch with us. We will be at the Community Wing, Pathfinder School on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm and can also be reached on our email address: northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk.

If you are a local community group and would like to have a poster or leaflet at the community wing to promote an event, activity or seek volunteers please do get in touch.

We are confident that all of us together can achieve a connected and vibrant community at Northstowe, we look forward to meeting you!



Mihaela



Kathryn

NORTHSTOWE NEWS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

We are planning a 1 month gap in the production schedule in order to align better with Christmas events in 2022 and avoid production difficulties in December. Issue 21 (deadline 1st April) will cover the months of May, June and also July; issue 22 (deadline 1st July) will cover August and September with bi-monthly issues continuing thereafter.

LONGSTANTON VILLAGE MARKET IS BACK FOR 2022!



Longstanton Village Market was started by village residents who are passionate about having an event that supports local trade in the heart of our community.

We transform the Village Green into a small friendly market full of food, crafts and community stalls on a Saturday morning. It's a great opportunity to meet a friend for a coffee, buy fresh produce and discover what our local artisans have to offer. The market is run by volunteers, and proceeds are donated to local causes within the village.

Sadly we haven't been able to hold markets over the past couple of years. We have missed you all so much and are very excited to announce that we have confirmed 4 dates for 2022! We have missed this village event and hope to bring back some life to the green, involving local makers and community groups. Northstowe is an important link with us and we encourage stallholders and visitors from our neighbouring town to come along and be part of this.

Longstanton Village Market 2022

The Village Green, Nelson Crescent (next to Co-op)

Saturday 9th April, 10am - 12.30pm

Future dates for your diary: 4th June, 17th September, 3rd December

Please follow us on [Facebook.com/longstantonmarket](https://www.facebook.com/longstantonmarket) for the latest market updates.

We welcome stall applications from the surrounding villages.

Please contact: longstantonvillagemarket@gmail.com for details.

NORTHSTOWE DAY

May 11th will mark the fifth anniversary of Northstowe's first home being occupied, and some residents have had the idea of holding a series of celebratory events to mark the occasion.

Events might include something like a Fun Day on the green, or a Societies Fair where all the clubs and social groups can display what they offer and people can find out about everything that's going on in this town.

If you'd like to get involved in planning, and help bring these ideas to reality, please get in touch at northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

Piloting a local market in Northstowe – Have your say!

Northstowe Town Council are looking at piloting a local market within the town. We would like to hear **your thoughts** on what you would like to see in your market and how it should operate.

Please take a minute to complete a short online survey by following the [link](#) or QR code below.

The survey will close on the
27th of March.

Northstowe Market community survey:
<https://forms.office.com/r/yafFTQHx9>

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL
<https://www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk/>



CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



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NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR, CLLR RICHARD OWEN



SCDC Planning meeting for Phase 3A

On 28th January, I represented the Town Council at the SCDC planning

committee meeting to decide on outline plans for Phase 3A (the part of Northstowe nearest to Oakington). While the application was approved, we got several conditions of development added and strengthened, including phasing of development to ensure cycle lanes and primary roads can be completed earlier, and stringent monitoring of groundwater conditions. We are still extremely concerned that water levels are projected to decline further as a result of development, and will keep pushing Homes England and SCDC to enforce the conditions we have imposed and mitigate any effect to the water table. The full text of my statement to the committee can be found on the NTC website, under 'News' (bit.ly/3lQwwhP).

2022 Local Elections

There will be elections for Northstowe Town Council on Thursday 5th May 2022. These elections will be for a full 4-year term, following the initial 1-year term councillors have served since formation of the council last year. It would be fantastic to have contested elections again this year - the next few years will be extremely exciting for the development of Northstowe with the first commercial and retail land being developed this year, work starting on the Town Centre, and many new community and sports groups being formed across the town with which the Town Council will be working. If you're interested in standing, let me (cllr.owen@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or Mark know; if you want to find out a bit more about what's involved, feel free to get in touch with any questions, or come along to one of our meetings to see what's involved!

TOWN CLERK, MARK NOKKERT

Yes, YOU can also stand for the **elections** this year! Key to know is that the **deadline for nominating** yourself to stand for elections is 5th April! More information can be found at the Town Council's website; we will also try and provide for an online information session. But, as the Mayor said, please also don't hesitate in contacting us if you want to know more (email me at townclerk@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Town Council has been busy since it was formed in May last year;

The Town Council has been scrutinising planning applications, and has been a key voice through the planning process, responding to and helping to improve key applications for e.g., the Sports Pavilion and Phase 3A.

The Town Council has been actively discussing plans with planning authorities and agencies, to ensure issues with community facilities such as those that emerged with the allotments and table tennis tables were resolved timely and appropriately.

The Town Council raised residents' concerns about the state of roads and greenspaces with the developers, has held developers to account over unauthorised piling, and is working with a number of stakeholders on understanding the data on hydrology.

The Town Council discussed future town developments with e.g. Homes England, South Cambridgeshire District Council and other key partner organisations such as the Cambridgeshire Football Association, to ensure key community facilities and their usage are to be created in time and secured for Northstowe residents.

One of the key meetings coming up is the **Annual Town Meeting**. This is going to take place on the evening of **16th March 2022** at Northstowe Secondary College. This annual meeting is where the Town Council will give an overview of what it has been doing and what its plans are for the coming year - such as its plans for a market - with a number of partner organisations and community groups also invited to talk to the community. This is a good opportunity for you to ask us any question you may have or provide us with your ideas and suggestions what you want the Town Council to focus on coming year. Oh, and there may well be a drink and nibble thrown in as well!

Mark Nokkert

Town Clerk

Cllr Richard Owen

Town Mayor

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR



At the front of many people's minds has been the resurgent COVID-19 pandemic. If you are struggling to get to and from your vaccine appointment, Cambridgeshire County Council have agreed to pay for your taxi journey, it's called a Taxi Vaxi scheme, more details here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8fradm>

HIGHWAYS

Here are some of the activities in Northstowe at the time of writing (mid-January):

NORTHSTOWE NEW SOUTH ACCESS ROAD WEST (SARW) TIE IN CONNECTION TO B1050: work has been scheduled to be completed by March and temporary traffic lights are in place and a weekend closure will need to be scheduled to enable surfacing works to be completed. With the completion of this road, much of the Northstowe traffic for Phase 2 and the Education Campus incl. taxis to Martin Bacon Academy (SEN school) will be directed down the SARW towards the town centre, which will ease traffic down the B1050 and Stirling Road.

GULLY MAINTENANCE: Since being elected in May, we have been looking into solutions for maintaining our gully system, to mitigate the risk of flooding in our communities. As previously we had no record of all our gullies, we opted for a data driven software called KaarbonTech Asset Management, which is being used successfully by other Councils. In September we started the process of recording while cleaning each gully, due to a lack of maintenance over the years the gullies have taken longer to clean, some even required a metal detector to find them through the vegetation! We have to date cleaned 50k+ gullies out of what we believe is around 100k. In October/November, we cleaned Longstanton and Rampton Drift gullies and provided a very comprehensive report with maps and photos to both Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council. Summary of which was: out of 616 gullies in – 574 (90.5%) gullies drained normally when recharged with water; 534 (84.2%) required cleaning, 31 (4.9%) vehicles over them, inaccessible; and 9 (1.8%) had broken lids and we were unable to open them. The system needs to be updated to include Rampton Drift into Northstowe.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

A reminder that the County Council's Household Support Fund is still open (to 31 March). It offers:

- Support with food, household energy and other essentials for individuals and families: residents are eligible to access this support if they earn less than £17,940 per year, or are in receipt of certain state benefits
- Direct food vouchers: as in previous school holidays, supermarket vouchers will be issued to families meeting the low-income criteria for free school meals, funded childcare for two-year-olds, early years pupil premium, or sixth form students eligible for free school meals.

