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EDITORS' WELCOME

Northstowe News has really enjoyed the Tokyo Olympics, especially the skateboarding which was won by the youngest British Olympian. This challenged us to think about how many sports we have done this summer from walking around the park, to playing basketball and even going on the swing, yes this should be an Olympic sport!

The Northstowe Olympic challenge is how many things around Northstowe you can find which contain the Olympic colours – blue, yellow, black, green and red. Take a photo with what you find, send it to the Northstowe News and the best ones will be published in the next issue. *If you are under the age of 18 please ask for parental consent before sending in your picture(s).*

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The submission deadline for the November / December issue is **October 1st**.

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NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

Mark Nokkert: Northstowe's New Town Clerk!

One of our first responsibilities as a new Town Council was to appoint a permanent Town Clerk. This role is extremely important; they help ensure that the council is well organised and runs smoothly, are a key source of advice and guidance to us in what we are able to do, and are a central point for communication between the council, other levels of government and our residents. We conducted interviews for the position in June, and were very lucky to have several outstanding candidates apply. From this very competitive field, we were delighted to appoint Mark Nokkert – his clear passion for the community and command of local issues convinced us he was the right person for the job! He comes to us from a position with Cambridgeshire ACRE, and brings a wealth of experience working with Cambridgeshire communities, voluntary groups and businesses to benefit local residents.

We would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to Rosie Hughes, who has been our Interim Town Clerk since January and will continue to support us and Mark as he takes up his new role. Rosie has worked tirelessly to help get the new council off to a great start (alongside her 'day job' as clerk of Sutton Parish Council), and we greatly appreciate everything she has done for us.

Northstowe Water Park and Greenways

Over the past few months, final work and grass seeding has been completed on both the Northern Greenway (the play area North of Pathfinder School) and the Phase 1 Water Parks next to the busway. Unfortunately the weather through the early part of the year slowed the progress of these works and pushed back the opening dates for these areas past the start of the school summer holidays – as members of the Phase 1 Open Spaces Steering Group we are as frustrated as many of you about this. We are anticipating that both areas will now be opened in the week starting 23rd August, and are looking forward to seeing them being used by the community!

In conjunction with this, at our July meeting Northstowe Town Council requested Cambridgeshire County Council to prioritise completion of pathways from Longstanton Park & Ride through to the water park. This link will significantly improve connectivity both for leisure use and travel to work. This will also be a safer route for pupils of Northstowe Secondary College and Martin Bacon Academy to travel to school, avoiding the heavy construction and school traffic on Stirling Road.

HR Wallingford hydrology report

Through the past year, HR Wallingford have carried out an independent study of water levels across Longstanton and Northstowe, prompted by the observed drop in water levels across Longstanton when Northstowe construction started in 2015. They published their report in three parts, covering the history of the water levels over the several decades and the impact of construction in Northstowe on the levels of water in the Kingfisher Pond (located next to Western Park and David Wilson developments). Their conclusions were that the water levels in the Longstanton / Northstowe gravel seam were impacted by dewatering carried out as



part of construction, and that these water levels have not fully recovered since. In response to this, SCDC have produced a draft Action Plan which they have shared with Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council. We will be discussing this action plan and its recommendations and giving our feedback in the full council meeting on August 25th. I would like to thank all the residents who have done so much work over the past several years to bring this to light – hopefully this report will be the first step towards a permanent solution. The newly constituted Longstanton and Northstowe Sustainability Working Group will also be taking this on to ensure that L&Q and SCDC follow through on these plans.

Local Events – Community Café and Northstowe Running Festival

I was honoured to officially open the Pioneer Café at the Wing on Wednesday 21st July. Started and run by Friends of the Wing and local volunteers, this is a fantastic initiative for the community, providing a much needed spot for people to meet up!

We are also looking forward to the first annual Northstowe Running Festival on 5th September, organised by Marcin Lis and comprising 10k, 5k and Family Mile events. The routes for these runs incorporate many of the newly developed areas in Northstowe including the Western Park and the Water Parks, providing a great introduction to these areas for the community! Northstowe Town Council is proud to be an official partner for this event, alongside other community groups which will have stalls there. It's shaping up to be a fantastic event, and I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

Get in touch!

Our full council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Wing, with our next meeting on 25th August at 7pm. Residents are very welcome to attend, and every meeting has a slot for members of the public to raise questions or concerns to the council. If you have any other specific questions which you'd like the council to look into, please feel free to get in touch with Mark (townclerk@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk) or myself (cllr.owen@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk).

Cllr Richard Owen

Town Mayor

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Happy summer everyone, whether you are going away, staying at home with family or catching up with friends hope you get to have a break.

As we move into the summer season our businesses who rely heavily on the tourist economy are hoping for some good times ahead to help their recovery from the pandemic. The sunshine always helps, and we can help by supporting our local businesses all year round.

COVID-19 RECOVERY: Residents in Cambridgeshire are being urged to continue to do the right thing and play their part to tackle Covid-19 by getting double vaccinated, taking a Covid test if they have virus symptoms and self-isolating if they test positive. At the time of writing, there is an increase of 33% in infection rates, highest in under 30s and approx. 40% of our population yet to be fully vaccinated.

Following announcement of easing of restriction, helping to prevent the virus spreading remains vital, especially with more people likely to be out and about.

For the latest information on walk-in clinics, visit Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group's website:
www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: The latest government funding grant for free school meals during the summer holidays didn't cover the demand across the County. At the first meeting of the County Council Children and Young People Committee, members voted to provide £537k for additional funding to provide both supermarket vouchers and a 4-week free holiday childcare for all eligible families.

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME: Cambridgeshire County Council unanimously backed a motion to promote and support late applications to the EU Settlement Scheme at Full Council meeting in July. The most up to date data shows that, by 31 March 2021, 68,610 Cambridgeshire residents had applied to the EU Settlement Scheme. However, there is work still to be done to ensure that all EU citizens in the county have applied, to secure their rights to live, work and study in the UK. As a starting point, we will be working with our partner councils and agencies to develop and implement an extensive and readily accessible public information campaign about late applications, and support to make such applications, through public facilities across the county.

ENVIRONMENT: The County Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee has agreed to review the Council's climate and environment strategies by December 2021 with a view to bringing forward its net-zero target towards 2030. The Committee will develop a Route map to Net-Zero and Doubling Nature Programme by March 2022.



HIGHWAYS: A problem area for the council is road maintenance, especially potholes and blocked road gullies, I am sure you are painfully aware of the short term nature of much of the work, there is a backlog and as the new administration we are not able to rectify problems overnight, but the new team is going to look critically at contracts and quality of work and drive improvements as soon as they can.

At the last Quarterly highways meeting on 18 June, all the Parishes within my division: Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington & Westwick and Over, met at Longstanton Village Hall. Present were: Two Local Highway Officers (LHO) and Parish Chairs/Vice Chairs and Clerks. All back-dated and current issues were discussed and prioritised where possible. Going forward I will meet with LHO fortnightly and next quarterly meeting will be in September.

Residents are kindly reminded to report any problems on Highways Reporting, as it will then be picked up by the LHOs to bring to these meetings.

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

B1050: You be pleased to know that the major flooding on B1050 just by the roundabout has been resolved and the new drains worked perfectly in the downpour early July.

B1050 BAR HILL TO NORTHSTOWE: Several potholes have been marked up between the first stretch of B1050 approaching from the Bar Hill junction and they should be filled within 21 days. The section where the new junction road finishes and the existing B1050 meet has been problematic for some time and the maintenance team after several attempts of patching up that section have been unsuccessful to find a solution. We do ask residents to ensure they slow down upon approach of this part of the road as a few cars have damaged their tyres. We are looking at ways of troubleshooting this problem and are continuing to push for the new SARW to be opened.

A14 TRAVEL BRIDGES: Good news for active travel users in and around Bar Hill and Swavesey, Cambridgeshire County Councillors on the Highways committee voted unanimously to remove all four exclusionary barriers near the new A14 active travel bridges. They will be replaced with a safe arrangement of bollards.

Do join the local Longstanton, Northstowe & Oakington FB page for County and District news.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - LONGSTANTON WARD

Northstowe Phase 1 – Enterprise Zone & Local Centre

SCDC have conducted the first round of consultation on the development of the local centre and enterprise zone on Northstowe Phase 1, with a series of workshops for residents and businesses and an online survey.

We are very happy to see that residents are being given the opportunity to give their views and shape the development of this area from an early stage. It was exactly the reason we championed SCDC taking on this land to develop.

We will be making sure that we listen closely to what we hear, so that we can work with residents from Northstowe and surrounding villages to build facilities that will work for us all. Residents really do know their area best, so we are looking forward to hearing about your aspirations!

If you missed attending workshops or giving your feedback, please email northstowe@ar-urbanism.com to ensure you're on the mailing list for future workshops and updates.

Sports Pavilion Phase 1 Planning Submission

The new single storey pavilion building plans have been submitted for planning permission. They detail the access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for this construction. The pavilion will have changing facilities for 3 teams and 3 referees as well as a club room, kitchen, and a full changing places toilet – the first for our wider area for those people who need a fully accessible toilet. To view the plans please go to the South Cambs Planning website link below and enter the reference number: 21/03350/REM. Comments for this closed at the end of August but the application will go to full planning committee, which any member of the public can attend and give their views.

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/>

Outdoor Gym

We're pleased to confirm that the outdoor gym SCDC installed in Pioneer Park is now ready for people living in and around Northstowe to use.

Users are encouraged to bring their own wipes to clean the equipment before and after use. There is a foot operated sanitiser pump installed.

Keepmoat Phase 2

Plans for the next phase of housing development on Phase 2, next to Urban Splash, have been submitted. We were pleased to see the developers took on board our request to reduce the building height of houses that face the Rampton Drift play area, so they are now fully compliant with the Design Code. The deadline for comments on this application has now passed. This will go to planning committee following concerns raised by Northstowe Town Council

Westminster Constituency Boundary Changes

The boundary commission has proposed new constituency boundaries for Parliamentary constituencies (the area which elects an MP to represent them). It does not impact the South Cambs District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council boundaries. The aim of the review is to make constituency population numbers more equal, reflecting demographic and population changes.

For us, the proposals are that we would no longer be in South Cambs constituency and instead will be in one called St Neots, together with villages such as Girton, Histon & Impington, Over, Willingham, Cambourne and St Neots. Cottenham meanwhile would go into East Cambridgeshire and Cherry Hinton would be part of the new South Cambs constituency.

You can view the exact changes and register your views on these proposals via this link <https://www.bceresults.org.uk/>

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

Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson

District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe

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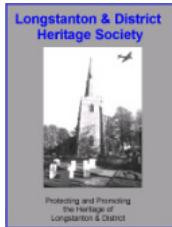
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LDHS UPDATE: NORTHSTOWE – September / October 2021



Kingfisher Pond Update –

HR Wallingford Report 3

LDHS members and local residents will be aware of the constitutional obligation that the Heritage Society has to protect heritage assets across Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington and Westwick and that landscape features are included in our definition of Heritage. Hence, for many years the Longstanton & District Heritage Society has been highlighting the plight of the Kingfisher Pond and other ponds and water features located on the River Terrace Deposits (RTD), which lie below our communities.

The purpose of HR Wallingford's final report was to determine the cause of the changes in the hydrology and hydrogeology of the Kingfisher Pond. Their report is clear in its key finding that it was the initial construction de-watering that led to the drying out of the Kingfisher Pond. Why then was no enforcement action taken by SCDC when local residents first raised concerns at the end of 2015, after the first phase of de-watering was carried out? If action had been taken when concerns were first raised, the second phase of de-watering could have been stopped and the cause of the problem identified and rectified. This report cannot be clearer – it states that the construction of Northstowe has changed the recharge of the RTD and the ponds and other ground-fed features. This is simply unacceptable and someone should be held responsible; not just for what happened but also for the failure to take action when the problem was first reported. Furthermore, the report makes clear that the damage caused might not be repairable and water levels may not recover to pre-Northstowe levels.

However, what is of really serious concern is the question-mark the report raises as to whether the design principles of the greenways have been met, or if they will continue to reduce groundwater levels in the RTD and the Kingfisher Pond. Failure to act on residents' concerns in a timely manner has potentially allowed those greenways to be completed with any errors or changes to the design principles buried below ground.



Photo of the Kingfisher Pond taken on 15th April, 2021. The image shows the extent to which scrub woodland is taking over the pond and the low water level. This does not bode well as the weather gets hotter and drier. Local residents are continuing to monitor the situation.

However, this is where the remit limitations of HR Wallingford's brief are exposed. Despite all the evidence and the confident conclusion that dewatering of Northstowe caused the damage to the Kingfisher Pond and by implication the other ponds and groundwater features, the report appears to have only recommended that monitoring is installed and maintained to determine the impacts of the Northstowe development on the Kingfisher Pond and other ground-fed water features. Whilst monitoring of the RTD is welcome and should have been in place from the start of work out on Phase 1, there is no mention of what action must be taken to repair the damage to the aquifer and to ensure that the groundwater levels in the RTD do recover to pre- Northstowe levels.

In addition, other more recent and on-going issues exist which have not been dealt with by this report. The HR Wallingford final report fails to acknowledge or explain how and why the Phase 1 lake could fill with water by 2017, whilst at the same time the Kingfisher Pond stood empty. Also not explained by this report is the reason for water being pumped off Northstowe Phase 1 in significant quantities, over extended periods of time. This discharge of water was reported to local councillors, HR Wallingford and others late in 2020. The report fails to explain why from January 2021 onwards, no water was seen being discharged off Phase 1 into the Rampton drain, even though local trackways and fields were flooded and Northstowe Phase 2 was actively pumping water off site. This needs to be investigated. De-watering of Northstowe may not have been limited to two phases in 2015 and 2016 as stated in the reports and HR Wallingford's concerns about the design of the greenways could be significant.