Further details: <https://tinyurl.com/2p97n384>

Please do claim if you are in need of assistance, this Government fund, if not claimed will need to be returned to source.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The gulley maintenance mentioned above is part of a very broad range of activities that we are planning to tackle Climate Change:

- Further action will be taken to protect homes from flooding, caused by excess surface water and high levels of rainfall, we have committed to invest more money to support residents who live in areas which are at risk <https://tinyurl.com/32ey577p>
- Local flood risk management strategy has been out for consultation, feedback was due 23 Jan <https://tinyurl.com/3mz477cz>
- A new draft strategy and action plan for Cambridgeshire, as a low-lying area, flood risk and rising sea levels are real future risks for the county's communities too. The Climate Change and Environment Strategy <https://tinyurl.com/4j5uk5mm> will go to the Full Council at its budget meeting in February. It sets a new target for a Net Zero Cambridgeshire—2045, five years sooner than the current 2050 target. The Strategy also commits to halving the Council's indirect emissions through its supply chains by 2030.

OTHER COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS:

- Cambs residents are being asked for their views on which local buildings, structures, archaeological sites and landscapes that they value, and feel are important to the character of their local areas, as part of a new Local Heritage Listing project. This aims to identify buildings and heritage assets which, whilst not meeting the national listing criteria, are important at a local level. For more information please visit the website - <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire> or email the Project Officer, jessica.johnston@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.
- Investment of £4.2million has been approved by the Council's Adult's and Health Committee to ensure continued support for social care providers to help meet the needs of people across the county. This will help with pressures such as increased costs for staffing, insurance, cleaning and PPE and the impact upon wellbeing and mental health of staff. For more details, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yu95ksv8>.

Firouz Thompson

County Councillor for Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington & Westwick

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions. firouz.thompson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For those on social media please follow Longstanton, Oakington & Northstowe Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe>

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

We hope that all residents are healthy and safe at the beginning of 2022. We are beginning to see Covid restrictions relaxed again but cases locally remain the highest they have ever been. The best way to protect yourself and others is to get vaccinated. You can still get your Covid vaccine or booster dose by making an appointment online or attending one of the walk-in centres. More details can be found here

<https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk/>

NORTHSTOWE PHASE 3A PLANNING APPROVAL

Plans for Northstowe Phase 3A including 4,000 new homes, two primary schools, green spaces, sports pitches, shops, and employment areas were approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee on Friday 28th January.

This outline planning permission sets out how the land will be developed. A series of more detailed planning applications will follow for each parcel of land In Phase 3, which will agree the details on what homes and facilities will look like. This will happen after a legal agreement (section 106) securing the new affordable homes and facilities has been completed and the formal planning decision notice issued.

The Northstowe 3A application that was agreed includes 1,600 new affordable homes in a mixture of affordable rent, shared ownership, discounted market sale and rent to buy.

As District Councillors we raised objections to the application, and we are pleased that we were able to secure a number of conditions as part of the planning approval including restrictions and monitoring of construction working hours, noise and dust and ongoing monitoring of groundwater levels to identify any further changes in groundwater levels on site. We would like to thank Northstowe Town Council for their robust representations at the meeting.

The planning application for phase 3B of Northstowe was also due to be discussed but the committee ran out of time (discussion on Phase 3A went on for over 6 hours). 3B will be discussed at a later date TBC. Phase 3B, which is located next to the Bloor homes parcel, includes 1,000 homes, along with a primary school, community facilities and green open space.

You can read all the documents from the planning on the SCDC website. We have posted our full comments to the committee and a link to the planning documents on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe>

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Our previous Northstowe community development officer, Jon London, recently left his role, and we are really pleased to welcome two new officers, Mihaela Stan, who will focus on Phase 1 and Kathryn Beck, who will focus on Phase 2. Mihaela and Kathryn will be working with existing community groups and supporting anyone who wants to start new community groups or initiatives to benefit the whole community. Homes England also now have a dedicated Community Development team in place as we welcome the first residents to Inholm, the first development on Phase 2. We would like to thank Jon London for his dedication and hard work in Northstowe from the very early days through COVID to now and wish him the best of luck for the future.

UPDATE ON BIN SERVICES

We thank residents for their patience while the green bin service was suspended over the holiday period. Collections have now been reinstated but a reminder that these are monthly collections over the winter. More information can be found here:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/return-of-green-bin-collections/>

Additional blue recycling bins can be provided free of charge if you need additional recycling capacity. South Cambs accepts a huge range of materials for recycling, including plastic carrier bags, cling film and other types of plastic. For details, please go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/>.

We have had an increasing number of reports of missed bin collections recently and we are sorry for these issues. A reminder that if your bin is not collected you can report this online on the SCDC website and crews should return to collect it. If you are having ongoing problems with missed collections, then please do let us know so we can chase up on these.

ISSUES WITH MISSING POST

We have been really sorry to hear about all the issues that Northstowe residents have been having with missing items of post. To date we have received over 40 complaints, which have all been forwarded to Royal Mail. We were told last year that an investigation had been launched at the sorting office, but this does not seem to have resolved the problem. We have now escalated the complaint to Royal Mail with the next step being a complaint to the postal service ombudsman. We have also contacted the police, as a number of the complaints we received involved cards containing money and other gifts. We would recommend residents also report any potential theft to the police via 101, as well as reporting to Royal Mail.

We would also strongly recommend that you ask friends and family not to send money or other valuable items by post or only send these via Special Delivery so they are tracked, and you can claim compensation if they go missing.

REGISTER TO VOTE

This year there will be local elections for the District Council and a chance for Northstowe to vote again for the Town Council. A reminder that you will need to be registered to vote at your current address. This is simple to do online and only takes a few minutes. More details and a link to register can be found here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/elections/register-to-vote/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these, or any other matters.

Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson

District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington & Westwick and Northstowe

Contact details:

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Alex Malyon: cllr.malyon@scambs.gov.uk

UPDATES FROM JANUARY'S COMMUNITY FORUM

Here are some of the things mentioned at the last Community Forum in January. Complete notes and videos are available at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/northstowe-community-forum/>

- Town councillors were elected for a one-year term. The next elections will be in May.
- LEAP 2 (the play area between Heron Road and Stirling Road) is now scheduled to open early summer. The grass and wildflower seeding did not take, so this needs to stay closed and be done again in the spring seeding season.
- Some trees in Western Park have been found to be dead and unsafe, and they will be removed.
- The majority of Phase 1 construction is estimated to be complete by the end of 2023.
- The paths from the waterpark will join up to the Park & Ride, and the council are working with L&Q to get this completed.
- The first home occupations in Phase 2 have begun!
- Roadworks on the B1050 to link it to the southern access road are estimated to take 3 months. The new route is set to open in April.
- A cricket pitch will be built in phase 2. Schedule depends on Phase 2 occupation but estimated to be operational in 2026.
- Planning permission is granted for the Sports Pavillion.