HR Wallingford have stated that they would be available to carry out further work under a new contract and hopefully this will be carried out with the remit being what restoration work and mitigation can repair the damage caused by the Phase 1 de-watering of the RTD aquifer. However, what is clear is that whilst the H R Wallingford investigations and reports 1-3 are welcome, serious questions remain to be answered. Further investigations are needed to provide the answers our communities deserve and for confidence to be restored in the drainage works associated with the Northstowe development.

Heritage Annex and LDHS Archival Storage

LDHS is pleased to announce that revised plans for the Heritage Annex are currently being drawn up and will include storage facilities and work space for LDHS and our archives. This means that at last LDHS will have a base to work from, which will allow greater community participation and will provide local residents with a place to come together to enjoy our shared history.

LDHS AGM

The 2021 AGM will be held remotely on Friday 3 September at 7.30pm. Members will be provided with details in due course.

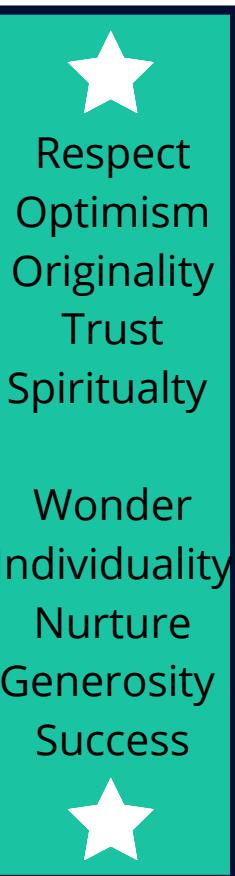
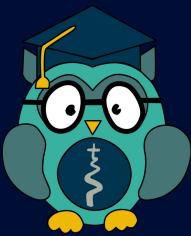
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The referenced report can be viewed by visiting the following page (or scan the QR code on the right):
http://www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Reports/202105HRWallingfordReport3-reduced.pdf



A South Cambridgeshire District Council spokesperson said: "We are really committed to working with Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council and this report is an important step. Having taken the time to work through the detail of the report and consider the various options and next steps, we are now developing an action plan. Once the local Parish and Town Councillors have had chance to comment on this plan, we'll be publishing it for all to see."



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Our Learning

Reception



Last half-term we held our very own wedding! We have spent lots of time ensuring we had planned every detail for the big day as part of our RE unit; Why are places of worship special? The wedding afternoon consisted of a beautiful service led by Reverend Beth, signing of the register, cutting the cake, first dance and a wedding breakfast. We all had a truly fantastic time! This photo was taken by our wedding photographer, Clara (aged 5).



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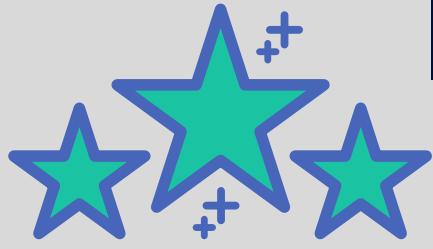
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Year 3 and 4

Our Y3/4 topic of 'Misty Mountain, Winding River', ended with a fun-filled day of climbing activities. The children used compasses and maps to practise their orienteering skills out on the field. We then spent some time researching different climbing equipment. The classes explored the features, purpose and materials used for a wide variety of climbing equipment such as helmets, harnesses and climbing nuts. After that, the children all had a go at testing some climbing equipment on the climbing wall! Finally, we put our knowledge to good use in designing and making a prototype of our own piece of climbing equipment. The children came up with some great and innovative ideas!

End of Year Awards



At the end of each school year, the children vote for those that they feel show the school values in all they do. Well done to those nominated by their peers. The staff also nominate children in Year 6 in recognition of their contribution to the school during their time with us, no matter how long or short that has been.

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Raina L
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NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY HERO 2021

Michelle Kemp (36) has been awarded the title of Northstowe Community Hero 2021, recognised by the local housebuilders for her volunteering efforts that have helped the new town's community to thrive.

Michelle, who is a consultant obstetrician at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, was nominated for the award by local residents who felt that she had been instrumental in the development of the Northstowe community.

As one of the first people to move into Northstowe in 2017, Michelle quickly became the go to person for new residents.

Michelle said, "I inadvertently became the person that new residents would seek out to ask questions, because I'd already figured most things out. It made sense for me to pass on information and to start helping people to connect with others in the neighbourhood.

"I kept assessing the needs of the community and if there was a gap, I'd fill it with a group, event or activity! Northstowe really was a blank slate back then so there were lots of things that were needed to help new residents feel settled."

Michelle set about organising community initiatives including meet and greet barbecues, food vans, the Neighbourhood Watch and the Northstowe Pioneers Facebook page. Michelle also established the Northstowe News, a free local paper that is still a key source of information for residents.

Michelle continues, "We shared lots of updates on social media, but it was clear that not all residents used Facebook or had access to it. A community newspaper just felt like the right solution. At first it was just me as editor but now there is a team behind the paper, and it is delivered to every single resident."

There were around 20 people in Northstowe when Michelle first moved in, but now there are more than 850 residents. This has meant that Michelle has been able to pass on the baton to others keen to help.

Michelle adds, "Northstowe has come a long way since 2017. The community is growing, and more people are able to get involved and help the town to thrive. As a hospital doctor, this past year has been extremely challenging, but it has been wonderful to see the community come together, supported by some of the things we have put in place."



Northstowe resident, Kathy Males, who nominated Michelle said, "I'm so pleased for Michelle and her award is truly deserved. Despite working full time within the NHS, she has given her full attention to making Northstowe a nicer place to live. She should be applauded for the efforts she has made over the last four years."

During National Volunteers Week in June 2021, Bovis Homes, David Wilson Homes, Domovo Homes, Linden Homes and Taylor Wimpey launched the search to find Northstowe's Community Hero, keen to recognise those special individuals that have made a real impact on Northstowe through volunteering.

On behalf of the housebuilders, Caroline Carter, Sales Director for Taylor Wimpey said, "Northstowe is much more than bricks and mortar and we felt it was important to celebrate the residents that have helped the community to flourish. We would like to congratulate Michelle on her award and thank her for her continued passion and commitment to making Northstowe a great place to live."

As part of her prize, Michelle has chosen Petals, a local charity that provides specialist counselling after baby loss, to receive a £100 donation from the housebuilders.

On receiving the award, Michelle said, "To be named Northstowe Community Hero 2021 is incredibly humbling and means so much to me. It's lovely to hear that people appreciate the work I have done to make Northstowe a welcoming place to live. I want to say a huge thank you to those that have supported my efforts and of course for nominating me for this award. I have found my home in Northstowe, and I am excited to see the community continue to grow."

Northstowe is a new sustainable development of 10,000 homes, just five miles from Cambridge and with excellent transport links to the city, including a guided busway. As well as being a great place for people to call home, the new town will provide for a mixed and balanced community with an accent on health and wellbeing. Northstowe offers a variety of housing types, including affordable homes, to suit a range of buyers and budgets.

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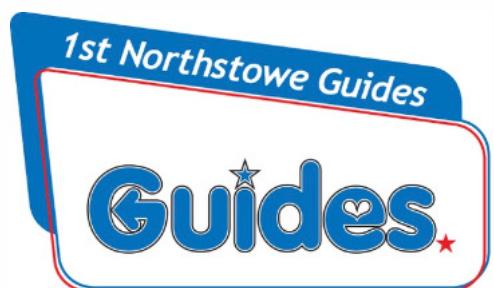
GIRLGUIDING IS STARTING UP IN NORTHSTOWE!

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with over 320,000 members. Thanks to the dedication and support of over 80,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK and we are now in the process of starting up various units for girls in and around Northstowe – starting with Guides.

Guides is aimed at girls aged 10-14 and aims to give girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. Through a range of activities, trips and residential we give them a space to have fun whilst also building their confidence and raising their aspirations.

If your daughter is interested in being part of the first Guide unit in Northstowe, use the Girlguiding “Join us” website at <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member> to register your interest. There are already a number of girls from Northstowe and Longstanton signed up and raring to go, and over time we'll be looking to introduce Rainbows and Brownies for younger children as well.

Jill Hay
Unit Leader
1st Northstowe Guides



PIONEER PARK OUTDOOR GYM



The outdoor gym in Pioneer Park is now open for use.

We encourage users to bring their own anti-bacterial wipes/spray to clean the equipment before and after use and use the hand sanitiser pump too.

If you would like some advice on how to get the most out of the new equipment Active New Communities, in partnership with South Cambridgeshire District Council and Catalyst Fit, are running some free activation sessions on Saturday 18th September 10am-11am and 11am-12noon.

To book your place onto one of these sessions please email Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

NORTHSTOWE FESTIVAL OF RUNNING

The first ever Northstowe Festival of Running is taking place on **September 5th** on Western Park, from 10am - 4pm.

There are three running events to suit all abilities: a 10K, a 5K Fun Run and a Family Mile. Entries will still be open by the time you get this magazine so make sure to sign up at www.northstowerunfest.co.uk to reserve your space. Profit from the 5K Fun Run and Family Mile is going to support the local schools.

On the day the festival grounds will be free to enter, and there will be attractions including yoga, dance and fitness classes, sports plays and a street food market.

NORTHSTOWE TRAVEL BENEFITS

Did you know the developers of Northstowe are promoting public transport, walking and cycling by offering travel incentives to new residents? New households are entitled to claim a £50 voucher for walking or cycling equipment, a one-month bus pass and free cycle training for children and adults. If you have moved into a new home and haven't yet claimed your travel benefits, please visit here: www.northstowe.com/travel

LONGSTANTON AND NORTHSTOWE LIMPERS

It's been a busy time as we've been working towards a return to activity and making plans for the summer. We've restarted our social runs, for our members first and now open for everyone, in a covid-safe way. We've tried a new meeting point on the western sport field in between Longstanton and Northstowe (near the Kingfisher Pond), which has been working well so we're there on Monday nights at 7:30pm if you want some company on a run or just want to say hello! They're free to come to, but you still need to register in advance.

We've also managed to put on a couch to 5k course and have welcomed some new people to the club. Our membership is on a voluntary donation basis until the end of March 2022 so if you want to join then get in touch! We've been able to increase the number of our run leaders with a view to putting on more sessions. We'll see what we can do – watch this space...

We've worked hard on our Summer Challenge. We wanted to follow up our successful 'Winter Warmers' events to try and help people stay active over the summer break and have put on something bigger and better. The results have improved too - we've had over 100 entries and have raised almost £1000 for our local schools. We have weekly prize draws which are supporting local business, as well as some vouchers for Advance

Performance and Decathlon as our grand prizes at the end of the summer. All prizes have been funded by the Limpers or grant funding we've secured, with a few extra contributions from some of our collaborators...it is exciting announcing a winner every week!

Thanks so much to everyone that's already taking part. We've had a wonderful response from the community to our aims of helping people stay active over the summer period, and raising some money as well.

Give us a wave if you see us out and about, hopefully enjoying some sunshine. As always, all the details are on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LandNLimpers>



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Food bank vouchers are available from local agencies such as citizens advice, schools, and churches. Vouchers can be redeemed at Distribution Centres across Cambridge, including the new Northstowe centre. Each gives you a parcel of three days of emergency food, providing non-judgemental support at the point of crisis.

Read more: cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk
One contact is Revd Beth Cope (Pathfinder Church Northstowe) 07720 330 272 contact@northstowe.church



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You can choose to opt out of the data sharing with NHS Digital. To do so you must complete the opt out by **1st September 2021**. Details regarding the National Data Opt out (opting out of NHS Digital sharing your data) and information about the usage of your data can be found on the **NHS Digital Patient Information** page:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research>
Links to the relevant information are on our website and facebook page. Opt out forms are also available from the surgery.

Staffing and GPs

As part of the rapid expansion in the surgery's capacity, we now have 8 permanent GPs working from the practice. In August we were delighted to welcome Dr Vickers and Dr Charlesworth to the surgery Team. We have at least 3 GPs working every session at Willingham, and have 2 GPs at our branch surgery in Longstanton on a Monday morning.

We are welcoming an extra Practice Nurse, Donna Brown, to the surgery from mid August. Donna is a very experienced nurse who previously worked in the community as a district nurse, so may be a familiar face to some patients.

Our reception team have also evolved very quickly over the past few months following a number of retirements from the practice, and we have 5 very new receptionists being guided and trained by our more experienced staff. They are all working incredibly hard to handle calls as quickly and effectively as possible, and we ask that you remain calm and patient as they rapidly learn this new and challenging role.

We are also delighted to welcome Mr Jigar Raval to our team in September, who is a very experienced Clinical Pharmacist who works across our PCN for GP services. He will be based at Willingham surgery every Monday and Tuesday, and will be assisting us with patient medication reviews and minor illness consultations.

We were also sad to say goodbye to Susan Craft and Pip Westwood who retired from the practice in the middle of July. We wish them all the best as they enjoy more time with their families.

Vaccination Programme

This is the biggest vaccination programme the NHS has ever undertaken. For more information about the vaccine, or if you have questions about how the programme is being delivered in our area, including our most local walk in clinics, please visit:

www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughhccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme

You can choose to attend a walk-in clinic for your second dose after at least 8 weeks have passed since you had your first dose. To book your appointment, please visit NHS.uk or call the national booking line on 119.

At the time of writing we are awaiting further guidance regarding Phase 3 of the Covid vaccinations. We will update our facebook page and website with information as soon as it becomes available.

Flu Vaccinations

We are preparing for our 2021 flu season, and are expecting our first delivery in the middle of the month. Our first flu clinic for those aged over 65 will be on Saturday 25th September. Please contact reception to book.

We are not expecting our first delivery of vaccine for those eligible under 65 until mid October, and will publish clinic dates via social media and the website when they've been confirmed.

Blood test and other pathology results

In order to assist congestion on the phone lines, we are planning to start a text messaging service, which will inform you of your test results. Therefore negating the need for you to call the surgery for results.