- A plan for the Enterprise Zone and Local Centre is being developed (by AR Urbanism). Hoping to seek planning permission in Q2.
- An important principle of the plan is that the Enterprise Zone are integrated - e.g. buildings where people work during the day, will also be the cafés in the evening. It will not just be dead out of office hours.
- Progress on the Civic Hub (Phase 2 building for health facilities, library and community space) has been delayed by Covid, but a blueprint of requirements will be completed in the next few weeks and further progress can be made once it is approved by elected council members.
- Greenbelt are looking into repairing the Northstowe sign that was damaged by a car accident some weeks ago.
- Residents should please contact Greenbelt's Customer Care department if there are any issues with the open areas they manage (that is: the local centre, Pioneer Park and Western Park except for the 3G pitch)
- 99 residents completed a survey about financial incentives towards healthy and/or sustainable travel in Northstowe. Researchers will be following up in 3-6 months.

The next Forum will be held on **23rd March 2022** from 7-9pm. Northstowe Community Forum is *your* opportunity to hear directly from the developers, the councils, and other public sector bodies, to ask questions and find out everything about what's been happening recently and their plans for the future.

NORTHSTOWE

A space for local residents to engage with developers and public sector bodies about the new town of Northstowe

Community Forum



7pm, Wednesday 23 March



Northstowe Community Wing
or on Zoom (tbc)

View the agenda, or join the forum: www.scambs.gov.uk/northstowe-forum
Submit your questions in advance to: Northstowe.Community@scambs.gov.uk

COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

One of the most exciting things about being part of a new town is the opportunity to get involved in making things happen. If there is something that you think is missing, that you have some skills or enthusiasm for, why not talk to the community development officers? Or perhaps there is something just getting going that you could help embed? Here are just a few of the current opportunities:

The Foodbank are looking for more volunteers to help run the distribution centre on a Wednesday afternoon (note, this will involve some manual lifting of food crates)

The Northstowe Youth Hive is a community-led group looking to establish youthwork, and help young people's voices get heard in Northstowe. They are looking for more people to join the executive committee (behind the scenes), and people to get involved in regular youthwork. Training is available.

Northstowe Arts are also keen to talk to people wanting to get involved either behind the scenes with committee work, or in running events.

Friends of the Wing are particularly interested in hearing from anyone with a catering, legal or financial background, or anyone interested in developing a social media presence.

Sustainable Northstowe are always on the lookout for new members who are interested in all things sustainable. We would love people to get involved in our monthly activity and information stalls, our working groups or on our committee. We also have some exciting new projects in the pipeline including help collecting food for a community fridge, repairing items at a new repair café and helping out at our new toy library.

And that's just a taste!

Do get in touch with the team on
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THE PATHFINDER C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

With lots of recent house moves, it has been lovely to be back doing tours of the school and also welcoming our existing families back in the building for events. Holding these is a big part of school life and our upcoming 'Open Classrooms' is a great way for parents to see what their children have been learning, share the learning environments and meet with the staff. For more ways to keep up to date with our news and future events, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

If you would like to book a tour of the school or pre-school, please get in touch!

Our New Curriculum - Primary Knowledge Curriculum (PKC)

The Primary Knowledge Curriculum places 'Powerful Knowledge', knowledge that takes our children beyond their own experiences, at the heart of the primary curriculum. The knowledge in our curriculum is carefully chosen, sequenced in a meaningful way that enables children to progress incrementally and is highly specialised. Our curriculum is divided into subjects, recognising the identity of the disciplines we study, fostering a love for subject content that will flourish as children move through the curriculum. The feedback from our parents and children has been fantastic, in particular around the precise vocabulary that the children know and use.



Our reception children have been busy gaining lots of new knowledge about space & astronauts. The knowledge these children are already sharing with their parents has been great, with some parents saying they are having to check their 4 year olds knowledge on the internet. To find out more, visit <https://www.primaryknowledgecurriculum.org/>

One area of the PKC curriculum that has ignited the love learning in our children is our Art curriculum. Not only are the children learning about various artists, they are gaining knowledge and skills of the processes used to create their masterpieces. Our school art gallery will soon be up and ready to share with the community!

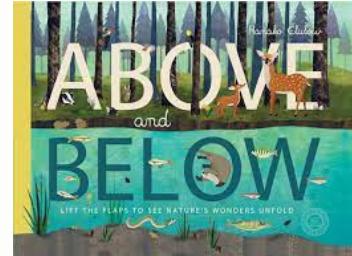


Recruitment Fair

Back in January 2020, we hosted our first recruitment fair. This was attracted over 100 people who were interested in varying positions across the school and pre-school. Due to its success, we are holding another one on **Thursday 17th March, at 7.30pm**. This event will promote the teacher, learning support assistant and pre-school practitioner vacancies for September 2022. For more information, please visit our school Facebook page.

Book of the Month

This month, following the recent launch of David Attenborough's 'The Green Planet' TV series, Mrs Lockwood's book choice reflects the 'beautiful planet Earth' theme. Mrs Lockwood chose 'Above and Below' by Hanako Clulow - a truly amazing information text looking at extraordinary natural stories that happen above and below the surface. From the rainforest to the ocean and the macro to the micro, lift the flaps to explore the fascinating relationships occurring in each of the world's ecosystems.



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Sports, Health and Wellbeing

NSWC

Hello Northstowe! You may well ask “what is NSWC”? It stands for “Northstowe Sports & Wellbeing Committee”.

Founded by a few residents back in 2018 when fewer than 100 houses were occupied to help bring people together for sporting and wellbeing activities. We started with yoga classes and moved to badminton at the primary school and purchasing an indoor table tennis table for community use at the wing.

We are made up of a group of like-minded people from different backgrounds who have a passion to help YOU the resident achieve your ambition in sport and wellbeing. To help grow the town into becoming a strong neighbourhood using sport and wellbeing activities. As a group we can help promote your idea into becoming a reality, we are able to steer you in the right directions, and able to look for funding to support you in whatever you feel is right.

Wellbeing is becoming more and more important in today's society and NSWC can help by organising events to improve your own wellbeing and to support you in your time here. Pre pandemic we held meditation sessions and community walks as well as contributing to most wider community events.

Since the group began we have built various funds/equipment in place to support some activity – with the aim for each sport to eventually become self-sustaining. We have various sporting groups now in the town e.g. Running, Cricket, Football, Basketball, Badminton etc, but we would like to see more. We can't do this without your help and support, and we are actively looking for more people to join us - can YOU help?

This year 2022 is a Jubilee Year and we are looking at putting on some kind of event. Can you help? Have any ideas? It's a Knockout? Northstowe Olympics ?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Graeme

Chair of NSWC

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Or find us on Facebook : Northstowe Sports and Wellbeing

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LONGSTANTON TENNIS CLUB

Longstanton Tennis Club is your friendly local tennis club by the Longstanton Recreation Ground.

Our main goal is to promote the playing of tennis, in whatever way suits you best. We are active all year round, with three social sessions each week.

Despite the chilly weather, this winter the courts have been in regular use with club sessions proving very popular.

Coaching continues on Thursdays with four sessions, each for different ages/skill levels Sessions run in 6 or 7-week blocks during term time. If you're interested, please contact David National directly by emailing coaching@longstantontennis.co.uk. Coaching is open to both members and non-members, with members benefitting from a reduced rate.