You will only need to contact the surgery if your results are abnormal, and you are requested to make an appointment with the GP. If your results require emergency treatment, you will still be contacted by the surgery immediately by a clinician.

If your results are normal or as expected and you wish to discuss this further, you will need to book a further routine appointment with the GP to discuss in 2-3 weeks time.

You will be asked to confirm your mobile number, and consent to receiving a text message from the surgery at your blood test appointment with the nurse.

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.

Please be kind to our staff

Staff at our practice are working extremely hard and doing their best to make sure patients are safe. Over the last 18 months, the practice has been supporting the pandemic response and ensuring our patients are able to get their COVID-19 vaccinations, at the same time as continuing to deliver primary care services. This has made our GP practice very busy and our staff have been working incredibly hard to keep services open for patients.

We're aware patients have experienced longer wait times on the phone or for their appointment, but we have been working hard to ensure you receive the right treatment from the right person at the right time.

We have increased the number of telephone and online appointments available, so our patients don't always have to come to the practice. We also employ a range of highly trained staff, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and healthcare assistants who are able to deal with a range of medical conditions, which will help patients get treated sooner.

Whether your appointment is over the telephone, via an online video consultation, or face-to-face, patients will always receive the same high quality standard of care from our practice team.

So please, if you contact our practice, be kind. Whilst we understand there is a lot of frustration amongst the community due to the waiting times and queues to get through on the phone, please be mindful that all of our staff really are working at capacity. Any form of abuse to our staff will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Travelling abroad

From 17 May 2021, people in England who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can demonstrate their vaccination status for international travel. A full course is currently two doses of any approved vaccine. Vaccine status will be available from:

- the NHS App which you can download from app stores
- the NHS website (from 17 May 2021)

It may take more than a week for your identity to be checked and verified so you can use these services.

If you cannot access these online services, and you have had 2 vaccines, you can request a paper letter from the NHS by calling 119. Only call 119 if you had your second dose more than 5 working days ago. It may take 7 working days for the letter to arrive.

When you're planning your travel, check the latest information on [demonstrating your COVID-19 status when travelling abroad](#) on the gov.uk website. Make sure there is time to get proof of your vaccination status before you leave.

Please note: We are not able to provide you with a letter that shows you your COVID-19 vaccination status. If you require such a letter, please do not contact the GP practice and use the routes above instead.

Lisa Smith – Assistant Practice Manager – August 2021

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Community Groups and Social Events

WHAT'S ON IN NORTHSTOWE

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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

Pop Up Youth Club

Loads of activities, support and advice. Mondays at 7pm at Pioneer Park.

connectionsbusproject.org.uk

Book Club

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

Over Power (£)

Fitness, Strength, Conditioning circuits. We help ladies to tone up, lose weight and feel great. Pathfinder School Hall Tuesdays 6-7pm and 7-8pm
overpowerfitness@outlook.com

Northstowe Board Games

More than Monopoly! Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm to play modern-style strategy and tabletop games. Email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk

WEDNESDAYS

Pioneer Cafe (£)

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

Buggy Bootcamp (£)

Fun and fitness for Mums and Buggies. 10:30 - 11:15 at Pioneer Park. To book email familyfitnessuk@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 at The Wing.

sustainable.northstowe@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

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

Pop Up Youth Club

Loads of activities, support and advice. Thursdays at 4pm at Pioneer Park.
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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

Tai-Chi (£)

Weekly relaxation and inner peace. 19:30 at the Community Wing. To book please email malcolmsavannah233@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

CAP Job Club

A friendly place where you will get practical help as you seek employment. Starting 24th September, 10:30am 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 sustainablenorthstowe@outlook.com

SUNDAYS

Breakfast Gatherings

Community breakfast with activities for all ages, regardless of faith background, including an optional communion service in a side chapel. 1st Sunday each month, 10.30am Pathfinder Primary School. www.northstowe.church

Community Litter Pick

3rd Sunday each month at 10:30am. Meet outside 6 Woodpecker Close, bring gloves! bit.ly/NorthstoweLitterPicks

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

PIONEER CAFÉ

Pioneer Café: the adventure continues for Northstowe!

A group of residents from Northstowe and the surrounding villages came together to transform the Northstowe Community Wing into a lively café for our growing community over the summer, and we're delighted that it will be continuing this Autumn! Pioneer Café is open **10am – 12.30pm every Wednesday.**

Whether you bring your laptop and enjoy working in the company of others, bring the kids and play with the toys or arts activities, or bring your knitting and sit down for a chat – we're at the Wing (that's at Pathfinder Primary School, just follow the railings round to the left from the main entrance of the school). We're also doing takeaway – so if you're heading to the playground at Pioneer Park, pop in for a coffee, cold drink or snack to keep you going while you make those sandcastles or push that swing!



Would you like to volunteer your time and support this adventure? We'd love to hear from you: sign up at <https://bit.ly/pioneercafevolunteers>, get in touch at friendsofthewing@gmail.com or pop in to the Wing for a chat.



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Could you be one of the people that make this happen?

- Would you enjoy being part of a diverse group of volunteer trustees helping to make strategic decisions, alongside Northstowe's young people and youthwork professionals?
- Do you have experience or transferrable skills to bring to charity governance, especially in the areas of finance, legal, IT, communication, fundraising, teamwork, or knowledge of the youthwork sector?
- Can you analyse information?
- Can you work as a team, challenge constructively and contribute to collective decisions we will all stand by?
- Are you able to maintain integrity when handling sensitive and confidential information?
- Do you have time to offer; with the self-awareness to know when to say yes and when to say no to commitments?

Do you want to see Northstowe become a place where young people of all backgrounds, faiths (or none) and cultures can have fun, develop, learn from each other and work together to shape Northstowe themselves?



Come and meet the other local residents forming the Northstowe Youth Partnership to explore how you might fit in!

Already, our multi-agency, youth-led consultation has gathered over 100 survey responses from young people wanting to have their say, many of whom are keen to stay involved as things develop. (*Do encourage young people you know to scan the QR code or follow this link to take the survey: bit.ly/NorthstoweYouth2021*)



And, in response, we've helped support Summer youthwork opportunities to deliver what they are asking for. With your help, we can be in a position to continue to provide professional, nurturing and sustainable provision for our young people beyond the summer; it is an area that will uniquely and unquestionably build upon the positive growth of our local community.

The supporting organisations are all part of the Northstowe Strategic Partnership and include: Living Sport, The Connections Bus Project, Pathfinder Church Northstowe, Romsey Mill, BPFA, Northstowe Town Council, South Cambs District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, and local schools. **But something's missing – could it be you?**

Get in touch with Beth Cope (contact@northstowe.church) to find out more.

SUSTAINABLE NORTHSTOWE

Hello Northstowe!

We have had lots of activities going on in June and July! We are very pleased as in every monthly meeting we have had new faces joining in. There is so much interest in the community to work on how sustainably we can live in Northstowe and in how to care and nurture our environment for present and future generations.

Here is an update of our latest activities and look ahead on what we are planning:

We now have a Terracycle collection box at the community wing to collect clean crisp packets. We currently looking into collecting baby food pouches too.

By using Clare's Refill Station, Northstowe has saved over 506 plastic bottles from going to landfill since last December! Do check out the next pop-up happening on 25th September on The Green.

We had a Toy Swap Walking Trail on July 24th and many toys were swapped with children around Northstowe. Given the positive feedback, we plan to have another one at Christmas time.

To encourage discussions around slow fashion, we collaborated with Deckchairs Listening Project and Pathfinder Church to have a clothes swap pop-up stall on August 8th.

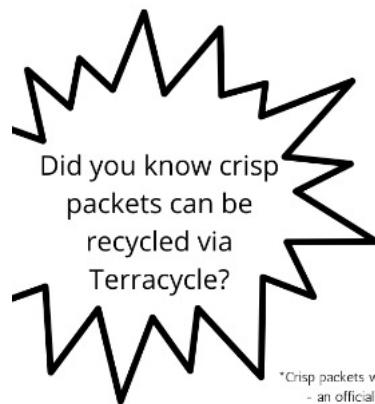
We have been collaborating with organisers of the Running Festival for the event to be as waste free as possible and are also planning to hold a running/sports clothes swap.

Great Big Green Week is coming up from September 18th - 25th. A full week of a variety green activities are planned including litter picking, community tree survey, talks on recycling and upcycling, film screening and plant swap. Save the dates!

Want to get involved? Email us at sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com. You can also find us on Facebook at Sustainable Northstowe page.



CRISP PACKET RECYCLING!



Did you know crisp packets can be recycled via Terracycle?

We have launched our first community recycling collection point for crisp packets*

Now available at **The Wing**

*Crisp packets will be taken to Northstowe Secondary College - an official Terracycle collection point - for recycling



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

18th to 26th September 2021

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Refill Station

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Tree Survey

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A community group with a vision to make Northstowe a green, clean, biodiverse and interconnected place for current and future residents



Monthly Meetings

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
7pm, The Wing



email: sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com
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BOOK REVIEWS

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Nora is full of regrets. Could her life have been better if she had chosen a different path? Perhaps a different course at university or a different career? Travel, Olympic glory or music were all options she could have pursued. Instead, she has recently lost her job and her cat has died. Nobody needs her any more. Just as she is at an all-time low, she finds herself in the midnight library with the possibility of changing one or more of her decisions. What should she have done, and how will it make a difference?

This novel is an easy read by one of my favourite authors. It doesn't get bogged down by the scientific theory of many worlds but focuses on Nora and the effect seeing multiple versions of herself has on her mental well-being. I found it enjoyable and ultimately uplifting.

We will be discussing this book in a future book club meeting. If you are interested in joining us please make contact or join the Northstowe Book Group Facebook page. New members are always welcome.

Kathy Fountain



Justice Calling by Annie Bellet is an urban fantasy story about a young woman who lives in a small university town mostly populated by people who can shapeshift into animals. However, her life is disrupted by the arrival of a Justice who accuses her of murder based on a prophecy. The same day, she discovers that someone is apparently hunting shapeshifters, beginning with her best friend's mother. She must use her magical powers to help solve the mystery and hunt down the true villain.



This book is short and extremely fast-paced; I read it in a single evening. It's also exciting and I enjoyed the characters. My one real complaint is that I wish it was longer and had given itself more space to breathe; by the end of the book I still wasn't clear on who several of the major characters were and their relationships to each other because there had been so little chance to get to know them. The time between the first on-screen appearance of the villain and his defeat also felt like it was about five minutes, so the ending felt like it had a lot less impact than it could have. The style was also a little strange; it felt like a YA book, but the characters were adults and several scenes were either very sexually suggestive or had a strong streak of horror that I wouldn't expect to see in YA.

Recommended for adults looking for a quick, fun, and easy read.

Becca Edney

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International Bring & Share Picnic

NEW DATE! 18th September
Western Park Northstowe
1 pm to 4 pm – free

We want to celebrate Northstowe diverse community by bringing and sharing food and drinks from all over the world.

So, don't be shy and show off your cooking skills by bringing something typical of your culture and sharing it with the rest of the community.

We will also play Rounders!

Please note:
No glass
No Barbecues
Bring your own plates and cutlery.



GAME OF THE MONTH

The aim of **Terraforming Mars** is to transform Mars from a dusty lifeless planet into a thriving, sustainable, livable ecosystem – well not exactly, the aim is getting the most points, and one way you can do this is to Terraform: placing oceans, increasing the atmospheric Oxygen level by planting forests, or increasing the temperature (often the easiest way to do a lot of these things is to throw asteroids at the planet's surface). However you can also win by making a lot of money and conducting business from the newly inhabitable Mars, by placing cities, making trade deals or collecting animals while everyone else does the hard engineering.



Each generation, you buy up to four new cards which represent project plans to carry out later. You have to consider your hand of cards carefully, as some must be played early on and others cannot be played until further into the game. Playing any of them takes cash, and sometimes other resources (steel, titanium, power etc.) but they help you build up resources, capabilities and points. Many cards have effects which persist through the rest of the game (e.g. making certain actions cheaper, or giving you a bonus when opponents do particular things). At the end of the game points will be awarded for your forests on the board, and your cities – which are nicer, and score more points, the more forest there is nearby. So it is important to keep watching where things are being built up on the planet, there are often opportunities to benefit from what other players are doing (not that you should think this is a co-operative game, it's usually fiercely competitive!)

It works best with 2-4 people but also takes 5 or you can even play it on your own. This is a longer game than some of the ones we have previously written about, with games lasting between 1½ hours and 3 hours. It's one of our most complicated games, with lots of choices to make at every moment and many of the cards affecting other rules and stacking up chain reactions. But that means the good combos are never the same from one game to the next because of the different cards that you have available, and decisions being weighed differently every time gives the game an almost endless replayability.

There is an online version (a paid app on Steam, Android or iOS) which we have been playing quite regularly with a group of friends around the country. For many of them, this is the first game they want to play in person when we meet again, partly because the app doesn't (yet) offer all the expansions of the game, but partly because of a new Kickstarter edition of the game that has some very nice physical components. Kickstarter has done a lot to change the landscape of gaming, lots of games now start life in this way but Terraforming Mars - already a success - used the site to launch an enhanced version. They created a big box with new deluxe 3D pieces for the cities, forests and all the other things that can be placed onto Mars. This is the version in the picture above. In all honesty the standard game with cardboard tokens is perfectly functional, and has exactly the same gameplay, but we wanted to own the fancy box because the bottom line is this is one of our favourite games of all time.