Two men's teams and one mixed team are competing in the winter leagues and despite injuries are managing to field a team for all matches and we have also entered teams for the summer league. Team members are usually getting a coaching practice on Thursday evenings.

If you are interested in joining the club or finding out more, please have a look at our website www.longstantontennis.co.uk. Alternatively, pop down to one of our club sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 pm, and Sunday mornings from 11 am.

The courts are available to book via our online booking system, available on our website. Once you've booked a court, you'll be given a code to access the key safe to open the gate. Members can book courts for free, whilst non-members pay a £5 'pay and play' fee per hour.

We have several 12-months membership packages available, with a 3-months introductory trial membership for use by new members. Membership packages now begin on the date they were purchased, and expire on the same date the following year. With longer days and nicer weather approaching, it is best time to starting or getting back to tennis!

Floodlights (available only during club nights for now) are somewhat aged and need replacing, but we hope to be able to replace them with much more energy efficient LEDs soon.

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Longstanton Tennis Club Committee



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Looking to donate?

The nearest collection point is at Bar Hill Tesco

Want to volunteer?

Get in touch!

Read more: cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk
One contact is Revd Beth Cope (Pathfinder Church)
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Hospital Waiting Times – Patient Helpdesk

The Covid19 pandemic has added to the strain on all NHS services. As a result of this, waiting list times for outpatient and specialist appointments and procedures have increased for everybody.

We appreciate that this can cause worry and uncertainty about when you will eventually receive an appointment. The practice has no direct access to the hospital appointment lists.

If you have been referred by your GP/are waiting for

- An outpatient appointment
- An appointment for hospital tests (e.g. scans)
- A date for an operation or other treatment
- A follow-up from your hospital team

and you have a query about what is happening, please contact the Patient Helpdesk on **0800 048 5800**. The helpdesk is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Only call the practice if your condition has genuinely deteriorated, when you will be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken in regard to your care.

Vaccination Centres

If you are due to have your 1st, 2nd or booster vaccination, visit www.thevaccinators.co.uk for details of all centres in the local area where you are able to receive a walk-in vaccination.

Please be aware that Willingham Medical Practice is not offering COVID-19 boosters and is unable to book appointments for you. If you are eligible please visit www.nhs.uk/Covid-Vaccination or call the National Booking Service (NBS) on 119 to book an appointment in advance.

Updating your NHS records with vaccinations received abroad

If you were given vaccination(s) overseas, and they are one of the 4 x MHRA approved vaccines, these can now be added to your NHS Vaccination records via overseas vaccination validation service, which is now live via the National Booking Service (NBS).

Patients need to book in and take ID and their vaccination evidence to an appointment. You can use this service if you:

- Are aged 18 years old or over
- Have an NHS number
- Have received one of these MHRA approved vaccines outside of England – Oxford/AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), or Moderna (Spikevax).

Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass#residents-in-england-who-have-received-covid-19-vaccinations-overseas>

Booking link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/tell-nhs-about-coronavirus-vaccinations-abroad/>

PLEASE NOTE – OUR GP SYSTEMS DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO UPDATE VACCINATION INFORMATION ON THE NHS APP. YOU MUST CALL 119.

Dispensary update

Please allow 3 working days (this does not include weekends) for all repeat prescription requests. We understand patients have been having trouble getting through to the dispensary on the telephone lines. This is due to the volume of calls, and measures are being implemented to address this. However, please help us by ordering your repeat prescriptions via System Online or via your NHS app where possible. Written repeat requests can be posted in the boxes at both Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries.

Carers Meeting

Due to the pandemic, the carer's meetings are still cancelled until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at susan.lawson7@nhs.net or 01954 260230.

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Community Groups and Social Events

WHAT'S ON IN NORTHSTOWE

KEEP US UPDATED PLEASE!

Spotted any errors, changes, or more groups to be included? Please email northstovenews@gmail.com

MONDAYS

Tang Soo Do (£)

Family-friendly martial arts club. Tiny Tigers class for 4-6 year olds at 4pm followed by a junior class for 7-11 year olds from 4:45pm. Email enquiries@Northstowetsd.co.uk

Tai-Chi (£)

Weekly relaxation and inner peace. 19:30 at the Pathfinder Primary School. To book please email malcolmsavannah233@gmail.com

Social Run

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers social run meeting on The Green at 19:30

Book Club

Meet to discuss books in Monday evenings once per month. New members always welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/607693023324785>

TUESDAYS

Stay and Play (£)

Sessions for children from around 10 months or walking. 10-11:30am at the Community Wing. To book please email ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Baby Group (£)

For parents of pre-mobile babies. Meet other parents and access support from and advice from the Child and Family Centre team. 1-2:30pm at the Community Wing. To book please email

ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Huntingdon Hockey Club (£)

Northstowe Secondary College Astroturf, 7pm - 8:30pm
All abilities welcome. Contact huntingdonhockeyclub@gmail.com

Fastbreak Basketball (£)

Indoor sessions in the Northstowe Secondary College Sports Hall, 12 & Under at 6pm, 14 & Under at 7pm
northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

Northstowe Board Games

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm to play modern-style strategy and tabletop games, anything from Alhambra to Ziemlich Zügig! Northstowe Community Wing last Tuesday each month, and online other weeks.
Email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk

WEDNESDAYS

Pioneer Cafe

Serving teas, coffees, cold drinks and snacks 10:00-12:30 at the Community Wing

Cardio Conditioning Fitness Class (£)

A mix of aerobic (low or high impact) and strength & resistance training to improve your heart health. 12:40-13:30 at the Community Wing. Advance booking only, cependlebury62@gmail.com

Sustainable Northstowe

A community group with a vision to make Northstowe a green, clean, biodiverse and interconnected place for current and future residents. 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm online or at The Wing. For more info see facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe or email sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers

Beginners session all welcome. Members-only coached session.

Over Power (£)

Fitness, Strength, Conditioning circuits. We help ladies to tone up, lose weight and feel great. Pathfinder School Hall 6:15 pm and 7:15 pm overpowerfitness@outlook.com

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Stop, Breathe, Pray – 1st Wednesday of every month, 8pm. Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close (www.northstowe.church)

THURSDAYS

Sweaty Mama (£)

New Sweaty Mama classes starting at Northstowe Community Wing from Thursday 9th September 9.30am, see booking details

<https://midcambridgeshire.sweatymama.com/book-on-a-class/>

Fastbreak Basketball (£)

Indoor sessions in the Northstowe Secondary College Sports Hall, 10 & Under and 16 & Under at 7:15pm, Adult sessions at 8:20pm

northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

Tang Soo Do (£)

Family-friendly martial arts club. Tiny Tigers class for 4-6 year olds at 4pm followed by a junior class for 7-11 year olds from 4:45pm. Email enquiries@Northstowetsd.co.uk

Clubbercise (£)

Easy to follow dance routines, toning and combat moves with disco lights and glow sticks. 7:15pm at Over community centre. marilynsq@icloud.com

FRIDAYS

CAP Life Skills

A friendly group where you'll gain practical skills and discover new ways to live for a brighter future. 10:30am - 12:30pm at the Community Wing. Email johannascoones@capuk.org for details

Judo (£)

Ages 5 to 105 from beginners to Dan grades. On Fridays at the Pathfinder school, 5–6pm (under 8s) and 6–7pm (over 8s). For more information contact colinhappidojo@gmail.com

SATURDAYS

Sustainable Saturdays

Information stands, swap events and pop up Refill Station with zero plastic waste. 3rd Saturday of the month, on The Green. See facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe or email sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Catholic Mass

Visiting priest from Cambridge. 6pm in the Octagon at Bar Hill. For more details contact Bunty Waters 07734 690580 or Fr. Adrian Gates 01223 622699

Northstowe Foodies

Various days/times on The Green. Follow us on FB or Instagram for the weekly food truck listing.