Andrew and Sarah Collier

Would you tend the soil of a new ecosystem, or just rake in the cash? Join us online on Tuesday evenings – for details search FaceBook for “Northstowe Gamers” or email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk



Terraforming Mars was designed by Jacob Fryxelius and published by Stronghold Games

POETRY CORNER

THE BIG BLUE SEA

The blue sea,

The big blue sea,

Big waves pass,

Small boats sail,

Waves come by,

Fishes go bite,

Surfers surf up,

Ships drop the net,

Up goes dolphins,

Down goes pelicans,

Dolphins jump high,

Pelicans all gulp,

On the beach people swim,

Umbrellas cover them in shade,

Sandcastles built high,

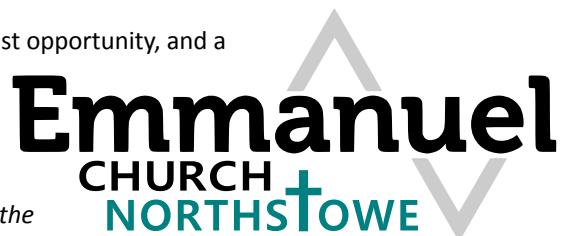
Will you come to the blue sea?

**“AD” Advaith Suresh
(Year 4, Pathfinder Primary school)**

EMMANUEL CHURCH NORTHSTOWE

Over the past year, children along with the rest of us have had to deal with all sorts of losses and stresses. As we come out of Covid restrictions, we want children to have the community, activity and opportunity that will help every child to thrive.

At Emmanuel Church, we believe that knowing God's love in Jesus is the greatest opportunity, and a source of strength and hope to take us through all the stresses and losses of life. And we know that this love is something children can know and receive. In Luke's biography of Jesus' life we read this: *People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'* (Luke 18:15-16)



So we welcome all ages at our Sunday gatherings (10:30am at Northstowe Secondary College), and most weeks we have a creche for pre-school children and 3 Bible Clubs for primary aged children. Sundays without Bible Clubs are interactive all age services.

We also have Ignite, our 11-14s youth group running in the Community Wing fortnightly 5-7pm Sundays during term time.

You don't need to be a Christian for you and your children to come along and join us as we learn more of Jesus' grace and truth. If you are re-evaluating what really matters and what opportunities you really want your family to have- please visit us any Sunday.

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LONGSTANTON ALL SAINTS CHURCH

What do you remember?

The September 11 attacks, often referred to as 9/11, were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks against the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. It's a date etched in the mind which many of us may never forget, twenty years on and beyond.

What other anniversaries do we mark? There will be other deaths of loved ones that we remember each year. On a cheerful note, we celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Pathfinder Church Northstowe has just reached its 3rd birthday of meeting as a church. Down the road in Longstanton, I have just completed 1 year in post as Team Vicar in the 5folds group. I will remember and never forget, the many first experiences of the last 12 months – wedding, funeral, worship on Zoom to name a few examples.



The Christian church marks forever the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Especially his words at the Last Supper – "do this in remembrance of me". As we eat bread and drink wine together, we recall Christ's body broken and blood shed for us, upon the cross. The communion meal remains a special anniversary even when a pandemic disrupts normal practice.

There may well be new moments to mark this autumn with moves into new houses, jobs and places of education. We read in Hebrews 13 that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." May He be with us in all our anniversaries, the firsts and the familiar.

We expect the re-ordering work in All Saints' Church to be completed in the early autumn. In the meantime, we continue to offer a combination of services in church and online. Services are held in All Saints Longstanton on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 9.30am.

The 5folds ongoing audio services and talks are accessed via: <https://www.5folds.org.uk/page/online-services-and-resources>
Extra video resources can be accessed at: <https://5folds.online/YouTubevids>

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What are you noticing?

In July, we welcomed the award-winning photographer and founder of Soulful Vision, Steve Radley, to lead a day of praying, exploring, and sharing . As you look at these images – just a few of those taken by adults and children on the day – what do you notice?



Steve encouraged us to listen to the images: allowing our eyes to move around each picture, taking in shapes, colours and textures. Is there a particular area that stirs something in you? Where does your imagination take you? What connections or feelings arise?

As we reflected, we made space to respond to God's call through these images, asking where we might be called to bring more colour, more mystery, more love.

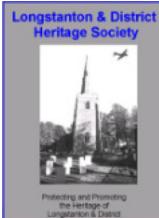
Steve writes:

"I believe the pictures we take & share have the power to change how we see and experience life."

Take a look at our recent Vlogs for more: bit.ly/PathfinderChurchYouTube

Then why not get out your camera/phone, go out and explore, and see what you notice?

Revd Dr Beth Cope is Northstowe's vicar. She is available to talk through the Big Questions of life, as well as for weddings, baptisms, and funerals whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. And, with the wider church, can offer both prayer and practical support (e.g., litter picks, food banks, friendship). Contact her at Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe (01954 261 181) contact@northstowe.church



LDHS MEMORY LANE

Below: Longstanton village children at the Old School 1932.
Photo LDHS via Sylvia Skinner.

Right: Children at the new Hatton Park School site in the 1950's.
Photo LDHS via George Rainsford.



The LDHS Archives have a number of photos of Longstanton village children attending the village school. For those of you who know Longstanton well you will be familiar with the Old School and School House that are sited on School Lane, near to All Saints' Church. The old school was built in 1844 to benefit the two parishes of Longstanton. With the onset of war and the creation of RAF Oakington, the school struggled with the influx of new children and in 1954, a new school opened on what used to be the parkland associated with the Hatton Mansion House. Detailed logbooks were kept recording many fascinating aspects of the children's lives including absenteeism, punishment and even death. Bob Jopling, LDHS member and former teacher at Hatton Park School, has transcribed many of these logbooks and has kindly donated copies of his work to the LDHS Archives.

RSPB FEN DRAYTON



With the rising mercury, long summer days encourage an ancient group of insects, as old as the dinosaurs, to take to the air. Dragonflies and damselflies, collectively known as odonata, emerge out of the water following several years as a nymph, climb up stems and emerge as an adult. At this time, smaller insects better watch out as odonata are experts at hunting, partly due to the 30,000 facets that make up their eyes so they can see in incredible detail. They also power each wing individually (unlike most insects) which gives them great dexterity in flight, being able to hover and even to fly backwards. Thankfully, they pose absolutely no risk to us, and indeed they appear wonderfully colourful, patterned and even graceful.

There is an easy way to tell if the individual you are looking at is a dragonfly or a damselfly. If it holds its wings open, away from the body, it is a dragonfly. If they are held closed, in line with the body, then it is a damselfly. This sounds like a pleasingly simple rule; however, nature loves exceptions and there are a few, but they are thankfully uncommon. The other general rule is that dragonflies are bigger, being quite chunky, whereas damselflies are much smaller and slender.

Hawkers, chasers and darters are all groups of dragonflies and are well-named after their hunting habits. The damselflies on the other hand are named more after their colours and beauty; emeralds, blues, reds and demoiselles.

At RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes there have been a total of 25 species recorded, making it one of the best places in the east of England to look for them. This includes a few species which are nationally rare or localised but thankfully can be seen with patience at the reserve. One such species is the Norfolk hawker (*Aeshna isosceles*). As the name suggests, it shouldn't necessarily be seen in Cambridgeshire, but the species is undergoing an expansion of range and has colonised the reserve in just the last few years. It is a large dragonfly with a uniform brown body and large green eyes. Perhaps the alternative name of green-eyed hawker offers a more practical and appropriate solution.

The best places to look for many of these aerial predators are wetland margins, ideally around ponds, small lakes, slow-flowing rivers and streams. RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes provides a profusion of suitable places to see various species. Two of the best areas to concentrate your efforts include Covell's Drain, running north from the entrance bridge up to the River Great Ouse and Oxholme Drain, further to the west, alongside Elney and Drayton Lakes. The water in these drains moves very slowly and there are many rushes, irises and other plants for them to perch on. Species to look out for around here include: variable damselfly (*Coenagrion pulchellum*), a blue

and black specialist of the fens; red-eyed damselfly (*Erythromma najas*), well named as it indeed has large red eyes; and the emperor dragonfly (*Anax imperator*) with the largest wingspan of any dragonfly in the UK.

Along the margins of the River Great Ouse you will very likely be stopped in your tracks by the gorgeous banded demoiselles (*Calopteryx splendens*) when they rise up in the air. These are a type of damselfly, and unusually have colour on their wings; in this case a black band running across the wing of the males. In flight the effect is mesmerising. The females, not to be outdone, have a hint of shimmering reddish-gold throughout their wing.



Banded demoiselle - Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)

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NORTHSTOWE NATURE NOTES

The flood on phase 2, together with low water levels in the deliberate lakes, continued to make good conditions for wading birds. The two pairs of Avocets raised four chicks, as did the Redshank, the Little Ringed Plovers six across three pairs (including one nest unfortunately driven over by construction vehicles) and there were at least three successful Lapwing pairs. Birds passing through have included a Greenshank, a Dunlin and, surprisingly, a couple of Black Terns. Mallards and Moorhens have bred well on Kingfisher Pond, the latter with a second brood that the first brood are helping to raise. Sibling cooperation is common for Moorhens, but rare overall.

A young Peregrine passed over, possibly from a Cambridge nest, but thankfully it left the young waders alone. Another falcon, a Hobby, has been around, attracted by the dragonflies around the lakes. A Scarce Chaser, wandering from a nearby river, brought the Northstowe species list of dragonflies and damselflies to 21, just four short of nearby Fen Drayton Lakes RSPB, which is the best site in the county. Several species have also bred in garden ponds.

The busway verge has been great for wildflowers, the highlights being Bee and Pyramidal Orchids. Yellow rattle is established in one of the mitigation areas. Being parasitic on other plants, especially grasses, yellow rattle helps keep meadows more open and diverse, helping orchids. Hopefully a good plant community becomes established in Northstowe around the lakes – transferring seed or cuttings from the mitigation areas could help this.

Hugh Venables



Top: Common Darter emerging; Left: Azure Damselflies egg laying; Right: Hairy Dragonflies





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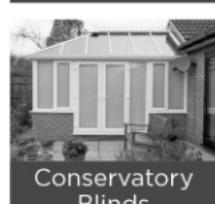
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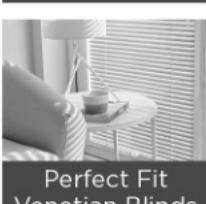
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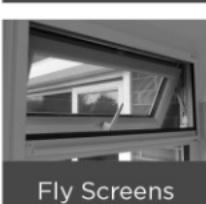
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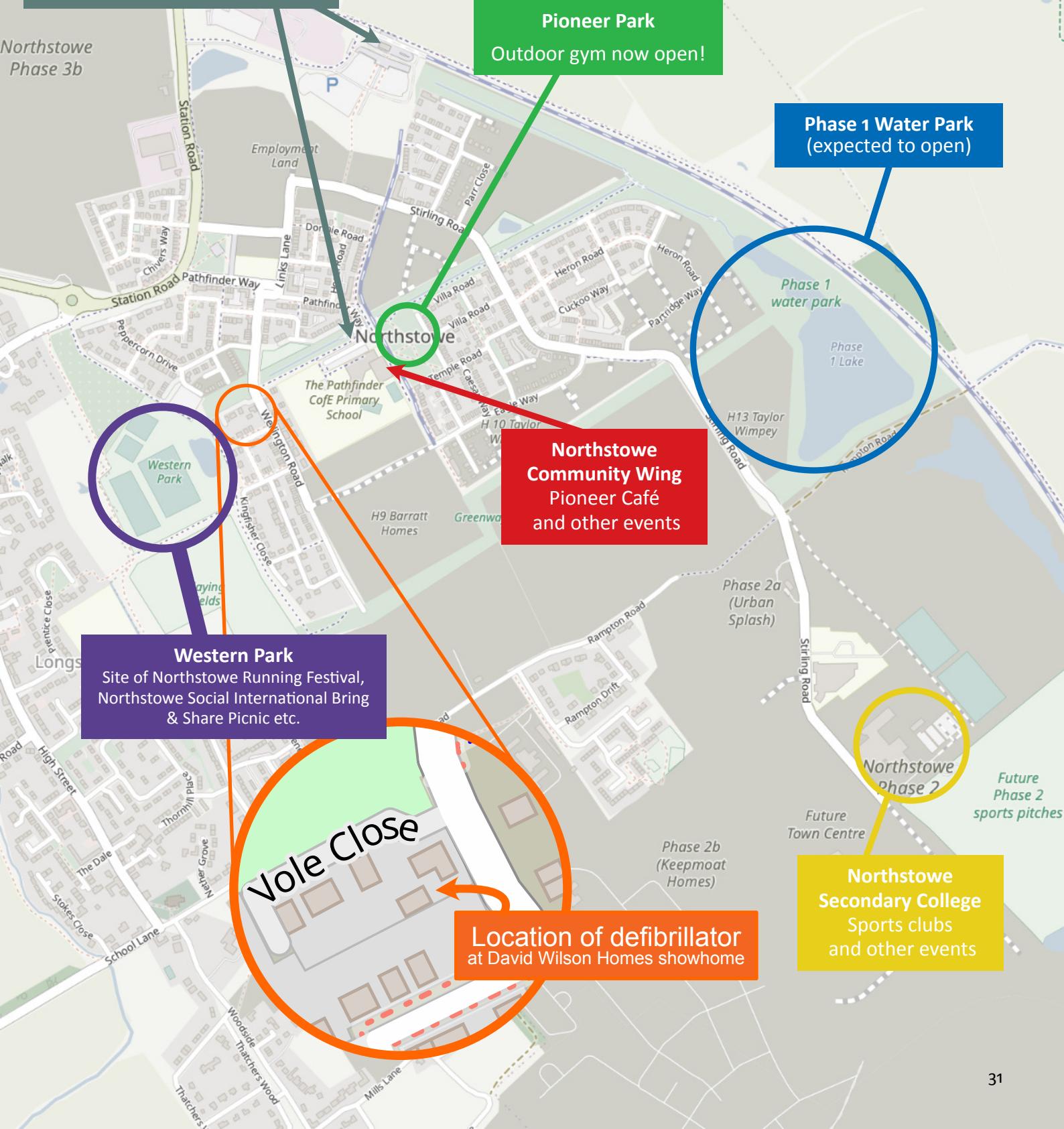


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