SUNDAYS

Community Litter Pick

3rd Sunday each month [Not April] at 10:30am. Meet outside 6 Woodpecker Close, bring gloves!

bit.ly/NorthstoweLitterPick

A partnership of Northstowe Town Council, Plastic Free Longstanton and Northstowe, and Pathfinder Church Northstowe.

Emmanuel Church Northstowe

A growing gospel-centred church serving a growing new community. Sunday morning services for all ages at 10:30, at Northstowe Secondary College.

www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Pathfinder Church Northstowe

Your local Church of England church with an inclusive ecumenical welcome: praying, exploring, and sharing. Sunday Gatherings 3.30-5pm (normally at Pathfinder Primary School, but check www.northstowe.church)

Ignite Youth Group

Youth group from Emmanuel Church Northstowe for anybody ages 11-14. Runs term-time alternate Sundays 5pm at the Community Wing. Email ignite.ecn@gmail.com

Northstowe **PANCAKE** Saturday!



**Saturday 5th March
2pm to 4pm**

Outside the Wing/School on Pathfinder Way

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Pancake races
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Ceramics workshop

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Two sets of workshops: one for families
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12th and 26th March 2022

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ARTS

Community Litter Picks

Third Sundays at 10.30am
Feb 20th; March 20th;
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NORTHSTOWE SOCIAL

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Pioneer Café
10.00am-12.30pm
Wednesdays

Takeaway available!

Free squash supported by Northstowe Social

LET'S TAKE A COFFEE BREAK

Coffee Time



Northstowe Community Wing,
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MAKE YOUR OWN CERAMIC WALLFLOWER!

Have you been enjoying the Great Pottery Throw Down? Now you can have a go yourself!

Northstowe Arts is delighted to be working with Paula Armstrong Ceramics to present an exciting series of ceramics workshops in Northstowe this March.

Designs can be as simple or complicated as you choose. These gorgeous flowers can be hung on a wall indoors or out in the garden once finished.

At the first workshop you'll make your flower and the second workshop will be your time to glaze your creations. The flowers will then be fired again and be ready for collection a couple of weeks later. All materials will be provided.

One set of two workshops is offered for families with children of any age, with a separate set of two workshops open to anyone aged 12 and over.

Dates: 12th March 2022 (making): 10am-12pm families, 1-3pm over 12s.

26th March 2022 (glazing): 10-11.30am families, 12.30-2pm over 12s.

Venue: Northstowe Community Wing, Pathfinder Way, Northstowe CB24 1AA

Cost: Family workshop series - £30 under 12s, £40 adults or children 12 and over.

Over 12s workshop series - £40 all.

To book and for further info:
<http://northstowearts.eventbrite.com>

PIONEER CAFÉ

At home on Wednesday mornings?

Pioneer Café, at Northstowe Community Wing, Pathfinder Way on Wednesday mornings 10am-12.30pm, continues to serve hot and cold drinks and simple snacks at low prices, to enjoy inside or outside, or to take away.

With the micro-library and toys available it's a safe space for children to explore, whilst also being a great venue with wi-fi for your in-person work meetings or calls, or a chance to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee.

We're looking forward to warmer weather and being able to sit outside!

As a Friends of the Wing initiative, we're always looking for more volunteers to join the team: get in touch at friendsofthewing@gmail.com.

LDHS UPDATE: NORTHSTOWE March / April 2022

2022, will be an interesting year for the Heritage Society as plans for a heritage facility on the site of RAF Oakington progress. The Society will continue to seek advice and support on the protection and display of the LDHS Archives, so future generations can enjoy this historically important collection. The last 15 years have been spent collating historical information to ensure that the rural, social and military histories of Longstanton and Oakington will not be forgotten. However, the next challenge is to realise our ambition of providing the archives with a safe, secure and long-term home in a way that enables our extensive collection of memorabilia, photographs, digital images and film to be better accessed by our communities and the general public. This will be our work over the coming months and we will provide updates as and when there is any progress to report.

In the meantime, I would like to introduce you to an on-line resource that has been put together by veteran local historian, Mike Petty. Having worked for the Cambridgeshire Collection for many years Mike's extensive knowledge, indexes and collections are an important historical resource. Over the years, we have been delighted that Mike has been able to share much of this knowledge with LDHS members and non-members alike through our annual series of talks. Sadly, the pandemic has led to the suspension of these face to face meetings for the time being. To help us plan for the future we would be grateful if both members and local residents could complete a short survey. You can access the survey using this link to our website:

<https://www.ldhs.org/forthcoming-events/local-history-events/>

Below is an Introduction to Mike Petty's Longstanton Scrapbook in his own words and a few extracts from it. There is plenty more interesting snippets so please do take a look. One extract, that I have included, dates from 1900 and outlines the close social ties that linked Longstanton with Oakington and Westwick. LDHS has always championed the shared history of our two communities, whether that was through family ties, transport and business links or in the 20th Century, the military history brought about by the construction of RAF Oakington and its later transformation into Oakington Barracks.

To illustrate this article I have selected a couple of postcard images from the LDHS Archives which I hope you will enjoy.

Longstanton Scrapbook, 1897-1990

Extracts from 'A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook' by Mike Petty

Introduction

These stories are from issues of the Cambridge Daily/Evening/Weekly News of 1897-1990. The full set of articles, numbering over 3,000 pages is available at bit.ly/CambsCollection. The newspapers are held in the Cambridgeshire Collection together with other Cambridge titles back to 1762. They have a variety of indexes including a record of stories for every village in Cambridgeshire between 1770-1900 and newspaper cuttings files on 750 topics from 1958 to date.

For more details on other sources for Cambridgeshire history see my website www.mikepetty.org.uk. This index was produced as a part of my personal research resources and would benefit by editing. Check everything!

Mike Petty

1899 03 01

The hitherto quiet little village of Longstanton has been engaged in a labour struggle, a battle between farmers and farm servants. The cause of dispute was originally the hours of labour, but at a later stage the question of wages was brought in. It was decided to ask to work from 7am to 5pm – a ten-hour's day, with half an hour for breakfast and an hour for dinner out of it. Four out of five farmers refused to make the concession. The result was that nearly 40 agricultural labourers "came out" on strike.



St Michael's, Longstanton

Above: Longstanton St Michael's (c 1906) via H Stroud

Below: Longstanton High Street / Over Road junction via the Swann Family collection.. Image date unknown but it will be early 20th Century

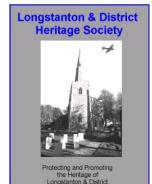
inaugurated ten years ago and the exhibitions arranged since have met with a measure of success that has continually stimulated its members. The exhibits were a very level lot. The peas, horned carrots & potatoes might be singled out for special mention. A small dish of curious peas of the Ashley Duke variety caused a sensation. Thurston's steam horses were in attendance & in the evening the villagers thronged into the ground in large numbers.

1900 07 25

Chesterton RDC received a resolution from Longstanton All Saint's parish meeting that members of property in the parish should provide their tenants with water. In every case the landlords had agreed. The Clerk: "We supply water by water carts; the contracts expires at the end of the month & it is thought that the owners should now provide it". The council agreed to continue the water cart system for three months to give landlords the opportunity to supply their tenants with water.



Hilary Stroud (Secretary)



NORTHSTOWE NATURE NOTES



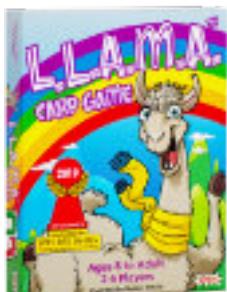
The highlight of the winter period was 5 Dunlin in the Waterpark. Although not particularly rare, and seen before in Phase 2, it was unusual to see them so close and in a busy area. They stayed for a few days, showing there must have been plenty of food and getting them onto the monthly wetland bird count done for the British Trust for Ornithology (almost all wetlands nationally get counted on a set day). Over 500 birds of 16 species were recorded, including a large Lapwing flock on the Phase 2 flood [top left]. A Kingfisher has also been around. Cattle Egrets [left] have been around Swavesey with cows and sheep by the busway.

The other winter interest has been finches, buntings and sparrows (all small seed-eating birds). Redpolls [bottom left] at Kingfisher Pond got the interest of local birdwatchers, with about a dozen people looking for them. Unfortunately most were unsuccessful, but Siskins were always around, also feeding in the alders. Some pre-development fallow near Rampton Drift supported about 50 each of Chaffinch and Linnet, with uncut plants providing a source of seeds. Hopefully similar areas can be left deliberately rather than all cut back, to give birds food and bees, butterflies and grasshoppers somewhere to get through the winter, at various stages of their lifecycles.

Nearby, on the edge of Cottenham, there was over 150 Corn Buntings, the largest flock locally for several years. There are several fields near there that will be managed as farmland mitigation for Northstowe so hopefully these can contribute to the good numbers of birds in there. House Sparrows have now made it to the garden in good numbers, eating nyjer seed and sunflower hearts (meant for Goldfinches) and a wheat mix. They also appreciate the extra cover in the garden from the bushes and honeysuckle.

Hugh Venables

GAME OF THE MONTH



L.L.A.M.A. is designed by Reiner Knizia and published by Amigo Spiele

LLAMA is a fun and colourful card game, which you can play through in about twenty minutes. It regularly features in our online Northstowe Gamers meetings where we play at BoardGameArena.com, and also was one of the games that reached the table when Northstowe Gamers played our first face-to-face games event since 2020. It's quick, easily explained, and plays equally well with between 3 and 6 players.

You each have a hand of cards, from a deck that are numbered from 1 to 6 or "Llama", and one card goes in the middle of the table. On your turn, you can either play a card of the same value or one higher¹ (so on a 1 you can play a 1 or a 2, and so on until 5 on which you can play a 5 or a 6. On a 6 you can play a 6 or a Llama, and on a Llama you can play a Llama or a 1. Then it goes round increasing the numbers again). If you can't play (or prefer not to) then you can either draw a card from the deck, which may give you more options in the next turn; or you can quit the round, and whatever cards are left in your hand will count against you.

Cards score at face value (Llamas are worth 10) but you only count each rank once, even if you have multiple of them in your hand. So if you have a hand full of threes and you can't play, you might as well quit the round instead of drawing because it's only three points against you, and if you draw you might get something considerably more expensive and still not be able to play it. On the other hand, if you're close to playing all your cards it might be worthwhile to press on: if you manage to completely empty your hand, the round ends instantly and everyone else must score whatever cards they have left. Not only that, but you can return one of your points tokens (worth 1 or 10). A new round begins, and play continues until someone has accrued 40 points, at which time the player with the fewest points is the winner!



The rules are very simple, and people can start playing immediately, but when you look into it there are surprisingly subtle decisions to make with some almost poker-like choices of when to bet and when to quit. The scoring rule means you can't judge how good the other players' hands are just from seeing the number of cards, so you can never be sure when they will start to put the pressure on - although you can get clues from watching when they increase rank and when they draw. There's no avoiding the fact that with shuffled cards, you're going to get an unlucky hand now and then, but there are several rounds each game so one bad draw doesn't feel like it drags down your whole game.

Oh, and why Llamas? Well, the box explains the name stands for "Don't Let Llamas And Markers Accumulate" — apparently the acronym works a bit better in the game's original German!

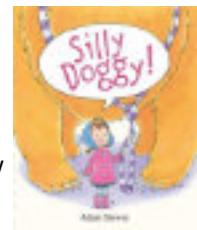
Andrew and Sarah Collier

We're back meeting face-to-face again! On the last Tuesday evening each month we're meeting at 7:30pm in Northstowe Community Wing, and we're online on Zoom the other weeks – there's limited space in the Wing so please email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk or search FaceBook for "Northstowe Gamers" to see details and get in touch.

¹ It is polite to announce the new rank if you increase it - for some reason when you play a Llama you get the urge to say it more excitedly and louder than you do with a number, *or maybe that's just us*.

PICTURE BOOK REVIEWS

In **Silly Doggy** by Adam Stower, Lily really wants a dog and when one appears in her garden she is overjoyed. The young reader will be amused that Lily does not realise that "doggie" is a bear, while the adult reading will notice the newspaper report about a zoo escape. Lily enjoys playing with her new pet but is a little frustrated when he behaves so badly. Eventually he has to return to his owner, but next morning Lily has a new visitor.



The Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith is the story of a bus driver, bored with his usual route, who decides to take a diversion. This proves very popular with his passengers and the bus is soon full. The passengers solve the problem by adding decks and before long we have the biggest bus ever, illustrated in a giant fold-out spread. Eventually, as one would expect, the bus breaks down, but the adventure continues as the travellers find a new mode of transport.



My two young testers enjoyed these and wanted them read numerous times. They enjoyed spotting unusual things in the illustrations and both books made them giggle.

Kathy Fountain

Northstowe book club is open to anyone from Northstowe or the surrounding area who enjoys reading. Please get in touch via our Facebook page if you would be interested in joining us for a meeting. There is no compulsion to come every month or read every book, but we would love to see some new faces. We meet once a month on Monday evenings from 7.30pm.

7th March
4th April
9th May
6th June

Diary of a Young Naturalist by Dara McAnulty
Where'd You Go, Bernardette by Maria Semple
The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
Skint Estate by Cash Carraway



BOOK REVIEW

England's Other Countrymen: Black Tudor Society by Onyeka Nubia is a fascinating study of diversity in Tudor England, in which he studies the evidence that England was historically a lot more racially diverse than most people realise. According to Nubia's research, people from all levels of Tudor society regularly interacted with people of African descent, whether they were visiting from overseas or native to England. This meant that contemporary views of race were significantly more complicated than we often think and were not closely linked to assumptions such as social class.

The part of the book I found the most interesting was an extensive examination of Tudor theories of race, how differences in national origin and skin colour were viewed as interlocking concepts, and how that affected society. While Nubia does not shy away from the fact that Tudor England was not a colourblind utopia, he also very effectively debunks the idea that Biblical justifications of racism were current and widely believed at the time. The discussion of these theories is heavy going and may be upsetting for some readers, but Nubia does an excellent job of explaining them and their place in history, establishing that in fact they're relatively recent developments.

It's a fascinating read and I recommend it for anyone with an interest in Tudor history.

Becca Edney

Emmanuel Church is 4 years old this year!

5 years ago, when Northstowe was mostly fields and building site, people from 5 Cambridge churches began to think and pray together about a new church for Northstowe. We were united in wanting a local church to help us worship Jesus, grow in true community, share the good news about Jesus and be a blessing to Northstowe and the surrounding villages.

We took the leap to becoming a new church community with our first Sunday service on 29th April 2018. For the first year we met in village halls until the Northstowe Community Wing opened for public use. After moving online for lockdown, we have recently begun meeting on Sundays in Northstowe Secondary College. We love welcoming visitors, whether Christians looking for a local church family to belong to, or those exploring spiritual questions or wondering what church is about.

Sundays at Emmanuel

Come along to join us any Sunday morning. We meet 10:30am-12noon in the main hall of Northstowe Secondary College. We sing (you can just listen if you prefer), pray, and learn from the Bible so that we grow to know God better. Children are part of the service for the first half hour, and then have their own Bible Clubs and creche for the second section. Afterwards refreshments are served and we stay to chat and get to know people better. It's free (we don't take a collection), and there's no need to bring anything or wear special clothes. Just come as you are.



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Some other regular events

Ignite Youth Group A fortnightly youth group for 11-14s Sundays 5-7pm Northstowe Community Wing. Bible Study, Discussion, Games and Snacks. All 11-14s welcome. Contact david.runciman@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org for more details.

Christians Against Poverty Friday mornings 10:30am in Northstowe Community Wing. A friendly and supportive group with practical workshops to help equip people for life and work. Currently running a Life Skills Course. Contact Jo (CAP Life Skills Coach). Text: 07770884570 Email: jo.scoones@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Jazz and Dessert

5th March 7:30-9:30pm

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A relaxed evening with Dave Runciman leading his local jazz group. Dave will also give a short interval talk: "The gift of music".

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To find out more about Emmanuel Church, go to our website www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

If you have any queries or requests, email Josh (Pastor) josh.monteiro@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org



PATHFINDER CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

praying, exploring and sharing

Something particularly exciting about Pathfinder Church is the **ecumenical backstory** that continues to shape us. We're the result of many years of prayer from local churches across different traditions, who continue to support and encourage us to grow as **a church for this time and this place**.

Our minister, Revd Dr Beth Cope, is an Anglican Priest, but those who are coming together to form Pathfinder Church come **from all traditions and from none**: together we are pilgrims on a journey, asking questions and exploring the connections we find between everyday life and our spirituality and faith.

In the run up to Easter this year, we are digging into our **Methodist heritage**, exploring the spiritual practices promoted by John & Charles Wesley... and trying them out for ourselves: *praying, exploring and sharing*. Why not come and find out more?

This term, we're meeting in Pathfinder Primary School every Sunday (except school holidays) at 3.30pm.

On the last Sunday of the month, we head outside (weather permitting) to gather as **Wild Church around the campfire**.

- Why not join us for **pancakes** around the fire on Feb 27th?
- Or to mark **Mothering Sunday** on March 27th?

And of course, we'll be celebrating **Easter** itself with a week of special events including a **Palm Sunday Adventure Trail**; **Maundy Thursday Campfire Music Night**, and **Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday**, culminating with our now-traditional campfire communion (9am, Easter Sunday). Watch social media for more, and check out www.northstowe.church/Easter



Contact Revd Beth at Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe, CB24 1AW (01954 261 181)
contact@northstowe.church; www.northstowe.church Follow our social media (fb.me/PathfinderChurch) or newsletter (bit.ly/PathfinderChurchNews) to see pictures, news, and more.

All Saints Church, Rampton Road, Longstanton is the neighbouring parish church of Pathfinder Church, Northstowe, within the Church of England.

Sunday services in All Saints are held at 9.30am as follows:
 All Age service on 1st Sundays
 Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th& 5th Sundays
 Morning Praise on 3rd Sundays

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 Please ring on above phone number for details of where this is being held.

EASTER BLOG

The Easter weekend changed everything forever! Why?

Because some 2000+ years ago on what now call Good Friday 'God demonstrates his own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:8). The highest form of love taking our place on the cross, the symbol of pain and suffering, yet it opens the door to an everlasting victory.

Easter is a time to celebrate the triumphant victory of good over evil, the light has overcome the darkness bringing forth new life which is completely free.

A life full of hope and life in its true fullness. Who would not want to experience such life, especially when it is completely free!

It is a life which is also available to all who call upon Him as their King.

As everything seems to be constantly changing, from the financial market to the tread of the day or the hot topic for conversation on social media, we all need that stable rock and firm foundation that we can always trust and run to when everything else is falling apart. This is the essence of the Easter weekend in which the true King cements his reign as the King of kings!

Happy Easter!

Emilton Barzey



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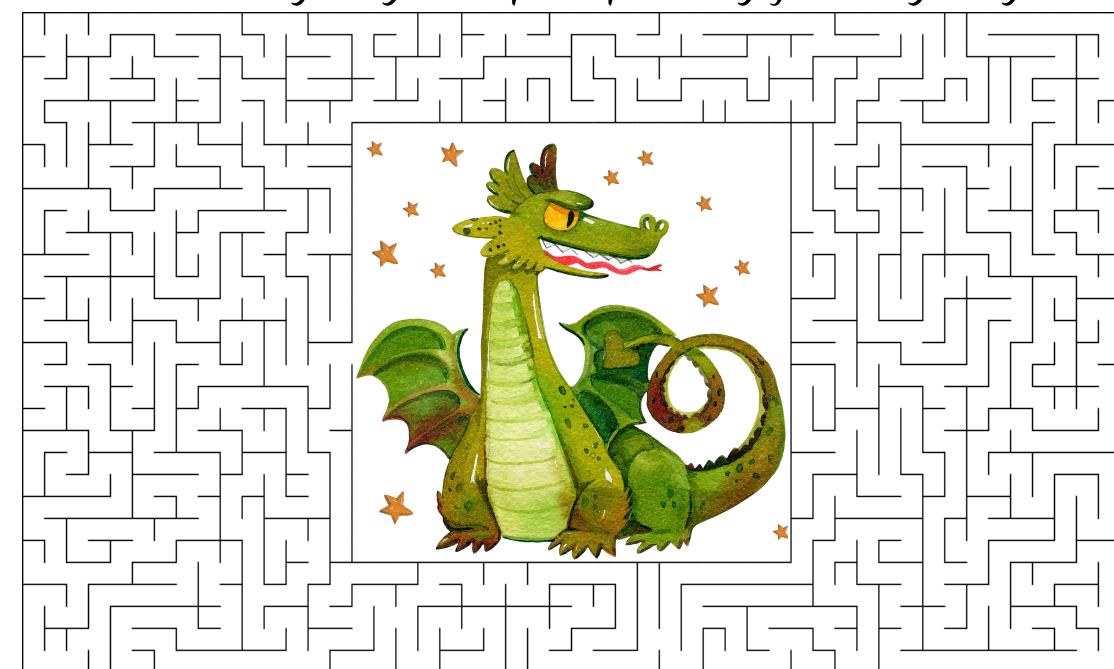
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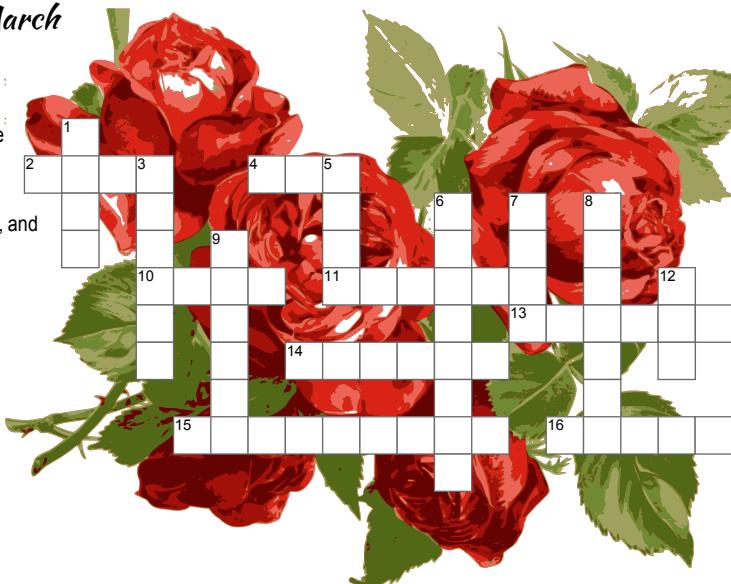
Mother's Day Crossword - 27th March

ACROSS

2. A piece of writing that expresses emotions using words that rhyme.
4. Squeeze someone tightly in one's arms, to express affection.
10. Make it easier for Mum to do something.
11. An expression of gratitude.
13. Day of the week we celebrate Mother's Day.
14. Looking after those unable to care for themselves.
15. Give Mum a surprise and make this for her this morning.
16. The third month of the year.

DOWN

1. An intense feeling of deep affection.
3. Woman who gives birth or who has the responsibility of care for children.
5. Another word for a present.
6. The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.
7. Touch with the lips as a sign of love.
8. Mum's Mother
9. The seed-bearing part of a plant.
12. Happy Mother's _____.



*Easter Colouring
17th April*



Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) - 1st March

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RECIPE

Mini Toad-in-the-Holes

This is a recipe that I used to make regularly when we met up for food at Northstowe Social events. Since lockdown it has become a tradition to make them for lunch on Sundays as an echo of roast dinner but without much work!

Sarah Collier



Ingredients

- | | |
|-------|------------------------|
| 24 | cocktail sausages |
| | Oil |
| 150ml | Plain flour |
| 3 | Eggs |
| 150ml | Milk |
| | Salt and Pepper |
| 2 tsp | Mixed herbs (optional) |

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C
2. Place 2 sausages in each hole of a 12-hole muffin tray
3. Add a drizzle of oil to each hole with the sausages
4. Place in the oven for 20 min.
While that's in the oven make your batter:
5. Put the flour into a mixing bowl and add the eggs
6. Mix together well
7. Add the milk a bit at a time, mixing well in between addition of more milk
8. Continue until you have added all the milk and have a smooth batter
9. Add salt and pepper, and mixed herbs if you want
10. Once the sausages are finished in the oven add the batter to each hole
11. Place back in the oven for 15 min
12. Remove from the muffin tin, if they stick use a palette knife to run round the edge of the tin to loosen

Great served hot or kept as a cold snack

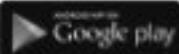
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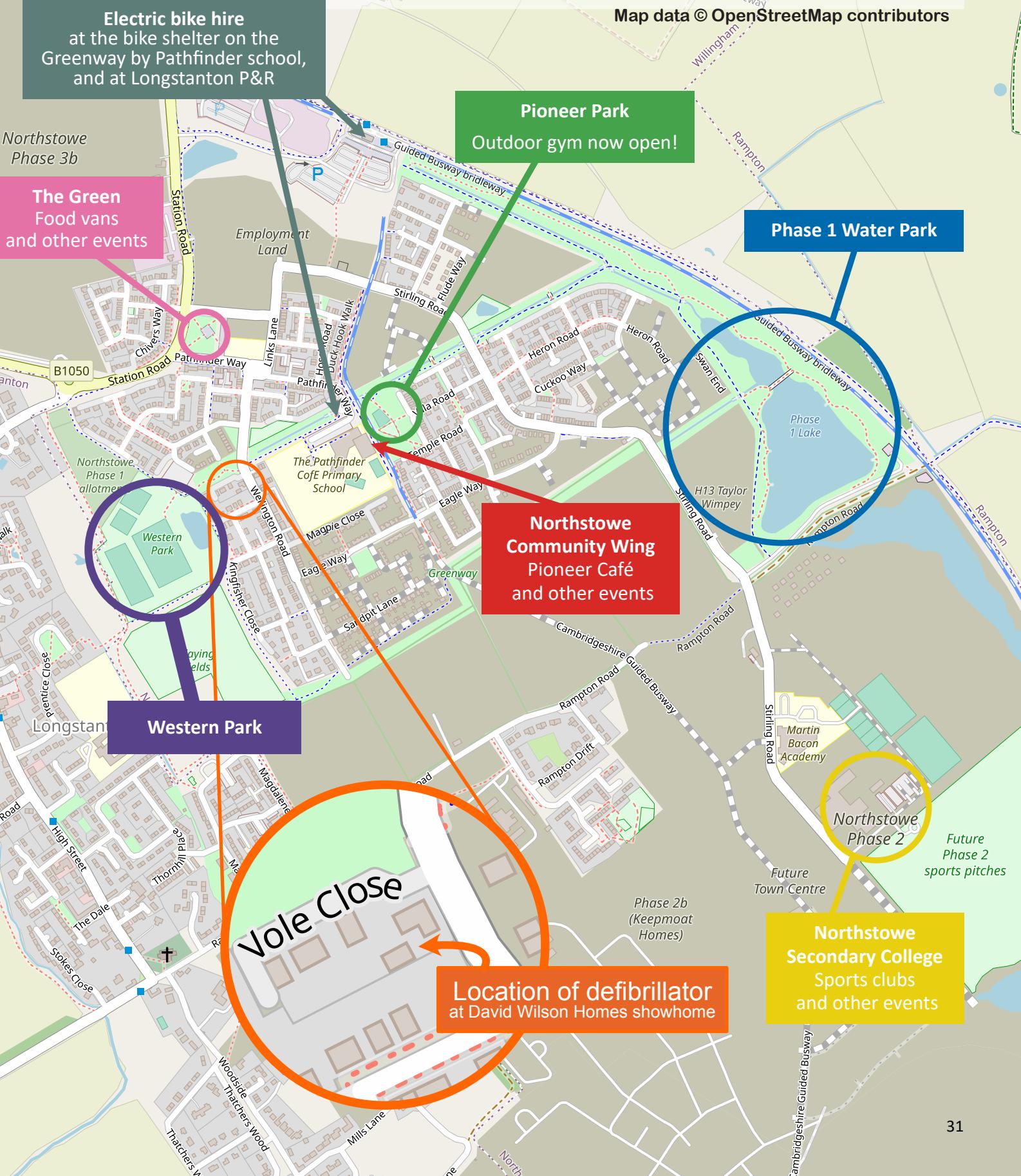
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